s. McHardy, two story frame dwell-corner of Kingston and Montreal

McL an, dwelling, Moss street,

oria West, \$2,500.

Mrs. J. Raymur, 1½ story frame dwelling, Stanley avenue, \$2,500.

Ald. Stewart, alterations to dwelling on North Park street, \$1,000.

Dr. Stainer, one story frame building,

Dr. Stainer, one story frame building, Betteville street, \$3.50.

R. Seabrook, two 1½ story frame dwellings, Discovery street, \$3.600.

W. Smille, one story frame cottage, San Juan avenue, Beckley Farm, \$1,200.

First Congregational church, Blanchard street and Pandora avenue, \$0.500.

Mrs. Tripp, frame dwelling, Niagara street, 81, 200.

Roht. Tait, two story frame dwelling,

P. T. Whittington, building in Spring

YEAR'S FIRE RECORD.

Largest Number of Alarms, But Loss Comparatively Light. Up to Wednesday it could safely be said that the record of the fire department for the year 1903 was remarkable because

the year 1903 was remarkable because of the large number of alarms and the comparatively light loss. The fire at the Army and Navy clothing store, however, upset calculations and added about five thousand dollars to the losses for the year. During the past twelve months there has been more fires and alarms than in any year since the organization of the department. Unlike other years, the number of grass fire alarms has been very small.

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Wednesday's conflagration was the most destructive on the list—the blaze at the residences of B. J. Perry and others on Mary street coming next. Of course in this list the fires outside the city limits

re not included.

Quite a few of the fires might have de-

Quite a few of the fires might have developed into serious proportions but for the prompt work of the department, conspicuous among which were those of Paisley dye works, Yates street, on March 14th; B. C. metallic bedstead factory on July 29th; the St. Joseph's hospital on August Sth, when the fire had been burning under the roof for probably half an hour before discovered, and then only resulting in a loss of \$500, and that of J. Meston's carriage factory on October 16th.

Considerable new equipment has been

Considerable new equipment has been added to the department, principal among which are 1,000 feet of paragon cotton rubber lined hose, one 'Seagrave two-piece trussed extension ladder and one Browder life-saving net; also new horses to replace those which from time to time become unift for service.

The returns by month are as follows:

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DING CIRCLE

Mr. McL. an, dwelling, Moss street, a, 100.

Mr. Annie McGregor, 12/2 story frame ouse, Cornorant street, \$1,500.

Mr. McGinnis, one story frame building, South Turner street, \$2,000.

John Nelson, two story frame building, South Turner street, \$2,000.

John Nelson, two story frame building, Linden avenue, \$2,800.

Mrs. R. Nash, two story frame building, Linden avenue, \$2,800.

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Mr. Prout, alterations to Windsor steel, St. 100.

John Nelson, two story frame building, Mrs. R. Palmer, two story frame building, and street, \$1,900.

Mr. Prout, alterations to Windsor steel, Government street, \$1,900.

Mr. E. Palmer, three one story frame buildings, Michigan street, \$1,900.

Mr. Rostein Street, \$2,000.

Alex. Peden, ir., one story frame building, St. Charles street, \$2,000.

Mr. Rostein Street, \$2,000.

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Brown & Cooper, gilding, Government

story mie Conyers, two alley avenue, \$1,600. Works, large frame orks, \$2,400.

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weett, 11/2 story fre Fox, addition to Bay road, \$400. X. Gordon, two Rilside extension

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GOOD SHOWING OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Will Send Twenty-Two Vessels Out This Coming Season-Seals in the Great Lakes.

streets, \$14,000.

Mr. Rochon, small brek store, Wharf street, \$400.

C. W. Rogers, two story brick building, Government street, \$5,000.

Royal Jubitee hospital, one story brick building, \$14,000.

W. A. Robertson, frame blacksmith's shop, Discovery street, \$300.

Percy Richardson, one story frame building, Toronto street, \$1,200.

John Raymond, two story brick building, 2½ story frame building, Belleville street, \$3,000.

Wm. M. Ross, one story cottage, facing Esquimalt road, \$1,500.

Two other houses, Dalton street, Victoria West, \$2,500.

