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Sir Wilfrid's Speech

In Moving a Resolution of Condolence in Dominion House of Commons.

Premier's Eloquent and Scholarly Address—Life and Work of the Queen.

Liberal leader, after wishing the King and Queen might have a long and happy reign, took up the political paragraph of the speech from the throne. He asked the House to face the facts in connection with the war. They must not shut their eyes to the gravity of the situation in South Africa. He dwelt at length on the miscalculations of the government, and paid a warm tribute to the army. The position in South Africa presented formidable difficulties. Neither here nor in South Africa was there any idea of fighting. The question was whether the government adequately realized the circumstances and adequately provided for them.

The speaker asked if it was true Gen. Kitchener had asked for more troops. The House would not hesitate to vote for an increase of troops. The number of invaders, but when that was accomplished, then was the moment to make the people of the two states such terms of settlement as, while securing for the Empire all we are contending for, would assuage their fears, save their dignity and restore their personal rights. While supporting the dispatch of such reinforcements as the military authorities at the Cape required, he strongly urged as a solvent infinitely more effective than military measures; that definite proposals should be made at the same time. If they were to keep South Africa, they must win the confidence of the Dutch. Whatever was done must be done openly. The dispatch of peace emissaries was not wise.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the government leader, followed. In congratulating the King, he said His Majesty had followed precedent in relinquishing to the government all Crown property, and he might be assured that the Commons was ready to make ample provision.

Referring to the question raised by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as to the misconduct of the allied troops in China, he declared that the behaviour of the British troops there had been most exemplary. He admitted that the government had not foreseen that the leaders of the Boers would be "so ill-advised in their own interests and the interests of the country as to continue the struggle."

The government, he said, had exceeded Lord Kitchener's demands rather than fallen short of them, adding that the Boer leaders "knew perfectly well that if they lay down their arms, their persons and property will be respected, and equal rights guaranteed to all."

Mr. William Drummond, National member for East Clare, protested against the war, declaring that he only believes in colonial support of it when the Australian and Dominion parliaments had voted £1,000,000 each to carry it on.

COMMISSION AT WORK.

Provisional Government is to Be Established in Island of Luzon.

Davao, Province of Pangasinan, Luzon, Feb. 14.—The United States Philippine Commission arrived here this afternoon and will organize a provisional government to-morrow. The commissioners were received by a crowd of people with bands of music and were conducted to the United States army headquarters. Welcoming speeches were delivered on the way. Gen. MacArthur has notified the commission that the province of Tayabas is sufficiently pacified for provincial government, also that the pacification of the other southern provinces, Batangas, Laguna, De Bay and Cavite, will be hastened if provincial government is begun. The commission will organize Tayabas on its way south.

STRATHCONA'S IN LONDON.

Were Stationed Near Buckingham Palace When the King Passed.

London, Feb. 14.—Strathcona's Horse, which arrived from Africa to-day, were stationed near Buckingham Palace when the Royal procession passed on the way to Westminster.

They were the heroes of the crowd. They came in several four-horse brakes, carrying their carbines and wearing informal slouch hats and khaki overcoats. Alighting in front of the Palace they marched down the line to a position a short distance from the Palace, where they were drawn up, while the procession passed. The King saluted them most cordially and the people cheered them steadily.

SPANISH TROUBLES.

Full Authority in Provinces Turned Over to Weyler.

Washington, Feb. 14.—It is stated here that owing to the inability of the civil government in Madrid to maintain public order, full authority in the provinces has been turned over to Captain General Weyler. It has been found expedient to declare martial law. It is believed that changes in the ministry are unavoidable.

Londoners are warm. They are winter as well as a summer floor covering. Some exceptional pretties are on the market which look just like a carpet, at Weller's. Prices 50c. to \$1.25 a yard.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The eloquent and scholarly speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House of Commons to-day and on the address to His Majesty the King expressing the heartfelt sympathy of Canadians and also expressing loyalty to His Majesty will stand as one of the best he has yet delivered in the Canadian parliament. All the galleries were crowded and almost every member was in his seat. R. L. Borden, the leader of the opposition, seconded the address. He spoke briefly, but to the point.

Premier's Speech. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: I rise to move a resolution of which I gave notice yesterday, and which seems to be admirably suited to the occasion. It is a resolution under which we have met. We have met under the shadow of a death which has caused more universal mourning than has ever been recorded in the pages of history. In those words there is no exaggeration; they are actual truths. There is mourning in the United Kingdom, in the colonies and in many of the islands and of the continents which form the great Empire over which extended the sovereignty of Queen Victoria. There is mourning—deep, sincere and heartfelt—in the mansions of the great, of the rich and in the cottages of the poor and lowly, for to all her subjects, whether high or low, whether rich or poor, the Queen in her long reign had become an object of almost sacred veneration.

There is genuine grief in the neighboring nation of 75,000,000 inhabitants, which at all times and under all circumstances her name was held in high reverence; and when in the darkest days of the civil war the relations of the two countries were brought almost to the point of snapping, the poet Whittier well expressed the feeling of his country when he exclaimed: "We bow the heart, if not the knee, to England's Queen. God bless her!"

An Example of Justice.

There is weeping and lamentation amongst the subjects and barbarian people heard to-day in the wigwags of the Indian people. Even in the huts of the colored races of South Africa and of India, to whom she was at all times a great mother and a living personification of majesty and benevolence. And there is mourning also as genuine and unaffected as in England in the term houses of South Africa, which have been lately and still are devastated by the war, for it is a fact that above the clang of arms, above many of the dangers engendered by the war, the name of Queen Victoria was always held in high respect, even by those who are fighting her troops, as an example of justice and perhaps her kind hand was much relied upon when the supreme hour of reconciliation should come.

Undoubtedly we may find in history instances where death has caused perhaps more passionate outbursts of grief, but it is impossible to find an instance where death has caused so universal, so sincere, so heartfelt an expression of sorrow. In the presence of these just evidences of grief which come not only from her own dominions, but from all parts of the globe; in the presence of so many tokens of admiration where it is not possible to find a single discordant note, in the presence of the immasurable void caused by the death of Queen Victoria, it is not too much to say that the gray hair has just closed upon one of the greatest characters of history.

What is Greatness?

What is greatness after all? We are accustomed to call great exceptional beings upon whom heaven has bestowed the crown of the chosen gifts to astonish and dazzle the world by the number and variety of their faculties phenomenally developed, when these faculties are much marred by defects and weaknesses, but this is not in my estimation at least the highest conception of greatness. The equipage of faculties well and evenly ordered, luminous insight, calm judgment are gifts which are rarely found in one human being as the possession of the most dazzling or less concealed qualities are found combined with a purity of soul, a kindness of heart, a generosity of disposition, and an elevation of purpose and devotion to duty. That is what seems to me to be the highest conception of greatness, the greatness which is the foundation of a happiness and glory of the people under such a sovereign, and if I mistake not such was the character of Queen Victoria, and such were the results of her rule. It has been our privilege to live under her reign and it must be admitted to be one of the grandest in history, rivaling in length and glory the long reign of Louis XIV and more than likely to project the lustre back over 95 years into the past, which was composed the reign of Queen Victoria we stand astonished, however familiar we may be with the facts, at the development of civilization during the period. The age of Queen Victoria must be held to be on a par with the most famous since history began. Of course famous facts and occurrences have contributed to make the reign of Queen Victoria what it was to give it the splendor which has created such an impression upon the world, and which has shed such a luminous ray all over the world. Many events took place

apart from her influence. Many events took place in relation to which the most partial panegorists would have to say that they were simply the happy circumstances of the time in which she lived, and that these might have obtained the same degree of development under another monarch.

Development of Literature.

It is possible that literature might have flourished under the reign of another monarch. I think the contention can be advanced that the literature of the Victorian era to some extent reflected the influence of the Queen. To the eternal glory of the literature of the reign of Queen Victoria be it said that it was pure and absolutely free from the defects and grossness which disgusted us in former reigns, and which still unhappily is the shame of the literature of other countries. Happy is indeed the country whose literature is of such a character that it can be trusted as the intellectual food of the family circle, that it can be placed by the mother in the hands of her daughter with abundant assurance that while the mind is permeated the heart is not blighted. Such is the literature of the Victorian age. For this blessing no small credit is due to the example and influence of our departed Queen. It is a fact, well known in history, that in England as in other countries the influence of the sovereign is always reflected upon the literature of the reign. In former ages when the court was impure the literature was impure, but in the age of Queen Victoria while the life of the court was pure, the literature was pure also. If it is correct that there is a connection between the court of the sovereign and the literature of the time, then I must, without hesitation say that Queen Victoria conferred not only upon her people, but upon the writings at large a gift for which we can never have sufficient appreciation.

Model Sovereign.

There are features in Queen Victoria's reign which are directly traceable to her influence, and there are three in particular. It has been stated that she was a model constitutional sovereign, but she was undoubtedly the first constitutional sovereign which England ever had. Up to her time the history of England was a record of contests between the sovereign and the parliament for supremacy. Queen Victoria was the first of all sovereigns who was absolutely impersonal, politically, I mean, whether the question at issue was the abolition of the corn laws or the Crimean war or the disestablishment of the Irish church or home rule in Ireland. The Queen never gave evidence of what her views were upon any of these great political subjects. She had views, for she was a woman of strong intellect, and we know that she followed public events with great eagerness. She left praise or blame always for those who were responsible to the people. That was the wisdom of the part of our late ever-increasing abundance. The reward of the Queen was not only in the gratitude and affection of her people, but in the security of her throne and dynasty. When the troubles of 1848 came, when all the nations of Europe were convulsed by revolution, when thrones were battered by infuriated armies, when the people were in a state of anarchy, when the world was in a state of confusion, when the throne of England never was disturbed, Victoria was firm in the affection of her subjects. As time advanced there was more freedom under the monarchy of England than under any democratic or republican government in existence.

