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Earl of Darnley and Esquimaux and Work Point To-day.

Lord Darnley spent this morning inspecting the fortification works at Work Point and Esquimaux. This evening he will inspect the Fifth Regiment at the drill hall.

Yesterday afternoon he visited the parliament buildings and other points of interest about the city.

Lord Darnley is accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Denny, head of the military intelligence department of Canada; Col. Evans, C. B. D. O. C.; Wippenh; Capt. Newton, A. D. C.; and Mr. McAllister, Lord Darnley's secretary.

The following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dine at Government House last night to meet the Earl of Darnley: Rear Admiral and Mrs. A. K. Blackford, Mrs. Oliver, the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, the Hon. W. and Mrs. Templeman, the Hon. Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter, Commodore and Mrs. J. E. C. Goodrich, the Hon. Richard and Mrs. McBride, the Hon. C. E. and Mrs. Pooley, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. McClelland, Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, Captain C. B. Keppel, C. B. D. S. O., Colonel Evans, C. B. D. O. C., Lieut. Col. Gordon, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hall, Commander and Mrs. Parry, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Lieut. Col. Denny, Major and Mrs. Bland, Major and Mrs. J. L. Black, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kermack, Miss Yernon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gillespie, Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mrs. and Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, Miss Boswell, Captain Newton, A. D. C., Mr. C. H. Pollen, Lieutenant G. V. Knox, R. N., Mr. McAllister, Captain B. H. Tyrwhitt

ASSESSMENT ACT "CINCHES" INVESTORS

Business Interests of the Province Will Pay in Some Cases Several Hundred Per Cent. Additional.

Fearfully and wonderfully made, the new Assessment Act, as it is studied, reveals new features which were unthought of when it was rushed through the legislature at the special request of the country's dictators, the banks. It is safe to say that there has never been enacted in British Columbia a bill which required such careful consideration, and which received as little as this one. Coming red hot from the civil servant who shaped it, the bill was presented to the House in an unfinished state. The ministers in charge of it had apparently read it through and had had it approved of by the banks. Apart from this superficial scanning of the measure, there was little to indicate during the passage of the bill through the House that the Attorney-General or the Minister of Finance were any better acquainted with it, other than in its most general features, than the remaining members of the legislature.

This was most unfortunate, and as the bill is studied the various industries affected realized it more fully. The government insisted upon its passage. The opposition counselled them to proceed slowly, but in spite of everything that could be done the Conservative party, backed by the Socialist members, forced the bill along. When no other way would succeed and when the government members were apparently convinced by the arguments adduced by the opposition, the former walked out of the House so that they would not be called upon to reply to the reasons advanced by the Liberals for the alteration of the bill, and in order to remain true to their promises to the banks that they would see it through.

The Victoria Board of Trade having the readiest access to the bill and thus being in a better position to become aware of its working, endeavored to make itself felt in getting redress from its worst features. The government refused to listen to them. The board had prepared a schedule showing the manner in which the new act inflicted disabilities upon the merchant classes by the imposition of taxes upon the full value of the stock, including the amount of the indebtedness upon the goods. In computing it several totally distinct cases were used as examples, as follows:

No. 1—A merchant with a capital amounting to \$75,000, carries a stock of \$150,000. His book debts amount to \$150,000. His annual profits are \$10,000. He owes on account of stock \$75,000, however, for which he pays 6 per cent. Under the new act, if paid before June 30th, his taxes are 9-10 of one per cent. He pays on his stock therefore 9-10 of one per cent. on \$150,000, or \$1,350. But as the debts owing to him in his business are exempt only up to one-half the stock carried, and are assessable over that amount, this merchant would have to pay taxes on the \$150,000, for which he pays 6 per cent. Under the old act he would pay one per cent. on his net capital of \$75,000, or \$750.

No. 2—A merchant with a capital of \$150,000, doing the same business with a profit of \$10,000, and in addition 6 per cent. on half the stock, or \$75,000, which brings his profits up to \$14,500. He pays the same tax, \$2,250. Under the old act he would pay \$750 on the capital of \$150,000. He pays under the new act a sum equal to 1 per cent. on his capital, or 1,500 per cent. on his income.

No. 3—A merchant with a capital of \$100,000, doing the same business with a profit of \$10,000, and in addition 6 per cent. on half the stock, or \$50,000, which brings his profits up to \$14,500. He pays the same tax, \$2,250. Under the old act he would pay \$500 on the capital of \$100,000. He pays under the new act a sum equal to 1 per cent. on his capital, or 1,000 per cent. on his income.

No. 4—A man with a capital of \$150,000, which is invested at 6 per cent. on mortgages yielding an income of \$9,000. He pays on income 1 1/2 per cent. on \$9,000, or \$135. He also pays 2 1/2 per cent. on the remaining \$141,000, or \$3,525. This \$150,000 is subject to the reduction of 10 per cent. if paid before June 30th, leaving the amount paid as \$1,350. Under the old act the tax would have been \$150.

No. 5—A retailer with a capital of \$2,500, stock \$5,000 and debts \$5,000. This profit is \$1,500, and there is owing on stock \$3,000. The retailer pays 9-10 of 1 per cent. on the \$5,000 stock, or \$45. He pays 9-10 of 1 per cent. on the debts up to half of the assessed value of the goods, or \$2,500. This adds another \$22.50 to the taxation, bringing it

MRS. DUNSMUIR'S EVIDENCE GIVEN

SHE WILL BECOME AN INTERVIEWER IN CASE

Testimony Given Under Commission in San Francisco Is Being Read in the Trial.

In yesterday afternoon's proceedings of the Hopper-Dunsmuir case Mrs. Joan Olive Dunsmuir, mother of James Dunsmuir, and a party plaintiff in the action against him, was examined at the instance of Sir Hilbert Tupper, who, with Mr. Dury, are representing her.

Owing to the indisposition of the witness the examination was conducted at Craigdarroch, the residence of Mrs. Dunsmuir, to which those who attended were conveyed in carriages. Before proceeding there, however, Sir Hilbert Tupper made it understood that the case represented by him was entirely independent of the Hopper action, and involved a separate statement of claim.

The cross-examination of Montford Wilson, the San Francisco attorney, by Mr. Bodwell, was resumed yesterday afternoon.

James Dunsmuir gave witness to definitely understand that the debt of the company would be paid off in about two years, when Mrs. Dunsmuir would receive half the profits of the California business. Mr. Dunsmuir, however, would not include in the agreement any specific time in which the debt would be paid. Witness considered that he was doing the very best he could for Mrs. Dunsmuir. James Dunsmuir might not have signed the agreement had a covenant as to time been included in it. Witness gave Mrs. Dunsmuir to understand that the debt would be paid off within two years. Mr. Dunsmuir might have signed the agreement had it specified that the debt would be cleared within three years. Witness didn't think he explained to Mrs. Dunsmuir that James Dunsmuir was not bound to pay off the debt in any stated time. Both she and witness considered Mr. Dunsmuir's word sufficient. They thought they were lucky to get the assurance in any form.

In May, 1901, he knew Mrs. Dunsmuir had undergone a second operation in New York, and came to San Francisco very ill. He didn't think at the time that she would die so soon.

Counsel then questioned the witness closely and at length regarding the computation of the aggregate amount Mrs. Dunsmuir would receive from the estate in annuities, for the collateral inheritance tax. Witness explained that the total of \$314,000 was computed by the appraiser on the life insurance tables according to statute. The only information he gave the appraiser was Mrs. Dunsmuir's age—fifty-one. He did not inform the official of Mrs. Dunsmuir's condition. The appraiser did not ask for it.

Mr. Bodwell put the witness through a rigorous examination along this line, and remarked on the witness's singular conduct in not giving the appraiser any information as to Mrs. Dunsmuir's condition when he was acting for a man whose interest it was to have the amount reduced to the lowest possible figure. Witness said that the appraiser performed his duties according to the statute in which there was no provision requiring investigation of the physical condition of a party.

On being re-examined by Mr. Davis, the witness explained the circumstances surrounding the disposal of Mrs. Dunsmuir's library. She had expressed a desire to leave the library to herself and brother. Witness opposed this, and Mrs. Dunsmuir then decided to leave the books to his son. At that time he had no idea of the value or extent of the library. He had since learned, however, that the estate was in debt for the books, and he was determined that his son should not have one of them.

The California assets of the Dunsmuirs comprised considerable real estate. Mr. Dunsmuir's threat that he would remove the business to Victoria if the will was contested was, therefore, impossible of fulfillment. Will cases in San Francisco were usually tried with a jury. In discussing the will with Mrs. Dunsmuir witness had an idea that if a case was tried here it would be before several judges.

The statute limitations in California provided that a will had to be contested within one year from the time of probate.

His brother Russell had an affection of the arteries, and his doctors would not permit him to be examined.

By reference to memoranda witness gave the dates of his interviews with Mrs. Dunsmuir and James Dunsmuir. The subject of the agreement was discussed in the interviews with both persons. James Dunsmuir knew that witness was acting for Mrs. Dunsmuir at that time.

Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir was then called, and counsel proceeded to Craigdarroch to conduct the examination.

This Morning's Proceedings.

In resuming the trial this morning Mr. Justice Drake admitted that after looking into the application of Sir Chas. H. Tupper on behalf of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir—that he had concluded that she should be allowed as an intervener in the case, and not a party plaintiff. A separate statement of claim from that made on behalf of Edna Wallace Hopper will be filed.

The evidence of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir

INJURIES TO THE CRUISER FLORA

NOT SO SERIOUS AS SUPPOSED AT FIRST

A Couple of Holes and a Damaged Keel Only Disfigurement to Hull.

Seen in dry dock out of its natural element, the hull of the cruiser Flora presents no such picture of disfigurement as would be reasonably expected, from the ship's experiences on the rocks at Village Point, Deasman Island. The injuries are not nearly so serious as might be supposed by those who had read of the cruiser lying on the rocks at an angle of ten feet in five and of the huge towing strains required to float her.

