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Bodies of Farmer, His Wife and Children Discovered in Ruins of Their Home.

(Associated Press.)  
Tampa, Fla., Jan. 27.—The little farming community of Wauchula, in Polk county, was plunged into excitement on Thursday at the discovery of a crime equalling in horror the tragedy at Statesboro, Ga., last year. The home of John Kirby, a farmer, who moved there last October from the banks of the St. Johns river, was found in ruins, and in the ruins were found the bodies of Kirby, his wife and four children. The skulls of each

of the victims, except that of Mrs. Kirby, had been crushed in by some heavy weapon. A hammer was the only weapon found in the ruins which could have inflicted the wounds. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the family came to their death "by a fire or some other means unknown."

**HOW FIGHT ENDED.**  
(Associated Press.)  
Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 27.—The prize fight here last night between Sandy Ferguson, of Boston, and McCormick, ended in the fifth round by McCormick throwing Ferguson over the ropes. He charged that

## THE FATAL RIOTS AT RIGA, RUSSIA

### SEVENTY-SIX PEOPLE KILLED OR WOUNDED

#### Work Has Been Resumed at Number of Factories in Moscow—Agitators Will Be Imprisoned.

(Associated Press.)  
While no further encounters between the strikers and the authorities have occurred, to-day's dispatches from Russian points indicate that the strike movement is spreading. At Mitau bodies of strikers marched to the shops and compelled the men who were at work to leave. At Warsaw a strike was begun to-day and is spreading rapidly, but without disorder. A general strike has begun at Lodz.

At Moscow and St. Petersburg the authorities have the situation under control, and the day has passed quietly. In the former city some men have returned to work.

Advices from St. Petersburg are to the effect that the authorities regard the danger of a general tie-up of Russian industries as past, and assert that the attempt to convert the movement into a political revolt has failed.

Thirty-One Killed.  
Riga, Russia, Jan. 27.—Twenty-nine men and two women were killed and thirty-seven civilians and eight soldiers were wounded by revolver shots during yesterday's rioting, according to the returns made by the hospital. At the request of the workmen of Riga, the theatres of this city have been closed.

A Quiet Night.  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—11 a.m.—All was quiet during the night. Traffic in the streets this morning is practically normal. Here and there small groups of workmen are reading Governor-General Trepoff's proclamation.

Four papers were published this morning. Their offices were guarded by police patrols all night long. Most of the compositors will resume work to-day. The troops have disappeared from the streets.

The press administration has sent a circular to the newspapers prohibiting the publication of news or comment regarding the strike.

Dealing With Revolutionists.  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—1:50 p.m.—Early reports from all over Russia indicate that the strike situation is flattening out. The authorities regard the danger of a general tie-up of the Russian industries as practically over, and declare that the attempt to turn the movement into a general political revolt has failed. The government's promise of shorter hours of labor has been proclaimed in Moscow and other cities, and seems to have an effect on the workmen. The political side of the movement seems to be sinking.

On the other hand, the authorities are putting down the revolutionists with a stern hand. The latter have again been forced to cover meetings being almost impossible.

The latest sensational report is that the Emperor and the Imperial family have fled to Livadia.

Situation at Moscow.  
Moscow, Jan. 27.—10 a.m.—The night passed quietly. Work was resumed this morning in some of the factories of the Samoskarsk quarter. The perfect has issued a proclamation declaring that the demands of the workmen will be examined and satisfied within legal limits when work is resumed. The men are urged to resume their employments without delay, and are threatened with arrest if they attempt to incite a spread of the strike. The master printers and newspaper proprietors at a meeting just held have resolved to act unitedly, and not increase the pay of the compositors.

There is every prospect of a termination of the strike without bloodshed. Only now is the political side of the movement coming to the surface.

Troops Summoned.  
Mitsn, Russia, Jan. 27.—Labor agents from Riga organized a strike here this morning, bodies of strikers marching to the factories and workshops and compelling the men who were at work to leave their employment. Troops have been summoned to the scene of the disturbance.

Received Workmen.  
Kovno, Russia, Jan. 27.—The governor on receiving a deputation of workmen to-day promised assistance in improving their relations with their employers. On the governor's initiative, they met and drew up a scheme for the amelioration of the workers' position.

A proclamation has been posted by the governor urging the strikers to resume work, and promising all legitimate help towards obtaining a satisfactory settlement of their demands; at the same time announcing that he would have recourse to the troops in event of street disorders.

Government Cannot Stand.  
London, Jan. 27.—Geo. Meredith, the author, in an interview given to the Chronicle yesterday, expressed a strong conviction that the long reign of despotism which blocks Eastern Europe is slowly but surely coming to an end.

"The Emperor is a poor, weak crea-

## JAPANESE ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE

### ATTEMPTED TO FORCE BACK RUSSIAN RIGHT

#### Kouropatkin's Troops Reported to Have Repulsed the Attack and Captured Several Guns.

(Associated Press.)  
Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Manchuria, Jan. 26.—6 p. m.—(Delayed.)—After three months of quietude, the Japanese have resumed activity, attempting to force back the Russian right wing.

A stubborn fight began January 25th, and is continuing to-day, January 26th, which may be a certain raiser for the spring campaign.

According to reports, the Japanese attack was repulsed and a Russian counter-attack was so energetically pressed that a village within the former Japanese line of some strategic importance was taken. It is rumored that several Japanese guns were taken. There was no fighting at the centre or on the left flank.

The Japanese advance is believed to have been inspired in part by the news of the Russian internal troubles, intelligence of which reached the Russian army at dawn, January 25th.

Following a sudden return of winter, however, cannon began booming far westward, and through the morning fog and mist the Japanese unexpectedly advanced. The rifles on the Russian right flank were so vigorously employed in the fighting line that by evening they had met the Japanese attack by a brilliant counter-attack. The Japanese at once began to retire, abandoning and setting fire to a village.

Throughout the night and all day firing was heard along the line toward the Hun river in the vicinity of the village of Hekstait and Lindutum, the Japanese firing occasional shots to get the range of the Russian positions.

The troops all along the line were under arms on the night of the 25th. The skies were lit up by a conflagration, evidently caused by the burning of a village beyond the Shalke river south of Poutikoff (Loose Tree) hill.

A bitterly cold wind is blowing and heavy frosts prevail.

KOUROPATKIN REPORTS RUSSIAN ADVANCE.  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—Gen. Kouropatkin, under the date of January 25th, telegraphs as follows to Emperor Nicholas:

The advance has commenced on our right flank against the enemy. We have occupied Khalitosa and Kheigoutaya." General Kouropatkin adds: "No details have been received of the losses at Khalitosa and Kheigoutaya, which are seven versts southwest of San Depas. We occupied Khalitosa without firing, the Japanese being bagoneted. Kheigoutaya was practically undefended, but we finally occupied it at ten o'clock at night. Our cavalry pursued two regiments of Japanese dragoons, which fled southeastward."

"On our left flank a detachment repulsed the Japanese and occupied a defile beyond Chaudienzan."

"Another detachment sent against the enemy's flank near Hindcheng forced the Japanese to retire and captured two hundred cattle."

ATTACHES REJOIN GEN. KUROKI'S ARMY.  
General Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 26.—The military attaches who spent a week at Port Arthur, have returned. While at Port Arthur they were permitted to inspect the forts and to take photographs freely.

Col. Macpherson, the British medical attaché, remained at Port Arthur to study the scurvy, of which there are thousands of cases reported in hospitals. Prince Anton Von Karf also spent several days at Port Arthur and Dalny.

BYE-ELECTION.  
Liberal Successful in the Contest in North Dorset.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 27.—The Free Traders captured another parliamentary seat in the bye-election held in North Dorset yesterday.

A Liberal, A. W. Wills, defeated the Conservative candidate, Sir Randolph Baker, by a majority of 900. The vacancy was caused by the death of John Willfield Digby.

THE KAISER'S SON.  
Prince Eitel Friederich is Suffering From Pneumonia—To-Day's Bulletin.

(Associated Press.)  
Potsdam, Jan. 27.—The physicians of Prince Eitel Friederich, second son of Emperor William, who is suffering from pneumonia, issued the following bulletin at 9 a. m.:

The Prince was disturbed during the first half of the night by high fever and recurring chills this morning. His skin is somewhat moist, temperature 102½, respiration 28. The inflammation has extended to part of the upper lobe of the left lung. The Prince takes somewhat more nourishment.