Notwithstanding some, heavy losses sustained during the past season, the depression in the price of fur seal and some. \$13,000 spent in repairs and overhauling ressels for sea, the Victoria Sealing Company for the past season, ending November 30th, has been able to declare a dividend of 50 cents per share. This was the very gratifying statement made in the annual report presented at yesterday's meeting in the board of trade building. The net balance from the company's earnings during the season was \$16, 886,03. The wages paid to crews operating vessels on the Pacific Coast amounted to \$138,382.97. Eleven of the company's Indian schooners worked on this coast and eight white schooners in Behring Sea, which took combined 11,714 skins. In addition there were the Florence M. Smith and the E. B. Marvin, which were sent to Cape Horn, and which took 3,221 and 2,474 skins, respectively.

It was decided to send a fleet of about 22 vessels to sea this year, the Casco and Triumph, which will be ready to sail in about ten-days, and 20 others which will go down the coast. The rate of wage to be paid Indian hunters, it was agreed, should remain unchanged, namely, \$5 per skin for each canoe, or \$2.50 per man.

The old board of directors were reelected as follows: Capt, J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt, J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt, J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt, J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt, J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt, J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt, J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P. W. Menzie, R. Scabrook, A. J. Bechtel as treasurer.

Capt. Grant's management of the company's business met with the approval of all present, and his successful and economical methods highly commended. No discussion arose in regardi to the recent as a sealer; ex Lieut. Governor Fifield, of Wiscons

VANCOUVER NEWS

Van Horne Block Sold-No Trace of

The marriage of Mr. William Cammish

to time become unit for service.

The returns by month are as follows.

Loss by Months, 1960.

No. of Airms.

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now all but ended probably the figures migrauts who have arrived from the Flowery Kingdom during the past twe.ve months has more than doubled that number paying the tax at Victoria in 1902, there having been derived from the Chinese during the past year \$584.979, as against \$258,820 for the preceding year. During the past month there arrived at this port from the Far East 1,236 Chinese, which is the largest number on record entering in any one month. The import duty during 1902 was \$719,977.31, as against \$767,799.97 rep.

Japan Gets Ships.

completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Riyadavia, build-ing at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was negotiating. Japan paid \$7,-500,000 for the yessels.

Wants More Cruisers.

Russian Vlew.

Anxious to Meet Prince. London, Dec. 31.-The Times Pekin

London, Dec. 31.—The Timos Pekin correspondent says that during the visit of Huyafen, the director of the northern railways to Port Arthur, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the Far East, requested him to invite the Chinese court to send an imperial prince to Port Arthur for the purpose of arranging matters directly with Viceroy Alexieff and away from Japanese intrigues.

Nothing Decided.

OFFICERS INSTALLED At Meeting of Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Duncans.

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ebruary	15,171	192,064	55,431 62	31,660	451 56
larch	56,167	234.032	66,938 49	17,621	95 56
pril	58,780	263,620	73,963 45	40,235	145 78
ay	101,794	214,008	71.078 27	51,257	98 90
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INLAND REVENUE.

Returns For the Port of Victoria the Year Ending Thursday.

The following are the inland revenu collections for the year ended Decembe 31st, 1903:

January				8 14,913	5.01
February				12,84	1.83
March				14,42	
April				16,44	
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June					
July				18,26	9 38
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November			******	13,55	
December	****	*****	*******	16,00	0 00
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WAR MAY BE AVERTED.

French Minister Making Strenuous Ef-

London, Dec. 30.-Lord Lansdowne's belief of the French foreign minister that he will be able to prevail on Russia

tioned by a representative of the Asso-ciated Press regarding the hopeful atti-tude, said he was aware the French ciated Press regarding the hoperul attitude, said he was aware the French
foreign minister was making strensous efforts for peace. So far as Baron
Hayashi knew to-night these had not
been crowned with success. But the
Japanese minister laid much stress on
the Associated Press dispatch from
Paris' announcing that the French government did not believe that war between Russia and Japan would break
out, and said: "The French government must be in a better position than
that of any, other power to know the
nature of the Russian reply. It they
are honest in saying they do not believe
there was danger of war, they must
have been pretty certain Russia will
agree at least to the spirit of Japan's
proposals. Up to now we have no indication of this, and unless Russia does
agree, there seems no way of averting
war, I only trust that M. Delcasse
will be successful." The marriage of Mr. William Cammish Coatham, principal of the Boys' school, New Westminster, and Mrs. Margaret Ann Johnston, of the same city, took place on Tuesday at the residence of Mr. J. W. Cameron, 451 Princess street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. MacLeod, in the presence of a few intimate friends. The young couple left by the Victoria boat on their wedding tour, and on their return will reside on Ninth street, New Westminster.