For nearly three-quarters of the length of the ship the paint has hardly been scratched. Then on the port side from a point below the bridge and extending nearly the whole distance forward the keel presents a jagged appearance.

But only in one spot does a twisted plate project, as ripped from its fastenings. This spot is probably two or three feet square, and it appears well out from the keel a little above the bridge. About twenty feet forward of this again similar damage is seen, and the whole indicates that the cruiser was exceedingly fortunate in striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly protected by the wooden sheathing which surrounds the hull. This is about four inches in thickness; therefore the exact character of the injuries sustained are hard to estimate except from expert examination. Officers of the ship were agreeably surprised to find the ship in such good shape. It is probable that a couple of months will see her about again. To get everything ship-like in an undertaking as that of the repairs to the hull, for in the after cabins and on deck everything is in a state of confusion. The keel broken is a false one, and if the damage does not extend too far upward repairs can be easily effected.

Regarding the fog in which the ship stranded, and which has been so widely discussed, it is now learned that the fog encountered it after starting out from Union. It settled over the vessel so densely that for a time it was not known on which side of the Sound the ship was, the officers on the bridge believing that when they saw Village Point beacon they were opposite Base flats (ten miles farther on the course and on the other side of the channel). The moment the ship struck the atmosphere cleared, and everything was done to free the vessel, but without avail.

The scuttles through which the water flooded when she settled beneath the water are in the stern end of the ship, and not those of the side of the vessel, and were doubtless opened to allow of fresh air into the cabins.

THE STOVESON MURDER.

Confession of Perjury by a Chinaman Now in Jail Leads to Another Arrest.

(Special to the Times)

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A sensational development occurred yesterday in the Charley Sing murder case. Lat Ping, who with Woo Wai is in Westminster jail awaiting trial on a charge of perjury by giving false testimony against a Japanese in order to convict him of murder, sent for the police. To Magistrate Alexander and Officer Campbell he made a complete confession of perjury. He said the evidence was arranged and declared he had been told by Chin Toy that he had sent the Jap enter Charley's house at 3 o'clock on the morning the murder was committed. Chin Toy was the man who laid the information against the Jap, acting for other Chinamen. Magistrate Alexander and Officer Campbell had not been gone from the jail ten minutes with this sworn confession in their pockets, when they met Chin Toy and promptly put him under arrest. He will be charged with perjury and conspiracy.

THE VERDICT OF PUBLIC

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taken yesterday afternoon was read by Sir Chas. Tupper. The witness stated that at times she had talked over Alexander's condition with her son James, when the fact of the former's mind being somewhat impaired was returned to her. When James came back from San Francisco in 1890, he said that he had Alexander's will, and that \$3,500,000 was provided for the girl. The will was sealed. In 1898 Alexander visited her. He was in very bad health. His mental condition had become worse. James seemed to be doing business with him, but she did not think that Alexander was capable of doing much business. When he was in good health he would not be easily influenced. In 1898 he was a total wreck and could be influenced, she thought.

She had no further communication with James after the conversation respecting Alexander's will on the former's return from San Francisco in September, 1899.

In 1898, when Alexander was in ill health, the doctor said that he was not to be disturbed. Mrs. James Dunsmuir came to the house and went up to see him. Witness did not know what was said. After a fishing expedition to Comox Alexander came back somewhat better. He was not in condition to do business, however, she would think. She discussed no business with Alexander.

A. E. Rieper, an electrical engineer of San Francisco, was then called. He had known Alexander Dunsmuir from 1896. He proposed to replace the latter's steam hoist for taking coal out of the ship's by an electrical hoist. He could not induce him to make the change. Alexander proved himself as a shrewd, straightforward, hard-headed business man. In 1899, witness had charge of the installation of the electrical plant at San Leandro.

Cross-examined by Mr. Duff, witness said that he saw Alexander Dunsmuir in connection with signing the contract for the plant.

Mr. Luxton read the evidence taken on commission, of G. J. Hooper, proprietor of the Occidental hotel. While he was a clerk at the hotel, Alexander Dunsmuir was a guest from January, 1895, to July, 1896. He had never seen anything peculiar about him to show that he was mentally impaired. He seemed to be of a very firm character and hard to influence.

The cross-examination by Judge Coyne was read by Mr. Helmecker. The witness admitted that Alexander Dunsmuir might have sat up until very early in the morning drinking, and that he might have consumed very large quantities of liquor without the knowledge of witness, who was one of three clerks. He swore positively that he had not investigated the amount of liquor sent to Alexander Dunsmuir's rooms. No one had examined the books for that purpose.

The evidence of Contractor Freeman, who had charge of building San Leandro, was also read. He had seen Alexander Dunsmuir during the building of San Leandro. He signed the contract for the building in April, 1899. The contract was drawn up between Mrs. Josephine Wallace and the contractor. She signed the contract. Witness had submitted plans to Mrs. Wallace. Alexander Dunsmuir was present. It was decided, after discussion with them both, that plans should be prepared for a \$200,000 plan. Alexander Dunsmuir suggested changes just as Mrs. Wallace did. When the \$200,000 plan was submitted Alexander Dunsmuir was agreeable to changes suggested by Mrs. Wallace, costing \$1,000 more. Witness had submitted the bids for the house. Alexander Dunsmuir said these were too high and he would not build the house. Mrs. Wallace also lamented the high bids, and asked him to draw up new plans. Afterwards she told him to go ahead with the original plans. He saw Alexander Dunsmuir many times from April until December, 1899, when he left Mr. Dunsmuir discussed the building in a business-like manner. He was very rational in all his conversation. Mrs. Wallace seemed in good health during the time of the building of the house. He saw her in 1901, and she appeared to be in good health.

San Leandro was devoted to Mrs. Wallace, as he saw the deed. The house cost approximately \$40,000, without additions.

In December, 1900, or January, 1901, after the death of Alexander Dunsmuir, he saw Mrs. Wallace, who called at his office, to have some other things done to the house at San Leandro, and charge it to the cost of building. Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir was rational up to the last time he saw her.

Under cross-examination by Judge Coyne the witness had admitted that many changes were made in the house. It was originally to cost \$29,000, but it cost \$40,000 owing to the changes made. Witness admitted that the relations between James Dunsmuir and the father of witness were very friendly as far as he knew. His father's ship was chartered by James Dunsmuir.

The work of construction on the house began in June. He could not say that Alexander was confined to his room about that time. Mr. Dunsmuir was generally there. During July and August he had seen Alexander Dunsmuir in his room. In August or September James Dunsmuir and his family visited there. He had seen Alexander Dunsmuir under the influence of liquor about the time of the construction. He was regarded as a heavy drinker. As far as the relations of witness were concerned with Alexander Dunsmuir he regarded him as rational. Alexander Dunsmuir was as able to do business when he was drunk as when sober. He had known some others of that kind. In fact, Alexander Dunsmuir seemed to be sharper when drunk than when sober.

The court then adjourned until 2 o'clock.



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THE SEARCH FOR ESCAPED MURDERER

HE IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE SURROUNDED

Receivers Appointed by Toronto Judge for the Consolidated Lake Superior Company.

Calgary, Dec. 14.—The mounted police believe they have Caspell, the escaped murderer, surrounded in the Springfield district, fifteen miles west of this city.

By Four Votes. Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Ald. W. H. Laird was elected mayor of Regina today by four votes over Ald. Frank Boie.

Quebec, Dec. 14.—Riteble & Co., J. S. Langlers & Co. and Larocelle Co., shoe manufacturers, opened their premises and started appliances at work on the machinery.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Annie Lynch, who roomed alone at No. 227 Victoria street, was apprehended by two men from a stove Saturday night. She had knocked the stove over.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—As expected, application was made to Mr. Justice Mahon this morning for the appointment of receivers to the Consolidated Lake Superior Company on behalf of three Philadelphia stockholders in the concern.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—The Canadian Pacific railway gained a decisive victory this morning in the case of the ten Chinamen who sought, after having been refused admission to the United States who remain in Canada, and who took out writs of habeas corpus to compel the railway company to release them.

cerned, it was perfectly legal and there was no ground for interference by the Canadian courts. He accordingly ordered the company to return them to Hongkong from whence it brought them.

THIRTEEN KILLED

In Railway Accidents—Many People Seriously Injured—Child Burned to Death.

Ottawa, Iowa, Dec. 13.—Five persons were killed and ten wounded in a wreck this morning on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, three miles west of Albia, Iowa. The westbound passenger train was in some manner derailed while running over the Cedar creek bridge, and five cars were wrecked by collision with the steel girders of the bridge.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 13.—Two trainmen were killed and four injured in a freight collision early this morning on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad near Adel, Ia. A double-headed westbound and an extra freight eastbound came together in a deep cut on a sharp curve. Two engines and sixteen cars were entirely demolished.

Piedmont, W. Va., Dec. 13.—Five men were killed and several seriously injured by the overturning of two engines attached to a heavy Baltimore & Ohio freight train on the seventeen-mile grade today, near this city.

A mass meeting at Johannesburg, called for the purpose of urging upon the government the advisability of taking a referendum before introducing legislation providing for the continuation of unskilled labor into the Transvaal, was completely captured by the element favorable to the importation of Chinese.

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GERMANS AND HOTTENTOTS.

Fighting Between Troops and Natives—Cape Police Fired At.

Capetown, Dec. 14.—According to an official dispatch from the Cape Colony river district, a Hottentot hunter was attacked and captured by a German patrol Saturday last. The Hottentots drove the Germans across the river firing heavily and severely wounding Lieut. Beklin and one private. The Hottentots subsequently retreated losing three killed and two wounded. More fighting is expected. During the engagement the Cape police came under the fire of the Hottentots, who say they shot at the police officers by mistake.

THE EXPEDITION TO THIBET.

British Force Now Concentrating on Columbia Valley—Llama Returns Viceroy's Letter.