Colonial Development.

But the most remarkable event in the reign of the late Queen was the marvellous movement in colonial development based on local autonomy which has followed towards imperial expansion. Let us remember that in the first year of the Queen's reign there was a rebellion in Upper Canada and in Lower Canada. Let me say at once that the rebellion was not against the authority of the young Queen, but against the pernicious system of government which she prevailed. That rebellion has been put down by force. If any one had predicted then that when the Queen's reign came to an end these colonies should not be rebellious and yet had not earned their independence, but that they should have been bound into a nation covering one-half of this continent, to all intents and purposes an independent nation under the crown of England, maintaining that supremacy, not by force of arms, but maintaining by only one garrison and that garrison composed of Canadian volunteers. The primary cause of the change is the personality of Queen Victoria. The visible and chief cause of all is allowing the colonies to govern themselves, but self-government in Canada would never have been effective had it not been there was a wise sovereign in England who had herself given full constitutional government in the fullest degree at home they could not have given it to Canada.

Friendship of the States.

There is another important feature of the Queen's reign little taken notice of to-day, but most important. Towards the end of the eighteenth century the colonies of England and America, with a single exception of the French colony of Quebec, claimed their independence and obtained it by force of arms. The contest which was long and acrimonious, left in the breast of the new nation a feeling, shall I say the word, yes, a feeling of hatred, which had even extended to our own time. At this moment happily the feeling has largely abated. I would not say that it has altogether disappeared. Perhaps "there are traces here and there, but it has largely abated and there is no longer between England and the United States an ever-growing friendship. Of all the factors that have

made this reconciliation possible, the personality of the Queen was doubtless foremost. From the day of her accession to the throne the Queen exhibited under all circumstances an abounding friendship towards that country, but for the fault of a violent government would still have formed part of her domain, a friendship which would not fall to touch the hearts of a sensitive people. This was manifest in times of peace, but more in time of war, especially during the supreme hour of trial in the United States during the civil war. An event took place in the early months of the war which almost led to hostilities between Britain and the United States. A United States man-of-war stopped a British merchant ship on the high seas and abducted two envoys of the Confederate forces on their way to Europe.

A Woman's Wisdom.

That act was a violation of the territory of England, because England always held the decks of her ships to be part of her territory. It not only caused excitement in the United States, but it excited a different kind in the United States. The action of the commander of the war vessel in nullifying the arrest aroused a great deal of enthusiasm among the Americans which was reflected even in congress.

Lord Palmerston was prime minister of Britain. He was the man to brook such an affront. He had a dispatch prepared peremptorily demanding the return of the prisoners and an apology. The dispatch was prepared and sent to the Queen, and then was revealed the good sense and kind heart of the wise and good woman who happened to be at the head of the British government. She had a dispatch prepared marking that it was couched in too harsh terms and that it ought to be modified to make a surrender of prisoners possible without any surrender of dignity on the part of the United States. This wise counsel was followed. The dispatch was modified in accordance with her suggestion, the prisoners were released and war avoided. That action on the part of the Queen caused a most favorable impression on the minds of the people of the United States.

Three years afterwards, when the civil war had ended, the world was shocked to hear of the assassination of the wise and good man, Lincoln, who had carried his country through that ordeal. There the good heart and sound judgment of the Queen were again manifested. She sent a letter to the widow of the martyred President, not simply as Queen of Britain to the widow of the President of the United States, but a letter of sympathy from a widow to a widow, herself being then in the first year of her bereavement. That action on her part made a very deep impression upon the millions of American people. It touched not only the hearts of the widowed women, but the hearts of the whole nation. We can say that it did not bring about reconciliation, it made reconciliation possible. It was the first rift in the clouds, and to-day, in the time of England's mourning, the American people have flocked to their churches to pay their debts to the memory of Britain's Queen. For my part I do not hope, I do not believe it possible that the two countries which were severed in the eighteenth century can ever be reunited politically, but perhaps it is not too much to hope that the friendship thus early inaugurated by the hand of the late Queen may continue to grow and that the two nations, united again, not by legal bonds, but by ties of affection, as strong, perhaps, as if sanctioned by the laws of the two countries, and if such an event is ever to take place, the credit of it will be due to the wise and noble woman who proved herself to be one of the greatest of the statesmen simply by following the instincts of her heart.

Simplicity of Character.

In a life in which there is so much to be admired perhaps one thing most to be admired is that naturalness, that simplicity in character, of the Queen which showed itself in the action just described. From the first day of her reign to the last she conquered and maintained the affections of her people simply because under all circumstances and on all occasions she did the one thing that ought to be done and did it in the most natural and simple way. Thus on the day of her accession she had to meet a council of states and she performed her duty so as to win the hearts of all present. The Duke of Wellington expressed his gratification in the blunt language of an old soldier by remarking that if she had been his own daughter, he could not have expected her to have done better. So it was on the first day; so it was every day.

It was on the last day, too, she was a Queen, but she was also a wife and a mother, and she had her full share of all the joys, the sorrows of life; she loved and suffered. Perhaps after all she had a larger share of the joys than of the sorrows of life, because, as Chateaubriand says, "We have not all to know most of the tears."

Lives in Her Subjects' Hearts.

The life of the Queen was one of the noblest we have ever seen. It can be summed up in the statement that it was a happy life, though death placed a cold hand upon her happiness by the removal of the noble companion of her life at an early age. From that moment she never was exactly the same. To the end of her life she mourned like Rachel weeping for her children and would not be comforted even after the lapse of 40 years of widowhood. And we can apply to her the beautiful language of the French poet, "In her tears she declared her heart's ecstasies." She is now no more. Nay, I holdly say she lives—lives in the hearts of her subjects, lives in the pages of history, and as the ages revolve, there is no people stands more marked against the horizon of time, the verdict of posterity will ratify the judgment of those who were her subjects. She enabled mankind. She exalted royalty. The world is better in her life. Sir, the Queen is no more, let us with one heart say, "Long live the King." I propose that we enter in a resolution to His Majesty to convey an expression of our sorrow at the loss he has suffered, a loss which we may say with every respect is ours also. I propose that we should unite in conveying to the King an expression of the loyalty of his Canadian subjects.

Will Be a Wise King.

Only a few days ago His Majesty, in a message to his broad dominion abroad, been well laid. All those who hope that the structure that will be reared upon it will be a fair and stately one, not only in Canada, but throughout the Empire. The House then adjourned.

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Discussing The War

The Premier's Reply to Lord Kimberley in the House of Lords.

Mr. A. J. Balfour Says There is to Be No Turning Back.

London, Feb. 14.—On the resumption of business in the House of Lords this afternoon the Marquis of Walford (Conservative) moved the address in reply. He is perhaps the youngest member to whom the honor has ever been accorded. Lord Manners seconded the motion.

Lord Kimberley, the Liberal leader, after complimenting the mover and seconder of the address, said the House needed no further assurances that the King would follow in the steps of his mother, and proceeded to express dissatisfaction with the conduct of the war in South Africa. He said the present conditions filled him with apprehension. The government had been living in a fool's paradise. Unless they enabled Gen. Kitchener to speedily terminate the war, the situation could easily become more dangerous. If the government attempted to put the whole military system on a more satisfactory basis, they would receive every support from the Liberals.

Lord Salisbury arose and added his congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address, and proceeded to refer to the manner in which the country's loss had been received throughout the world.

Continuing, Lord Salisbury said the country could now hope confidently that the promise given by the King that he would follow in his mother's steps would be fully and abundantly fulfilled. He said it would be the greatest triumph for the principle of monarchy and for the name of the British Union.

Dealing with the war, Lord Salisbury thought there was nothing unusual in the length of the campaign. He referred Lord Kimberley to the Indian mutiny and the American war between the North and the South, saying that the South African war was seen in a similar light. In Bosnia it took two years and the whole power of Austria to conquer the peasants. Where great enthusiasm and patriotism existed in a country like South Africa, months must elapse before the tranquility could be restored. Therefore, he did not believe there was any real ground for the discontent or apprehension expressed by Lord Kimberley. It was four years before the whole efforts of the United States were able to bring the war of secession to a final and successful issue. He would be glad to hear Lord Kimberley repudiate all idea of asking the government to alter its conduct towards the enemy. It was the business of the government to put its whole heart and strength to the task before it. A not numerous but noisy faction tried to make out that the British people were not hearty supporters of the war and urged the government to adopt action short of what was implied in carrying the operations to a successful issue. If the enemy were allowed to retain any portion of their independence, it would involve incessant, continuous warfare. Unless the British were masters and conquerors of the territories, there was no hope of abiding peace. What the country should do with the power when obtained was another question, but it was perfectly obvious that the first purpose to which the enemy would put any powers granted them would be to accumulate new forces and new arms, to await a fitting occasion for a new attack. If Great Britain slackened her efforts, it would be an avowal to the world that her frontier could be invaded in the most insulting manner, and that the Empire was powerless to effectively resist it. If Lord Kimberley could impose his opinions on his party generally, it would be a great advantage to the Empire, as it would dispel the impression in South Africa that an important party movement in their favor existed in this country, and it would help to bring to an end the insane resistance which was bringing desolation and misery to the two territories.

The address was agreed to, and their lordships adjourned until February 15th.

House of Commons.

When the Speaker returned to the House of Commons he read the King's speech. A message was brought in from the King, thanking the Commons for their address of sympathy in the loss of his mother, and the expression of dutiful attachment to his person.

During the progress of formal business the members conduced with each other on injuries received during their attempts to reach the House of Lords. There were many contentions.

Mr. H. W. Forster (Conservative); in the uniform of the Yeomanry, moved the address in reply to the speech from the throne. After a reference to the change of sovereignty, Mr. Forster said he hoped that the House would remember the dignity of the King's position, and deal generously with the civil list.