## THE STRIKE IN GERMANY.

### Notwithstanding Weakening of Employees Trouble is Still Far From Being Settled.

(Associated Press.)  
Essen, Jan. 27.—The coal mine owners object to their resolution wherein they agreed to accept the judgment of the government commission on the workmen's complaints being interpreted as a change from their previous attitude or as any acknowledgment that the workmen are in the right. The Mine Owners' Association desired by the resolution to clear away public misunderstanding and to repeat the assurance the association had already given that its members so fully believed in the soundness of their position that they are willing to abide by the government commission's decision.

Notwithstanding this explanation, it is very well known that the mine owners have modified their stiff position and recognize that they are unable to maintain an uncompromising attitude against the government and public opinion. Although this is the situation, it will take much time to effect an actual settlement.

## PREMIER SAYS HE WILL AMEND ACT

### GAME OF PROVINCE MUST BE PROTECTED

#### Estimates Will Include Appropriations for Wards—Interviewed by a Large Deputation.

Premier McBride has promised to introduce measures at the forthcoming session of the provincial legislature providing for a more stringent enforcement of the provisions of the Game Act. This gratifying announcement was made in the course of an interview last evening between representatives of the Victoria and Vancouver Fish and Game Societies and the government. Addresses were delivered by H. Abbott and F. M. Chaldecott, from the Mainland, and E. Musgrave on behalf of the Island association. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., also spoke in favor of most of the recommendations submitted by the delegation. It was in response to these overtures that Premier McBride assured those present that an appropriation would be included in the estimates for the appointment of wardens. All the members of the cabinet were in attendance. The respective delegations were comprised as follows: Victoria—A. Wylie, R. H. Pooley, J. Musgrave and E. Musgrave. Vancouver—H. Abbott, H. Kerr, Houghton, C. E. Hope, D. C. MacGregor, F. M. Chaldecott, A. W. Cooper and Mr. Houston.

After the usual introductions Mr. Abbott, of Vancouver, outlined the action Mainland sportsmen recommended in order to bring about a more general observance of the terms of the Game Act. They did not wish any radical departure from the present condition of affairs because it wasn't necessary. If the nucleus of a fish and game department was formed by the appointment of wardens it would have the desired result. The suggestion of the Vancouver association was that a head warden be selected to have jurisdiction over the whole province and three deputy wardens to take charge of the enforcement of the Game Act on the Island and the Mainland.

The speaker explained that the proposal would not involve an extensive increase in expenditure. It was acknowledged that the non-resident licenses were not collected. Under the existing conditions it was impossible to give it the attention required. In spite of this the sum of \$1,900 had been turned into the treasury last year. Those who paid, he said, had done so voluntarily. Therefore, if such an amount was received without solicitation it was reasonable to believe that a collector would collect at least four times the amount annually.

In a brief address Mr. Musgrave, of the Victoria association, reviewed the Island society's position. He spoke particularly of the depletion of the fish of Cowichan and Chemainus rivers. It was known that illegal practices, such as the use of weirs and nets, were carried on in these places almost continually. He was thoroughly acquainted with the facts, having been a resident of Victoria for the past 18 or 20 years. During that time the fishing had deteriorated. Mr. Duncanson had a resident magistrate, a deputy fishery inspector, a regular constable and an Indian official, the latter having been specially appointed to guard against flagrant breaches of the law by his tribesmen. All these precautions, however, were without effect. The illegal practices continued, and nobody was called to account. Surely all demonstrated the lax manner in which the Game Act was enforced. Some change was necessary, and he thought the recommendation regarding the appointment of a warden was worthy of the favorable consideration of the government.

Mr. Musgrave also pointed out that in South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia it had been found necessary to import fish and game. British Columbia, however, was liberally endowed by nature, and it was "up to" the people to enforce the provisions of the act that the privileges now enjoyed by resident sportsmen would pass on to future generations. If some action was not taken it would be difficult to secure good sport either on the Island or Mainland of British Columbia in a few years. He hoped members of the government present would realize the importance of the question, and would see their way to take the steps outlined.

Mr. Chaldecott, secretary of the Vancouver Fish and Game Club, quoted statistics showing the revenue derived in several of the States from the granting of licenses to sportsmen. In Maine no less than \$6,000,000 was received from hunting and fishing permits, while in Wisconsin and Illinois the yearly revenue from the same source amounted to \$100,000. These figures, he explained, did not include the amount of money expended by hunters in the purchase of outfits, and the services of guides. As an illustration of the sums circulated in this way Mr. Chaldecott stated that in 1890 a friend had spent a few weeks in British Columbia, and during that time expended \$3,000. This was only one of many similar instances where millions were attracted by the splendid attractions British Columbia offered for big game. Had come here and spent money lavishly in order to secure the best possible equipment.

A vigorous address was delivered by J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P. He strongly supported the suggestions offered by members of the delegation, taking exception to only one point. He didn't

## PROPOSED CLOSE SALMON SEASONS

### THE CONFERENCE WITH FEDERAL MINISTERS

#### Decision of Hon. R. Prefontaine Expected to Be in Favor of Canners' Proposal.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The interview between Richard Hall, representing the board of trade of Victoria and others interested, and Hon. R. Prefontaine, Senator Templeman and British Columbia members, took place late last evening at the office of the minister of marine and fisheries. There were also present Messrs. Bell-Irving and Robert Kerr, Vancouver; Deputy Minister Gourdeau and Professor Prince.

Mr. Hall presented his case in a very full and elaborate way to show that the preservation of the fisheries could be attained with out closing down for two years. The Vancouver cannery would not be injured by closing down because they had interests in the north, which would not be affected.

Mr. Bell-Irving made a strong plea for the adoption of the close season regulations, as recommended by Canadian and United States canners.

Incidentally the question of traps was discussed. There is no doubt that it was the trap proposition last year that made the United States come to terms now in regard to close seasons.

Members of parliament present discussed the question from all its standpoints.

It was finally decided by Hon. R. Prefontaine that he would get officers of his department to make a report upon the whole question, and he would be better able to decide the matter.

The matter is now in the hands of the minister and his officers, and will be decided in a very few days. There, however, does not seem to have been any material new evidence submitted to Hon. Mr. Prefontaine by Mr. Hall, although he made the very most of his case to make the minister change his mind. It is therefore expected that when Hon. Mr. Prefontaine announces his decision it will be in favor of close seasons, as decided upon by the canners at the Puget Sound convention. It is believed here that some action of this kind is necessary for the preservation of the fisheries, and now that Washington state agrees, advantage should be taken of it.

## JOHN C. NEWBURY TO BE APPOINTED

### CUSTOMS COLLECTOR FOR PORT OF VICTORIA

#### An Order-in Council Will Be Passed To-morrow or Monday, Filling the Position.

It is understood that an order in council will be passed to-morrow or Monday appointing J. C. Newbury collector of customs. No official notification has been received to this effect, but information giving the news comes in a press dispatch to the Times from Ottawa to-day. Mr. Newbury has been acting collector since the death of A. R. Milne about a year ago and has shown splendid executive ability in conducting the business of the department. He has a good knowledge of the technical affairs of the service and is thoroughly familiar with the coasting and other shipping laws of the Dominion, which well qualify him for the important position.

Mr. Newbury has been long connected with the customs of this city. He joined the staff of the department on the 1st of September, 1883, and on the 4th of November, 1890, his appointment as chief clerk was officially confirmed. Mr. Newbury in the last year has given ample evidence that he is well fitted to fill the post. He has shown a determined disposition to protect the Canadian shipping interests, and has been prompt to punish any flagrant infringement of the coasting regulations.

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## YUKON ELECTION PROTEST.

### (Special to the Times)

#### Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Dr. Thompson's election for the Yukon has been protested. His disqualification is asked for.

A London dispatch to the New York Sun says: "The second British cruiser squadron, under command of Prince Louis of Battenburg, will sail in February on an eight months' cruise, visiting American ports among others."

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## ALL IS QUIET IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

### WORK RESUMED AT A NUMBER OF FACTORIES

### The Governor-General of St. Petersburg Says the Crisis is Over—Disturbances at Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—2 a. m.—Although the strikes in Revel, Libau, Kieff, Odessa and a few smaller places are extending, the situation is nowhere acute. An increasing number of workmen are out in Moscow, but there is no general tie-up or disorder there. The whereabouts of Father Gopon still remains a mystery, although it is believed the priest is in Moscow.

The Russian capital presents an almost normal appearance, and the authorities are confident that the backbones of the strike have been broken. Some factories and mills already have resumed and a general resumption of operations is expected on Monday.

The authorities expect the failure of the strike here will have a discouraging effect upon the workmen in other cities to which the troubles have been spreading, and believe that there is no longer danger of a suspension of all industries of Russia.

Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky has promised a delegation of editors who called upon him that he will investigate the arrest of several prominent writers who are now confined in St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, and secure their release as soon as possible.