London, Dec. 14.—Letters addressed by Lord Curzon to the viceroy of India, to the Dalai Lama at Lhasa, have been returned. The various units of the British expedition to Thibet are concentrating on the Chumbi valley, where Colonel Younghusband and McDonald are awaiting them. According to latest information the monks at Lhasa completely dominate the situation, and use all their influence to suppress any sentiment favorable to granting Indian Thibetan trade facilities, to the advantage of which the present expedition is attributed.

LOOPHOLE FOR PRISONERS.

Legality of Arrests and Convictions of Bootlegs Called in Question.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Notification of a decision of the Missouri Supreme court, which brings into question the legality of hundreds of arrests and convictions made on informations in St. Louis, and which, according to Circuit Attorney Folk, opens the doors of the penitentiary through writs of habeas corpus to many others, was received here today by Mr. Folk.

The election officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Perrin; first vice-president, Mrs. McGee; second vice-president, Mrs. Justin Gilbert; third vice-president, Mrs. Burns; fourth vice-president, Miss Lawson; fifth vice-president, Miss Crease; recording secretary, Mrs. Gordon Grant; corresponding secretary, Mr. W. H. Spofford; treasurer, Mrs. William Grant.

The thanks of the council were also extended to His Worship the Mayor for the use of the committee room and council chambers and to the press for willingness at all times to publish notices and reports and in a practical manner assist the council.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Spofford, which was presented at the meeting yesterday morning, contained an exhaustive review of the work of the past year. The various resolutions considered at the first meeting of the executive following the last annual session were explained. Appreciative reference to the inauguration of a domestic science class in the school on the initiative of the council is also made.

ROCK OFF SIDNEY. Department of Marine and Fisheries Furnish Additional Information Regarding This Danger.

The following additional information relative to the rock off Sidney, described in notice to mariners No. 96 (241) of 1903, is reported by the department of marines and fisheries:

From the rock the west tangent of the unnamed island bearing S. 13 deg. E. from the southeast end of Coal island and the east tangent of Coal island are in line, bearing N. 3 deg. E. From the rock Sidney beacon bears N. 50 deg. E.; and Dock island lighthouse, N. 25 deg. E. The rock is distant from the wharf 860 feet. It is of very small extent and the depth of water over it at low water spring tides is 9 feet. A small platform buoy with orange on top, painted red, is moored in 3 1/2 fathoms, 170 feet N. 78 deg. 45 min. E. from the rock.

During the recovery by H. M. surveying ship Eberia of the outer part of Nauyasoo harbor, a patch was found with several heads of 10 fathoms, and one head of 27 feet. From the 27-foot spot Grey-rock bears N. 32 deg. W., 9 cables, and the eastern tangent of Maude island, S. 47 deg. W., 6 cables. From this spot the 10-fathom bank extends S. 78 deg. E., 5 1/2 cables. Vessels should not attempt to pass inside the Whitchurch islands as dependence cannot be placed on the present plan.

The police were called into the National Suffrage League convention (colored), at Washington, when Rev. R. J. Nelson, president of the Suffrage League of Pennsylvania, and Rev. J. W. Scott, of Washington, sought possession of the floor. The delegates were in an uproar for half an hour. Two reasons for the dispute are alleged to be that the Scott faction favor the passage of a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's attitude toward the negro race and that Booker Washington desires to control the convention.

It is semi-officially announced that M. Louber, president of the French republic, will pay a visit to Italy, extending from April 15th to April 12th.

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YEAR'S WORK OF WOMEN'S COUNCIL

INTERESTING REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

What Has Been Accomplished Since Last Annual Gathering—Yesterday Afternoon's Session.

The annual address of the president, Miss Perrin, was delivered at yesterday afternoon's session of the Women's Council, and was followed by a lengthy vote of thanks to Miss Perrin. A resolution introduced by the Ladies' Aid Society of First Presbyterian church favoring the patronage of home product in preference to imported goods, the prices and quality being equal, was carried unanimously. An interesting report of the National Council meeting at Toronto was given by Mrs. McLagan.

A deputation from the school board consisting of Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Geo. Jay, Beaumont Rogers and Supt. Eaton was then received by Miss Perrin, in an appropriate address formally transferred the domestic science equipment from the council to the school board.

The annual meeting of the council followed after the reading of the minutes of the afternoon session.

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Write me and I will send you the book. Try my remedy for a month, for it can't harm you anyway. If it fails the loss is mine.

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During a fierce gale the schooner Sailor's Home was driven ashore at St. Mary's bay, Newfoundland, and the entire crew of six perished.

A thousand specifications of cruelty are laid against Lieut. Schilling, 98th Regiment of Infantry, whose trial is in progress at Metz.

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WEATHER BULLETIN: Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 15.—5 a. m.—The storm area mentioned yesterday is still hovering on the Coast, where it is causing a southerly gale extending from Vancouver Island southward to Oregon. A general rain and mild weather has spread inland to the Rockies in the adjoining states, and snow is falling in Cariboo. Mild weather is also spreading across the Territories to Manitoba.

Forecast. For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds, increasing in force on the Straits, continued unsettled and mild, with rain. Lower Mainland—Easterly to southerly winds, continued unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.89; temperature, 47; minimum, 46; wind, calm; rain, .41; weather, rain. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, .38; weather, rain. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 8 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy. Barkerville—Barometer, 29.89; temperature, 39; minimum, 29; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 8 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy. Edmonton—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 12; minimum, 8; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Vancouver—W J Hogan, W Wilshaw, W Wilson, Mrs A B Phillips, B Drayner, J. Richard, wife, F Flewin, J Cameron, C R Richardson, G Dawson, A Free, C J Peter, J Morse, Mrs F Ross, F Ross, Rev J Ewing, A H Philip, E Wallace, H Findlay, John Gratielli, W J Smith, D E Borin, Geo Belcher, J Turbull, L M Fraser, C Free, J Smith, R Lovelock, L M Russell, W B Friss, W Ashley, F Burnett, Thos Mosher, A Williams and wife, Miss L Cook, C T Moran, J C Pea, H W Brown, J A Herschmer, M K Cox, B L McIntyre, J Teopoles, J Loutit, J Jackson, E Machin, C L Rogers, J T Doble, T G Leslie, J Banerman, E Hiddle, J McKinnon, F E Fraser, T Cunningham, A B Erskine, J A Anderson.

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ARRANGING FOR CIVIC ELECTION

DATE AND PLACE FOR THE COMING EVENT

Amendment to the Sewer By-Law—Preparations to Be Made For Paving Bridge.

A reminder of the near approach of the municipal elections was given in the proceedings of the city council last night, when four deputy returning officers were appointed preparatory for the event. These were appointed by ballot from a list submitted by the returning officer, W. W. Northcott, and their election kept the board busy for over half an hour. H. L. Salmon called attention to an obstruction to business caused by the Salvation Army and other religious bodies assembling in front of his premises. Referred to the police commissioners. James Wolfert asked that the time in which to connect with the sewer be extended to April. Referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee. Hannah Warren wrote requesting a fund of \$100 paid as a vehicle tax. Referred to the city solicitor. H. R. Sedick called attention to things broken in his house in consequence of city blasting, and claimed damage to the extent of \$4.75. Referred to the city engineer. City Clerk Dowler reported as follows: Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the following communications have been received since the last meeting of the city council and referred to the city engineer for report, viz: "Thos. Cox, calling attention to the condition of the box drains on the north side of Hillside avenue, in front of his premises. J. E. Leigh, asking that Turner street be put in a passable condition for vehicular traffic, between Work and David streets. A. Brakes, asking for the continuation of the east side of Shakespeare street farther northward. Received and adopted. Returning Officer, W. W. Northcott submitted a list of applicants for the position of deputy returning officers in the forthcoming municipal election. Four officers were required, and a ballot of the council resulted in the following being selected: Chas. Beaven, G. T. Rayner, Wm. Dalby and G. Mesher. Mr. Dalby will act for majority election, G. Mesher for North Ward, G. T. Rayner for Centre Ward, and C. Beaven for South Ward. James Wilson, sanitary inspector, drew attention to the unsanitary condition of a building on Fort street, the owner of which was recently sent to prison for cruelty to dogs. The officer stated that the building on the premises was an old wooden structure, and he advised its immediate removal. Referred to the building and health inspectors for report. J. A. Daley, wiring inspector, enclosed a list of the buildings wired and inspected. Referred to the fire underwriters. The residents on Gotham street petitioned the council again about improving that thoroughfare. They considered that they should receive at least a two or three plank sidewalk. Ald. Dinsdale moved that the petition be referred to the city engineer for report. He would like to see the engineer given power to act, as the street was in a bad condition. The motion carried. The finance committee reported accounts totaling \$8,385.04. Carried. The streets, sewers and bridges committee reported as follows: Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg leave to recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the council: Resolved, That the city engineer be authorized to proceed with the matter of obtaining carbolium or cresote necessary for treating the lumber to be used in flooring Point Ellice bridge (said lumber to be treated with cresote or carbolium at the bridge), and that he be authorized to do all things necessary for said treatment, and for securing delivery at the bridge of the necessary lumber and wooden blocks for paving the bridge, from local sources. Resolved, That the sum of \$500 be voted

for the purpose of doing such street work as may be at the present time most urgently required. Resolved, That a sidewalk be laid on the east side of Delta street, to cost \$75. Received and adopted. After the usual motion referring to the coming elections fixing the date on January 13th, and the usual pieces, and also a time for nomination, the council next took up the amendment to the Sewer Connection by-law, which was passed, as follows: No poplar trees shall hereafter be planted within 200 feet of any main, branch or connecting sewer. The owner of any land upon which poplar trees are now growing within 100 feet of any main, branch or connecting sewer shall, on the request of the city engineer in writing, remove every such poplar tree and the roots thereof from the tree to the street line, within the time to be fixed by such request. It shall be lawful for the city engineer upon neglect or refusal after request made as aforesaid, to enter upon any land and to cut down and remove any poplar tree within 200 feet of any main, branch or connecting sewer as aforesaid, and to dig up and destroy the roots from the tree to the street line, and the expenses of so doing shall upon demand be paid by the owner to the city. Section 16 of said by-law 341 is further amended by adding thereto the following words: "The city engineer may, upon satisfactory evidence that any plumber has persistently or wilfully violated, or has been convicted of an offence against the provisions of the said by-law 341, or of this by-law, or of the said general specification, in force for the time being, declare in writing under his hand the license of the said plumber forfeited, and after advertisement in the daily newspaper published in the city of Victoria, such license shall be deemed to be cancelled and revoked, and no new license shall be granted to such plumber without the written acquiescence of the said engineer."

