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Object of Company Formed in Ontario—The Search for Cash Still Continues.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Joseph Seagram, of Waterloo, has bought King Edward's three-year-old colt Persistence, for something like a thousand pounds.

The men employed by the Massey-Harris Company have been notified that a reduction will be made in their wages commencing with the present week.

Transfer of Roads. The Northern Consolidated Holding Company, with a capital of eight million dollars, just chartered by the Ontario government, has been formed in connection with the transfer of a controlling interest in the Great Northern railroad of Canada and subsidiary roads to Mackenzie & Mann.

Mr. Hugh Sutherland, of Winnipeg, against whom A. E. Ames & Co. recently issued a writ for balance claimed on a stock transaction in the Dominion Coal, has issued a writ against Ames & Co., claiming \$8,000 for alleged wrongful conversion of stock.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Speaking before a meeting of the Canada Temperance League yesterday, Hon. Geo. E. Foster said: "Give me one generation of people who were total abstainers, and with a five per cent. tariff I would undertake to show the greatest regime of prosperity that has ever come to this country."

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The police still have nothing definite in the Cashell case, although they are working on various points. This afternoon it was reported that Cashell's body was found in a well three miles west of the city.

REDMOND AND LANIARVILLE. Says Dublin Castle Legal Officers Prevent Proper Operation of Act.

London, Dec. 21.—John Redmond, speaking at Banningshall, County Sligo, Ireland, to-day protested against the decision of the legal officers at Dublin castle, which he said prevented the proper operation of the Irish Land Act in the case of the estate of the late Earl of Londonderry, by enabling landlords to combine in a refusal to sell grazing lands. He declared the decision was a gross violation of the government pledge, and the Irish party would demand their amendment in the coming session of parliament.

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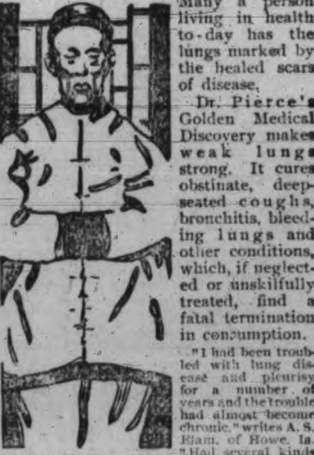
INCREASING OUTPUT. Inspector Dick Tells of Progress at the Crow's Nest Pass Mines.

Archibald Dick, inspector of coal and metalliferous mines for East Kootenai, was in Nelson the other day on route to the coast, to spend a couple of weeks at his home in Nanaimo. To a reporter of the Daily News he stated that the output of coal from the Crow's Nest Pass mines was steadily increasing. The mines at Michel now turn out 1,400 tons of coal a day, and each month sees a still greater output. At Morrissey there has been considerable delay in operations during the past fortnight owing to a big mudslide which blocked the line, and which is still giving trouble. All but forty out of 220 of the coke ovens at the Morrissey mines are now finished and as soon as these are completed, the work of turning out coke will be commenced there. At Michel about 160 of the new lot of ovens are ready, with about sixty more to complete. The progress development at the mines of the pass has been steady during the past summer and fall, and there is every indication that this same steady improvement will continue. Michel and Morrissey are both busy, and many local improvements are in progress at both points. The lumbering industry is booming all through the pass.

WORKING FOR PEACE. Report That Britain and France Redouble Efforts to Prevent War.

London, Dec. 22.—The Times's Tokyo correspondent says that owing to the rumors of the assembling of military troops at Hiroshima, there has been a sharp fall in all Japanese stocks. Dispatches from Paris to the morning papers say that France and Great Britain are redoubling their efforts at St. Petersburg and Tokyo respectively to prevent a rupture between Russia and Japan. According to the Daily Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent, the government has given notice that it will require all the dry docks in the country for the use of the Japanese fleet, the vessels of which are already beginning to dock for cleaning purposes. The correspondent says that the Russians have begun the building of a rampart around Port Arthur to include the new town and that the old rampart is to be demolished. The Daily Mail prints a report from Seoul to the effect that M. Pavloff, the Russian minister, has entered objections to the landing of Japanese sappers attached to the telegraph line. The Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent says that the British cruiser Sirius, which should have wintered there, has been ordered to Wei-Hai-Wei, where it is expected to find a naval concentration will take place.