Another Proclamation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26.—6 p. m.—Governor-General Treppoff, who received the correspondent of the Associated Press this afternoon at the former headquarters in the Winter Palace, manifests complete confidence that the crisis is over and that the public and safety of the city are assured. Further than this the governor-general takes an optimistic view of the situation in the provinces.

Governor-General Treppoff and Minister of Finance Kokovsov issued a proclamation last night which reveals the government's plan for breaking the strike, not only here, but throughout Russia. The proclamation is couched in a paternal tone and points out that honest workmen who want to better their condition should have brought their demands to the government instead of being misled by agitators into affiliating with a movement which is not confined to economic aspirations. It invites them to return to work, promising them, in the Emperor's name, a revision of the general law so as to restrict the hours of labor, the institution of a plan for state insurance and otherwise to meet their demands as far as the law will permit, and guarantee them protection against interference by agitators.

Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, called Foreign Minister Lammedoff's attention this afternoon to the telegram printed at Moscow yesterday saying that the disturbances at the Russian dockyards and arsenals were due to Anglo-Japanese instigation and that both Great Britain and Japan were sending vast sums to prevent the Russian second Pacific squadron from going to the Far East. At the same time he pointed out that a similar telegram appeared here this morning in the Ruskii Invalid army organ. Count Lammedoff assured Ambassador Hardinge that such publications had no official sanction, but added that he would enquire whether it had been given an official appearance at Moscow. The matter is not likely to assume the dignity of diplomatic incident.

Negotiations at Moscow.

Moscow, Jan. 26.—Although the strike is steadily spreading, the movement thus far has not been accompanied by collisions of great gravity. To-day's events were restricted to minor skirmishes in the northern and eastern outskirts of the city, in which the troops successfully resisted all efforts of the crowd to break through the cordon. No bloodshed is reported.

In the meantime workers and masters

are negotiating for a settlement of their differences. Several firms already have offered an advance in wages, which will bring up the average earnings of each workman to \$10 per month and lodgings. One firm has offered to knock off one hour from the legal working day of eleven hours, but this is a burning question on which the majority of the masters are unwilling or unable to agree to concessions.

### FISCAL QUESTION.

Premier Balfour's Speech to His Constituents—Closely Commercial Union With Colonies.

London, Jan. 27.—Speaking to his constituents at Manchester, Premier Balfour denied the assertion made by his opponents that he had been vague regarding the fiscal question.

"I desire," he said, "such alterations in the fiscal system as will give us freedom of action, impossible while we hold ourselves bound by maxims that no taxation should be imposed except for three reasons. It will strengthen our hands in negotiations by which we may hope to lower foreign hostile tariffs. It may enable us to protect the fiscal independence of those colonies which desire to give us preferential treatment. It may be useful where we wish to check the importation of those foreign goods which, because they are bought or tariff protected abroad, are sold below cost price here."

"Secondly, I desire closer commercial union with the colonies. I think it might produce great growing commercial advantages both to the colonies and Mother Country by promoting freer trade between them. Such commercial union is beset with many difficulties, but these can best be dealt with by the colonial conference. Provided its objects are permitted to be discussed unhampered by limiting instructions, I recommend that the subject shall be referred to a conference on these terms.

"Lastly, I do not desire to raise home prices for the purpose of aiding home production."

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### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Four men were instantly killed Thursday by an accident at the Durham furnace, Dorchester, Pa. The men were operating a cinder train which ran into a snow drift, jumped the track and went over an embankment into the Delaware river.

During Wednesday night a store belonging to Wm. Leslie at Biederhill, 16 miles east of Port Sunlight, was burned to the ground. Thursday morning it was discovered that Leslie himself had been cremated, the body being almost entirely consumed.

The Russian war office denies the report first circulated by a Paris paper, and reproduced to-day by the London Globe, to the effect that a mutiny recently broke out among the Russian troops at Mukden because of the privations they had been forced to endure.

At a conference of representatives of labor organizations of the United Kingdom, representing 900,000, resolutions of sympathy for the Russian strikers were adopted, and the conference inaugurated a relief fund for the benefit of the Russian strikers. Resolutions were also adopted expressing sympathy with the German coal miners.

A dispatch from Essen, Prussia, says the coal mine owners have taken steps that probably will result in a settlement of the strike. They are determined to inform the government that they would accept any judgment a parliamentary commission might render after an inquiry into the grievances of the miners, and that the owners would immediately remove the grievances.

"Japan is compelled to fight for China and Korea to preserve her own interests in these two countries," said Hon. I. Suehida, Japanese consul-general in New York, at the annual dinner of the Michigan Society Thursday. "If these countries are annexed by Russia, Japan would be at her mercy," he continued. "We insist on the open door in China and Korea. If other nations got in there the two nations would be held from any particular power in the western world."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

## COMMISSION HAS CLOSED ITS WORK

### THE FINAL SITTING WAS HELD YESTERDAY

### Joint Delegation From Property Owners of Victoria and Vancouver Make Protests.

The assessment commission has completed its work. Yesterday afternoon there was a delegation from the Property Owners' Associations in Victoria and Vancouver before the commission. It comprised Chas. E. Hope and Mr. Holgate, of Vancouver, and J. Furman, Fred. Pemberton and C. A. Holland, of this city.

Chas. E. Hope, Vancouver, first addressed the commission. He said that under the present system at sales for arrears of taxation an injustice was often worked. Property often brought little more than half its value or even less. Persons having claims against the property suffered as a result. The procedure was to notify those having a claim against the property that the property was sold and might be redeemed. In many cases the notice was not very explicit, and did not correspond with the registered description of the property. There was no guarantee that the notice reached those interested. He advocated the ratification of these sales by a judge or by some other process, which would safeguard the interests of all.

Several points were taken up in the act which it was urged should be amended. This was done with Attorney-General Wilson present.

One point touched upon by Mr. Hope was that a future owner or tenant was held liable for arrears of taxes. He contended that it was unreasonable to expect that a tenant should be held liable. It might work an injustice upon a tenant who took the property.

Mr. Fisher, assessor of New Westminster, called attention to the fact that there were now annual tax sales, and there could not be any great accumulation of taxes against the property.

The Attorney-General said that all this did was to impose an obligation upon a tenant to see that there was no arrears of taxes. Just the same as a purchaser had to satisfy himself in this respect.

Mr. Hope thought that the land and the personal security of the owner should be sufficient.

The Attorney-General did not think that it would be wise to alter this.

Another point raised by Mr. Hope was that the act apparently made a purchaser of property liable not only for arrears of taxes on that particular property, but also the arrears of the former owner for other taxes, even income and personal property.

The Attorney-General could not see that the act permitted of this.

Mr. Pemberton said he had had within two weeks an example of this when the collector refused to accept the arrears of taxes on a property he bought until all the taxes of the former owner were paid.

The Attorney-General said this was a mistake by the collector, and could be rectified.

Reverting to the question of tax sales, Mr. Hope contended that it was in the interests of the province that taxes should be paid rather than having the property revert to the crown. On account of tax sales being regarded as a gamble, property seldom brought anything over the amount of taxes due against it, and in most of cases less than the taxes.

Mortgages and judgment creditors and those having claims against the property should be personally served with a notice of the sale for taxes or otherwise as ordered by a judge or by some similar process.

The Attorney-General said that he would go fully into this subject, and see that justice was done to all parties.

The question of having to pay taxes for the year, in which a transfer of property takes place before a title could be given, was brought up. This worked to the disadvantage of those who early in the year purchased a property and wished to transfer title.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow agreed that this should be looked into.

The commission then adjourned, the chairman stating that this would practically close the public sittings.

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THE EASTERN SITUATION.

The powers are getting nervous now that there is a possibility of a speedy ending of the war.

When hostilities between Japan and China were brought to a termination about eight years ago, the war lords of Europe stepped confidently forward and dictated terms to conqueror and conquered.

Japan's reluctant feet were hustled out of Port Arthur and "spheres of influence" were created in various portions of the helpless Chinese bulk.

The dictators realize to-day that the days of their high-handed proceedings in Asia are at an end. They are manoeuvring carefully for position, therefore, in anticipation of some delicate questions arising.

Secretary of State Hay, who in conjunction with President Roosevelt, has assumed the role of surveyor-general and lord paramount of the world, has sent out a circular note embodying his views and is said to have received the most satisfactory assurance that whatever the event of the war, no further partition of China is intended.

But as the New York Post points out, the secretary already has a notable collection of self-denying ordinances; in fact, he held Russian paper expressing a profound respect for the Chinese overlordship at the time when the Russian companies were taking possession of northwestern Korea.