This by-law and the repeal of the said general specification hereby made shall in no way prejudice or affect any penalty or liability incurred heretofore, or any right, claim or demand of any branch of the said by-law or general specification, and such repeal shall in no way defeat, disturb, invalidate or prejudicially affect any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the observance of the said by-law or repealed general specification existing or pending at the time of such repeal. The council then adjourned.

SCOTTISH CONCERT. Speyside Camp Give a Delightful Entertainment in Sir William Wallace Hall Last Night. The Scottish concert given last evening by Speyside Camp, Sons of Scotland, was a decided success. There was a large attendance and the programme was excellent. Chief Mowat presided, performing the duties in a most acceptable manner. The programme included selections from the bagpipes by James McKenzie, "Flora MacDonald's Lament" and "Afton Water" were sung by W. D. Kinnaird. J. G. Brown sang "John Grumle" and "The Laird o' Cockpen." Mrs. Lewis Hall acted as accompanist. Mrs. Barnes also gave a number of pianoforte selections of Scottish airs. While the musical part of the programme was excellent, it was well balanced by the literary side. An excellent address upon the aims of the society was given by Rev. W. Lesley Clay, B.A. W. Houston recited in splendid style "Prince Charlie on the Anniversary of Culloden" and "The Outlaw." J. B. Rieckley also contributed two readings, which delighted all present. These were selections from Dr. Drummond's works, and included "Mister Smit" and "Jean Baptiste Trudeau."

The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

LOCATING FAST. New Mining District Is Being Rapidly Taken Up—Over Thirteen Hundred Claims Recorded. According to a recent arrival from Bullion creek there have been 1,315 locations made in the new district, including 100 on Bullion, 80 on Sheep, 54 on Metaline, 875 on Ruby, Fourth of July and other streams. There are nine prospects tributary to Bullion, viz: Patsy, on the left limit at 35 below; Stick, on the right at 25 below; Kloo, at 15 below on the left; Metaline, entering at the canyon just above discovery; Tunnel, at 81 above; Liberty, at 111 above, and Cinnabar, at 133 above, all on the left limit. Metaline has two tributaries, Multimetal on the right and Braxy on the left, emptying into the creek at 36 above and 40 above respectively. Sheep creek has three prospects, one on the left limit, Musket at 48 above; Snowflake, 26 above and Lamb, a recent find, at 101 above. Klondike has gone to work for the winter with a vigor indicating in every way that next summer she will fully maintain if not exceed her output of ten millions for the summer of 1903. The winter operations are engaging chiefly the attention of a steady, thrifty class of thorough prospectors and mining men of average means.

Mayo lake, which has leaped into prominence since last August, as the enchanted upper Stewart lake, fringed with gold-bearing streams, is to be supplied with steamer service next summer. Tom Curry, manager of the Davis store, in the Duncan district, has bought the finest and most elegantly fitted gasoline launch possible to procure in Dawson, and has arranged to place it on the lake next summer for passengers and light freight service.

The snowfall on the overland trail between Dawson and White Horse the early part of this season has been heavy from Yukon Crossing to Dawson. South of the crossing it is yet scant, and wheeled rigs are used. It is expected there will be a good fall of snow south of the crossing before long. Professional criminals are usually destitute of wisdom teeth. So says an Italian scientist. Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and windows like crystal.

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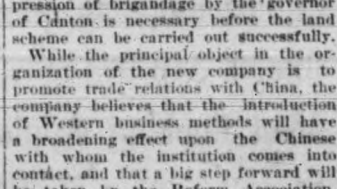
In St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tonight the organist, G. J. Burnett, assisted by well known talent will give another of those musical treats to which Victorians look forward with unfeigned pleasure. The programme has been arranged with great care, and includes a number of Mr. Burnett's vocal compositions, which will be sung by Herbert Taylor. Other talented vocalists who will assist are Mrs. G. Hicks, Miss McCoy and J. Longfield. The programme follows: Organ—Introduction and Bridal Chorus (Lohengrin) Wagner Organ—The Virgin's Prayer Massenet Vocal—Auld the Shadows Burnett Herbert Taylor Organ—The Storm Fantasia Lemmens Vocal—Father of All Paneron Miss McCoy Organ—(a) Pastoral Burnett (b) Gavotte Canadienne Burnett Vocal Duet—The Lord is My Shepherd Burnett Mrs. G. Hicks and H. Taylor Violin Solo—Andante Religioso Telma J. Longfield Vocal—He Was Dejected Handel Mrs. G. Hicks Organ—Romance Lemare Vocal—Sun of My Soul Burnett H. Taylor.

OUTBOUND LINER. Iyo Maru Sails This Afternoon—Interesting Plan of Chinese Passenger. There will be a sailing from the outer wharf for China and Japan this afternoon. The Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, arrived here about noon from the South, and after taking on a number of Chinamen and mail will proceed to the Far East. She has among other passengers Woo Gien, who in company with a representative of the Asiatic Export & Import Company, is on his way to Hongkong to there participate in the organization of the China Mercantile Company. The company is to be organized by Chinese in sympathy with the Chinese Reform Association's work. The mercantile company will first establish a big bank in Hongkong. After that institution has been placed on its feet the company intends to enter a general exporting and importing business, to erect a college and to eventually enter into the culture of crops adaptable to the Chinese conditions. A concession embracing several thousand acres of land has been obtained by the company, and only the suppression of brigandage by the governor of Canton is necessary before the land scheme can be carried out successfully. While the principal object in the organization of the new company is to promote trade relations with China, the company believes that the introduction of Western business methods will have a broadening effect upon the Chinese with whom the institution comes into contact, and that a big step forward will be taken by the Reform Association. Since the company owns several publishing houses, which put forth reform literature and which will publish those foreign books which are selected by the society for publication in China, the work will be furthered materially by the new organization.

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- Cashmore's Book Exchange, 108 Douglas. Emory's cigar stand, 27 Government St. Knight's Stationery, 75 Yates St. Victoria News Co., Ltd., 80 Yates St. Victoria Book & Stationery Co., 31 1/2 St. E. N. Hibben & Co., 60 Government St. A. Edwards, 51 Yates St. Campbell & Co., 107 and Troncau Alley. George Marsden, cor. Yates and Govt. W. W. Walker, grocer, Esquimaux road. W. Wilby, 31 Douglas St. Mrs. Cook, Victoria West post office. Pope Stationery Co., 119 Government St. E. Hedding, Craigflower road, Victoria. W. George J. Cook, 30 Fort St. J. T. McDonald, Oak Bay Junction.

Orders taken at Geo. Marsden's for delivery of Daily Times.

The TIMES is also on sale at the following places:

- Seattle-Lowman & Hanford, 616 First Ave. opposite Pioneer Square. Vancouver-Galloway & Co. New Westminster-H. Morey & Co. Kamloops-Smith Bros. Dawson & White Horse-Bennett News Co. Rossland-M. W. Simpson. Nanaimo-E. Pinbury & Co.

VANCOUVER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Macpherson has been nominated by the Liberals of Vancouver to succeed himself as representative of the city in the federal Parliament. The Province suggests that the member has done such good work for his constituency that to make the nomination unanimous would be a popular thing.

SIFTON, ET AL.

It is pleasing to note that the Colonist is also in favor of an Imperial preferential trade policy. The opposition to the Laurier government is gradually falling in behind the great Liberal leader.

ONE THING CLEAR.

Another army of workmen, no less than one hundred and fifty thousand men, forced to submit to a reduction of wages in a country which was supposed to have been made immune from the effects of hard times by a high tariff.

THE MAYORALTY

To the Electors of the City of Victoria: Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

learn what they want whether we shall be able to accept it or not. One thing we shall have to consider with very great care, and that is the effect of any proposition which may be made affecting the present industries of Canada and those which may be established in the future.

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The gold output of the Rand is steadily increasing, and will soon reach the mark it left previous to the outbreak of the war. But the operators are not satisfied. They want Chinese cheap labor. They believe they would prefer Mongolians to the indolent natives.

Whether the sensational stories as to the condition of Emperor William's health be true or not, it is evident that His Majesty has not recovered from the late operation as quickly as was expected. The world fears for his health, and it cannot but sympathize with the state of mind of a man in the prime of life, with high ambitions and noble aims, with all that is usually supposed to make life worth living within his grasp.

EVERY PHYSICIAN KNOWS About the great merit of Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut which cleanse the system, cure constipation and piles. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

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Choice Bananas, per dozen - 25c. Choice Jap Oranges, per box - 30c. Good Cooking Apples, per box, 75c. Hardress Clarke, 86 DOUGLAS STREET.

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Useful Gifts for Boys and Girls. Footballs, Sporting Knives, Pocket Knives, Safety Purses, Fishing Rods, Carving Tools, Sewing Sets, Fine Scissors, Work Cases, Pearl Handled Pocket Knives, Napkin Rings. Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets just arrived at FOX'S Sheffield Cutlery Store, 78 Government Street.

Plumbing and Sewer Connections. If you want a first-class job of Sanitary Plumbing and Sewerage. Which will do credit to your homes, call on the undersigned for a tender. A. SHERET, TEL. 629. 102 FORT ST.

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SPENCER'S Western Canada's Big Store. Early Preparation Makes You Glad to See Christmas Coming. For your own sake, as well as ours, "don't put off till to-morrow the shopping you can do to-day." The store is lively these days, but we are still able to serve you well. French Flannel Dressing Jackets (KIMONAS) Regular price, \$4.50 Thursday \$2.50 each.