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THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Chief of Police Will Put a Stop to Picketing Around Houses of Mourning. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Picketing of houses from which funerals are to start, which has become a serious problem for the police, under orders issued to-night by Chief of Police Wadsworth, and Charles Stevens, business agent of the Livermen's Union, were summoned before Chief O'Neill and told that they must settle their differences away from houses.

"This picketing of homes from which funerals are being held is beyond the toleration of a civilized community," said the chief. "Your zeal has carried you beyond the pale of endurance, and such performances as the carrying of labor troubles to the houses of the dead will not be allowed by the police. If you do not voluntarily give up this kind of work, these homes will have to stop. I shall take my chances with the courts on the question if my conduct is questioned by any court."

Chief O'Neill then issued a general order instructing officers to accompany funerals in carriages if circumstances seemed to require it, and see that the last rites of the dead be in no way interfered with.

Several May Die. Number Injured in Railway Wreck Not Likely to Recover—Ten Instantly Killed.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—In the wreck to-day at Godfrey, Kansas, of the Meteor, St. Louis and San Francisco's fast train from the south, ten persons were killed and thirty-two injured. Of the injured five probably will die, while fourteen were severely hurt. The responsibility for the wreck is laid to a brakeman of the freight crew, who failed to flag the passenger train. He has disappeared.

PIONEER DEAD. E. Cannell Passed Away at Kamloops—Investigation at Provincial Home.

S. A. Fletcher, of New Westminster, who was appointed a commissioner by the provincial government under the Public Inquiries Act to investigate, at the request of the superintendent of the Provincial Home, Kamloops, the complaints of several of the inmates, opened the inquiry last Wednesday morning in the court house. The commissioner received statements from a number of the old men. The complaints are of a trivial character. E. L. Cannell, one of the best known old-timers in the interior, passed away at the hospital at Kamloops on Friday at the age of 64 years. He had been in the hospital about five weeks. Mr. Cannell came to British Columbia in 1862, and was in Cariboo in early days. Afterwards he kept the Alexandra hotel near Spuzzan. At a later date he came to Kamloops and kept the Dominion hotel during C. P. R. construction. In 1900 he took to ranching up the North Thompson, which he carried on until the time of his death. He was born in the Isle of Man, and leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss. The replacing of the eastern wing of the C. P. R. round house, which was destroyed by fire last July, is now accomplished. The new structure, which has cost \$18,000, is much larger than the old one, and of a much more substantial character, the walls being of concrete 24 inches thick. Extensive improvements and alterations in the yard are also contemplated, and plans for the same are now out, which will embrace a remodeling of the yard, new station buildings and new sheds and warehouses. Mayor Mitchell, in response to a widely signed petition, has consented to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the office of mayor for 1904.

INCREASED RATES. Moneyed Men Ask Higher Rates in Consequence of the New Financial Policy.

The result of the improved methods adopted by the McBride government in connection with taxation is already being felt, and in a way which will not be confined itself to those who seek to make this province their home. Those entrusted with money to loan state that the market has been upset by the new acts, and that the rates of interest asked for by those advancing money are now being raised in many instances from 1 per cent. to 1 1/2 per cent. Money which could have been obtained for 6 per cent. a short time ago is now unobtainable except at rates of 7 per cent. or 7 1/2 per cent. The effect is being felt by those who seek a few thousand dollars in order to provide homes for themselves. The increased rates are being paid by those who have invested in government securities, and the effects of the changes in the financial conditions are made to press upon them. Among the reasons assigned for this change is the fact that many having a few thousands to invest are now being held their money for the purpose of putting it in government debentures in connection with the \$1,000,000 loan. In this way they expect to be able to get 5 per cent. readily convertible into cash, and will not take the ordinary risks at 6 per cent. as formerly. It would seem, however, that these investors are building on false hopes, as the tone of government organs seem to indicate that the banks only are to get a chance to pick these up, in spite of the impression conveyed in the debate by members of the government that the debentures would be put to competition with the B. C. Permanent Loan & Investment Company, which discontinue its operations with respect to loans. Notice has been received from the head office to that effect, the company, as mentioned in the Times a few days ago, having decided to continue its operations as far as loans are concerned to the Northwest Territories and to the eastern provinces of the Dominion, where the disabilities are not so great.