He is, then, under no illusions as to the nature of such promises. On the other hand, no one should take too cynical a view of these negotiations.

Mr. Hay's round-robins are something more than the elegant recreations of a diplomat; the existence of formal promises does make any resumption of old-style land-grabbing invidious, and to that extent more difficult.

To have Germany, Russia, and Japan solemnly bound, does afford a kind of moral leverage for the more disinterested powers. No state paper is of much avail when paramount commercial or military considerations cross its tenor.

And this opinion is borne out by the observations of men who are watching events on behalf of the various powers. The United States may find that other nations are not likely to be as agreeable to her assumptions of world suzerainty as is Great Britain.

Port Arthur." There are evidently sufficient reasons for the concentration of a very large and unusually strong British naval force at Hong Kong.

WINTRY BLASTS.

Away down as far as sunny Maryland the blizzards blow, the frozen earth is covered with a white mantle, and the people of the east and the middle west shiver in a temperature close in the neighborhood of zero.

Nevertheless mankind has faith that the bow of promise is yet in the heavens and that seedtime will not fail to arrive according to calendar and schedule.

Consequently, while the sports of winter are in full swing, the ice in the rinks rings with the sounds of millions of steel-clad feet and the besom of the curler is actively "soopin' her up."

The customary preparations are being made for the opening of the baseball, the cricket, the lacrosse, the tennis, the rowing, the croquet, and, most momentous of all, the golf season.

They of the East cannot enjoy the privileges accorded this happy insular community of sporting on the green sward, and in the green woods and wielding all manner of clubs right in the depth of winter.

Still it must be confessed that the average Easterner considers himself blessed in his iron-hard climate and knows not the joys he is denied.

That is the reason why, when he comes West as far as Vancouver Island and discovers that a new and better world exists, he can never rest in peace again in his land of extremes.

For the glacier from the far side of the mountains comprehends much that is hidden from or forgotten by many of the residents of Vancouver Island. As he inhales the balmy breezes from the Pacific in the "glad summer time" the truth is borne in upon him that the absence of extreme, oppressive heat in summer is as captivating to the soul and as agreeable to the body as the mild and equable, albeit sometimes rather moist, temperature of the winter season.

That the heart of the Easterner longs with almost pathetic eagerness for the advent of the warm spring breezes and the glowing summer sun is evident by the earnestness with which he is considering the sports and pastimes which will relieve the monotony of business and dull routine.

The spring fever does not attack us here at all. The vernal season steals in with light step; winter melts into spring and spring into summer so gradually and so unostentatiously that the changes excite but trifling attention.

There is no shedding of cumbersome clothing nor shouts of joy because winter has opened her prison doors and led us forth from a superheated atmosphere to the enjoyment of a too brief season of the free air of heaven.

But man at the best is a grumpy animal. He never appreciates as he ought the blessings showered upon his cantankerous head.

A correspondent of the London Standard, writing from Moscow, says that either the drain upon Russia's strength for the war is greater than is supposed, or else her actual resources in men are below the general estimate.

The lists of reservists are probably very much smaller than they would be if there were no corruption. On the other hand, the wastage of men in Russian campaigns is always enormous, and already grim stories are told of dead flung out of troop trains at all the stopping places.

Either frozen stiff by the terrible cold, or suffocated by wood gas from the stores with which many of the cars are provided. The correspondent says that the districts mobilized in Poland and the Baltic provinces are most severely dealt with, notwithstanding the Czar's express orders that men with three helpless ones dependent upon them should be spared.

He says that he has trustworthy evidence that every man is being taken, and even the medical examination is not too strict. The authority says: "We want all we can get." Men of thirty-six, with families of three, four, and more little children are taken. The Czar's orders cannot be wholly ignored, but no attention is paid to them if the victim does not happen to have all his official papers ready to hand.

No doubt the usual beneficent showers of criticism will fall upon the collective head of the city council because of its choice of a city librarian. We think the selection was a good one. Dr. Handa possesses many qualifications for the position in addition to the special one of being naturally systematic and methodical.

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CONCEPT OF ROOSTERS. Minneapolis Journal. Were it not for the disgusting, self-conceited of the roosters we might enjoy the poultry show next week.

HIS SCATTERED THOUGHTS. Montgomery, Tenn., Vindicator. Our readers will please excuse the dearth of news this week.

SPORTING ITEM. Detroit Tribune. Mrs. Game—See here, Mr. G., I thought you said you had been duck hunting.

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IN OUR BOAT. Dinah Smith, Muloch Craik. Stars trembling o'er us and sunset before us, Mountains in shadow and forests aloe; Down the dim river we float on forever, Speak not, ah, breathe not—there's peace on the deep.

SANDY'S INITIATION. Bally's Magazine. A Scottish phillie was invited, by the laird to take a pull at his flask after galling the first fish of the day.

ONE DICKENS USED TO TELL. Birmingham Post. Charles Dickens used to tell this story about a clergyman: "This presbyter had been called to officiate at the funeral of a relative of a Conservative editor, and as the preacher himself aimed to be a Liberal leader in the district, he and the editor had often crossed swords. This time the chance came to deliver a home thrust without a chance for either party to reply. At the coffin of the deceased, beside which the editor and other

mourners knelt together, the preacher made this appeal: 'Lord, overlook this affliction to the welfare of all assembled, including the reptile now sprawling in Thy presence, who has frequently abused Thy servant in the columns of his beastly publication.'

HOW HE GOT THE LIVING. London Saturday Review. A Rev. Mr. Black, who had been presented to the rectory of Hampton by the Duke of Cumberland, had been chaplain to a regiment during the rebellion of '45, and had negotiated the stern commander-in-chief with the passage of golf. After the first game the pupil invariably beat his astute master and had the snug living on the Thames.

A CASE IN POINT. Philadelphia Press. Mrs. Small—Your husband makes me laugh so, Mrs. Cassidy. He is so Irish in his speech. Mrs. Cassidy—Is he so, ma'am? Mrs. Small—Yes, he has such a queer way of getting words twisted around out of place. Mrs. Cassidy—Ah! yes, I noticed that very thing to-day. He told me ye were a "bony little body," meanin', I suppose, as everybody knows, that ye're—well, what ye are, ma'am.

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In washing woollens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

—H. H. Abbott, 86 Government street, is the man to see before purchasing your tickets to the Old Country. He is agent for all lines.

—Ladies, gents and children's high-grade boots at enormous reductions this month. Do not miss such an opportunity. Watson's Shoe Store, 65 Yates street.

—Arthur L. Adams, the San Francisco expert who has been engaged by the city council to report on the waterworks proposals, will leave for Victoria on Monday next, arriving here some time on Wednesday. He will deal with the Elk lake and Goldstream schemes in turn, thoroughly investigating every phase.

—At the request of the festival chorus committee, Gideon Hicks has decided to begin rehearsals for a grand oratorio concert to be given at Easter in the Metropolitan Methodist church. "The Messiah" will be given and the first rehearsal is to take place on Wednesday next. All intending to take part should attend, and it is also requested that all who have copies of the oratorio should bring them on Wednesday evening.

—The Canadian Trade Review says: "Our thanks are due Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., of Victoria, B. C., the publishers, for an extremely handsome and artistic publication entitled "Picturesque Victoria." Perhaps nothing gives a more accurate idea of that lovely city by the Pacific than a study of the photographic reproduction of scenes in Victoria and the environs, and one realizes the strides being made in the province of British Columbia in turning over the pages of this publication by Messrs. Hibben & Co. The recollection of Kingsley's "Westward Ho!" strikes one as being a fitting exclamation in connection with the steady growth, general prosperity and the golden promise of the years to be as shown in this series of beautiful views."

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—Majestic Council, Royal Arcanum, will hold a smoker in the Pioneer hall, Broad street, on Thursday next.

—Mr. S. R. Stephens, representing the land department of the Pan-American railroad, arrived yesterday on the steamer Beatrice from Seattle.

—Steamer City of Puebla will be due from San Francisco this evening. The Senator, of the same line, will sail for the Golden Gate to-morrow evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. Hart will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their residence, 52 John street, to-morrow afternoon, between 3 and 6 o'clock. A reception will be held between those hours, to which a large number of friends have been invited.

—This morning the death occurred at the residence, Milne street, of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McGregor, aged 5 years and 9 months. The funeral is arranged to take place on Sunday afternoon at St. Barnabas's church at 1.30 o'clock. Rev. E. G. Miller will conduct the services.

—A large party is being organized to enter the Bulkley valley and take up homes in that country this spring. When the steamer Tees sails on her next voyage north she will carry twenty-eight of these colonists. The leader of the party is still conducting the work of organization, and it is said many members of his party will come from the American side.