Richly Decorated China Plates. You never need to think twice about what to give a tasteful housekeeper. If your first thought is of Decorated Plates. That were indeed a strange housekeeper who would not be delighted with such a gift. And duplication of gifts can never matter, for no one ever has too many. \$1.00 to \$9.50 each.

Books for Holiday Gifts. So many people run to books for the holiday present. A good author is a good friend. We have books from many good authors. Book Store, near Broad street entrance.

A Man's Xmas. COME to a Man's Store for a Man's Things. We know what's right and correct, and we know what Men like. Overcoats, Suits, Raincoats, Silk Umbrellas, Dress Suits, White Dress Vests, Tuxedo Suits, Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns. Again we say: A Man's Store for a Man's Things. Allen's Fit-Reform Wardrobe 73 Government Street.

Calendars and Xmas Cards. Our full line has now come to hand, and cannot be beaten west of Toronto. Raphael Tuck's Famous Calendars. Are better than ever this year. We are also showing Calendars in celluloid, with local views; also with sheets for every day. Cards by the thousand. VICTORIA BOOK & STATIONERY CO., LIMITED. The Daily Times Has All the News.

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Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

GOOD EVENING!

Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day. As supplied the Imperial House of Commons.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

You cannot get a better whiskey than Black and White, the popular drink in London to-day. Same whiskey as is supplied the House of Commons, London. Insist upon Black and White—if you want the Best. The leading dealers and bars of Victoria keep it. Try it.

Save money by patronizing home companies. The premium rates of the Mutual Life of Canada (one of the oldest and strongest companies) are considerably lower than the rates of American companies. A comparison of the rates and policies will be of interest to intending insurers. Apply to R. L. Drury, Manager, 34 Broad street.

Dr. S. D. Pope has definitely decided to open a private school in the north end of the city. He expects to have it in running order about the first of the year. The curriculum will follow that of the city public schools very closely. In addition to this advanced work in many subjects, including Latin, French, geometry and algebra, will be taught. Under an educationalist such as Dr. Pope the pupils attending should have a distinct advantage in preparing for their more advanced work.

The choir of the Centennial Methodist church, assisted by other talent, will render within a short time the cantata of A. R. Gail, "Jons of Arc." The cantata covers eight periods in the life of the heroic viz: Dominy, Joan's birthplace; Vancouver, chief town of the department; Glen, Orleans; in the cathedral; Compiegne; Rome and Dominy. No pains will be spared by Wm. Hicks, the leader of the choir, to make the production one of the best musical treats given in the city.

Rehearsals for the grand production of the oratorio "Elijah" will be commenced as soon as the books arrive. Herbert Taylor has secured the permission of the board of management of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to give the event in the church. It is altogether likely that a start will be made early next month. In the meantime Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hicks, who will be associated with him in the direction of the production, are making every preparation preliminary to the inauguration of the practice.

The High school entrance examination opened in the High school building yesterday morning with seventy-five candidates. The subjects were British history, algebra, Canadian history and reading. To-day's subjects are arithmetic, spelling and geography; to-morrow nature study, composition and literature. Following is the representation of the various schools among the candidates: South Park, 20; Girls' Central, 20; Boys' Central, 8; North Ward, 18; Esquimalt, 1; private tuition, 1; Salt Spring, 1; Spanish, 2; Cedar Hill, 3; Cadboro Bay, 1; total, 75.

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Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

Gift things of the choicest, most exclusive sort, at Weiler Bros.

Have you seen Weiler Bros' little Christmas folder. It is full of suggestions for that gift. Get one.

To-morrow night's attraction at the Victoria theatre will be "The Head Waiters." The comedians with the company are Inman and Vincent.

The two Chinese charged with gambling were remanded until this afternoon in the police court.

In the Spring Ridge school on Wednesday an "At Home" will be held by members of the Mothers' Club.

Electors of Spring Ridge are reminded of the public meeting to be held in Old Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, to-night to discuss municipal matters.

GOOD EVENING!

Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day. As supplied the Imperial House of Commons.

A general meeting of the Young Conservative Club will be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening at the new club rooms, over Westcott Bros' new store, Yates street.

If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Lowe studio. Sit now; no time to lose.

The local Poultry Association has decided to hold its annual show at the market building. It will take place on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th of January. As already announced, Mr. M. Cobbe-dick will act as judge.

A special showing of Liberty novelties, including cushion tops, tea cosies, table cloths, art cambric curtains, etc., all of which are acceptable as Xmas gifts. Weiler Bros.

A social reunion and dance will be held by the local branch of the International Barbers' Union this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. Music will be provided by the orchestra of the City band. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

The souvenir calendar of Victoria, published by A. S. Angell, is a neat remembrance to send to out-of-town friends. Only two hundred have been printed, so you must apply early to secure one. The price is 25 cents, and they are for sale at the principal book stores and at the Times office.

The names of the ladies and gentlemen who have promised to take part in the concert given at the King's Daughters' room, adjoining Angela College, at 8 p.m. to-morrow, are as follows: Dr. and Miss Cobbett, Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. Langworthy, Miss E. Powell, Miss Pirder, Mr. Allen, R. Worlock, Miss Sairall and Miss Walsh-Windle. There will be a sale-of-work and tea in the afternoon.

The death occurred at Nanaimo yesterday of John E. Jenkins, for many years proprietor of the Old Flag saloon, in the Coal City. He came to British Columbia in 1861, and established himself in the saloon business. On the death of Peter Steele he came down to Victoria and took over the business, but relinquished it in a short time. He received a partial stroke of paralysis some years ago. He was 64 years of age. The British Columbia Pioneer Society will make the funeral arrangements.

On Wednesday afternoon, at the request of the management of the Orpheum, the Ryersons will appear at the matinee, giving all who are unable to attend the evening performance a chance to see one of their hypnotic acts. In this Little Byrnie, who only weighs 96 lbs., rests her head on the back of one chair and her feet on another, without any further support, acts as a bridge-to-hold upon her body three or four of the heaviest men in the audience. While in the same position a 100 lb. rock is broken. Mrs. Ryerson will be in the Orpheum all this afternoon, deep in a hypnotic sleep. The Ryersons appear each evening, and at also Wednesday's matinee. These great hypnotists are merely an extra attraction added to the already strong bill this week.

Of the song birds recently imported from England by the Natural History Society all the robins and a number of the goldfinches are dead. This was discussed at last night's meeting of the society, and J. R. Anderson was requested to make inquiries as to the climatic conditions of birds in Oregon and California, and the matter was left to the discretion of the bird committee. Members of the society expressed their regret on the death of Dr. Gilbert Kieker, formerly of Esquimalt, and an active member of the society. He died at Haslar hospital, Hampshire. The secretary was instructed to communicate the condolence of the society to the widow. A very interesting paper on the "Aurora Borealis" was read by Mr. Baynes Reed, who received a hearty vote of thanks.

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Can't get along without them, and protect your health. WE FIT RUBBERS and fit them right, so that you get the best wear possible.

Our Big Rubber Snap.

Misses' and Lads' Rubbers, sizes 11, 12, 13, 1 and 2 (best Granby make). 25c. a pair.
Men's Good Strong Rubbers, all sizes. 50c. a pair.
They are going fast, so call to-day or your may be too late.

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A Question for To-day

Don't wait until the best has been selected. Early buyers have the advantage of better selections and better service. Everything is here now for your liking. Far in advance of all competition, this store stands pre-eminently in the first place for Holiday Shopping.

Dolls, Toys, Games in Profusion

The grandest collection of SANTA CLAUS Wares ever gathered together, and everything at our POPULAR PRICES.

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Bleached Sheetings, Gray Sheetings, Bleached Cottons, Gray Cottons, Cantons, Ducks, Drills.

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MY LADY'S TOILET

Table is useless without the proper accessories. We have everything she needs to furnish it completely. Our stock of hair brushes, puff boxes, manure sets, colognes, etc., is much more varied than it is possible to indicate here. If in need of goods of this kind we feel sure you can find at our store exactly what you want, and at prices so low that they will surprise you. Remember also that we keep a full line of all other goods that belong in a progressive modern pharmacy.

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R. M. S. Empress of China arrived at Yokohama from Victoria on Monday last.
Miss Ella De Vos, Dramatic Reader, Congregational church, Tuesday night. Admission 25c.

Gifts that are useful presents



Xmas Costume Sale now on

Useful Holiday Gifts in Linens.

They say we're selling Fancy Table Linens too cheap. We can't help that, because we believe that our prices are fair and reasonable, representing what good honest linens ought to be sold at. At times we can sell a bit under our regular values. That means easy chances like these:

PILLOW SHAMS. They're good size, 32-inches square, and are made of fine Swiss Applique and neatly embroidered, open centres. Regular value \$1.50 and \$4.00. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. 35c	LINEN CLOTHS. Bleached Linen Table Cloths, size 2 by 2 1/2 yards. Regular value \$1.75 each. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. \$1.25	SILK WAIST LENGTHS. Another Fabry Silk Bargain, and a splendid chance to give a good useful present. Regular values 90c. to \$1.25 a yard. WEDNESDAY. 50c
BOYS' REEFERS. Boys' Smart Reefers, for cold blustery winter weather, high storm collars. Regular values \$1.50 and \$4.00. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. \$1.95	CHILDREN'S COATS. Children's Bearskin Coats, with yoke and cape. Regular values \$4.00 and \$4.50 each. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. \$3.25	A FUR BARGAIN. Ladies' Brown and Black Neck Furs, with 4 tails. Regular value 90c. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. 65c
UMBRELLAS. For Men, with steel rods, natural wood, and Giora Silk Covers. Regular value \$1.50. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. \$1.00	FLANNEL WAISTS. Ladies' Flannel and Cashmere Shirt Waists, good colorings. Regular values \$3.50 to \$4.50 each. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. \$2.25	UMBRELLAS. For Ladies and Children, with steel rods and bulb runners. Regular values \$3.50 to \$4.00 each. SPECIAL WEDNESDAY. 75c

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WEILER BROS. Xmas Suggestions

We herewith give you several lists of articles which we think very appropriate as Xmas Gifts. You will, upon perusal of the same, discover that every article has some real usefulness, and after all does not the utility of an article largely determine its value?