Sir Andrew N. Agnew (Unionist), Edinburgh, seconded the motion.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the

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The gallant fellows who went out from all parts of the province to risk and to give their lives for the flag, will have a royal time together in the Capital next week.

The Mainland men are expected to arrive on the Charming on Tuesday evening. Half an hour before the steamer enters the harbor, at 6 o'clock, the Victoria veterans will fall in at the drill hall in their war khaki, with field service caps, and march under the command of Sgt. Northcott to the C. P. N. wharf.

The little detachment will then proceed up town to the Driford hotel, where after time has been given for a short rest, an opportunity to renew acquaintances all round, the men will sit down to a dinner.

It is not promised that the men will be exactly the same as that served so often to the same men in the last twelve months, in which hard task and black coffee formed such a prominent part, but the same good fellowship which knit the hearts of these men together in the strongest of brotherhoods—that of arms—will doubtless not be lacking.

It is intended that this dinner be a most successful one, and that the men who may be, will be confined strictly to the men of the contingents with two exceptions. These will be Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., and Major Williams, who will be asked to occupy the chair and vice-chair respectively.

The following day will be given over to the reception of the contingents and for the reception of the contingents and for the reception of the contingents.

It is stated that in the whole of the United Kingdom there are hardly 3,000 Spaniards. London, of course, contains the majority, but there are some in Canada also in Cardiff, Liverpool and Glasgow.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Lecture by Mr. S. H. O'Dell in Pioneer Hall This Evening.

On Monday morning a meeting of the patriotic committee will be held for the purpose of appointing sub-committees whose duty it will be to forward as much as in their power the Paardeberg gallant.

Pioneer hall will no doubt be crowded this evening on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Veterans. The meeting, which is always very interesting, is expected to be more than usually so this evening on account of the lecture to be given by Mr. S. H. O'Dell, of the first contingent, on his adventures in South Africa. Mr. O'Dell's address will be illustrated with sketches and will be of great interest to Veterans as well as to those who have watched the progress of the Boer-British war.

Richard and Pringle's minstrels, which are booked to appear at the Victoria Theatre on Saturday, will no doubt effort to be given with all lovers of pure amusement. The company consists of about fifty first-class fun provokers, which, as is well known, is the principal feature of a minstrel entertainment.

The concert to be given in the Institute hall to-morrow evening by the pupils of Mr. E. G. Wickens, assisted by some of the best local talent, for hospital benefit, promises to surpass all previous efforts of Mr. Wickens's pupils.

Volta Duet—"My Old Kentucky Home" (Vocal) Mrs. M. H. Gordon, Master J. H. Gordon, Mrs. Moresby and Mrs. Janion. Cornet Solo—"Fantasia Brillante" (Arban) Master Frank Armstrong, Orchestra.

NO NIBBLER. An Old Fish Knows Good Bait From Poor. A good old family doctor down in Edenburg, Miss., says he is going to tell the truth about coffee and its effect on him and the remarkable change produced by leaving off and taking Postum Food Coffee in its place.

THE WILLIAMS PASSENGERS. Steamer Willapa will be well loaded with freight and passengers when leaving here for northern British Columbia ports this evening.

QUEEN CITY ARRIVES. Steamer Queen City arrived from the West Coast and departed for the Sound early this morning.

Reverts to Old Schedule

Steamer Rosalie Will Return to Her Old Evening Service on Sunday.

Halala Continues Subject of Discussion. Queen City Arrives From West Coast.

Once more the management of the steamer Rosalie has decided to change that vessel's schedule. She has now made but three trips on her present time table, leaving here in the morning, and will inaugurate the change on Sunday.

What move Dowdell & Co. purpose making regarding the working of the Steamer is not announced this morning. So far the company has endeavored to run that vessel almost side by side with the Rosalie, and have continued the 25-cent passenger and 50-cent freight rates.

TUGBOATS IN COMMAND. The ship Halala has evidently been carried out to sea again, and the fact incenses shipping men, because they say if Victoria was not so dependent on Puget Sound tugboats, but rather had a fleet of her own, the ship would have been immediately picked up and would by this time have had a large portion of her cargo discharged.

THE GAZETTE. Unimportant Issue of the Provincial Organ Yesterday. The Provincial Gazette issued yesterday contained few announcements of importance. The new notices are as follows:

AT ROD HILL. The following order has been issued by Major Williams, commanding the Fifth Regiment: "The details selected from Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies at the parade on February 14th will parade at the drill hall on Saturday, February 15th, at 1:30 p.m., and proceed by boat to Rod Hill fort, to perform their annual practice. A copy of these details accompanies this order.

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MARINE NOTES. The steam fishing schooner Philip F. Kelley will be ready to launch from Crawford & Reed's yard, Tacoma, tomorrow. The Kelley is under construction for the Chatham Street Packing Company operating in Alaska.

George Bushby, manager of the Vancouver marine railway, is said to be securing statistics and information for Eastern capitalists who are disposed to take the rebuilding business in British Columbia.

British ship Loame is now 31 days out from Carrizal to the Royal Roads. Steamship Glenagee arrived at Yokohama from Victoria last Monday. The vessel is a Japanese, arrived at New York at 10 a. m. yesterday.

John L. Morrish has been appointed attorney for the Vebot (Roseland) mine, and the Portland (Rosland) mine, vice James Morrish. G. W. Dunlap has withdrawn from the firm of Dunlap & Co., Vancouver. The business will be continued by Jas. F. Henderson.

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Gay Throng Of Maskers

Brilliant Ball Given Last Night By the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The Floor Thronged With Merry-Makers—Valuable Prizes Awarded to Dancers.

For weeks past energetic committees of the F. O. E. have been busily engaged in preparing for the second masquerade ball of the order. The initial assembly last year was such a pronounced success that even the hard working committees were dubious as to whether their efforts this year would equal those of last.

The scene within the big building about 10 o'clock, when hundreds of maskers occupied the floor, was a picture of the order. The walls were decorated with shields and other devices, while cosy sitting out rooms were provided at the corners for those who wished respite temporarily from the dances.

Some of the costumes were very pretty indeed, while others were equally interesting in their homeliness. The present klotchman with her basket of clams, hobnobbed with Topsy in her search for her doll; strapping soldiers in khaki threaded the mazes of the waiters with mounds of Japan; cavaliers of the "olden times" were seen in the hall.

The floor was in excellent condition, and suitable music was provided by an orchestra under the direction of Bro. J. M. Finn, stationed on a dais at the foot of the hall. At midnight the dancers unasked for the awarding of prizes, this difficult task devolving upon a committee consisting of His Worship Mayor Hayward and Pros. White and Hogan, visiting members of Aeris No. 12, of Seattle; Bro. Davis, of Aeris No. 12, of Nainimo; and Bro. Brown, of H. M. S. Wagon.

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Personal.

Ed. Dixon, a prominent merchant of White Horse, who is well known in Victoria, and who spent a week or so in Vancouver as a guest at the Victoria hotel, is now in Vancouver purchasing machinery for his laundry at White Horse, and also a plant for a sawmill at the same city.

T. A. Corley, the well known representative of the Creme de la Creme Cigar Company of Montreal, is in the city, a guest at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Corley is on his annual trip to British Columbia and the Coast. In an interview he said that business in Manitoba was very quiet, but that in British Columbia a marked improvement had taken place during the last year.

A. W. Smith, M. P. P. for Lillooet, accompanied by his wife, arrived in the city last evening from the Matagord. He is here for the purpose of attending the opening of the House next Thursday.

J. H. Rogers, general agent of the White Pass & Yukon railway at Dawson; J. T. Felt; J. J. Loutit and C. L. Evans left for the Sound on the steamer Rosalie this morning.

R. H. Kneeshaw and the Misses Kneeshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Randell were among the arrivals per steamer Rosalie from the Sound this morning.

A. G. Sargison, of the Colinet, who has been paying a visit to his friends in Vancouver, returned to the city last evening by steamer Charrier.

B. R. Seabrook, wife and family, accompanied by Miss Heisterman, came over from Seattle on the steamer Rosalie this morning.

G. W. Hardie, of Hardie & Thompson, merchants, Vancouver, is staying at the Victoria hotel.

A. G. Schermerhorn and P. T. Patton were among the passengers from the Sound this morning.

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At Fred's Curiosity Store, he has Miners' Supplies, to be sold at any price to clear out the old stock. Call and see before purchasing elsewhere.

CHURCH DOOR ROMANCES.

There is nothing remarkable in the bare fact of men deserting their wives; it is an act done by a score of men every day, but now and then chances upon cases which present truly remarkable features.

Last summer a young man went through the marriage ceremony with a young woman, for whom he had always professed the deepest affection, at a Lancashire village church.

No one seemed to take greater pride and pleasure in the auspicious occasion than the bridegroom. Yet, on leaving the church, he broke away from the wedding party on a trivial excuse, and has never since been heard of by his wife or any of his relatives, although considerable effort has been made to trace him.

Absolutely reasonless, too, was the act of a man who disappeared four years ago in the same manner.

This wonderful gentleman had been engaged eighteen months to the daughter of a well-to-do miller, who, on the day of the marriage, made his daughter a present of a household of excellent furniture. This, coupled with the fact that the young people were greatly attached to each other, should, one might fancy, have been sufficient to make the wedding day go off very pleasantly.

As months rolled by the suspicion grew into being conviction, and two or three years later his wife, or widow, was called in her parish church to be married a second time. Not until the bans had been called twice was any protest made, but on the third Sunday the lost husband turned up as a "just impediment." He was arrested for wife desertion on leaving the church under a warrant which his wife had had issued two years previously, in the hope that it might lead to some discovery.