—Five young men of Dawson are completing an invention they think will revolutionize the carrying of northern freight. They are building a remarkable steam auto-sled which will be run by means of an endless chain with cogs attached. An engine will be used for the supply of the power necessary, and it is estimated that the sled can be driven from five to ten miles an hour.

—Mr. Findlay, one of the men who had been injured in the recent explosion of a boiler on a small tug belonging to George Rudge in northern waters, was in the city a few days ago, having come south on the steamer Tees. It will be remembered that one of the boat's crew was killed in the explosion, and Mr. Findlay was seriously scalded. The treatment which he received probably exceeded in extent any similar case of the kind on record. Skin has to be grafted on to nearly every portion of the body, and towards this it is said the people of Port Simpson contributed to an almost incredulous degree.

—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather last night, the usual large number were in attendance at the revival service in the Metropolitan Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, conducted the services and delivered a powerful address, while Miss Foxall in recitation and Miss Deville and G. Hicks by song added greatly to the interest. The service throughout was one of power and inspiration. It is expected that to-night will be the last of the series of week night services. The service will be especially interesting to the young people, as well as to the older members. Mrs. Hicks will render a solo and Messrs. Martindale and Hammond will sing a duet.

## THE ESQUIMALT NAVAL STATION

**PREMIER CORRECTLY REPORTED IN TIMES**

**Canadian Authorities Have No Information That Imperial Government Intend Abandoning It.**

The Times yesterday published a dispatch from its Ottawa correspondent stating that in the House Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to Wm. Sloan, said that the government had no information that the Imperial government intended abandoning Esquimalt as a naval station.

In the Colonist this morning, under the headlines "Esquimalt to be abandoned: Imperial authorities have so informed the Canadian government," the following dispatch appeared:

"Mr. Sloan (Comox-Atlin) was informed by Premier Laurier to-day that the government has information to the effect that the Imperial authorities propose to abandon Esquimalt as a naval station." This is directly the reverse of the telegram which appeared in the Times last night, and to set all doubt at rest our correspondent was to-day asked to repeat his message.  
In reply he writes that Sir Wilfrid said the government had no information that the Imperial government intended abandoning Esquimalt as a naval station. The Premier used the word no, and is so reported by Hansard.

—An address will be delivered by Rev. LeRoy Dakin at the evangelistic service to be held at Calvary Baptist church this evening.

—At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon it was decided to make representations at the next session of the provincial legislature seeking the enactment of legislation extending the franchise to women.

—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, aged five months, passed away yesterday. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller.

—An "At Home" will be held on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Howell, Richmond avenue, in aid of the Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian church. A pleasant time is promised, and all interested are extended a cordial invitation to be present.

—The Victoria Building Society will hold its annual general meeting to-morrow evening in Sir William Wallace hall, commencing at eight o'clock. The business will be the receipt and consideration of the directors, auditors and secretary's reports and balance sheet, as well as the election of officers and a board of management.

—The property owners of Oak Bay decided some little time ago to withdraw their names from the petition asking for the incorporation of the Saanich municipality. The grounds taken by the Oak Bay residents is that their property is essentially residential, while the remaining land included in the proposed municipality is farm property. They do not think therefore that the interests of the small holders of Oak Bay district would be best served by entering the municipality. A committee has been appointed to wait upon the provincial government for the purpose of asking for appropriations for some needed roads and improvements.

—There will be two matinees to-morrow afternoon at the Grand theatre on Johnson street, beginning at 2.30, at which children will be admitted for the low price of five cents. The bill this week is giving great satisfaction. The three American MEs, in a most amusing sketch, in which a trick stairway takes a prominent part; Kendall and Thompson, lady comedians; the Ryans in a singing and dancing sketch; George O'Dole in a novel lullaby act; Frederic Roberts in the illustrated song, "Songs of Other Days," and a varied and amusing line of moving pictures, all go to make up a strong programme for a popular priced house.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

"Second in Command" on Monday—  
"Monte Cristo" at the Redmond.

In announcing the appearance here of the young romantic actor, White Whittlesey and his supporting company, the management of the Victoria theatre is preparing for an unusual demand for seats for the attraction, which is to be seen at the theatre on Monday night, January 30th, when the well-known English military comedy drama, "The Second in Command," which was written by Captain Robert Marshall, will be presented on a lavish scale.

White Whittlesey is one of the few romantic actors on the stage to-day who is youthful, and his remarkable ability and artistic talents form a combination that has placed him in the front ranks of his profession. Educated for the stage by David Belasco, the great master of theatrical craft, White Whittlesey has been a series of triumphal successes. His present managers, Belasco, Meyer and Price secured the services of Whittlesey six years ago, and he has played since that time under their control. For his present tour, Whittlesey's managers have selected the famous romantic plays, "Heartsease," "Soldiers of Fortune," and "The Second in Command," as his repertoire. The scenery for the three plays is carried entire, as well as all the stage properties and accessories, costumes, wigs, furniture, etc. A trained choir of singers is also utilized for the rendition of the music of "Heartsease" and "The Second in Command."

The company supporting Whittlesey includes such talented artists as Eugenie Thais Lawton, Virginia Brissac, Alfa Perry, Edith Campbell, Helie White and Messrs. J. M. Sainpolis, Harry D. Byer, Reginald Mason, Henry Lewellyn, Carl Yoho, Taylor Curtis, Erville Alderson and Earle Williams.

"Monte Cristo."  
At the Redmond theatre last evening the Platt-Fanning Company began the last half of their second week with the melodrama, "The Count of Monte Cristo." All five acts were picturesquely staged. The Chateau D'Iband and the exterior of the inn at Marseilles were particularly striking.

Frank Panning plays the role of Edward Dantes, and his work was so good that the house loudly applauded. Mollie Campion made a beautiful and effective Mercedes. Russell Reed did splendidly as Northier. Sidney Platt, as Fernando; William Mullen, as Caderouse, and Georgia Francis as the latter's wife were all very good.  
The members of the company are well fitted to their parts, and are all doing capital work.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Hester A. Merrill, of Peckland; H. P. Roach, F. M. Gray, H. Monke, G. Clouet, J. D. Scott and A. Finch, of Vancouver; W. Work, of Everett; J. Bechtel, of Southampton; W. L. McCabe, of Seattle; and J. P. Kane, of Denver, are guests at the Diard.

W. Richardson and wife, of Portage la Prairie, and A. Brignall, W. A. Cutler, W. Holden, T. S. Higginson and J. McLaren, of Vancouver, are guests at the Vernon.

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ANOTHER ISLAND LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SERIES ARRANGED AT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Officials Decide That Matches Must Be Played on Dates Arranged—Sporting Notes.

At an important meeting of the Island Association Football League some evenings ago at the residence of J. G. Brown, president of the association, it was decided to draft another schedule and to bring the games off on the dates arranged or declare them defaulted. This action was taken on the suggestion of prominent members, who felt that the league was not being conducted nor the rules enforced with sufficient stringency to make the series successful.

There were present: H. A. Goward and T. G. Wilson, Victoria-United; Capt. Miller, Garrison; Mr. Whitcomb and Mr. Glad, H. M. S. Bonaventure, and Mr. French, H. M. S. Egeria. After the usual routine the chairman explained that, owing to inclement weather and for other reasons, many of the games included in the old schedule had not been played. On this account matters had become tangled to some extent, and in his opinion the best way out of the difficulty would be the arrangement of a new series.

This was drawn up as follows: January 28—Garrison v. Bonaventure. January 29—Egeria v. Victoria. February 4—Victoria West v. Garrison.

February 4—Bonaventure v. Egeria. February 9—Egeria v. Garrison. February 11—Victoria v. Bonaventure. February 11—Egeria v. Victoria West. February 16—Bonaventure v. Garrison. February 18—Victoria v. Egeria. February 18—Bonaventure v. Victoria. February 23—Egeria v. Bonaventure. February 25—Bonaventure v. Victoria West.

February 25—Victoria v. Garrison. March 2—Garrison v. Egeria. March 4—Victoria West v. Bonaventure. March 4—Garrison v. Victoria. March 11—Victoria v. Victoria West. March 25—Victoria West v. Victoria.

Official referees were appointed as follows: Messrs. Pelligrin, Williamson, French, Baker and Goodenough, Sgt. Richardson, Sgt. Derbyshire and Corpl. Miller.

It was agreed that every referee would be notified of his appointment, and asked to communicate with the secretary, Corpl. W. J. Renelle, as soon as possible if unable to comply. The latter was empowered to nominate a new official in such cases.