5 O'clock Tea Kettles A new assortment just opened up, comprising new designs, nicely finished goods at very reasonable prices. Brass Kettles on Wrought Iron Stands, at \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$7.00 ea.	Hanging Lamps A splendid range of the above styles of lamps, fitted with beautifully decorated shades, good burners, and fittings of the best quality, at \$3.50, \$5.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, etc. Hall Lamps, from \$2.50	Pictures Your whole room will be improved by a careful selection of subjects. We have an exceptionally good line at the present time. Pictures make good Xmas presents. \$2.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$25.00 each.
Small Wares Crumb Brush and Tray, from \$1.00 to \$2.25 per set Knife or Plate Baskets, from 75c. to \$1.75 each Polished Folding Wood Dish mats. A set of 6 mats, for \$1.00 English Whitewood Bread Boards, 40c., 50c. and 75c. each Carved Wood Handle Knives to match, from 50c. to \$1.50 each	Piano Lamps A good Piano Lamp, with a handsome shade, makes a very acceptable gift. It is useful, ornamental and decorative. We are showing a few select patterns, from \$22.50 ea. Table Lamps in great variety.	Card Tables Card Tables in Quartered Oak; top 32 inches in diameter, nicely polished, for \$7.00 Card Tables in Quartered Oak; Pair Covered; top 34x34; fine finish, for \$12.00 We have other styles up to \$22.50 each, and a few really good "Work Tables."
Rug Department Fine Wilton Hearth Rugs, in beautiful colorings, at \$5.50 to \$8.50 each Heavy Axminster Rugs, in useful hard wearing qualities, from \$5.00 to \$12.00 Reversible Smyrna Rugs, in rich colorings and handsome designs, from \$5.00 to \$7.00 ea.	Fancy Goods Department Piano, Picture and other Drapes, Fancy Occasional Table Covers, a Big Selection of Cushions, Uncovered Cushions in all sizes, Liberty Velvet Cushion Slips, "Armenian Art Work" in Cushion Covers, Table Centres, etc., at very reasonable prices.	Linen Department SUPERIOR TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS TO MATCH. 5 o'clock Irish Linen Tea Cloths (splendid values), from \$2.50 each Elegant Drawn and Embroidered Irish Linen Counterpanes, with Pillow Slips to match. Counterpanes, from \$11.00 to \$25.00 each

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Try our "Rajah" or "Kalambo" Brands of Tea. They will please you, because they are pleasing offers.

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ATHLETICS. SPECIAL MEETING. A special meeting of the board of management of the B. A. A. will be held this evening at the club rooms for the purpose of considering business of importance. A full attendance is desired.

HANDICAP. The B. A. A. handicap tournament has reached the final, and the competitor is now between Stan Smith, B. C. Pettigall and Frank Smith.

HOCKEY. THE NANAIMO TEAMS. A former Victoria player, writing from Nanaimo says: "The Nanaimo Hockey Club will be considerably weakened in future by the loss of their redoubtable full back, F. Teague."

THE RING. AMATEUR TOURNEY. The Victoria Amateur Boxing Association is holding a tournament at an early date for the purpose of deciding the local champion, and intended going to Victoria in January, along with the girls' team, to play the Victoria boys.

BASKETBALL. VICTORIA WON. There was a large attendance at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Pandora and Broad streets, last evening, when an exhibition match was played between the Victoria and Capital ladies' teams.

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DIDN'T REMEMBER HER. The late Lord Salisbury was said to have had the worst memory for faces ever known. The well known story of him which recounts how he discussed the war with a rather obscure member of the House of Commons under the impression that he was talking with Lord Roberts has gone the rounds.

THEY ARE A HOUSEHOLD WORD. DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS DOING GREAT WORK IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. They Put John J. Burns on His Feet After Eight Years Suffering—His Case Only One of Many.

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SIDNEY & NANAIMO TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD. Time Table Taking Effect 30th Nov., 1903. Victoria & Sidney railway train leaving Victoria at 8 a. m. connects at Sidney with steamer "Iroquois."

WHERE TO GO FOR Xmas Bon Bons, Xmas Tree Ornaments, Xmas Sweets and Crystallized Fruits. A large assortment of these goods just arrived.

CLAY'S. Now is the Right Time to Choose Your Xmas Gifts. Our stock in all its branches is well assorted and up-to-date.

ROBINSON'S CASH STORE. Xmas Goods at Right Prices. Silk Lined Cashmere Gloves, per pair 50c. Wool Lined Cashmere Gloves, per pair 40c.

THE CROWNING FEATURES OF OUR ROYAL STOCK OF GROCERIES. Is, first, high quality; second, completeness; third, the perfect condition of the goods.

HARDWARE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION FOR SALE BY Nicholles & Renouf, Ltd. Corner Yates and Broad Sts., Victoria, B. C.

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 40, TAKING EFFECT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20. Table with columns for Northbound, Southbound, Victoria, Esquimalt, Nanaimo, and departure/arrival times.

CANADIAN PACIFIC AND SOO PACIFIC LINE. WORLD'S SCENIC ROUTE. LOWEST RATES. BEST SERVICE.

During the Winter THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE. Will keep up a continuous Mail, Passenger, Express and Freight service between White Horse and Dawson in connection with the daily trains from and to Skagway.

CHINA AND JAPAN SAILINGS. Athenian Dec. 16. Empress of India Dec. 25. Empress of Japan Jan. 25. CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS. Mowara Dec. 31. Mosna Jan. 8.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM. SOLID THROUGH TRAINS BETWEEN Chicago, Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia. Also to BOSTON via the important business centers of CANADA and NEW ENGLAND.

Atlantic Steamship Sailings. From St. John, N.B. Pretorian-Alan Line Jan. 2. Sicilian-Alan Line Jan. 16. Ionian-Alan Line Jan. 20.

NORTHERN PACIFIC TICKET OFFICE. Cor. Government and Yates Streets, VICTORIA, B. C.

FOR San Francisco. LEAVE VICTORIA, 8 P. M. Queen, Dec. 5, 20, Jan. 4. City of Puebla, Dec. 10, 25, Jan. 10. Umatilla, Dec. 15, 30, Jan. 14.

FOR South Eastern Alaska. LEAVE VICTORIA, 4 P. M. Cottage City, Dec. 11, 25, Jan. 8, and every fourteenth day thereafter.

3-TRANSCONTINENTAL-3 TRAINS DAILY. WHEN GOING TO St. Paul, Chicago, New York or Eastern Canadian Points TAKE THE Northern Pacific Railway.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY "THE FLYER" The People's Train. Leaves Seattle 8:30 a. m. daily to Spokane, St. Paul, Duluth, Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Toronto, Montreal and points east.

PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION CO. STEAMER FOR PUGET SOUND. Steamer Clallam. Sails daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 p. m.

LEAVES SEATTLE 8:30 A. M. DAILY TO SPOKANE, ST. PAUL, DULUTH, CHICAGO, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, TORONTO, MONTREAL AND POINTS EAST.

FOR Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. R.R. ALAMEDA, sails for Honolulu, Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a. m. R.R. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, Jan. 6, 1904, 11 a. m.

2-TRANSCONTINENTAL-2 TRAINS DAILY. Direct connection with steamships to and from Seattle. JAPAN-AMERICAN LINE. Weeklyly sailings.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

KAMLOOPS. The gold dredger which has been at work all summer on the Tranquille gravel has suspended operations until next spring.

GRAND FORKS. The Granby Company has a number of engineers at work on Saultier hill engaged in making preliminary surveys in connection with the projected enlargements of the plant for the installation of a separate and detached plant.

SELISSON. "The drill shed of the Nelson company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers is one of the best and most up-to-date in the province.

J. Brown, of Fernie, lost his life off Crawford bay on Friday night. Deceased was employed as a deckhand on the steamer Valhalla.

Prospectors coming into the city professedly that this will be a very open winter, basing their assertions on the fact that the deer are keeping almost entirely to the upper mountains.

GREENWOOD. Considerable activity prevails in Summit camp at present. About 80 men are employed by the two properties there working the Emma and the Oro Denoro.

Business generally in the Boundary is steadily improving. Every day adds to the earned wealth of the country.

Twenty thousand young children, daily and nightly, stand in the streets of London offering various articles for sale.

A HIGH BUILDING.

Tallest Commercial Structure in the World—Necessary to Drive 4,000 Piles For Foundation.

Park Row building in New York is the tallest commercial structure in the world, and probably the heaviest also. It weighs over 55,000 tons, which means a pressure of nearly 9,000 pounds on each square foot of the site.

In other cases heavy buildings are supported on piles which neither reach to the hard bottom nor are driven in firm soil. Long piles are driven into very soft mud and soil, in which they sink many feet by their own weight and by light blows of a steam hammer.

The St. Paul building in New York is supported on a very deep bed of fine wet sand, which was only excavated to a depth of about 32 feet.

Moore & Whittington, CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS. ESTABLISHED 1865. 159 YATES STREET. TELEPHONE 4750.

Stoddart's Jewellery Store

63 and 65 YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

Will Take 10 per cent. off All Eastern Catalogue prices

Orders for Watches, Diamonds and other precious stones will be duplicated at the above reduction within 14 days from receiving orders, if not already in our large and well selected stock.

TOYS! TOYS! MOST COMPLETE ASSORTMENT IN THE CITY



Splendid collection of iron toys, the strongest thing made in this line, from 15c. to \$3.00 each.



WILLIAM WILBY, 91 Douglas Street

WE GUARANTEE "White Horse Cellar"

SCOTCH WHISKY 10 Years Old.

W. A. WARD & CO., Sole Agents for B. C.

This building has passed unharmed through the test of a severe earthquake shock.

Few, if any, tall buildings are on worse soil than those in Chicago. There only 10 or 15 feet below the surface is a crust of clay not more than 10 feet thick, which floats in wet plastic mud from 90 to 100 feet deep.