No trace of Mr. Yestman, the rancher of Valdez Island, who was lost some time ago while on a hunting trip with his son, has been found after weeks of searching. James Cook, of Ladner, brother-in-law of Mr. Yestman, has just returned from the island and says the country for miles around where the

ister Lamsdorff and Viceroy Alexieff, the former with the Czar's support, being notoriously opposed to war, and the latter being believed to favor it. Up to now the viceroy is thought in this quarter to have had the better of it, and to have committed Russia to such an extent that a compromise, in spite of the Czar's personal feeling, is impossible.

The spread of noxious weeds can be attributed to no single cause. They seem to be muturally adapted to rapid spreading, and besides there are various natural and artigcial agencies which als in their dissemination. Not the least im

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Japanese minister to the United States called at the American state department to-day and reported that the situation in the Far East gives great concern, and that Japan is preparing for the worst.

Santiago De Chili, Dec. 30.—The Chilian government has received offers from the Japanese government for the purchase of two Chilian warships, the battleship Capitan Prat, 6,000 tons, and the cruiser Chacabuco, 4,500 tons.

in their dissemination. Not the least important among these agencies is the seed grain trade. Almost every farmer purchases yearly seed of grain or grasses and clovers with little thought of introducing weed seeds in this way. As a matter of fact, however, he seldom gets seed perfectly free from weed seeds of some kind. Oceasionally these are not particularly injurious, but not frequently they are mose undesirable, and, heing introduced unconsciously, gain a strong foothold before their presence is suspected. In this connection some particulars of the analysis of seeds from the department of agriculture at Ottawa should be of interest, as they show to what extent these conditions prevail.

Of over two hundred samples of timothy analyzed during 1903 only four had no weed seeds in them; in the others over thirty different kinds of weed seeds were represented? Of these cinquefoil, peppergrass, sheep sorrel, ribgrass, false flax, lamb's-quarters, Canada thistle and white cockle vere most commonly found suite ockle vere most commonly present, often at the rate of several thousand per pound. In red clover and alsike, of each of which there were several hundred samples analyzed, there were upwards of forty species of weed seeds, those being commonest whose size approximated that of the clover seed. Thus in red clover were commonly found curied doek, Canada thistle, white cockle and ribgrass, while in alsike, false flax, white cockle, sheep sorrel, cinquefoil and black medick were prevalent.

The primary cause for this prevailing condition is no doubt the growth of weeds with the crop for seed, and the tendency of farmers to buy improperly cleaned seeds because they are cheaper than, and to a casual examiner, equally as good as dearer grades. It is naturally safe to regard cheap seed as of inferior quality and, on this account to avoid buying it.

Dodder was present in twelve samples of red clover, at an average tate of 418 seeds per pound; this is considerably more than was much entered from that country, one sample s the cruiser Chacabuco, 4,500 tons.

Awaiting Russia's Reply.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The completion of all the necessary preparations for eventualities have been followed by a temporary luil pending the receipt of Russia's reply. It is reported at Seoul that the Russian minister is trying every means to induce the Korean court to grant Russia a lease of Massampho as a naval station. The unrest in southern Korea continues. Russian Ylew.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that the dominant sentiment to-day is that war is inevitable. A military authority; accepting as a fact that war is a foregone conclusion, said to the correspondent: "I presume that when the time comes the Japanese will effect a landing in Korea. Well, what of it, and what after?" thus indicating that Russia does not propose to take precipitate action in, the event, of Japan trying to force the situation.

Anxious to Meet Prince.