ASSAULTED HIS TEACHER.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 21.—Bernst J. Driver, a school teacher, of Grimby, is in the hospital here suffering from severe injuries to his face by a pupil named Fisher throwing a slate at him. His condition is considered serious.

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

Inspector S. B. Netherby was in town last week conducting the high school entrance examinations. The candidates (Special Correspondence of the Times) than usual presented themselves, many of the senior class having entered the high school last summer. The Masonic hall on Dec. 28th will be the event of the holidays. Great preparations are being made in order that it may be successful.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Dec. 22-5 a. m. Rain has again been general over the North Pacific Coast during the eastward passage of an ocean storm area across Northern British Columbia. It is being followed by a high barometer area which may cause a brief fair spell. Several inches of snow has fallen in Carleton, and the weather remains mild in the Territories.

TO DISPENSE WITH ROCK DAY BRIDGE

PERMANENT ROADWAY PROPOSED INSTEAD

Matter Is Receiving Attention of City Council - Letter From C.P.R. Hotel Architect.

To build a permanent roadway across Rock Bay and gradually dispense with the public utility of the present long and winding bridge is one of the commendable subjects receiving the consideration just now of the city council. The bridge is becoming in need of repair, and, according to one alderman's statement to a Times representative last night, it will cost \$10,000 to put it in the improved condition desired.

This is a large sum of money, in view of the present state of the finances of the city, and the practical men of the council have energetically advanced the plan of a permanent roadway across the harbor that would connect with Government street. In other words Bay street will be extended across the harbor a distance of probably 200 feet, so as to connect with Work street. To carry out this undertaking, it is estimated, would only involve an expenditure of \$2,500. It is understood the majority of the council is in favor of the project, and the department of public works at Ottawa has been notified to the effect of what-way. If the scheme is carried out, the tramway company will remove its track in conformity with the new arrangements, and the city will be relieved of the expense of keeping the present bridge in an efficient state of repair. As for the improvement effected in the general appearance of the upper harbor, there is little or no doubt.

An intimation of the plans proposed was given out in correspondence during the proceedings of the regular council meeting last night. His Worship the Mayor, being indisposed, was not present at this meeting, and Ald. Cameron was voted to the chair. The order of business opened with three letters being read in relation to the subject. Senator Macdonald said that he had fully agreed with the plan. The place proposed to fill in was nothing but a mud hole, and he had written to the department of public works with recommendation that the work be carried out. Senator Templeman wrote stating that he also had written to the department recommending that the council's request be acceded to, while the third communication came from the deputy attorney-general, and reported that the board's application had been laid before the attorney-general.

The letters were all received and read, and Senators Macdonald and Templeman being thanked for what they had done. This is as far as the project has gone, but the council are in hopes it is understood, of undertaking the work in the near future.

The next communication read by the city clerk was of an entirely different character, relating as it did to the construction of the new C. P. R. hotel. This came from F. M. Rattenbury, and was as follows: Gentlemen:-Since I returned from Montreal, now over three weeks ago, I have been busily occupied preparing the working drawings necessary for the erection of the new C. P. R. tourist hotel on James Bay embankment. These drawings will soon be completed, and we shall be prepared, ready to commence work.

I wish, therefore, to call your attention to the fact that the filling in, some more filling in, at least in some places, so as to bring them up to the level of the adjacent streets, as the city agreed to do. During the past winter season, about a year or two ago, the work in the direction of completing this filling, and unless the work is expeditiously pushed along, the commencement of the foundations must necessarily be delayed.

Another very important matter that, it seems to me, requires your consideration, is that the surplus water of the filling in, already done, is draining away very slowly. Some additional factors appear necessary, so as to allow the water to escape, so as to give the filling a chance to consolidate. This should be a comparatively easy matter to arrange, and it would hasten matters a great deal if it could be done at once. As you are contemplating erecting a firm foundation for the hotel to rest upon will be a formidable task at the best. But while the filling remains in its present liquid state it is well nigh impossible. While the method that will be adopted for the foundations is not yet definitely settled and cannot be until the ground consolidates and tests are made, it is probable that piles will be driven in about twenty feet deep over the site to be built upon, then withdrawn, and the holes filled up with packed gravel or concrete. To do this, however, requires that the filling in shall be dry and firm enough to hold itself up when we withdraw the piling.

Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) F. M. RATTENBURY.

The letter was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee for report. J. C. Mapleton, secretary of the Victoria Laborers' Protective Union, was drawing attention to the fact that aliens had been imported for the purpose of doing preliminary work on the Point Ellice bridge, contrary to the law and goodwill of the people. Received and filed, and a copy to be sent to the contractors asking for an explanation.

A lengthy letter from Mr. Wigg regarding the sanitary condition of the area on Elizabeth street was referred to the sanitary officer for report.

Oliver Johnston asked for permission to remove two houses from Humbolt street. Referred to the city engineer and building inspector for report.

C. C. Moody demanded payment of \$50 as compensation for property disposed of. Received and filed.

Mrs. O. W. White complained of the condition of property in her neighborhood as a nuisance. Referred to the sanitary officer, with instructions to abate the nuisance.

City Clerk Dowler reported as follows: Gentlemen:-I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council the following communications have been received and referred to this city engineer for report, viz: - Chas. Marshall asking that the sidewalk recently laid down on Pandora street, south side, be extended westerly so as to accommodate two houses on Pandora street owned by him.

Stewart and Kinsman expressing the opinion that the request, if possible, should receive favorable consideration. The finance committee reported as follows: Gentlemen:-Your finance committee having considered the undermentioned subject has reported and recommended as follows: That the Treasurer be instructed to write off the undeducted balance of the cesses in connection with the voting on the 'Septic Tank By-law, 1901, amounting to \$180.

That all cancelled debentures be deposited prior to the 31st of December, 1901, be destroyed. Received and adopted.

The finance committee also recommended the payment of accounts totalling \$85,564.54. Received and adopted.

The reconsideration and final passing of the Sewer Specification By-law was next brought up, and laid over for the meeting. The exhausted business of the meeting and the council adjourned.

CALL TO A MINISTER. Phoenix Presbyterians Want Rev. E. W. MacColl, Now at Moyle, as Pastor.

At a congregational meeting of the members and adherents of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Phoenix, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. E. W. MacColl, now of Moyle, to become the pastor of the church in Phoenix. Rev. J. R. Robertson, of Grand Forks, was moderator of the meeting, and with a member of the church was chosen to present the wishes of the church to a meeting of the Presbytery, to be held at Grand Forks for the purpose of considering the call.

SHIPPING NOTES. Olivebank Is Causing Anxiety - Accident to the Clallam on Saturday.

Friday's San Francisco Chronicle says: "As a result of reports received from vessels lately arriving at northern ports, the insurance rate on the overdue British ship Olivebank has been advanced to 30 per cent. by M. A. Newell & Co. in instructions from Lloyd's in London. The ship is now out of days from Shanghai for Royal Roads. The rather high rate on the Olivebank is based upon the statements made by the British Pacific Navigation Company, which state that the ship is now at northern ports, and the effect that typhoons and generally rough weather were experienced by them in their passage across the Pacific. Speculation on the Olivebank was active yesterday, based on the proposition that she would safely reach her destination."

The steamer Clallam bent an eccentric run down the coast on Saturday. The accident was reported from Fort Flagler, and the revenue tug Arcata was dispatched to the Clallam's assistance. Herald, however, was not required, as repairs were soon effected, and the Clallam made port in safety.

LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION. Convention to Be Held Next March - Dates of Early Shows.

The following events are fixed to take place under the auspices of the Dominion department of agriculture: Toronto spring station show, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1904.

Eastern Ontario fat stock and poultry show, March 7th to 11th, 1904.

Ontario horse show, March 10th, 17th and 18th, 1904.

The National Live Stock Association will convene on Monday, March 14th, at 1:30 p.m.; all day Tuesday, March 15th, and on the following days, March 16th and 17th at 7 o'clock, if necessary.