Leather waste is no longer wasted. Manufacturers use it in a compressed form, instead of iron, to make cogwheels.



The best and safest way to keep Baby's skin healthy is to use only BABY'S OWN SOAP

Pure, Dainty, Delicate. Beware of Imitations. ALBERT TOILEY SOAP CO., MRS. MONTREAL.

We have 150 choice lots in different parts of the city and are

Prepared to Build on the Instalment Plan

We have every facility for doing work at reasonable rates and aim to give satisfaction. Particulars cheerfully furnished. Repair work carefully and promptly attended to.

Chase & Sanborn's HIGH GRADE COFFEE. It's the BEST. In buying, note the package—The name tells the quality.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF UPHOLSTERY. We have just made up a nice assortment of Easy Chairs and Rockers, suitable for Christmas Gifts, such as: SLEEPY HOLLOW CHAIRS (very comfortable), from \$5.50 to \$8.50.

MUNICIPAL.

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria. To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Total Amount of Taxes, Interest, and Costs. Lists various lots and owners in Victoria.

N. B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land, and "L" and "I" mean Land and Improvements. Dated this 27th day of November, A.D. 1903, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

NOT RESPONSIBLE.

BARQUE Abby Palmer JOHNSON, Master. Neither the master nor the undersigned will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of the above vessel without their written authority.

A. J. MALETT PRACTICAL PLUMBER

97 YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B. C. Steam, Gas and Hot Water Fitter. Plans and estimates on application. Jobbing work promptly attended to. TELEPHONE 800.

Northwestern Smelting & Refining Co.

Buyers of GOLD, SILVER AND COPPER ORES, MATTES, BULLION, FURNACE AND CYANIDE PRODUCTS. Location of Works: Crofton, Vancouver Island, B. C.

Dallas Hotel ROOM AND BOARD

At reasonable rates during winter months. Rooms En Suite or Single. Heated with steam throughout.

HOTEL BADMINTON VANCOUVER

American plan. Rate, \$2 and \$2.50. Situated in the heart of the city. Street cars within one block, passing continuously for all parts of the city.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we, Hannah Wall and William A. Smith, carrying on business as Grocers under the name of The Windsor Grocery Company on the west side of the north boundary of the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof.

NOTICE

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the north by the north boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNEL, DECEASED. Take notice that pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clanton and George Parrett, or to the undersigned, on or before the 20th day of January, 1904, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

Municipal Election 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

PATENTS TRADE MARKS AND COPYRIGHTS

Rowland Brittan Mechanical Engineer and Patent Attorney. Rooms 3, Fairfield Block, Granville Street (Near Post Office).

Japanese Curios Store

New Christmas Goods just arrived. All kinds of Silk Goods. Please call and see our articles. ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 90 Douglas St., Near Chinatown.

STAMMERERS

THE ARNOTT INSTITUTE, BERLIN, ONTARIO, for the treatment of all forms of SPEECH DEFECTS. We treat the cause, not simply the habit, and therefore produce natural speech. Write for particulars.

Suits Cases, - \$2.50, 3.00, 6.75 and 10.00 Self Opening Umbrellas, \$1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 5.00 Smoking Jackets, - \$5.00, 7.50, 10.00

XMAS GIFTS

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, with and without initials. Silk Mufflers, .75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Christy Hats, Dent's Gloves, Linen Mesh and Dr. Jaeger's Underwear. Fancy Vests and Waistcoats, at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50. Campbell's Semi-ready Suits and Overcoats.

Dressing Gowns, - \$7.50, 10.00, 12.00 500 doz. Ties and Scarfs, Special for Xmas Trade, at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Special prices quoted doz

B. WILLIAMS & CO. 68-70 Yates Street.

8 XMAS PERFUMES! EXQUISITE HOLIDAY PACKAGES.

from the best English, French and American makers. Prices range from 25c to \$5. Let us have the opportunity of showing you these goods. JOHN COCHRANE, CHEMIST, N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

AUCTION SALES AUCTION.

W. JONES, Dominion Government Auctioneer, Will Hold Next Sale Saturday Night At Mart, 55 Broad Street, 8 p. m.

Furniture and Effects

W. JONES, Auctioneer, Phone 294.

Auction Sale

I am instructed by the Landlord and the Mortgagee to cause to be sold at Public Auction, on the premises known as the Pacific Grocery, corner Douglas and Discovery streets, Victoria, on Thursday, 17th day of December, 1903, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the following stock of groceries, one pair computing scales, coffee mill, stove fixtures, two wagons, one road cart, three horses and two sets of harness. Terms cash. Inquire of HINKSON SIDDALL, 14 CHANCERY LANE, VICTORIA, B. C.

DAVIES BROS., AUCTIONEERS.

We Will Sell at Our Store, 105 FORT STREET, Thursday, December 17th, 1903, at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m., for our Xmas and Holiday Sale

The following line of goods: Striking Clocks, with Glass Sides; Iron Clocks; Alarm Clocks; Nickel Clocks; Calendar Clocks; with Ink Stands; Boat Compasses; Large Egg-timers; Silver Plated; Cut Glass Wine and Spirit Stand; Bar Bells; Candlesticks, with Glass Shades; Mustard; Salt and Pepper Stands; Mugs; Silver Plated; Cut Glass Salts; E. P. Stands; N. P. Peppers; Napkins; Silver Plated; Match Holder; Silver Plated; Trays; Silver Plated; Frames; Silver Plated; Gold and Silver Watches; B. P. Water Jug; Japanese Ware; Trolley Baskets; Combination Banks; Carpets; Tools, in Boxes; Navy Cut Tobacco. On the evening of Thursday, Dec. 17th, 1903, we will sell 1. Decorated Christmas Trees on view Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Davies Bros., Auctioneers.

AUCTION

At sale rooms, 77-79 Douglas Street, Friday, Dec. 18, 2 p. m.

Household and Office FURNITURE

Groceries, Crockery, Etc.

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer

PERSONAL. Robt. McKee and wife, of Ladner's Landing; A. J. McPherson and wife, of Portlano; Ore.; W. J. Hogan, of Mount Sicker; Robt. Drancy and wife, of Nampa, are in the city, guests at the Dominion hotel. W. Russell returned last evening from San Francisco, where he has been studying dentistry. He is here to spend his Christmas holidays at home. A. B. Erskine, G. H. Dawson, J. A. Anderson, Chas. G. Peter and A. Williams and wife, of Vancouver, are among the guests at the Bristol hotel. Adolphus Williams, the newly appointed police magistrate of Vancouver, is in the city to-day. He is en route to California with Mrs. Williams. P. J. Pearson, of Chemainus; W. C. Shields and wife, of Seattle; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Ross, of Edmonton, Alta., are at the Victoria. Rev. Mr. Bwing, superintendent of Presbyterian Chinese Missions in British Columbia, returned from the Mainland last evening. J. S. Doble, A. J. Roger, of Vancouver; J. W. Herringer, of Calgary; H. W. Findlay, of San Francisco, are at the Vernon hotel. R. A. Sudwick and F. M. Russell, of Spokane, are in the city, and will leave this evening for San Francisco. J. Paterson and wife and R. McKee and wife leave for the Golden Gate this evening. J. P. Babcock, Ashery commissioner, leaves for San Francisco by direct steamer to-night.

E. J. WALL.

Just Like Giving It Away.

KEILLER'S SCOTCH MARMALADE, IN 2-POUND STONE JARS AT 20 CENTS EACH.

Fresh Morgan Eastern Oysters always on hand.

Windsor Grocery Company

OPPOSITE POST OFFICE. GOVERNMENT STREET.

LOCAL NEWS.

Rupture Specialist Heard is at his office, Moody Block. From now until Christmas all the grocery stores of the city will remain open until 8 o'clock. The Methodist Sunday school, Victoria West, will hold their Christmas entertainment at Semple's hall on Monday evening. Prices as low as the lowest, goods the best money can buy, at Erskine's grocery, telephone 106, corner Johnson and Quadra. The Maple Leaf Confectionery, 83 Douglas street, have just received a consignment of Tom Smith's crackers and Christmas tree toys. Everything the finest, bought for cash, and sold at very lowest prices, at Erskine's grocery; telephone 106. Make no mistake of the number. Court Cariboo, I. O. F., No. 743, will give an entertainment this evening at their hall, Blanchard street. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed. Steamer Queen arrived from San Francisco last evening, and the Unatilla, of the same line, is scheduled to sail for the Bay City at 8 this evening. Seeded raisins, 10c lb.; currants, 3 lbs. for 25c; finest fresh eggs, 50c doz; kippers, 10c lb. Every other line quality low at Erskine's grocery, telephone 106, corner Johnson and Quadra. GOOD EVENING! Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day. As supplied the Imperial House of Commons. The annual banquet of No. 5 Company, Fifth Regiment, will be held next Friday evening at the Royal Cafe. An excellent programme is being prepared to follow the dinner. The auction sale of the Pacific grocery, which was to have taken place on Monday, will take place on Thursday without fail. For further particulars see the advertisement on the 8th page. Mrs. Hicks and H. Taylor have arranged to sing G. J. Burnett's new vocal duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd," at the organ recital at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this evening at 8 o'clock. An interesting and instructive lecture on mineralogy was delivered yesterday evening by W. F. Best, under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church. His remarks were illustrated by lantern slides. The address was given at the church, and there was a good attendance. The following hockey players are requested to catch the 2:45 Esquimalt car on Wednesday to play the Barracks: Forwards, L. York, A. Gillespie, K. Scholfield (captain), F. Fletcher and W. Winsby; defences, W. York, H. Gillespie and B. Ty; backs, K. Gillespie, A. Maclean and R. Jaegers. This is a league game, and all must be on time. Geo. R. Jackson's glove certificate will solve the gift problem for many a worried brain. A few pairs of extra gloves always delight a lady, but it is sometimes difficult to find out the size and color without preliminary marking your intentions known. Solution: Send her a glove certificate from Jackson's, and she can call, select her own gloves, and have them fitted. The boards of licensing commissioners for North Victoria, South Victoria and Esquimalt license districts met this morning. The commissioners for North Victoria held their session at the provincial police office and granted all the applications. The majority of the applications in Esquimalt district were likewise granted. The results of the meeting of the North Victoria commissioners at Mayne have not been received. Milton Lodge, No. 311, Sons of St. George, met last evening, when there was a fair attendance of members. After the usual routine business the degree ceremony proceeded. At the close of the work the delegates to the federated board, W. H. Price and Hy. Rivers, explained the arrangement offered by the Jubilee hospital directors to the benevolent societies. Owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided to hold a special meeting on December 21st to discuss this offer, to which all members are requested to be present. An exhibition and sale of work will be held in the St. James's hall, commencing to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock under the auspices of the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday school and the Boys' Brigade. No effort has been spared to make this bazaar a grand success. The hall has been very tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting, Chinese lanterns and evergreens. The various stands will be in charge of the following ladies and gentlemen: Fancy work, Misses Rankin, Taylor and Robinson; tea and cake, Misses Fairfull and Proctor; candy, Misses Lorimer, Jackson, Heaney, Thomson and Proctor; fish pond, Miss Scowcroft, assisted by two young gentlemen. The boys' work will be in charge of W. A. Lorimer. In the evening a good programme will be rendered by local talent. It is to be hoped a large number will take advantage of this opportunity to assist the James Bay

W. A. SMITH.

THEY ALL WELCOME IT.