TO PRESS HIS SUIT.

which he has against the Victoria Ter to come up in court in Vancouver next week. He is a large contractor in Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities. He concends that he is entitled to one-half of the stock of the Victoria Ter-

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The foreign office declares nothing has yet been decided regarding Russia's reply to Japan. Kurino, the Japanese minister here, has been conferring actively with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff. half of the stock of the Victoria Ter-tainal Company, and on that ground ins-action is partially based. When the company was financed by Mr. Wheeler, foracerly agent of the Great Northern ar Vancouver, Mi. Henry says he bought a half interest. Since that it has transpired that a majority of the stock is held by the other shareholders. He contends that having bought a half interest he is en-titled to fit, and is pressing for it.

In addition to this he wants the money advanced by him as a ioan to the com-On Saturday last the officers of

advanced by him as a loan to the com-pany paid back.

On these grounds he has entered

Mr. Henry believes that when the facilities possessed by the Victoria Terminal for laying down freight in bulk become advertised sufficiently in the East that the line should do a good business. The building of the Coast-Kootchay line would also assist in its traffic very materially. He, therefore, is quite hopeful of the results.

There is Hope for Cancer Sufferers

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT SUCCESSFUL

FAST TRAIN DERAILED.

REACH VICTORIA ON CHARMER LAST NIGHT

Crossed the Continent in Seven Days-Something About Experiment Tried in Transportation.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Just seven days from Halifax to Victoria was the time taken by company No. 58, R. G. A., in making its transcontinental tour. The company arrived on the Charmer last night, Major C. E. English in command, accompanied by Capt. M. Williams, Lieut. Geary and Lieut. Fall, all of the Royal Artillery, and Capt. Wright, of the Army, Service Corps. Ot the rank and file there are 156 men of the Royal Garrison Artillery, 36 Royal Engineers, four of the Royal Army Medical Corps and one of the Army Ordnarec Corps.

There are in all 224 in the company, which includes 25 Royal Engineers direct from England, 20 children and 12 women.

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Regarding the trip overland Major English says:

"We had a very good run-through, and the U. P. R., which took charge of every detail of transportation, certainly handled its well. We encountered some very cold weather en route, and at Rat Portage and White River, along the north shore, the thermometer registered 35 below zero. In one instance two cars were frozen up while a change of engines was being effected, but the inconvenience was only temporary, being soon remedied.

"The experiment in hammocks, is, I think, worthy of adoption. The men are not altogether in favor of this method of transportation, but it is convenient, especially when sleeping cars are not available. More men can be carried, and the ventilation is better. The Imperial authorities fitted up one of the first-class cars with hammocks. These were slung from beams in the car, some longitudinally and others latitudinally. It was found that the former worked more successfully, as the latter swung together when the train was rounding curves. The former, too, allows of more men being accommodated in a car. The hammocks were used in the nature of an experiment to ascertain whether, in case of an emergency, box cars could be used for troops when passenger coaches could not be had, in case of declaration of war, and when it was found necessary to rush a large number of troops across the continent."

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Locat yachtsmen will be pleased to learn that Capt, Williams has brought his famous little yacht along, which has taken three firsts at Halifax this year. A number of horses and ponies and dogs also arrived with the company.

Football formed their chief active recreation on the journey, and several matches were played at various stopping points. The officers attributed the perfect health of the men to the exercise they were able to obtain in this way. Snowballing, of course, was indulged in at every available opportunity, and at Schrieber many of the men were slightly touched with frost, while two were severely frest bitten, while thus engaged. The company were conveyed to Work Point in special cars last night, and are to-day busy settling down in their new others.

THREE PERISHED IN FIRE.

Burned to Death in Blaze Which Partially Destroyed the Troy Club.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 30.-Moses T. Clough, the nester of the Rensslauer County Bank, and the only survivor of County Bank, and the only survivor of the class of 1848 of Dartmouth College, Wm. Shaw, head of the law firm of Slaw, Bailey & Murphy, of which former United States Senator Edward Murphy's son is a member, and Benjamin W. Kinney, manager for the Fuller-Warren Company in Boston, Mass., are dead, the victims of a fire which partially destroyed the Troy club in an early hour this morning. The outbreak broke out soon after a dinner of society people of this section had broken up in the building.

IN THE WORST CASES.

Three Men Reported to Have Lost Their Lives.

Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Fast passenger train No. 22 on the Lake Shore was derailed near here. Two engineers and Tumors has cured some for the worst cases after operations did not permanently eradicate the disease. Learn all about our pleasant home treatments of "Salada" Ceylon tea have been passed through the customs for the worst cases after operations did not permanently eradicate the disease. Learn all about our pleasant home treatments end two stamps for book, "Cancer, Its Canse and Cure." V. Stort & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

To Cure a Cold in One Day in Two Days. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. 6. 7. Grove box. 25c.

Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature. BUSINESS COMPLETED WITH MUCH CELERITY

Call Members of the Fire Department Petitioned for an Increase in Salary -Other Business.

Monday's meeting of the city council was a record breaker for brevity. It lasted only half an hour the order paper being unusually limited.

Mr. Justive Martin on behalf of residents of St. Charles street requested an electric light at the point where the street turns; also repairs to the thorough fare. Referred to the electric light committee and the city engineer.

E. H. Fletcher: post office inspector, asked permission to attach certain letter boxes to electric light poles where convenient. Request granted subject to the approval of the city engineer, the permit to be drawn up by the city solicitor.

The water commissioner recommended that waterworks employees of the city be allowed one pair of gum boots yearly. Received and adopted.

The building inspector recommended the removal of a certain shack on Fortstreet. It was decided to notify the awners of the structure to meet the council, the time left in the hands of the Mayor.

The call members of the fire department, petitioned for an increase in salaries in the following communication:

To His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen: To His Worship the Mayor and the Board

of Aldermen:
Geutlemen:—We, the undersigned call ofleers and members of the Victoria fire departiment, do hereby humbly petition your
amorable body that you may take into your
avorable consideration the matter of
ranting our request for an increase in saltries. We beg to submit the following
reasons for making the above request:
L. Some years ago, when the work in
connection with the department was less,
in higher rate of pay was allowed than at
oresent.

sent.
The damage done to our personal thing while suppressing fires is, in the rise of a year, a considerable item of exist to us, no weating apparel being proci for the department by the city.
We are subject to call at any hour of day or night (Sundays and holidays in-lied) in case of a fire occurring, thus ling our whole time engrossed in the serie of the department.
The number of calls, besides the regu-weekly drills, we have responded to ing the past year exceeds those of any rights, sear, while the record of losses sod by fires has been correspondingly

egard: istant chief, to be raised from \$25 to per month; captains (3), \$20 to \$25; en; \$18 to \$21, beg to remain, gentlemen, your obedirvants,
P. McDowell, W. P. Smith, W. DunR. Petticrew, P. W. Dempster, Hugh
etticrew, L. Oliver, R. A. Durrant, J.
mith, Charles Paimer, O. Gieldemister,
mpster, W. A. Sprinkling, W. H. CarW. Walkem Wilson, J. Manton, J. C.
h. A. Kinsey.

Referred to the favorable considerhe finance committee recommended appropriation of \$3,583.62 for the al purposes. Adopted

ed, adopted and finally passed, neil then adjourned.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

of South Saanich Methodist Sun chool Celebrated Monday Even-ing-Other Treats.

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nristmas entertainment was held a vetening at the Methodiat church, saanich, when the pupils of the Sunbool of that church spent a thorough-gable time. The chair was occupied proceedings of the part in the proceeding of the pro

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Of St. Louis Opposed to "Closed Shop" and Eight Hour Law.

and Eight Hour Law.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—In a speech last night before representative citizens from every line of trade and commerce in the city. David M. Parry, of Indianapolis, president of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America, spoke in favor of suppressing union leaders. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Cltiterist Industrial Association of St. Louis, which permanently organized, and adoption of the country of the country of the country of the city of the

at, to be played at tional chess fournament, to be played at Monte Carlo, announced to-day that the following players had been selected to start in the tournament for the challenge cup in February: Swiderski, of Berlin; Marco and Schlechter, of Vienna; Marshall, of New York; Marozy, of Buda Pest, and Gunsberg, of London.

REDUCING OIL

Corsican, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Pipe line yesterday cut crude petroleum five cents a barrel, dropping the price to \$1.27. The advance began last May, when the price was \$5 cents, and continued steadily until \$1.32 was reached. Heavy oil was cut to 55 cents.

CONSERVATIVES WILL MEET IN VICTORIA

Members of the Provincial Executive Discuss Measures to Discipline John Houston.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Meeting of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge Last Monday at Masonic Temple —Enjoyable Banquet.