What object the man had in marrying, deserting or protecting, one would find some difficulty in conjecturing.

During the prosecution some time ago of a man for deserting his wife and two children, it was stated that no less than three times had he been prosecuted for deserting her during the four and a half years they had been married.

It is stated that in the whole of the United Kingdom there are hardly 3,000 Spaniards. London, of course, contains the majority, but there are some in Canada also in Cardiff, Liverpool and Glasgow.

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Great preparations have been made for this sale. May be you don't want your Carpets or Furniture now? Very well, buy them now and we will deliver them to you whenever you wish. If you can deliver to me in March and April, why not sell these goods at these prices all the year round? During this month we give you a part of our profit, and in some cases all and the makers' profit as well. Whatever you save at this sale is safely anything but goods that we guarantee you will be satisfied with. Money cheerfully refunded for anything you are not satisfied with.

- Tapestry Carpets: 8 rolls Tapestry Carpet with 1/2 border, Sale price 20c yard; 7 rolls Tapestry Carpet, were 50c, sale price 35c; 15 rolls Tapestry Carpet, were 65c, sale price 45c; 12 rolls Tapestry Carpet, were 85c and 90c, Sale price 60c.
- Brussels Squares: 1 1/2 ft 3in x 1 1/2 ft 6 in, was \$27.50, Sale price, \$19.50; 1 1/2 ft 3in x 1 1/2 ft 6in, was \$30.00, Sale price, \$22.50; 1 1/2 ft 3in x 1 1/2 ft 6in, was \$35.00, Sale price, \$27.50; 1 1/2 ft x 12ft, was \$22.50, Sale price, \$16.50; 1 1/2 ft 3in x 12ft, was \$25.00, Sale price, \$18.50; 1 1/2 ft 6in x 15ft, was \$37.50, Sale price, \$29.50; 1 1/2 ft 6in x 15ft, was \$45.00, Sale price, \$37.50; 7 1/2 Fur Rugs, were \$2.50 to \$4.50, Sale price \$1.50 each.

- Brussels Carpets: 13 rolls Brussels Carpet with border, were \$1.25 and 1.35, sale price 80c; 25 pieces Brussels Carpet, from 5 to 35 yards in each piece, were \$1.35 to 1.60 a yard, Sale price 80c a yard. Pieces not cut.
- Mattings: 15c Mattings for 7 1/2c yard; 25c Mattings for 15c yard; All cur 35c and 40c Matting 25c yard.

- Velvet Carpets: 18 rolls, Sale price \$1.15 per yard.
- Wilton Carpets: 15 rolls, were \$1.75, Sale price \$1.40; Axminster, reg. \$2.00 and 2 1/2 qualities for \$1.65; \$1.50 quality for \$1.25.

- Oilcloths and Linoleums: Your chance to get all you want for the spring for little money. 15 pieces Canadian Oilcloth, 2 yds wide, was 25c, Sale price 18c square yard; Better quality, 2 yards wide, was 40c, Sale price 28c; Best grade, 2 yards wide 42c a yard.
- English Linoleums: English Linoleums, 2 yds wide, Sale price 40c square yard; Best grades English Linoleums, 4 yards wide, was \$1.25, Sale price 90c; Second grade English Linoleums, 4 yards wide, was \$1.10, Sale price 75c; Third grade English Linoleums, was 90c, Sale price 65c square yard; Inlaid Linoleum, No. 1 quality \$1.35; No. 2 quality \$1.25 square yard.

- Squares, Rugs, Mats, Etc.: 15 SQUARES. Size 4x5 yards, were \$10.50; Size 4x4 yards, were 9.50; Size 4x3 yards, were 8.50; 5 of each size, Sale price any of the above \$3.90 ea.; 6 squares, 3x4, were \$6.00, Sale price \$2.50; 2 squares, 3x3, were \$5.50, Sale price \$2.50.
- Japanese Squares Half Price: 2 8x10 squares, regular \$10.50, Sale price \$5.25; 2 10x14 squares, regular \$17.50, Sale price \$8.75; 3 12x15 squares, regular \$22.50, Sale price \$11.25; 9x12 squares, regular \$15.00, Sale price \$7.50.
- Cotton Brussels Squares Half Price: Size 3x3, were \$5.75, Sale price \$2.40; Size 3x4, were \$8.50, Sale price \$4.25; Size 3 1/2 x 4, were \$10.00, Sale price \$5.00; Japanese Rugs, were \$3.00, Sale price \$1.50.

- Door Mats: Cocoa Door Mats, Sale price 15c; Cocoa Door Mats, 40c quality for 25c; Cocoa Door Mats, 60c quality for 40c; 25 Kinderminster Rugs, were \$3.00 and 3.50, Sale price \$2.35.
- Furniture Department: Lounges, Tapestry covered, 6ft long, with back, Sale price \$4.50; Lounges, with fancy oak frame, 6ft long, regular \$12.00, Sale price \$7.50; Button Lounge, full size, fancy Tapestry covering with deep fringe, regular \$15.00, sale price \$9.00; Imitation Leather Lounge, regular \$35.00, sale price \$18.50; Bed Lounges, covered with fancy Tapestry and green plush trimming, regular \$25.00, sale price \$18.50; Bed Lounge, fancy oak frame, covered petti point tapestry, regular \$22.50, Sale price \$16.50; We will make-up any of the above at sale prices, for this month. Screens, were \$2.25, Sale price \$1.00; Fancy Oak Dining Set, 6 pieces, was \$29.00, Sale price \$21.50; Parlor Set, 5 pieces, oak frame, plush and silk covered, regular \$35.00, Sale price \$18.50; Parlor Suite, 5 pieces, elegant designs, in cerise, merserized melton with silk plush trimmings, best japanned steel springs, regular \$110.00, Sale price \$75.00; Parlor Set, 3 pieces handsomely carved mahogany, French legs, upholstered with best quality silk damask, tufted seat, and all hair stuffed, regular \$125.00, Sale price \$95.00; All furniture such as Tables, Chairs, etc., reduced for this sale.

- Curtains and Furniture Coverings: 40 pair Silk Striped Curtains, were \$10.50, Sale price \$6.50; 15 pair were \$12.00, Sale price \$9.00; 15 pair were \$7.50, Sale price \$4.75; 18 pair Tapestry Curtains, were \$3.75, Sale price \$2.90; 13 pair were \$4.50, Sale price \$3.75; Special—19 pairs Tapestry Curtains, were \$7.75 to \$10.00; sale price \$5.00; 35 rolls Tapestry or Derby Cloth for upholstery; special for this sale 40c yard; 3 pieces Silk Stripe Lounge Covering, were 75c; sale price 50c; 3 pieces Silk plush Drapery, were \$2.25; sale price \$1.00; Chenille Covers, were 75c; sale price \$1.25; Chenille Covers, were \$2.00; sale price \$1.25; Chenille Covers, were \$2.75; sale price \$1.75.

See Windows.

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ANOTHER CATASTROPHE. The shadow of a great calamity hangs once more over Vancouver Island. There seems to be little ground for hope that the sixty men caught in the burning mine at Cumberland will escape with their lives. Heroic efforts have already been made we may be sure by the comrades of those imprisoned to set them free. The company, too, may be depended on to place all its resources at the disposal of those intent upon the work of rescue. Nothing within the power of human energy will be neglected to thwart the will of the grim victor which threatens to bring death and desolation into so many homes in so cruel and abrupt a fashion. The calls upon the sympathy and generosity of the people of Victoria have been many of late, and as a city we, too, have been afflicted, and know how to sympathize with our neighbors when bowed down beneath such a load as threatens that little mining community. If it be necessary to make an appeal to us for something more tangible than mere words of sympathy, we are convinced that our ears will not be found closed nor our hearts hardened. We shall hope for the best, while realizing that it is more than probable that an accident has occurred which will call for prompt action on the part of our Mayor and Council and citizens generally.

AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE. Could there be a more perfect illustration of the freedom which exists wherever the British flag flies than is afforded by the legislatures in session in all parts of the Empire to-day? In Great Britain the Imperial Parliament, in Canada the Dominion and the various local legislatures, in Australia the parliament of the Commonwealth and the minor bodies of the various states, are now, or soon will be, in session making the laws for millions of free and independent people. In a few years to these will be added great and important assemblies at the Cape, and perhaps the day may not be so far distant as some imagine when the millions of India will have a large voice in their affairs. What a scene may have been the motives which which the first British adventurers entered upon their possessions in what was at that time one of the most unhappy countries in the world, what with superstitions and dogmatism and oppressions of all kinds, there is now to doubt about the beneficence of British rule or the devotion of the men who are sent out there to the work of lifting the awful load of misery which has so long crushed the unfortunate inhabitants of that unhappy country. Having all these things in mind, it seems unfortunate that any word should be uttered in the Imperial Parliament which should imply doubt as to what is in store for the people of South Africa in the future. The Times has never been a lover of Toryism, whether of the Imperial or any other variety, but it must be confessed that all through this South African controversy the government has occupied strong ground. Evidence of this has been furnished by the feelings of the people both at home and in the colonies. The Irish gentleman who refuses to accept the testimony Canada and Australia have already given of their belief in the justice of the British cause would not have long to wait for the voting of one million or many millions of pounds if it was thought for a moment that the Mother Land were in need of assistance of that kind. We have been taught in the school of experience, and we know that there will be no discrimination in favor of or against any race in the South African possessions when the present unhappy trouble is at an end. We predict that the present generation shall not pass away before some Britisher of Dutch descent will arise in a South African Parliament and give utterance

to sentiments which will leave no doubt as to the beneficial effects of home rule under free British institutions. THE SOUND SERVICE. There are two sides to every question, and the correspondence which we publish to-day will shed some light on the positions of the parties to the Sound service controversy. Dodwell & Co. claim that the Alaska Steamship Company commenced the war, and we infer from the correspondence that it is the intention of the first-mentioned company to keep it up as long as there is a shot in the locker. The public are not so much concerned with such details as with the importance of a double, efficient service daily. The Alaska Steamship people appear to have given evidence by their actions that they are willing to permit their competitors to select their time of sailing, contenting themselves with the run which may be the least desirable from a business point of view. They have to some extent gained the sympathy of the public by their actions whatever their motives may have been in yielding. It is the general opinion that there is enough business to support the double service. The public of course is not content with the secrets of the traffic and Dodwell & Co. may be right and it may be wrong. It is judged by the fact that the Sound cities are growing very fast, and that on Vancouver Island development is proceeding very rapidly; the company, we presume, judges by standards which, from their point of view, are more reliable. According to the announcement of Mr. Blackwood, at the end of this week the steamers will once more be found upon schedules opposite to each other. We submit that it would be more dignified to allow the boats to remain, so and fight the matter to a finish on these lines if it is necessary to engage in a contest at all. It will prevent a disturbance in the carriage of the mails, which is very annoying and by some communities would not be tolerated, and it will give an opportunity to settle quite as effectively the question of the ability of the route to support two boats. We suppose as usual the fittest will survive.