Guests, husband and children alike welcome the appearance of Clark's Lunch Tongue on the table.

Word was received in the city yesterday of the death at his home in Paisley, Ont., of J. P. Rae, father of Mrs. A. B. McNeill, of this city. Mr. Rae was one of the pioneers of Bruce county, and a Liberal of that uncompromising type who imbued their principles from Geo. Brown. Although 93 years of age at the time of his death, his intellect was clear and strong to the very last.

THE MASTER MECHANIC'S PURE TAR SOAP heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleaning it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Available for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Price Sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mrs. Montreal.

Packed houses at every performance greeted the entertainers at the Edison last night. There is a very strong bill this week headed by the singing, dancing and comedy trio, Kardine West and Sunshine, who include the only Cuban troupe on the stage to-day, Sunshine, who received great applause. The many friends Leonard and Drake made when they opened the house, just eight months ago, were all on hand to give this couple a welcome, which they certainly deserve for their very funny skit, "The Girl and the Goat," is admirably done. Miss Belle Williams, the society entertainer, kept the house in a continual roar by the many witty tales and songs. The performance concluded with the new animated repastations, "Climbing Mount Blanc," "The Albany Fire Department" and the very funny one, "The Tramp's Escape from the Policeman." Santa Claus was on hand this afternoon and gave presents to all the children. He will make his headquarters at the theatre every afternoon until after Christmas. Bring the children and receive a present.

Elections for School Trustees.

At the request of a number of friends I have decided to be a candidate for School Trustee at the coming Municipal Elections, and respectfully request your votes and assistance.

A meeting will be held in Labor Hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing for the campaign. Those willing to assist in any election are cordially invited to be present. WM. M'RAY.

To the Public.

All trains on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway will be cancelled on Christmas Day, 25th December, 1903. JOSEPH HUNTER, General Superintendent.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMPANY.

Assets Held by Speyer & Co. Bought in by That Firm. (Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 15.—The assets of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company held by Speyer & Company for a loan of \$5,505,000, were bought in at public auction by Speyer & Company for \$4,700,000. This was the only bid. The sale was held in spite of several protests by representatives of other creditors.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.

itching, Blind, Bleeding and Protruding Piles. No cure, no pay. All druggists are authorized by the manufacturers of Pazo Ointment to refund the money where it fails to cure any case of piles, no matter of how long standing. Cures ordinary cases in six days; the worst cases in fourteen days. One application gives ease and rest. Relieves itching instantly. This is a new discovery and it is the only pile remedy sold on a positive guarantee, no cure, no pay. Price 50c. If your druggist hasn't it in stock send 50 cents Canadian stamps accepted to the Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine, the celebrated cold cure.

Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer, Oam Cocktails, K. P. C. Wine. Try them.

BORN.

EISNER—At Trent Lake City, on Dec. 7th, the wife of Harvey Eisner, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

GRAHAM-LEVETT—At the Cathedral, Victoria, on Dec. 7th, by the Rev. Hugh Allen, Edward Graham, of Denman Island, and Miss Elizabeth Levett, of London, England.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Creditors' Notice.

IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE BOSSI, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, AND OF PORTO CERESIO, COMO, ITALY, INTESTATE.

Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the testator, within the province of British Columbia, have been granted to Francesco Maria Bossi, Attorney-at-Law of Portofino, Italy, as Attorney of the testator, and for her use and benefit.

Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Calvert Mills, as such attorney as aforesaid, at the office of the said Attorney, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Achille Bossi, deceased, are required to pay the same to the said Attorney within the period above mentioned.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1903. S. PERRY MILLS, 81 LANGLEY STREET, VICTORIA, B. C. Solicitor for the Attorney-in-Fact of the said Francesco Maria Bossi.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Widow (50 weeks employment); mother's help or nurse to infant and children. 1 Richardson street.

REQUIRED—Work by the day, or nurse to infant and children, and obliging. 1 Richardson street.

WANTED—Two ladies require trustworthy girls from 12 to 14 years of age to take charge of babies from 10 to 12 o'clock. Apply 1 Richardson street from 10 to 12.

REQUIRED—A house and parlor maid; reference required. 1 Richardson street, from 10 to 12.

REQUIRED—A useful nurse; good wages; reference required. 1 Richardson street, from 10 to 12.

WANTED—For the country, a thoroughly good indoor servant for house work, and must be a good cook. Apply 1 Richardson street, from 10 to 12.

FOR ADOPTION—Fine healthy boy, aged seven weeks. For particulars apply to 108 Cornwall street.

FOR SALE—Three general-purpose horses. Apply Victoria Dairy, Cedar Hill road.

FOUND—2 sets false teeth. Owner prove property and pay for this ad. Fossil's Studio Government street.

TO C. P. M.—Will you communicate with J. A. B., who will pay well for information which will procure restitution?

CHRISTMAS TIME IS CANDY TIME.

For a snap in Confectionery, Bon-Bons and Christmas Toys, go to Maple Leaf Confectionery, 83 DOUGLAS ST.

Stoddart's Jewellery Stores, 63 and 65 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

Watches and Clocks Jewellery Diamonds

And Other Precious Stones CLEARING SALE

Right Up to Xmas

All Goods marked in plain figures. Our Stock is large and well assorted. Prices are fully 10 per cent. lower than Eastern Catalogues. Bring their Catalogues with you and satisfy yourselves.

8-Day Striking Clocks \$3.00 Waltham Watch Co.'s Watches, from \$6.00 Elgin Watch Co.'s Watches, from \$6.00 Ladies' Solid Silver Watches, warranted, from \$3.50 Boys' Solid Silver Watches, warranted, from \$3.50 Solid Gold Necklet Chains, from \$4.00 Illuminated Clocks with alarms; time can be seen in the dark.

14-Karat Solid Gold Wedding Rings, \$1 a dwt. A 4 dwt. ring is about the usual size. This is the lowest price ever quoted for encouraging young, old and single to get married during Xmas Holidays.

Solid (Sterling) Silver Brooches, from \$1.25 Solid Gold Rings, from \$50c Pearl Diamond Emerald Brooches, in great variety, will be found cheaper than any Eastern Catalogue prices (considering quality).

Solid (Sterling) Silver Spoons, from \$1.00 Solid (Sterling) Silver Napkin Rings, from \$1.00 Rogers 1847 Silver Dessert Spoons, \$3.50 doz. Rogers 1847 Silver Dessert Knives, \$6.00 doz. And an endless variety of Berry Spoons, Butter Knives and Children's Sets, in Sterling Silver, and Quadruple Plate Tea Sets, 4 pieces, from \$9.00

A splendid assortment of Mantel Clocks, new designs, richly ornamented and warranted; perfect timers, 5 years' written guarantee given with every Clock; prices from \$7.50 Trumpet and Cuckoo Clocks, from \$8.00

Diamond Rings Sold by Weight.

Any Stone can be valued and if not found cheaper than any Eastern Catalogue price, cash will be returned immediately.

Stoddart's Jewellery Stores, 63 and 65 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

SOMETHING NEW

Just received direct from England.

VAMPOLA

Plays accompaniments on the piano in any key without practice.

Positively the Greatest Novelty of the day.

FLETCHER BROS.

At the Up-to-Date Music Store, 93 Government Street.

For Lumber, Sash, Doors,

And All Kinds of Building Material, Go to THE TAYLOR MILL CO., LIMITED LIABILITY.

Practical Xmas Presents

Smoking Jackets AND Dressing Gowns

A Fine Assortment at Very Reasonable Prices \$6.00 to \$20.00.

W. & J. WILSON

Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers, 83 Govern't St.

Union Made.

Overalls, Jumpers, Jackets, Pants, Shirts, Waiters' Aprons, Cooks' Aprons, Carpenters' Aprons, Mackinaws, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Factory, Bastion Square.

TURNER, BEETON & Co., Ltd.

Wholesale Merchants, Victoria, B. C.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS

In Great Variety, at STEWART'S

GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS, Cor. Yates and Blanchard Sts.

LEE & FRASER

REAL ESTATE AGENTS. \$2,500.00

FOR SALE CITY LOTS \$100 EACH.

On monthly instalments, \$10.00 each (interest 4 per cent only). Best of soil. Apply.

B. C. Land and Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government Street.

..Money to Loan..

In sums from \$250.00 to \$25,000.00 to suit, without delay, with least expense and at lowest rates.

A. W. JONES, 28 Fort Street.

For Lumber, Sash, Doors,

And All Kinds of Building Material, Go to THE TAYLOR MILL CO., LIMITED LIABILITY.

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