Regular meetings will be held every first and third Thursday at the president's residence, 45 North Chatham street, for the consideration of league matters. The next gathering is to be held on the 2nd of February. A vote of thanks was accorded to the president, and the meeting adjourned.

THE CORINTHIANS' TOUR.

The executive committee of the Victoria District Football Association held a meeting last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Representatives of Victoria-United, Garrison, Capital, Victoria intermediates and Victoria West were present. Rev. W. W. Bolton occupied the chair, and the most important matter considered was a communication from U. A. Parker, who is arranging the forthcoming Canadian tour of the Corinthians, inquiring as to the possibility of securing a guarantee from the British Columbia league of expenses for fifteen players.

The letter will be turned over to Prof. Davis, of Westminster, and president of the Provincial Association. One of the first questions taken up was whether the Victoria West intermediates should be allowed to take last Saturday's scheduled game with the Capitals—the latter failing to appear—by default. A Capital delegate, however, gave a satisfactory explanation, and it was ordered that the match be played next Saturday. Much depends on this game, as the winning team will secure a lead of two points over their opponents in the struggle.

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I had hoped to include British Columbia in the itinerary, and the C. P. R. official supplied me with their rates, but it is not only a question of extra expense (Winnipeg to Victoria and back), but also one of time to complete the tour in the summer vacation, but even now it is just possible that I may be able to take out sufficient players to go through. Mr. Turner, your agent-general here, is most anxious about the extension, and if it can be done, and if the idea is supported at your end, I will talk it over again with the players.

Do you have good "gates" and would it be possible to do justice to your part of the world in ten days? We expect to start at the end of July, but before then I hope to take another trip to finally arrange matters. Mean-while kindly address me here. G. A. PARKER. AT MACAULAY POINT.

An intermediate league match will be played between the Victoria West and Capital intermediates teams at Macaulay Point to-morrow.

VICTORIA V. EGERIA. An Island league match will be played between the Victoria-United and H. M. S. Egeria teams to-morrow afternoon at the Canteen grounds. The Victoria-United team follows: Goal, Cobbett; full backs, downward and Lorimer (S.); half backs, Thompson, Lerimer (W.) and Hughes; forwards, York, Berkley, Cortwall, Lorimer (J.) and Lawson. All players are requested to catch the 2.15 car for Esquimalt at the corner of Government and Fort streets.

THE RING.

HILL WON THE CONTEST. The glove contest between Collicie Hill, of Victoria, and Al. Smith, of Seattle, at the Savoy last night was decided by Smith's second throwing up the sponge just before the eighth round. It was the only course open to them, as their man had an injured hand, while he was in no condition to keep up an unequal contest any longer. The bout was supposed to be for twenty rounds, but it was readily conceded that it would not last that long because Smith had only been in training for a week and was not in proper shape for it. Both men weighed in at five o'clock a trifle under 122 pounds. When they entered the ring it was seen that Smith had the advantage of height and reach, but Collicie appeared to be in the better form. Smith showed a good eye and first-class generalship, but these are useless unless backed up by the necessary stamina, which the Seattle boy lacked.

He out-pointed Hill in the first round, jabbing a few to his face, one of which, by the way, left its impression on the Victorian's right eye. The latter, however, had designs on Smith's wind, but was unable to plant any telling blows there at this stage. In the second round Smith got in several on Hill's face, and Collicie returned the compliment with a right and left to the same place and one to two on the body. The third was somewhat livelier, Hill sending Smith down for a count of nine with a hard left to the jaw. Smith took things calmly and bobbed up serenely within the limit. He kept bothering Hill with straight jabs to the face, but the only effect was to spur the Victorian to more aggressiveness, and he drove Smith to a corner and planted a number on his body and face, compelling the other to cover up and clinch to save himself.

From the fourth round to the end of the fight Hill plainly had a sure thing. He sent Smith down twice in the fifth by heavy jolts to the wind with a variation to the jaw, while in the sixth the Seattle boy went down for nine. There was no ques-

tion that he was out of the contest, although he took his punishment most pluckily. In the seventh round he was flogged three or four times, and just as the eighth was about to start his seconds threw up the sponge and the referee awarded the contest to Hill. Smith's pluck and his ability to take a grilling were great features in his favor. He showed that he was up to the tricks of the game, but under the circumstances they availed him but little.

Previous to the contest, Bert Clarke, who is to box Kid O'Brien on Feb. 10th, was introduced. Capt. Wallace Langley proved to be a satisfactory referee.

HOCKEY.

VICTORIA V. R. E. The principal event in sporting circles to-morrow afternoon will be the league match between the Victoria and Royal Engineer teams at Oak Bay. Play will commence at 3 o'clock promptly. For some weeks the Victorians have been practicing assiduously, while, from what can be learned, the soldiers have taken advantage of every opportunity to train for the struggle. Soldiers in uniform will be admitted for 10 cents and the usual general admission will be charged. Lieut. Ellison will act as referee. The team follows: Victoria—Goal, H. Cobbett; full backs, K. Gillespie and A. McLean; half backs, C. McLean, R. Jaegers and W. Winby; forwards, L. York, J. Gibson, K. Schofield (capt.), B. Schwengers and R. Tye. Reserves, G. Carne and J. Camble.

R. E.—Goal, Sergeant; full backs, Kirman and Sullivan; half backs, Symons, Collins and Jones; forwards, Brown, Savage, Jones, Read and Pool.

A LADIES' CONTEST.

The Victoria and Nanaimo ladies will play an exhibition match to-morrow afternoon at Oak Bay, commencing at 1.30 o'clock. This contest will be completed before the commencement of the senior match. In the evening members of the local club will entertain the Nanaimo ladies by taking them to enjoy the play "Monte Cristo" at the Redmont theatre.

BASKETBALL.

LEAGUE GAMES TO-NIGHT. Matches will be played to-night between the Cloverdale and Victoria West intermediate and junior teams at the V. W. A. hall.

HOW THEY STAND. Appended are the official league standings: Intermediate. Won. Lost. Pts. Cloverdale ..... 6 0 12 Victoria West ..... 4 2 8 J. B. A. A. .... 3 5 6 Y. M. C. A. .... 1 4 2 F. Y. M. A. .... 2 4 4 No. 5 Co. .... 2 3 4 Juniors. Won. Lost. Pts. J. B. A. A. .... 6 1 12 V. W. A. .... 5 1 10 Y. M. C. A. .... 2 3 4 Fernwood ..... 2 3 4 Cloverdale ..... 2 4 4 No. 5 Co. .... 0 5 0 J. B. A. A. v. F. Y. M. A.

A senior league game will be played to-morrow evening between the James Bay and Fernwood teams at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets.

HANDBALL.

F. Y. M. A. TOURNAMENT. On Tuesday evening next the Fernwood tournament will be resumed at the F. Y. M. A. hall, Spring Ridge. Up to the present, P. K. Winch has established the finest record of any individual taking part in the series. Despite a handicap of 11, he has won all his matches. When their handicaps of 8 and 7 points respectively are considered, Messrs. Marconini and Marchant have made splendid showings. Appended is the standing of the tourney: Player. Played. Won. Lost. Pts. P. K. Winch ..... 6 6 0 100 H. Jameson ..... 5 4 1 80 W. B. Jones ..... 4 4 1 80 W. P. Marchant ..... 3 2 75 J. R. Wescott ..... 10 7 3 70 A. Marconini ..... 3 2 1 96 E. E. Wescott ..... 8 4 4 50 W. P. Bassett ..... 6 3 3 50 W. Wilson ..... 6 3 3 50 W. Malcolm ..... 6 2 4 33 H. Spengler ..... 3 1 2 33 A. Baines ..... 3 1 2 33 H. Gray ..... 10 2 8 20 N. Davis ..... 6 0 6 00 B. Selmon ..... 5 0 5 00

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

PRACTICE TO-MORROW. To-morrow afternoon a practice of the Victoria senior and intermediate players will be held at Beacon Hill. Play will commence at 3 o'clock. All senior players who can get away are requested to turn out, while the following intermediate team is expected to be in attendance: Full back, H. Ogden; three-quarters, S. Naeson, J. Gidley, F. Anderson and C. Berkeley; half backs, H. Sargison and W. Irving; forwards, P. Morris, L. Sweeney, A. Jeffs, G. Keefe, W. Heath, W. Blackbourne, S. Shanks and J. O'Keefe.

GOLE.

FOURSBOME CONTEST. Yesterday members of the United Service club held several foursome competitions at the links, Macaulay Point. Although the weather was somewhat unfavorable, six couples participated. The results follow: Capt. Bunbury and Mr. Hughes, 107-20-81; Mr. Cooper and Mr. Cole, 127-31-98; Mr. T. Pooley and Mr. Ling, 123-28-85; Capt. Parry and Mr. Irving, 142-33-100.