The National Live Stock Association will be made up of delegates from the various provincial live stock associations which are working under the supervision of the Dominion department of agriculture, and the meeting is called for the purpose of forming a National Live Stock Association in Canada. Rules and regulations are being prepared for the consideration of the delegates, who will also be asked to bring forward any suggestions affecting the live stock interests of their particular sections.

ELK LAKE SCHOOL. Entertainment and Christmas Tree on Saturday - An Enjoyable Programme.

A very enjoyable entertainment and Christmas tree was held at the Elk Lake schoolhouse on Saturday evening last, to mark the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays. At 8 o'clock the schoolhouse was crowded with parents, friends and scholars. Trustee H. E. Paine, M. P., made a very acceptable and charming address, and his capable teacher, Walter Campbell, gave a very creditable selection of songs, recitations and readings.

On Santa Claus putting in an appearance, the distribution of the presents from the tree commenced, and about 50 children, as well as the older folks, were made happy. Mrs. Piercy presented a magnificent dressed doll to be raffled for by the girl pupils. Lily-Jeanne was the winner. Mr. Piercy gave a suitable present for the boys, which was won by James Campbell. A liberal supply of cake and coffee was then passed round. A vote of thanks to the chairman and all who contributed to the success of the tree terminated a pleasant function.

MINE CHANGES HANDS. Dundee Property at Ymir Taken Over by a Syndicate.

Upon good authority it is said that the Dundee mine here has been sold to parties represented by C. D. Rand of New Westminster, says a Ymir dispatch. The exact figure cannot be obtained, but it is known that \$7,000 was paid down in Nelson on Wednesday evening to bind the bargain.

The Dundee company was stocked in 1897, and work was kept going on the property until 1902, when it closed down through lack of funds. A short time previous to this the stock was quoted as high as 75 cents per share. The banks advanced the management money from time to time, and at last the property was given as security to the Royal Bank of Canada. A few months back they obtained judgment and took the property over, and it is from the bank that Mr. Rand is purchasing.

The work on the property consists of a shaft 250 feet, with laterals running from the same. Places in these drifts show that the mine contains about 250,000 tons of gold, \$17 silver and about 40 per cent. lead. On the whole the property is a concentrating one. The Dundee company owes considerable to merchants here, and it is understood that the purchasers of the property are arranging to pay these debts off, although they are not liable legally.

Potted Poems. - Sounds funny, doesn't it? But just take a look at Weller Bros' Government street window, and you will see the latest editions of poems in pottery.

Worcester has 703 women who make needles, and 1,944 female nailmakers.

DR. SHOOP'S Rheumatic Cure

Costs Nothing if it Fails

Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to this offer. For years I searched everywhere to find a specific for Rheumatism. For nearly 20 years I worked to this end. At last, in Germany, my search was rewarded. I found a costly chemical that did not disappoint me as other Rheumatic prescriptions had disappointed physicians everywhere.

I do not mean that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bony joints into flesh again. That is impossible. But it will drive from the blood the poison that causes pain and swelling, and then that is the end of Rheumatism. I know this so well that I will furnish for a full month my Rheumatic Cure on trial. I cannot cure all cases within a month. It would be unreasonable to expect that. But most cases will yield within 30 days. This trial treatment will convince you that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure is a power against Rheumatism—a potent force against disease that is irresistible.

My offer is made to convince you of my faith. My faith is but the outcome of experience—of actual knowledge. I know what it can do. And I know this so well that I will furnish my remedy on trial. Simply write me a postal for my book on Rheumatism. I will then arrange with a druggist in your vicinity so that you can secure six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure to make the test. You may take it a full month on trial. If it succeeds the cost to you is \$5.50. If it fails the loss is mine and mine alone. It will be left entirely to you. I mean that exactly. If you say the trial is not satisfactory I don't expect a penny from you.

I have no samples. Any mere sample that can affect chronic Rheumatism must be drugged to the verge of danger. I use no such drugs for it is dangerous to take them. You must get the disease out of the blood. My remedy does that even in the most difficult, obstinate cases. It has cured the oldest cases that I ever met, and in all of my experience, in all of my 2,000 tests, I never found another remedy that would cure one chronic case in ten. 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.