There was a large attendance at the installation of officers of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., which took place on Monday at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street. After the ceremony an adjournment was taken to the Victoria hotel, where a banquet had, been prepared for the occasion, and the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

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the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

Promptly at the time appointed those who had gathered to take part in and witness the ceremony of installation were called to order. Right Worshipful Bro. E. B. Paul, district deputy grand master of the jurisdiction, was assisted by W. Brothers Geo. Glover, W. F. C. Pope, D. Wilson, A. McKeown, A. Walkley, Dr. Cobbett, B. S. Oddy, W. T. Phillips, S. B. Netherby, W. Dalby, H. L. Salmon, P. J. Riddell, A. A. Thompson and Thos. Shotbolt, in conducting the ceremonies. Following are the officers who were installed: W. M., J. Randolph; S. W., A. Currie; J. W., H. M. Grahame; treasurer, B. S. Heisterman; secretary, M. W. Bro. R. B. McMicking, S. D. L. Tait, J. D., A. McAfee; I. G., E. H. Russell; S. S., A. McCrawford; J. S. H. Edwards; director of ceremonies, S. G. Willis; organist, W. Haynes; tyler, F. Stockham.

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When the ceremony had been completed those present, as already stated, proceeded to the Victoria hotel, where they sat down to tables laden with all manner of delicacies. A first class dinner was served under the personal supervision of Mine Host E. E. Leason, which was, needless to say, thoroughly appreciated. J. J. Randolph, the newly-elected master, presente at the list left was the immediate past master, Bro. W. F. C. Pope, and on his right sat the district deputy grand master, Bro. E. B. Paul.

After the inner man had been satisfied the usual Masonic tonst list was taken up. "The King and Craft" was first proposed and responded to with patriotic enthusiasm.

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"The President of the United States" was proposed by W. Bro. W. F. C. Pope and replied to by Bro. A. Smith, U. S. consul, in an interesting address. He told, of the relation between the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and emcluded his remarks with a few amusing remarks with a few amusing

sistance during his period as presiding officer.

In an able address Bro. A. W. Currie proposed the tonat "Sister Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. E. S. Rowe and others. "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. H. M. Grahame, and responded to by Masons from other parts of this province and from the States, The tyler's tonat, "To All Poorand Distressed Brethren," was proposed to by Dr. C. N. Cobbett, and met with an enthusiastic response.

A. K. Prince and Guy Daniels, of Chiengo, who are making a tour of the world, were present and gave a number of entertaining specitions and received a number of entertain.

encores.

The gathering broke up in the early hours after all present had spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

VANCOUVER ISLAND COMPANY EXPLAINS

It Expects Government to Be Put in Hands of Competent Men Before Long.

The British Columbia Logging &

The British Columbia Logging & Lamber Company, operating at the northern end of Vancouver Island, has determined to cease operations, as an nounced in the Times a few days ago by special correspondence from Nanaimo In a letter to the Nanaimo Herald the company states:

"Logs in Vancouver and in the Sound States are at present worth from \$4 to \$6 per M. Now as we understand the buil just passed we will be taxed from \$1 to \$5 and more per M., according to grade and size of timber. Any sane person can readily see that it is an utter impossibility to carry on a logging-business at those rates. We have paid cash for all the timber bought by us and have relieved many families from almost utter destitution to a comparatively prosperous state. Nine-tenths of the timber we bought was heavily mortgaged, land as well, an utter impossibility of ever paying it off without selling their timber. The timber we buy from the settlers is virtually to them a cash bonus as we leave them all the timber under sixteen inches in diameter, thus leaving them all they may require and also helping them in clearing their land. We have now two logging camps in operation, employing from 70 to 80 men, and we pay these men from \$3 to \$4.75 per day, and many of these men are ranch-A meeting of the provincial Conservative executive was held in Vancouver yesterday to take into consideration a number of burning questions. One of these was the mutinous disposition of John Houston, who, despite his formal reading out of the party by Chas, Wilson, manifests a disquieting disposition to exercise the duties of the office reposed in him by the Conservatives of the power in him by the Conservatives of the power in the Conservatives of Kootenay, signed by Mr. Houston as president of the Libera and the timber was three mination to assert himself takes the form of a call to convention of the Conservatives of Kootenay, signed by Mr. Houston as president of the Libera and it has the convention is for the purpose of nominating a Conservative candidate for the Dominion House. Hon Mr. Green denies Mr. Houston's authority, and claims that he, as representative in the cabinet of the Kootenays, is the man to summon the party together in that district.