WHIST.

WEEKLY SERIES. Last evening the weekly progressive tournament, between members of the James Bay Athletic Association was continued, when W. G. Bechtel won nine out of ten games. On Thursday more of the series will be played.

Among the curiosities of this city, writes the London Express Buenos Ayres correspondent, is a second-hand book shop, where the wares, principally legal and scholastic, are sold by weight.

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DEPUTATIONS MET THE CITY COUNCIL

ASSISTANCE ASKED FOR A SANITORIUM

Strong Presentation of Case by Delegation - Tourist Business Also Discussed With Committee.

The city council met last evening. Before taking up the regular business a deputation representing the Tourist Association waited on the council...

His Worship asked Mr. Cuthbert if he knew anything of other corporations taking this work up.

Mr. Cuthbert referred to a publication issued from Blackpool, in England, where \$125,000 was spent annually by the corporation.

His Worship asked what were the prospects for the coming year if the city council did not take this over.

Mr. Cuthbert said that those who collected last year were reluctant to continue it this year. He did not doubt that the work would be carried on even if the council did not take it up.

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The first two ballots showed a very scattered vote. When the fourth ballot was reached Dr. Hands, C. G. Duncan and S. Child alone remained. The fifth ballot was between Dr. Hands and Mr. Duncan.

The qualifications of the two were very dissimilar. Dr. Hands is 60 years of age and Mr. Duncan is in the twenties. Both had splendid recommendations as to character and scholastic attainments.

Dr. Hands was selected on this ballot, and will enter upon his duties at once. The new librarian has lived 11 years in British Columbia, four of them having been spent in Victoria.

A deputation next waited upon the council to urge upon it the granting of aid towards equipping a sanatorium for the treatment of cases of incipient consumption.

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strong plea for furnishing a sanatorium. All that was needed was to start the work.

His Worship acknowledged that a strong plea had been made. There were many demands upon the council. The subject would be carefully considered.

Dr. Fagan said that if the council wished it could make the grant conditional upon other municipalities voting a sum also. It would be wisdom to decide upon doing something, leaving it to be settled later upon a suitable location for the sanatorium.

The council then adjourned.

SIMPLON TUNNEL MISTAKES. Work Delayed Because the Geologists Were Wrong.

Engineer Sulzer told the Society of Swiss Engineers at Winterthur, Switzerland, the other day, the nature of the difficulties that are delaying the completion of the Simplon tunnel a year beyond the contract time.

He said that the predictions of the geologists were incorrect; and as the estimate of the cost of the tunnel and the time it would take to dig it were partly based upon the geological profile supplied to the engineers, the estimates were also wrong.

"The views of the geologists," said Mr. Sulzer, "proved to be extremely incorrect. They told us, for example, that from their examination of the dip and strike of the rock exposures they were confident that we should find the strata tilted to a more or less perpendicular position, which would be very favorable for excavation."

"But instead of crossing the strata in a practically vertical position, we found them almost or quite horizontal. This increased the labor of perforation and required enormous sums of money to make the roof of the tunnel secure. The rock was not so solid or cohesive as it would have been if the excavation had penetrated vertical strata."

"The geologists told us that we should encounter very little water on the southern, or Italian side of the tunnel. The fact was, however, that we met great streams of water. From August, 1900, to the present time, no less than 1,022 liters a second have been pouring from the south end."

"The geologists also told us that we should probably find troublesome strata at Kilometer 5 on the north side of the mountain. It was just here that the rock was perfectly dry."

"The pressure on the roof of the tunnel is very much greater than it would have been if the rock strata had been vertical. In one stretch about a half mile long the pressure was so great that no means we had hitherto used were adequate."

"Large tree trunks put in for supports were broken. We finally introduced many steel pillars supporting a steel vaulting with which we lined the roof. This difficulty was overcome only after six months of dangerous work, in which our average advance in digging was only twenty-five centimeters a day instead of five and one-half metres."

"Neither had we been led to expect the almost intolerable heat we encountered. We had been told that the maximum temperature at the depth of excavation would probably be 107 degrees of Fahrenheit. This would be bad enough, but not intolerable."

"But suddenly we reached a point in the work where the temperature arose to 131 degrees. Science is unable to explain the phenomenon."

"The refrigerating plant was made adequate for this new difficulty and managed to maintain the temperature at about 77 degrees. Then suddenly the temperature fell to its original level. We are wholly unable to explain these very rapid and enormous changes in the temperature."

"We were not troubled with inflows of hot water until August, last year, when seventy liters a second at a temperature of 118 degrees began to pour in on the north side of the excavation. We largely neutralized the effect by refrigeration, but the work was delayed for a time and the imporing of such quantities of hot water had a demoralizing effect upon our workmen."

"These were the chief difficulties that compelled the tunnel company to ask for an extension of the contract time and an additional appropriation. The work is now proceeding in a satisfactory manner, and we have no doubt that the first tunnel and the lower part of the second tunnel will be completed in contract time."

"The first tunnel will be opened to traffic on April 30th, 1905, and the company, if necessary, will push the work on Sundays and holidays to have everything ready on that date." - New York Sun.

Studio Portraiture. Mr. H. Mortimer-Lamb having decided to undertake professional work in photography desires to announce that he is prepared to execute commissions for portraits at his studio, Pemberton road. Appointments may be made by telephone, No. 469.

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NOTICE. Take notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next regular sitting, for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors at the premises known as the Western Hotel, on Store street, Victoria, B. C., to John Henry Gosnell. Dated this 24th day of January, 1905. N. HANSEN.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1905, at the City Pound, Chambers street, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by Public Auction the following animals, viz., one black Jersey cow and one roan mare, unless the said animals are redeemed and the pound charges paid at, or before, the time of sale. T. D. DESBRISAY, Auctioneer. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 24th, 1905.

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Quartz.-Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location. A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2 1/2 per cent. of the sales of the products of the location. Placer Mining.-Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.-Placer claims generally are 100 feet square, entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either 100 or 200 feet square, and extending 100 feet along water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.-Six miles of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who may have claims in the entries for bar diggings on the river, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate season. The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, and if a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient for each five miles within six years from such date. \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.-Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square. Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, and the boundary line must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining records, and one extra mile of diked for each additional ten miles of mining records. The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate. The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only. Free mine, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Minister.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek, gulch, or bar, the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership with one or more persons, paying fee of \$25, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee. Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200. Free certificates that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notice in the Yukon Official Gazette. Petroleum.-All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospecting an area of 1,920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of \$5 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

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King Sentenced for Theft and Obtaining Money Under False Pretences.

Richard M. King must serve eighteen months in the provincial jail for obtaining money under false pretences and the theft of a watch from one Josephine Lee.

Lawrence Mooney's familiar face beamed in the prisoners' dock this morning.

He was taken into custody last night in consequence of a complaint that he had been making himself troublesome on Pandora avenue.

He was charged with vagrancy and sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Lawrence's sojourn at the provincial jail will cost the city just sixty dollars, there being an arrangement with the government in regard to the cost of keeping prisoners sent out for offences of this kind.

NEW FRENCH CABINET. Policy Follows That of M. Combes—Separation of Church and State.

(Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 27.—The Rouvier ministry held its formal council at the Elysee palace today under the presidency of President Loubet.

Later the Premier presented the declaration to parliament. It follows the policy of the late Premier, M. Combes, and the main features are an income tax, the separation of church and state, workmen's pensions and a reduction of the term of military service.

The declaration severely condemns the system of secret reports of the lives of army officers, which brought about the downfall of the Combes cabinet.

The first actual work of the new cabinet was its approval of the dismissal of Commandant Begnaud from the Legion of Honor for making secret reports and relieving General Pelagne from membership in the superior council of war for similar reports.

Foreign Minister Delcasse reported that the situation in Morocco had greatly improved.

An unexpected incident occurred in the chamber of deputies while M. Rouvier was reading the declaration of policy of the new ministry.

The declaration contained a favorable reference to the active observance of the Franco-Russian alliance.

As the Premier made this announcement he was interrupted by cries from the Socialist extreme left of "Down with the Czar," mingled with cries of "Assassinate."

The president of the House, M. Doumer, repressed the demonstrators, declaring, amid applause, that the chamber would not listen to such words.

At Logrono, Spain, twenty-five school boys helped themselves to their master's wine, and while in a state of intoxication set fire to the school buildings, which were burned to the ground.

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SONGHEES RESERVE MATTER DISCUSSED

AT PUBLIC MEETING IN WESTERN SUBURB

Resolution Was Passed Urging the City Council to Take the Initiative—Obstructions to the Arm.