Address Dr. Shoop, Box 18, Racine, Wis. Mild cases not chronic are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

IRRIGATION OF NORTHWEST. William Whyte and Land Commissioner Dennis Consulting With Sir Thomas Sloughnessy.

William Whyte, assistant to Sir Thos. Sloughnessy, president of the C. P. R., and J. S. Dennis, land commissioner, are in Montreal making an official report to the president of the progress of the large irrigation project of the company being carried out in Alberta. There are, probably, in all, 5,000,000 acres which are to be reclaimed. J. S. Dennis, who is a man of great practical experience, has been placed by the company at the head of the scheme, in regard to which some work was done last summer and fall-work which will be taken up in earnest in the spring. Expensive machinery has to be installed, and the process is a slow one, but it is confidently believed that it will prove to be a great success when the project is carried through.

VICTORIA THEATRE. THURSDAY, DEC. 24TH

Boxing Contest BETWEEN Caesar Attell and Kid Krant

Also Grand Preliminary between Bert Griffiths of Victoria, and Tony Northfield, of H. M. S. Grafton. Prices, 75c., \$1.00, and gallery, 50c. Seats now on sale at theatre box office.

VICTORIA THEATRE. 3 NIGHTS STARTING MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st.

Mr. Frederic Belasco Presents FLORENCE ROBERTS.

MONDAY. "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" By Clyde Fitch. TUESDAY. "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch" By Mrs. Burton Harrison. WEDNESDAY. "Paddy Thrift" THE COUNTRY GIRL. A Comedy. Augustin Daly's Version. Seats now on sale at box office of theatre. Prices, \$1.25, 75c., and gallery, 50c.

Edison Theatre Erickson & Ely, Props. The Bill Special of Attractions for Christmas Week.

"The Kingdom of Fairlyland" Edison's latest and best animated reproduction, being a copy of the Pantomime as produced at the Drury Lane Theatre, London

Tripple and Kilmet Comedy instrumentalists. Lewis and Lewis Sketch, "Rural Comedy." Little Nema Cotta World Renowned Juvenile.

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Costumes and Jackets. At a reduction. Our New Jackets, Simple Suits and Silk Skirts will all be sold at a VERY BIG REDUCTION.

FURS. UMBRELLAS. In order to clear out all our Furs this week we have marked them down to Half-Price. New and Handsome Umbrellas in good reliable Silks, and new Novelty Handles, from \$1.25 up.

Suitable Gifts. We have a large selection of Novelties suitable for Christmas Gifts in Fans, Belts, Purses, Wrist and Chatelaine Bags and Fancy Novelties.

ROBINSON'S CASH STORE, 'Phone 1010. 89 Douglas Street. Merry Xmas

London Layer Raisins 15c. Cream Mixed Candy 15c. One Ouz Coffee 25c. Breakfast Bacon 17c. Mixed Nuts, 3 lbs. for 50c. Llama Hosiery 25c. to 50c. Ties, Handkerchiefs, Bras, Perfume, Purses, Shawls, etc.

Xmas Jewellery. Gentlemen's Watches. Ladies' Watches. Boys' Watches. Watch Chains, Gold and Silver. Filled. Cuff Links. Scarf Pins. Brooches. Rings of all descriptions. Ebony Goods. Silverware. Fancy China. Fancy Clocks.

W. B. Shakespeare, The Jeweller, 31 Government Street. Our Store will be open Xmas morning.

CHRISTMAS GROCERS. Yes, we are, but we can't take the place of the regular Saturday Grocer. You must get your part, and be liberal with it.

EATABLES. In this happy season. Do not postpone it. Come in to-day and order. If you want any extras that are not here, give us time to order them. What you want we furnish. WATSON & HALL, FAMILY GROCERS. Phone 448. 55 Yates St.

HOME COMFORTS. CHRISTMAS IS DRAWING NEAR. What are you going to give for a present? We have just received a large assortment of the latest styles in Lounges, Couches, Chairs, Rockers, Centre Tables, Etc.