This matter was threshed out rester day, and it was decided also to hold a convention of the party in Victoria the first week in February.

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law-abiding, tax-paying people of Bri-In an interview published in the Nanaimo Free Press, R. W. Wilson, of the B. C. Logging & Lumbering Com-pany, says

our camps."

Mr. Wilson, in explaining the situation, said that the action the company proposed to take was forced upon them by the new schedule of taxation on timber. They had, he continued, invested about \$75,000 in timber unised, invested about \$75,000 in timber on Vancouver Island, which had cost them on the average of one dollar a thousand feet board measure standing. Logging the timber costs from \$3.50 to \$4.50 more and towing the logs, 75 cents. The total cost thus came to about \$5.75 per thousand.

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We might, of course," said Mr. Wilson, "build a mill here, but what guarantee have we that we shall not be
taxed out of existence if we do? Look
at the facts. We come in here, we invest our money and we make ready to
do business, having first of all examined
the conditions existing. We find that
there is a field for the industry we propose to operate, and we spend a big sum
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"We contend," concluded Mr. Wilson.

cluded his remarks with a few amusing anecdotes.

W. Bro. A. Walkley proposed the "Grand Lodge of British Columbia" in an able speech. He dealt with the history of the imaguration of that angust body and told a number of interesting in cidents of the early days of Masonry in this province. Bro. E. R. Paul. D. D. G. G. M., responded with a few well chosen remarks.

The next loast was that of the "New ly-elected Officers," and was proposed by the Right W. Bro. E. R. Paul. who paid the new office bearers a high compliment and wished them every success during the ensuing term. He also referred to the pleasure it gave him to be present on such an occasion, W. M. J. J. Randolph thanked the former speaker for his complimentary words, and asked the brethren present to render him their assistance during his period as a presiding officer.

In an able address Bro. A. W. Currie proposed the tonat. "Sister Lodges" which was responded to by Bro. E. S. Rowe and others. "Visitine Brethren" amounts to a breach of faith."

The proposed by Rro. H. M. Grahame.

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S. FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1904.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Journal of Commerce to-day says: "Immigration at this port in 1903 has passed all previous records, During the calendar year now ending 619.980 immigrants, steerage passengers, arrived here, as against 547.497 in 1902, increase of 72.283, It is estimated that some 2,000 more foreigners will land here before January 1st, so that the total increase will probably be close on to 75,000."

ALL QUIET AT KISHINEFF.

SOLDIERS DEPART FOR THE FAR EAST

Embarked on Empress of China This Morning-Interesting Scene at Outer Wharves.

Company No. 83, R, G. A., bade farewell to Victoria on Tuesday. The Empress of China, taking them to Hongkong, arrived down from Vancouver last night about 8 o'clock, and remained over here antil 10.30 o'clock this morning in order to embark the troops in daylight. The scene presented at the outer wharves this morning was a most interesting one. The piers were crowded with people from early morning. As soon as day broke the men from Work Point were on hand to see that their baggage was placed safely on board. Down beneath the passengy deck quarters had been prepared for the men's accommodation. Haymocks were swung for them to sleep in, and other arrangements provided for the men's shelter and comfort. The departing company numbered six officers, one hundred and thirteen men and twelve women and children. Major Gurdon, as stated heretofore, is in command, and accompanying him are Capt. Wakefield, Lieuts, Milman, Cameron, Wulte and Allan. These officers have all made many friends for themselves during their sojourn here, and their friends, together with those of the men, gathered on the wharf in large number to see them started on their long voyage.

The company coming from Halifax to succeed Company No. S3 will arrive here on the Charmer this evening. There are 183 men in the contingent. They are in charge of Major English, who on his arrival here and taking command at Work Point, will be promoted to the local rank of colonel,

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Funeral of the Late N. C. Schou-The Merchant Service Guild.