We hope the census commissioner for British Columbia will be able to enter upon his important duties in the spirit of the same official from Quebec, thus described by the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Star: Mr. Cote, known generally as "Handsome Tom," dropped into the Press Gallery to-day. Mr. Cote is an experienced newspaper man, and we look up to him as having a big corner both in beauty and brains. At present he is French Census Commissioner, and will see to it that Quebec's birthday—1 MARCH 18TH—does not suffer. He says the outbreak in Quebec is passing cheerfully. "Famites!" exclaims Mr. Cote, with an eloquent shrug. "I find them everywhere—10, fifteen, twenty-six, twenty-eight. Great grand old man, Mr. Cote. For instance, there is that good citizen of Kamouraska village, the baker Yal-lancourt, who has had two wives and thirty-seven children. Thirty-three of them live and appear in my book. Twenty-one of them are dead. They are all good Liberals and vote for Mr. Carroll. This is the smash record—what you call it—'record-smasher.'" "Quebec," continues Mr. Cote, "has many, many children. Every day there will be more. I count them so fast as I can, but my pencil is tired. It will be 'happy day' for me when it is March 31st. Then will Quebec take her place—the mother and father of nations. Ah, so much encouragement! I know a deputy fire chief in Montreal—a fine fellow—his wife has been only one wife, but, oh, so many pretty ones. One at a time, twins, triplets even. Now there are twenty-nine. All alive!" Mr. Cote is thinking seriously of an algebraical formula to make statistics easy. He will simply raise the Quebec birth rate to the 11th power and let it go at that. Some Conservatives say that Mr. Borden is the absolute leader of the party; others that he is merely on probation. None of the organs is very enthusiastic over his selection, the Toronto World still holding out for the appointment of an advisory committee to assist the leader at critical times. When Mr. Borden thinks of the fate of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, of Hugh John Macdonald and of Sir Charles Tupper, betrayed and deserted, he must have some uneasy moments. According to the Ottawa correspondents, the leader is a very precise, fugal, polished gentleman, but not one calculated to inspire confidence or to arouse enthusiasm. In a word, he is just the opposite of the man who created the career and achieved the success of the Conservative party.

Yesterday morning's session of the Grand Council of British Columbia Royal Templars was a very encouraging one, was taken up largely with routine work. The meeting was held in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Grand Councillor McArthur presiding. The committee on credentials reported three delegates from New Westminster, one from Chilliwack, and two from Vancouver, entitled to the grand council degree. An interesting report was read from the grand councillor and referred to the several committees for consideration. The report of Grand Secretary J. Johnson was a very encouraging one. Two new councils had been instituted during the year, while the membership had increased by over 50. The sick and funeral benefit fund had had a gratifying record during the year. The membership in the fund had increased, and the cash balance was also larger than last year. During the year there had been heavy expenditures for benefits. The grand treasurer's report was presented, showing a healthy condition of the finances, and an increased balance. Upon assembling again at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, reports were received from several committees. An adjournment was made upon the invitation of Bro. W. A. Gleason to visit the "dry-dock" at Esquimalt. The delegates were shown through H. M. S. Warship, and witnessed the preparations for floating the vessel. At 5 o'clock business was resumed, the occasional committees transacting considerable business. At the evening session the committee on memorials brought in a report expressive of sorrow upon the death of the late Queen, and condolence to the Royal family, the memorial to be forwarded through the Governor-General of Canada. A report dealing with improvements to the select degrees was adopted. The committee upon temperance and prohibition presented a report containing many suggestions. The committee of the sick and funeral benefit fund also reported, suggesting improvements. Dr. Ernest Hall, upon an invitation to be present and address the council, was attentively listened to by those present. A number of members of Victoria Council No. 2, were present at the evening session.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS. The grand council opened in due form at half-past nine o'clock, the grand councillor presiding. The trustees presented their report, recommending the payment of session dues, and giving an approximate estimate of the expenditure and revenue for the coming year. A general discussion on certain clauses in the constitution took place, and resulted beneficially to the grand council. This concluded the routine business of the grand council. The election of officers for the ensuing year next took place, and resulted as follows: Grand councillor, J. A. Johnson, New Westminster; grand vice-councillor, Mrs. B. H. Henry, Vancouver; grand secretary, J. C. McArthur, New Westminster; grand treasurer, Rev. J. P. Bowell, New Westminster; grand secretary, J. J. Johnston, New Westminster (re-elected, 7th term); grand auditor, H. L. Calvert, Vancouver; grand herald, J. H. Yes, Victoria. Grand trustees, J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack, 3 years; E. R. Cook, Nanaimo, 2 years; and T. J. Beatty, Vancouver, 1 year. Medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver. Executive committee, J. J. Johnson, A. J. Paterson and Robt. Buckland. R. Buckland, acting Dominion councillor. The following officers were next appointed: A. Horwell, Agassiz, grand sentinel; A. J. Paterson, Vancouver, grand guard; Mrs. H. E. Troop, New Westminster, grand superintendent of cadets. The thanks of the grand council were tendered the members of Victoria council, No. 2, for their kindness during the stay of the grand officers and delegates while in the city. A special vote of thanks was tendered to the grand medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver, for his kindness during the year. Upon motion, the thanks of the grand council were ordered to be conveyed to the management of the C. P. N. Co. for their kindness in making special rates to the grand council. The grand council was closed in due form at 1 o'clock to meet again in Vancouver in 1902. Next Tuesday Evening—City Band at A. O. U. W. Hall. Last night of the programme showing Bryan and Croker at "Searchlight," 62 Foot.

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Counsels' Argument

In Deadman's Island Case Commenced in Supreme Court This Morning.

Mr. Duff's Address—Mr. Peters Had Not Concluded at Adjournment.

In the Supreme court this morning Mr. Duff commenced his address on behalf of the province in the Deadman's Island case.

Mr. Duff said in opening that the question was whether or not Deadman's Island was embraced within the limits of a military reserve existing at the time of confederation. A reserve could only be created by an executive act, and Mr. Peters must, in order to substantiate his contention, show that there was a reserve at the time of confederation, created by an executive act.

There was no evidence to show this, and therefore Mr. Peters must rely on indirect or circumstantial evidence.

Chief among this indirect evidence was that relating to the maps—the two said to have been signed by Col. Moody as chief commissioner, and purporting to show a reserve at Deadman's Island. This was sought to be established by several witnesses.

Taking these up he claimed that the evidence of Howes was unreliable, when he stated that there was a map showing Deadman's Island marked as a military reserve in red.

Mr. Duff claimed that Howes' evidence on cross-examination was founded on the practice in the office of interpreting red reserves as military reserves. He would not swear that there was more than the simple abbreviation "R" on Deadman's Island. Mr. Howes' recollection was so poor that much of his evidence should be adopted with considerable hesitation.

Neither had any conclusive evidence been adduced to show that Deadman's Island was included in Stanley Park, even if the latter were a military reserve.

In the same connection Richards, in his examination, had been careful to avoid any statement that Deadman's Island was included as a reserve.

Richards' evidence regarding the index map was evidently unreliable. He was unable to speak especially on a great number of matters. His evidence, too, had conflicted somewhat with that of Howes in regard to a reserve on the north side of the Inlet.

In regard to the plans having been lost from the department, it has not been attempted to show that such a thing ever happened, and this being so, the fact that the maps were not now in the department was presumptive evidence that they never existed. They were not shown in the index map made by Scott in 1875, although all other maps of Col. Moody's were entered up.

It had been suggested by Mr. Peters that this index was not complete, because it omitted a map of Victoria city and others; but these, he claimed, were shown under the heading of "maps and plans in the safe" in the same book. They had in the index book contemporary evidence disproving the recollection of Howes and Richards.

Turner, too, with his field notes in his hands, was not questioned regarding his knowledge of the making of a reserve, which must be taken as evidence that he did not possess any.

Even on Turner's field notes where aerial and military reserves were so marked, Deadman's Island was simply marked "reserve."

Lander's map, which was in regular use in the office, and which indicated reserves at other points, did not mark the island at all.

The return made to parliament of reserves and upon which Mr. Peters relied upon so much, was unreliable. It marked a military reserve on the north side of the first narrows, which was never anything but an Indian one.

In a number of instances, too, it was quite evident that there was no data or dates for certain reserves, and they were entered up on the parliamentary return as being suitable for military reserves.

In 1880 W. S. Gore had made a search extending from May to October, under the direction of Mr. Walker, for the purpose of ascertaining if there were any records to show that any military reserves had been made in the province by a proper executive act. This inquiry disclosed no such document's. Gore's inquiry, too, was undertaken on the statement of the then Surveyor-General Parwell that the previous return was totally unreliable.