One of the best meetings under the auspices of the Victoria West Municipal Voters' Association took place last evening at Semple's hall.

The following petition, which was presented to the council by the residents of Victoria, was endorsed by the association, it having been found impossible to canvass the residents of Victoria West for signatures owing to press of time.

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen—We, the undersigned citizens and ratepayers of this city, beg to draw your attention to the condition of the Victoria Arm.

Crowded as it is with booms of logs, it is contemptible, we are informed, to erect additional sawmills above Point Ellice bridge.

We understand that the Dominion government has promised not to grant any lease of the water frontages without the consent of your honorable body.

We ask you to consider the position the Arm occupies with reference to the city. It is justly considered, both for recreation and beauty, as a most valuable adjunct, and it is a great attraction to the numerous visitors whom we are endeavoring to attract to our city.

As a place for recreation it fills a want that many other cities are without, giving to our young people a place near at hand where they can enjoy healthy exercise and recreation.

The floating logs and booms are not only dangerous to navigation, but are a nuisance to the land owners by blocking up their water frontages.

The granting of foreshore rights will tend to destroy the enjoyment of one of the best assets the city possesses, and we do not think that one individual should have the privilege of interfering with the enjoyment of thousands.

We trust, therefore, that you will keep the Arm free from obstructions detrimental to the citizens at large.

Victoria, B. C., January, 1905.

Trustee Boggs being called upon to give the meeting information in school matters showed the plans of the proposed new building.

It would require a sum of \$20,000 for building, \$5,000 for heating, plumbing and architect's fees, and about \$5,000 for the site, making a total of \$30,000.

If the by-law was passed the old buildings and site would revert to the city from the government, and should if sold net at least \$25,000.

The building would be a plain serviceable brick one, and would overlook the Victoria Arm.

It was proposed to take the school from Rock Bay and give that location to the exclusive use of Chinese pupils.

The new building would contain one room more than the present structures in Victoria West.

A very favorable site for the school comprising about one and a half acres, and adjoining the proposed park, could be thought be secured, and would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

A number of interrogations followed, and dissatisfaction was expressed that while the building when erected would meet with present requirements no provision was made for future increases.

Rev. Mr. MacRae held that by asking for a \$35,000 by-law they might defeat the very object they sought to attain. It would be well to have a building that could be added to without spoiling the general appearance.

It was decided to leave the question of schools and site in the hands of Messrs. Hinds, Mable and MacRae, who were deputed to interview the school board, Mayor and aldermen.

Water discriminations were again brought to the surface, and it was urged that the council place this section on even footing with the balance of the city by either arranging for a reduction by the Esquimalt Waterworks Company or refund to the amount of discrimination.

The condition of streets and sidewalks, particularly Dalton street, was brought up, and it was resolved that these matters be left in the hands of Messrs. Tait, Redding and Gold, who would choose a favorable evening for inviting the North Ward representatives to a tramp through the district.

Rev. Mr. MacRae wanted some information on street lines, which brought up the question of Songhees reserve, which is held to be responsible for this and the Cranford road question.

It was deemed by those present that conditions which give excuse to the city for curtailment of improvements to streets and sidewalks could not long exist, and that building operations were being retarded in this section owing to the non-settlement of question.

This was left in abeyance, pending the consideration of other pressing matters.

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Owing to the late hour nothing was done with the Rock Bay bridge question.

In discussing ways and means, it was decided to call the annual meeting previous to the passage of the by-law for the school.

The co-operation of the ladies will be enlisted, and a musical programme prepared.

The meeting then adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS. SONGHEES RESERVE.

To the Editor—I have been quietly watching events, and trying to fathom the too evident but lame attempt of the Colonist to cover up the evasion of the Mayor's to live up to his solemn oath of office, and the inaction of the provincial government as the result of this.

Now, sir, the Colonist in this morning's issue, after failing to relieve the provincial government and the Mayor from responsibility, as a last resource casts the whole burden on the poor Indians, who, it is well known, have no intention of balking settlement as soon as they are sure of not being bunceed.

The fact remains, sir, that all that the Colonist has said, and all that the Mayor has said or done (so far as has appeared), not one word or action has shown intention to deal with the question on behalf of the city, or to safeguard its interest in the matter.

He who is not for the city is against it. The city demands FAIRPLAY.

SCOTLAND'S SUPREMACY.

To the Editor—Last evening as I was glancing over some magazines at the club reading room, a gentleman whom I do not know, but whose conversational style led me to believe was a kind of privileged person, was regaling a group of clubmen with observations upon many topics.

The speaker was an Englishman, evidently, from his brogue, hailing from Bowbells-shire. Although I was subconsciously interested in listening to the extraordinary dialect in which he spoke, and also, although I was not a little amused at the oracular style of the conversation, including, of course, the mistakes inevitable to the talk of the would-be cyclopedist, it was really none of my business, and I heard him run on until this fell upon mine ears, Scots lugs, sir, and then I was auditor facie princeps:

"Then think the case of Scawland. The people in that kentry some generations ago were a fine, strong lot of men, but through inter-breeding and marrying people too closely related to them in blood already, they have deteriorated into 'probably the feeblest specimens to be found in the whole kingdom."

"Ma conscience! And I observed that the group of listeners swallowed this opinion as if it were gospel. Now, Mr. Editor, what are the facts on this interesting and not unimportant question? I find on examining my most recent copy of a high-class English periodical, just received, that a committee of anthropometrists, physiologists and specialists in mental diseases, appointed some time ago to make a thorough and exhaustive examination of the British, and Scotch—English, Irish, Welsh and Scottish—physically and mentally, has just submitted its report.

University students were chosen as types of the best that each national could produce in point of physique and intellect; for the fact that a man is a university student is taken to prove that: (1) He comes from well-to-do people; (2) he is probably well nourished; (3) he is certainly already well educated. Let me interject here a note regarding Scotch university students. No inconsiderable portion of those students come from what some superior persons are never tired of referring to as "the lower class."

You will find that Scotch university young men who earn their daily bread, clothe themselves and pay their university fees from wages won at the anvil, the mason's block, the machine shop, the shoemaker's stool. One man I knew had to rise at half-past three every morning to superintend the dispatch of milk for a large dairy. He studied among the hay above the stable every evening by the light of a stable lantern—afterwards gold medalist, highest honors in medicine, etc. Well, this committee on students, examined men attending every university in the three kingdoms and the principality; examined them for brain, for brawn, for bone, for intellectual power, and physical prowess, and what has been the verdict from the evidence? I commend it, Mr. Editor, to your readers and that gentleman from the Cockaigne who started me last night with his extraordinary notions. The committee found the Scottish students "rust in everything, and the rest nowhere"; literally nowhere, so far behind did they come. The Scots were found to be bigger boned, uglier muscled, bigger brained—seemingly a different and vastly superior breed to the others. Whether this verdict will give the Scots a bigger opinion of themselves than they had before, who can say? But, certainly, such a showing warrants a little conceit. There is no fear for England so long as Scotland breeds such men to take care of England's government, England's army and navy, edit England's best newspapers, teach England agriculture, shipbuilding, bridge building, gun writing; how to make and how to spend (Strathcona, Monkstephen, Carnegie) her money. England will continue to get her share of the optimates who are bred north of the Tweed—they don't all go to the colonies or Canada; a certain proportion of them is needed at home to keep England's name on the map of the world, and her credit good in its markets and chancelleries. I am,

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THE CABINET NOIR.

The "Cabinet Noir," or "Dark Chamber," is an important institution in Paris. Letters, cablegrams, and telegrams are liable to be "milked" with superior ability by experts. The private secretary of a certain minister of posts and telegraphs once boasted, and proved to me, that he could decode the most complicated cablegrams or telegrams when necessary for "state reasons." My impression is that at the Central post office in Paris there is a secret bureau for the reception and dissection of all important letters and dispatches. Sometimes this is done before and sometimes after delivery in the case of telegrams. Thus ambassadors and leading public men frequently change their codes, and even transmit important dispatches through bankers, merchants, and other unsuspected agencies.

There is one clever editor in Paris who contrives to remain on excellent terms with the chiefs of the most antagonistic political parties. He is diplomatic, resourceful and useful. Nobody would think of regarding him as a spy, of course. But it is probable that during his visits to the various political camps he collects and disseminates a good deal of interesting information. Thus he is sure of a welcome wherever he goes, for he knows so much. Each politician thinks that he obtains more information than he imparts to the editor. But this is open to question—Caswell's Saturday Journal.

Louis Ponzot, a Paris workman, who had no soul for music, staked to death a fellow lodger, who persisted in practicing up on the trombone in his room.