Merchant Service Guild.

The funeral of Mr. Nicolai C. Schon, who died in Victoria on Christmas morning, took place on Monday from Centre & Hanna's parlors to Trinity church, Fairview. The members of Enniskillen Lodge, L. O. L., were present at the funeral, which was attended by a large number of citizens.

The C. P. R. are building a new whart 400 feet deep on the Yancouver harbor water front, east of Gore avenue, for the New England Fish Company.

O. L. LeRoy, who has been appointed mineralogical surveyor of the Imperial railway of China, safled on Monday for Shanghai.

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A branch of the Merchant Service Guild, whose members are composed of British masters and officers, is flourishing in Vancouver. On Saturday night the guild held a secial in the city and a very able address on the aims and objects of the guild was delivered by Captain Eddie, who was the promoter of the guild here.

So large a congregation flocked to hear the tamous divine, Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, at the Wesley Methodist church on Sunday evening that eventually even the available standing space was occupied. Rev, Guy Pearse conducted the service throughout, taking for the subject of his sermon the part played by Peter in the story of the Cross. Rev. Mr. Pearse delivered his famous lecture, "The Old Folks at Home," on Monday evening.

St. John's Day fell on Sunday this

can stand it as well as the country can stand it as well as the country can stand indirect results of what really amounts to a breach of faith."

Rameses II., ruler of Egypt, was the oppressor of Israel. The Exodus was during the reign of his son, Menephtha.

A positive refusal to arbitrate was the decision of the joint associations of Chicago liverymen on Tuesday on the proposal submitted by the atriking livery drivers. Many desertions from the union were resorted.

were reported.

J. A. McBeth, his wife and five-year-old daughter and his brother-in-law, Bert West, were burned to death at Balold daughter and his brother a lander West, were burned to death at Ballinger in a fire which destroyed the furniture store of J. A. Ostertag.

Ex-Congressman John M. Glover, who was wounded in the arm and arrested by the military at Cripple Creek on Monday, has been released by order of Monday, has been released by order of the Congressman Lander of Monday, has been released by order of Monday, has been released by order of

Colonel Verdeckberk. His wound is not serious.

It is announced that President Loubet will visit Rome in April.

The National Shorthand Teachers' Association in session at Cincinnati was given an exhibition of remarkably rapid reporting on a blackboard on Tuesday, when Fred Ireland, official stenographer of the House of Representatives at Washington, wrote from dictation at the rate of 23 words per minute, and read the matter without an error in less than fifty seconds.

W. J. Bryan has returned to England from The Hague. Asked as to whether his study of the financial conditions abroad had resulted in any change in his views on the silver question, he replied: "Not the slightest." Mr. Bryan said he regretted that lack of time had prevented him from making a more extensive investigation of the social and industrial conditions of the countries through which he had passed.

UNEASINESS AMONG GERMANS A General Rising of Hottentots in South Africa Is Feared.

Capetown, Dec. 30.—The Cape Times reports grave alarm throughout German territory in South Africa, and says that there are fears of a general Hottentot rising there.

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The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, B. C., and David MacEwen Eberts, whose address is Victoria, B. C., is the attorney of the Company.

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To mine, quarry, work, mill and prepare for sale by any process, and to sell and deal in gold, silver, copper and other minerals, and generally to carry on the trades of mining and mine owners:

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H. P. O'FARRELL,

November 19th, 1903.

NOTICE.

COTTON KING'S CAMPAIGN.

How Fund Being Raised Among Spiners of the United States Will Be Spent.

New York, Dec. 20.—J. Sully, the cotton king, who has made \$10,000,000 in the great campaign in cotton futures, which yesterday put the price of this commodity up to 14 cents, the highest in twenty-five years, and which has closed cotton mills all over the country and Europe and thrown many thousands of men and women out of employment, is raising a fund of \$250,000 among the cotton spinners of the United States "to influence" the American press and the American people to accept the high prices of one of their greatest commodities as the isevitable result of conditions created by physical necessities rather than by speculative manipalation, says, a morning paper. Mr. Sully has himself subscriped \$10,000 to the pool, and in a letter and circular he solicits liberal subscripions, to the fund for the campaign, which is designed to be conducted during the year 1904 through specific channels.

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