On the question of law, it was contended by previous cases that all lands belonged to the province excepting those in trust. Even if this applied to these lands, which he denied, the lands still belonged to the province, subject to the trust. But lands used by the war office or admiralty were clearly crown lands, and not subject to any trust or interest, and were totally outside the lands held as trusts.

To establish his point Mr. Peters must show that these lands were set apart for general public purposes. The word reserve meant that lands were held from pre-emption or sale. The mere use of

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The word amounted simply to this, that the lands affected were exempted from the laws of the province in regard to pre-emption or sale, that act in itself did not imply that the lands were set apart. "Reserving" and "setting apart" were two different acts altogether.

Supposing the lands were set apart for military reserves, the court knew absolutely nothing as to what that term meant.

It might imply a mere temporary reserving of these lands. If this were the case it would not constitute the "setting apart" of a reserve. If an order were passed by the war office appropriating the land, or if the authorities had actually entered into possession, it might be regarded as an actual "setting apart" of the lands.

There was no evidence to show that even if Deadman's Island had been created a reserve, that it was a military one.

In opening the case for the Dominion, Mr. Douglas first disposed of a contention of Mr. Duff that the transfer of lands west of Port Moody by the Dominion government to the provincial government gave the province a title to the land in dispute. This he pointed out was simply a relinquishment of lands about Port Moody which had been reserved for railway purposes when the terminus of the C. P. R. was designated as Port Moody.

Mr. Peters continuing, said it was not obligatory for him to show an executive act of the government. He was relieved from this by the evidence of age of the province's own witnesses, who swore that after exhaustive search he found there was absolutely no minute of executive act until 1869, not only of making reserves but of any act whatever. The authority to make these reserves was given Governor Douglas by virtue of his instructions. It was not necessary then to show a local proclamation for the making of these reserves.

Governor Douglas received his authority by virtue of a clause in his commission from the Imperial government, which gave him power to "survey and mark out lands for public purposes." This was long anterior to the authority derived locally.

There was nothing therefore requiring a formal proclamation of reserves made. The right to reserve had been clearly shown. The fact that a reserve had been made could therefore be proved by either direct or circumstantial evidence. Facts had been adduced by him in evidence so strong as to be conclusive that a reserve had been made.

The Court here asked why, if Governor Douglas had such general powers in regard to making reserves, he, a few months after the foundation of the province, had regulations passed outlining how reserves were to be made.

Mr. Peters in reply said it was because the Governor's commission was not a public matter. The Imperial government in a dispatch dated 27th of March, 1884, stated that they were advised that the Governor had full powers to make reserves without confirmation by the secretary of state.

Prior to the survey made by Turner there was evidence that a reserve had been made—evidence that had not been produced by the plaintiff. He read a dispatch from Lord Lytton to Col. Moody sent in 1858, exhorting him to lay off townships with regard to the military fitness of the place. In his report in reply Col. Moody in recommending New Westminster as a capital, pointed out its case of protection, and stated that five miles distant the entrance of an enemy to Burrard Inlet would be made most hazardous by defensive works on the island.

The argument will be continued this afternoon.

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City Band Entertainment at A. O. U. W. Hall, Tuesday, 19th.

The funeral of the late A. H. Fraser took place this afternoon from Hanna's parlors at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the services at the parlors and graveside.

Two cases of violating the Street by-law came up for hearing before Police Magistrate Hall this morning. Both were fined \$5.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 15.—5 a. m.—An ocean area of low pressure, which yesterday appeared off Vancouver Island, has developed over the province, and is moving southward along the American coast. Light rain has fallen in this district, the fall, however, being much heavier in Western Washington and Oregon; light snow is reported from Baker City, in the latter state. Temperatures have risen on the Coast west of the ranges; a high barometric area covers central Oregon, Idaho, Montana and the Northwest Territories. East of the Rockies the weather is mostly fair and temperatures moderate.

Prospects. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh northerly or easterly winds, unsettled, with rain, not much change in temperature. Lower—Moderate—Moderate or fresh northerly or easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 38; minimum, 37; wind, 8 miles N. E.; rain, .08; weather, rain. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 10 miles E.; rain, .18; weather, rain. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

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Last evening one of the tram cars on the Esquimalt road ran into a canal near Rock Bay crossing. The animal was so mangled that Special Officer Wesley Harper found it necessary to kill it.

The hearing of charges against Crozier and Currie will be continued in the police court on Saturday behind closed doors. The former is charged with committing an unnatural offence, the latter with criminal assault upon a girl under 14 years of age.

Where is the Searchlight? Why, 62 Fort Street. What is the "Searchlight"? A continuous exhibition of Edison's moving pictures showing all the latest subjects possible to get for ladies, children and gents. What does it cost at "Searchlight"? Only 10c for adults and 5c for children under 10.

Messrs. Brown & Cooper, the well known Johnson street fish dealers, have opened a branch store at 31 Government street in order to better accommodate their James Bay patrons. They have also entered into the fish curing business, and when the supply of fish permits, cater to the wholesale as well as the retail business. Their branch store is conveniently situated, and an order in one can as conveniently be filled in the other.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

SOUND SERVICE.

To the Editor: Referring to the question of double daily steamer service and competition on the route between Victoria and Sound points, may I ask you to kindly give me space for the following facts in the case of White Star...

PUGET SOUND SERVICE.

To the Editor: Attached hereto we have to hand you a copy of a letter we have to-day addressed to Mr. F. Elworthy, secretary of the B. C. Board of Trade, regarding the Puget Sound steam boat service...

N. HARDIE, F. Elworthy, Secretary of B. C. Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.

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Their bearing upon military conduct in the field makes them very distinctly topical just now.

"Whoever shall throw away his arms in an action, whether officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier (unless it appears they are so damaged as to be useless), either under the pretence of taking up others that are of a better sort or for any other cause whatsoever, must expect to be tried by a court-martial for the crime."

"The death of an officer commanding a company or platoon shall be no excuse for the confusion or misbehavior of that platoon; for, while there is an officer or non-commissioned officer left alive to command, no man is to abandon his colors or betray his country."

"Neither officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier is to leave his platoon or abandon the colors for a slight wound. While a man is able to do his duty, and stand and hold his arms, it is infamous to retire."

"The battalion is not to halloo, or cry out, upon any account whatsoever, although the rest of the troops should do it, until they are ordered to charge with their bayonets; in that case, and when they are on the point of rushing upon their enemy, the battalion must give a warlike shout and rush in."

"The soldier who takes his musket from his shoulder and pretends to begin the battle without orders will be put to death; that instant. The cowardice or irregular proceeding of one man is not to put the whole in danger."

"The soldier who quits his ranks or offers to fly is instantly to be put to death by the officer who commands the platoon. A soldier does not deserve to live who will not fight for his king and country."

"If a non-commissioned officer or private man is missing after an action and joins his company afterward unhurt, he will be reputed a coward and a fugitive, and will be tried for his life."

"If we attack a body less in extent than the battalion, the platoons upon the wings must be careful to direct their fire obligingly so as to strike the enemy. The officers are to inform the soldiers of their platoons before the action begins where they are to direct their fire; and they are to take a good aim to destroy their adversaries."

"There is no necessity for firing very fast. A cool, well-aimed fire, with the pieces carefully loaded, is much more destructive and formidable than the quickest fire in confusion. The soldiers are to take their orders entirely from their officers before the action begins, and they are to give them with all possible coolness and resolution."

"The misbehavior of any other corps will not affect this battalion, because the officers are determined to give the strongest proofs of their fidelity, zeal, and courage, in which the soldiers will second them with their usual spirit."

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Nature intended you to be a strong man. You have the physique, the constitution, and yet you do not feel the vim, the sand, the ambition one would expect in a man of your age. What is it? Why, a lack of vitality—the foundation of manhood? You have lost it, no matter how. Get it back, feel young, look young, act young. Life is beautiful when you have health. I can help you.

DR. McLAUGHLIN'S ELECTRIC BELT

With Suspenders for weak men has brought strength, ambition and happiness to ten thousand men in the past year. The grand invigorating electric current is given to the weakened nerves and organs, and fills them with youthful energy. It makes old men young and young men vigorous. It is the essence of vital power, which awakens the dormant energies, creates physical strength, and elevates it to the highest standard.

My Electric belt is worn while you sleep. It is unlike all other applications. I warrant it, on a bond of \$5,000, to give a strong current as soon as it touches the body, to last one year without any expense for repair and to be stronger in power than any other electrical and chemical-cushion electrodes.

Dr. M. E. McLaughlin 106 1/2 Columbia Street Seattle Wash.

FREE BOOK—I want you to call my Electric Belt on earth. It has a perfect look out on the street, but upon the court-yard. The furniture is always extremely simple, and generally books, drawings and scrolls of writings are the principal features. The Chinaman feels bewildered when he enters the elaborately furnished apartments of Europeans.

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THOSE WORRYING PILES!—One application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will give you comfort. Applied every night for three to six nights and a cure is effected in the most stubborn cases of Piles, Bleeding, or itching Piles. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cures Eczema and all itching and burning skin diseases. It acts like magic. 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—15.

EARLY CHINESE BANKNOTES. It was in 1694 that the Bank of England issued its first banknote, but at that time such valuable little pieces of paper had been in circulation in China for three centuries. At the British museum, in one of the show cases devoted to specimens of early printing in China, there may now be seen a banknote issued during the reign of the Emperor Hung-Wu, 1368-89. It is about eight inches long and eight inches broad, and is naturally a very curious document, being believed to be one of the earliest circulated.

Thomas Palin (64), was found at the rear of a house in Broad street, Crewe, Cheshire, Eng., suffering from the effects of carbolic acid poisoning. He had been in the workhouse two years, and had just come out. He tried to return to the workhouse, and took poison.

POSSESS THE BEST QUALITIES. While English Pills possess the best constitution and virtues for the cure of Constipation and Indigestion. They are unequalled for removing waste matters from the system which cause disease and suffering. All druggists sell them 25 cents a box, or sent by mail on receipt of price. The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, Montreal.

WHAT CHINA LOOKS LIKE. Pen Pictures of Town and Country Scenes in the Flowery Land. In some parts of China the type of country made familiar to us by the famous "willow-pattern" plates may be recognized, says Mr. J. W. Robinson, Scott, in the "People of China." But China is so vast that the picture of one province is altogether different from the picture of another. Landscape, language, habits and character may be altogether of another kind.

A quarter of a million of square miles of China are covered with a fine, friable yellow earth known as "loess." It often reaches to a great depth, and is "exceedingly rich." Perhaps it is owing to this that yellow is the Chinese mourning color.

Generally speaking, the country has a very old look, not however, due to ruins, for owing to the climate and the nature of the buildings there are not many dilapidated structures.

In China proper you are generally in sight of water and boats. The aspect of the country has been greatly altered by human labor, and has the effect of a huge garden. The fields are filled with the care usually bestowed on flower gardens. Nothing that can serve as a fertilizer is wasted. In the spring chimneys and kitchen walls are pulled down so that the old soil-covered mud sheds may be powdered down for the stimulation of the crops.

Rows of stones takes the place of hedges, fences and walls. Where the country is rocky, "tiny crops are obtained from patches of soil no larger than a lathing-towel. Poultry is kept to a great extent, and artificial incubation of eggs (as well as of fish spaw) has been practiced for centuries.

Most of the roads are so neglected and become so deepened by traffic and rain that there is a saying that in a thousand years a road becomes a river. The bridges and temples are beautiful. The houses, nearly all of which are only one story, are built of soft blue bricks or mud slabs on a foundation of stone.

Streets in cities are paved, and are very narrow. In them the barber, chiroprist, and ear-cleaner, broken dish retailer, book hawker and Punch and Judy proprietor play their callings. The shops are without fronts, but put up horizontal shutters at night. The better-

ET CORSETS. Made in the most up-to-date Factory—by the very latest Machinery from perfect models. They are as comfortable and durable as they are elegant.

SEA-MEN'S INSTITUTE. STORE STREET, VICTORIA, B.C. OPEN FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M. The Institute is free for the use of sailors and shipping generally. It is well supplied with papers and a temperance bar. Letters may be sent here to small ships. A parcel of literature can be had for outgoing ships on application to manager. All are heartily welcome.

OPANIC Steamship Company. FOR Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. MARIPOSA, Sat. Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. S.S. SIERRA, to sail Wednesday, March 6, at 9 p.m. S.S. AUSTRALIA to Tahiti, Wed., March 13, at 9 p.m. J. D. SPEERKELS & BROS. CO., Agents, 227 Market Street, San Francisco.

E. & N. Railway.

Time Table No 40

Effective December 19, 1901.

NORTH BOUND

Trains leave Victoria for Wellington and intermediate stations at 9:00 a. m. daily, Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a. m. and 3:10 p. m.

Through Tickets on Sale to Alberni

Stage leaves Nanaimo every Tuesday and Friday. Returning, leaves Alberni every Monday and Thursday.

Mount Sicker Stage from Duncan

Stage leaves Duncan daily except Sunday. For rates and all information apply at Company's Office.

"The Milwaukee"

A familiar name for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, known all over the Union as the Great Railway running the "Pioneer Limited" trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago, and Omaha and Chicago. The only perfect train in the world. Understand: Connections are made with All Transcontinental Lines assuring to passengers the best service known. Luxurious coaches, electric lights, steam heat, of a verity equalled by no other line.

Reduced Rates

PORT TOWNSEND AND SEATTLE. FARE, 25c. BERTHS, 25c. FREIGHT 50c PER TON. MAIL STR. SEHOMÉ. Arrive daily, except Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Leave daily, except Sunday, 7:30 p.m. DOUGLASS & CO., LTD., Agents, Victoria, B.C.

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JOHN MESTON

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THE White Pass and Yukon Route. PACIFIC AND ARCTIC RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION CO. BRITISH COLUMBIA YUKON RAILWAY CO. CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD. The Atlin, Klondike and Yukon Gold Fields can be reached via THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE. Daily (except Sunday) winter train services between SKAGWAY AND WHITEHORSE.

CANADIAN PACIFIC (LIMITED). WHARF STREET, VICTORIA. Time Table No. 55—Taking Effect November 15th, 1901.

CANADIAN PACIFIC. WHEN GOING EAST TAKE THE Canadian Pacific Railway.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, 7 a. m. from Inner Wharf, Vancouver to Victoria—Daily at 1:15 o'clock p. m. or on arrival of C. P. R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE. Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner, Lulu and Islands—Tuesday and Friday at 7 a. m. Leave New Westminster for Victoria and Way Point—Wednesday and Saturday at 7 a. m.

NORTHERN ROUTE. Steamships of this company will leave for Fort Simpson and Inuvik via Vancouver, 1st and 15th of each month at 11 p. m.

ALASKA ROUTE. Steamships of this company will leave every Wednesday, via Vancouver, for Wrangell, Skagway and Sitka.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE. Steamship leaves Victoria for Alberni and Scotch Port, on the 1st, 10th, and 20th of each month, extending later trips to Quinalto and Cape Scott.

Atlantic Steamship Sailings. Cambrian-Dominion Line. Fr. Portland. Vancouver-Dominion Line. Mar. 17. Nanaimo-Allan Line. Mar. 17. Corinthian-Allan Line. Mar. 17.

Lake Ontario-Beaver Line. Fr. St. John. Montreal-Beaver Line. Mar. 8. New England-Dominion Line. Feb. 27. Vancouver-Dominion Line. Mar. 13. Iverna-Cunard Line. Mar. 27. Ulforn-Ungard Line. Mar. 16.

FROM NEW YORK. State of Nebraska-Allan State Line. Mar. 2. Etruria-Cunard Line. Mar. 2. Lucretia-Cunard Line. Mar. 2. Teutonic-White Star Line. Feb. 27. New York-American Line. Feb. 27. Victoria-American Line. Feb. 27. Fredland-Red Star Line. Mar. 2. Ethiopia-Anchor Line. Mar. 2. Columbia-Holland American Line. Mar. 2. Wilhelm De Grosse-N. G. Lloyd. Mar. 2.

Passengers ticketed through to all European ports and prepaid passages arranged for. For reservations and all information apply to B. W. GREER, Agent, Victoria.

W. F. CUMMINGS, Gen'l. S.S. Agent, Winnipeg.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co.

For San Francisco. The Company's steamship "Walla Walla" will leave for San Francisco, Walla Walla, Unalaska and City of Puebla, carrying H. T. TORIA, S. P. M., Feb. 15, 18, 25, 28, March 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, April 4. Steamers leave every fifth day thereafter.

FOR ALASKA

LEAVE SEATTLE 9 P.M. Cottage City, Feb. 9, 24, March 11, 26, April 10, 25, May 10, 25, June 9, 24, July 9, 24, August 8, 23, April 5. The steamer Cottage City (only) will leave Victoria for Alaska at 6 a. m., Feb. 10, 25, March 12, 27, April 11.

The company reserves the right to change steamers, sailing dates and hours of sailing without notice. For rates and all information apply to P. RITCHEY & CO., Agents, 61 West 1st St., Victoria, B. C.

Victoria & Sidney RAILWAY.

Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney as follows: DAILY: Leave Victoria at 7:30 a. m., 4:00 p. m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a. m., 5:15 p. m.

STEAMER IROQUOIS

Connecting with the Victoria & Sidney Railway (weather permitting), will sail as follows: Monday and Thursday—Leave Sidney at 8 a. m., calling at Fulford, Ganong, Mayne, Fernwood, Gabriola and Nanaimo.

Spokane Falls & Northern R'y Co.

The only all rail route between all points east, west and south to Rosland, Nelson and all intermediate points; connecting at Spokane with the Great Northern Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Co. Connects at Nelson with steamer for Kelso and all Kootenay lake points. Connects at Stevens Falls with stage daily for Republic, and connects at Bozengrath with stage daily for Grand Forks and Greenwood.

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Through cars to Boston, Montreal, Toronto and St. Paul. Steamship and sleeping car berths reserved.

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Ticket Office, Cor. Government and Yates Streets, VICTORIA, B. C.

THE GREAT NORTHERN

75 Government Street, Victoria, B. C. Passengers can leave and arrive daily by steamers through Seattle and Spokane, connecting at Seattle with overland flyer.

THE NORTH-WESTERN'S Fast Mail

THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE. Have added two more trains (the Fast Mail) to their St. Paul-Okegona service, making eight trains daily.

Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago.

This assures passengers from the West making connections. The 20th Century train, "the fastest train in the world," leaves St. Paul every day in the year at 8:10 p. m.

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Prescriptions

Constitute the most important feature of our business. You may rely upon getting just what the doctor ordered, of the best quality, combined in the exact proportions with the highest pharmaceutical skill.

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Auction Sale

OF FURNITURE, BICYCLE, REMINGTON TYPEWRITER, BRASS BED-STEADS, ETC.

On Friday, February 15th, at 2 p. m. In Our Salerooms, 34 Fort Street.

The sale will include Oak and Ash Bed Sets; Double and Three-Quarter Bedsteads; Box Mattresses; Very Fine Woven Wire and Top Mattresses; handsome Solid Brass Bedsteads; Bedroom Tables; Centre Tables; Oak and Walnut Rockers; Brussels and Tapestry Carpets; Dining Chairs; G. S. Chairs; Morris Chair; Roman Centre Chair; very fine Bateau Baby Buggy, cost \$30; several other good Baby Carriages; Little Girls' Bicycle, a fine machine, never been used; capital Remington Typewriter; Kitchen Tables and Chairs; Kitchen Sideboards; Toilet Service; a large quantity of Crockery, including 20 large Platters; 48 smaller do.; 6 dozen Plates, etc.; a large quantity of Cooking Utensils, including some good Agateware, etc., etc.

THE GUTHRIE-BLOWNE CO., LTD., Leading Auctioneers.

Important Negotiations

Messrs. Bullen Will Expend Large Sum of Money in Shipbuilding Machinery.

It is Their Intention to Build a Fleet of Lumber Vessels.

Ex-Mayor Garden Accepts Nomination to Oppose E. Macpherson in Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Bullens's marine railways in Victoria and Vancouver are about closing negotiations for the purchase of \$70,000 worth of machinery to build a fleet of lumber vessels. Ex-Mayor Garden this morning formally accepted the nomination as independent candidate to oppose Mr. Macpherson. His principal supporters are Conservatives, who did not wish to take definite action as a party. D. G. Macdonell has received a telegram that D. D. Mann will arrive here next Thursday to attend the opening of the house. He will ascertain if there is any probability of a renewal of the subsidy for the V. V. & E. railway.

THE DOWAGER EMPRESS

Her Condition Reported to Be More Serious Than at Any Time During Illness.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail has the following from its Berlin correspondent: "I learn that the condition of Dowager Empress Frederick is more serious than at any time during her illness. King Edward is expected to visit her within a few days."

OTTAWA NOTES

Former Conservative Whip Dead—Opposition Not Ready For Business Today.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Rufus Stephenson, at one time member for Keewauwinistik, and lately collector of customs, Charlton, died today. He was once Conservative whip. The opposition was not prepared to go on with the estimates today, and Mr. Maclean was not ready with his resolution, so the House adjourned without doing any work.

Orders have been received from Ottawa today by Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., stating that the practice at Red Hill arranged for to-morrow afternoon for the Fifth Regiment, C. A., is not to take place. In this connection the parade of 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies, Fifth Regiment, called for to-morrow at 1:30 o'clock, is cancelled. The following is the telegram received: "Col. Benson, Victoria, B. C.: Cancel gun practice arranged for 15th. Letter follows. Signed Colonel Cottin."

Hear Mrs. Walter Staneland at drill hall to-morrow night.

In the Supreme court this morning before Mr. Justice Walkem an application for an injunction by Ah Gong against Herman & Co. was dismissed with costs. The injunction was to restrain the defendants from hiring others than the plaintiff to put up the pack of salmon at Point Eslington during the season of 1901.

Bargains are everywhere all the year round, not the exception, at Weiler's. Our large buying in carload lots for cash enables us to give best value every day in year.

Mr. Aaron Parfitt will sing at the drill hall concert to-morrow night.

INSPECTED STRATHCONA'S.

(Continued from page 1.)

Report Officially Denied.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 15.—A report was sent out from Ottawa last night stating that another contingent was to be sent from Canada to South Africa, apart from the police that are being raised for South Africa.

Dr. Borden was seen to-day regarding the matter, and he gave it a flat denial. He said that there was absolutely no truth in it.

A cable was received to-day from Sir Alfred Milner stating that Sergt. Craddock, of the Canadian scouts, was wounded on February 4th. His place of residence is unknown.

BIG STEAMBOAT DEAL

Property of Canadian Development Company Passes Into Hands of W. P. & Y. Railway.

A telegram has been received in this city today announcing that a deal has been effected through which the White Pass & Yukon railway has acquired the Canadian Development Co.'s property, comprising a fleet of twelve steamers. These vessels are the Victorian, Columbian, Canadian, Anglian, Yukoner, Australian, Tasmanian, Zealandian, Sybil, Balfour, Mary E. Graft, and Leon. By the acquisition of such a fleet the White Pass & Yukon railway will have possession of sixteen vessels, the Hamilton

Sporting News

BASKETBALL

THE MATCH AT NANAIMO.

The basketball teams which play in the open house, Nanaimo, on Saturday night are: Victoria, West-T. Crawford, O. Fairbairn, W. H. (captain), E. Jacobson, G. Andrews, Naaloo, J. Benoit, T. Turner, M. McCann, Russell Simpson (captain), J. Murray.

HOCKEY

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

As announced in yesterday's Times, a game will be played to-morrow afternoon at Vancouver between the ladies' hockey team of Victoria and the ladies' team of Vancouver. The Victoria ladies have been practicing regularly, and an excellent game will undoubtedly take place. Victoria will be represented by the following players: Forwards, Misses M. Lowe, E. Rant, W. Wilson, Mason and D. Davie; half backs, Misses E. Rade and Davie and Mrs. Innes; full backs, Misses Earle and Williams; goal, Miss B. Hartnagle.

THE KENNEL

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF KENNEL CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the local kennel club has been called for Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Dr. Holder's office, Fort street. The meeting has not been called for the purpose of transacting any business, but for the sole purpose of creat-

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Household Furniture, etc.

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VICTORIA THEATRE.

ONE NIGHT ONLY. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th. RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S FAMOUS

Georgia Minstrels

50—PEOPLE—50 3—BANDS—3 4—BIG—ORGANS—4 Thomas, Fidler, Stevenson, Bangford, 4—Sweet English Boulevard Traps—4 Drawn by Kentucky thoroughbred horses. FAMOUS ALABAMA QUARTETTE. Stage-set, Singing Floor—Ever introduced by a Minstrel Company. Prices: \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c. Seats on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

For Hospital Benefit.

Under the Patronage of His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Hayward, and His Lordship the Bishop and Miss Perin.

CONCERT

To be Given in the

INSTITUTE HALL,

Saturday, February 16th. By the pupils of Mr. E. G. Wickens, assisted by the well-known vocalists, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Morison and Mr. H. J. Cave. Tickets, 50c.; reserved seats, 75c.; may be booked at Lombard's Store. Doors open 7:30 p. m., commence 8:15 sharp.

TO LADIES.

I will send free to every suffering lady 10 days' treatment of a simple home remedy that completely cures all of female diseases of the worst kind. Send your name to-day and be cured, or call on MR. E. D. NEWSOM, 3 Bridge Street, Victoria, B. C.

WORKING OVERTIME.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick-headache and all Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c. at F. W. Fawcett & Co.'s drug store.

—Excellent "extras" at the drill hall promenade concert to-morrow night.

—Two of the Puget Sound tugboat fleet have returned to the Sound after making an exhaustive but ineffective search for the Hala. They report that the Hala was never reported.

—Buy an "Outlook" to-morrow, Chinese Immigration, Ed. No. 4. All book stores.

—Don't miss the promenade concert at the drill hall to-morrow evening.



ROBERT L. BORDEN, K. C., M. P., The New Leader of the Conservative Party.

Ogilvie, McConnell and Dawson having been recently purchased. In addition it is said that the Walsh and another steamer will in all probability come under the company's flag. The deal is one of the biggest in the history of northern transportation, and will give to the railway company a more economical and advantageous system of handling its business.

J. H. Greer, the local agent of the company, when asked this afternoon, could give no official confirmation of the story.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

(Published by the B. C. Stock Exchange, Limited.)

New York, Feb. 15.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange to-day:

Table with columns: American Sugar, American Tobacco, People's Gas, Manhattan, C. M. & St. P., C. R. I. & P., C. B. & Q., E. R. T., Federal Steel, Am. E. & W.

TORONTO STOCK QUOTATIONS.

(Published by B. H. Hurst & Co., 35 Post Street.)

Table with columns: B. C. Gold Fields, Black Tail, Emson and Golden Cr., Canadian G. P. S., Cariboo McKinney, Cariboo Hydraulic, North Star, Crow's Nest Pass Coal, California, Deer Trail Con., Evening Star, Fairview Corp., Golden Star, Giant, Iron Mask, Knob Hill, Granby Smelter, Morning Glory.

Sales—B. C. G. F., 2,000 at 2 1/2, 50 days, 2,000 at 3; Republic, 500 at 4 1/2; California, 3,000 at 4 1/2, 500 at 4 1/2; Hammond Reef (30 days), 500 at 1 1/2, 500 at 1 1/2; White Bear, 500 at 4 1/2, 500 at 4 1/2.

—News was received here this morning that Pte. Court has arrived at Halifax on route home from South Africa. He was last reported in London, Eng.

—Job lot of cross-cut saws to be sold at less than half price. Shore's Hardware.

ing a spirit of unanimity among the members of the recently formed club, so that the progress of the organization will not be hampered by any disagreements. All members not agreeing with what was done at the last meeting are particularly requested to be in attendance. The following principles which were advocated and passed at the last meeting will be discussed, and, if possible, amended to meet the views of all members: The blue ribbon and silver medal to be open to all owners; cash prizes as large as the finances of the club will permit for competitors from outside the province; cups and special prizes in kind for animals bred in the province. The last clause regarding special prizes for animals bred in the province was passed with the object of encouraging local dog-breeders to import prize dogs and exhibit them. As stated before, a free discussion on the above special prizes will take place, and, if possible, everybody satisfied. It may be well to mention in this connection that the idea of reserving special prizes for local breeders did not come from the members of the club who kept prize dogs, but their expressed wish had always been that prizes should be open to all comers.

TURF.

HUNT CLUB MEET.

The Victoria Hunt Club will hold their weekly run to-morrow afternoon. Members will meet at Colwood at 2:30 o'clock.

Geo. Hannah, passenger traffic manager of the Allan steamship line, Montreal, is in the city looking after the interests of that well known company.

—Hear the Metropolitan orchestra at the drill hall to-morrow night.

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