Come and see our bargain tables in Fancy China and Glassware from 5c. upwards. We have a number of articles which are sure to be very acceptable, as well as useful, and our prices are sure to tempt you. All goods marked in plain figures. G. A. D. FLITTON, 129 Douglas Street. NEARLY OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

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"RUBBING IT IN."

ing its temper in its controversy with the Board of Trade. It claims the merchants must have been defrauding the province in the returns they furnished the Assessment Commissioners under their interpretation of the old Assessment Act, and that if they had acted honestly in their dealings with the province in the past the burdens they will now be called upon to bear would not seem so heavy.

The difficulty lies in the fact that the government made a mistake in entering into an understanding in which all the advantages lie with the money lenders. The Ministers will not acknowledge this, while the great financial authority which controls the columns of the Colonist and the News-Advertiser, and undoubtedly advised the Finance Minister to his hurt and the injury of the province, is not likely to admit an error which would tumble him from his self-erected pedestal.

But it is by no means certain that the Newfoundlanders are willing. Apart from the influence which will be brought to bear by the United States to prevent the consummation her expansionists believe would interfere with the workings of "manifest destiny," the people of the island are somewhat sore at Canada because at the time they were willing to join the Canadian government of the day attempted to drive a huckstering bargain. It cavilled about terms until the suppliants turned away their faces in disgust and concluded to jog along in their condition of isolation.

ROUNDING OFF THE DOMINION.

The spirit of expansion has entered into Canada also. The government has taken up the question of the annexation of Newfoundland in earnest, and if the people of the ancient colony are favorably disposed no matter of financial arrangements will be permitted to interfere with the project of rounding off the Dominion.

Maps are changed quite suddenly on occasion in these days of rapid progress, and it may be just as well for Canada to guard against her entrance to the Atlantic ocean being subject to the will of a foreign power. The possessions of Newfoundland are very extensive, while their potential value from the point of view of the fisherman are just beginning to be appreciated. The time will come when the market for the products of Newfoundland will be almost unlimited. The teeming populations will insist upon purchasing necessities which cannot be procured in sufficient quantities within the limits covered by their tariff. Then the day of Newfoundland will have come and the nation to which she belongs will indeed be fortunate.

The Canadian government is also well advised in deciding to move in the matter of the acquisition of Greenland. Canadians desire to guard against trouble of any kind. They will be the possessors of a populous country some day, and they will need all the territory which commands their approaches to the ocean. It is just as well that they should guard against contingencies by acquiring a right of way which none can dispute clear up to the North Pole. If the eyes of our statesmen of an earlier generation had been opened we should have been the owners of what is called Alaska to-day and the square of our possessions would have been complete. There was a time when the possessions of Russia in America were considered as worthless as the territories of Denmark are to-day.

There is little doubt that when our neighbors read of what is going on they will be making bids for Greenland. But Denmark is on good terms with Great Britain. The British are the chief customers of the Danes. And we have a friend at court. Any representations made on behalf of Canada by the British government will receive the fullest consideration, and no doubt a way will be found of bringing about the desired transfer.

There are grave matters of state awaiting a pronouncement from the Canadian people. If the Dominion Parliament should be dissolved and an election held during the winter, there will be plenty of live topics for discussion.

The Vancouver World has issued a twenty-page holiday number. Our contemporary has plenty of competition in the Terminal City, and yet it flourishes exceedingly and is still at the front of the procession.

Sir Frederick Borden, Canadian Minister of Militia, has been made a member of the permanent committee on Imperial defence as a result of his visit to Great Britain and his consultation with the home authorities. Another result which it is said may follow, and will surely follow in due time, will be the taking over of the garrisons at Halifax and Esquimaux by the Canadian government. The revenue of the Dominion is growing so rapidly that we shall soon be able to bear all the burdens that properly should lie upon our shoulders.

When James Harris, proprietor of the Harris Abattoir Company, went to his office at the city cattle market, Toronto, on Saturday, he found his safe blown to pieces and the contents of the office wrecked. The pipes had been broken and the office was full of steam. On investigation he found the burglars had got about \$800 in cash and a draft for \$700 from the American Hide & Leather Company, of New York, in favor of Harris & Company. No paper was taken.

The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal & Coke Company has announced a wage reduction of its Helvetia operators amounting to 10 per cent. to go into effect January 1st. While the Helvetia miners are a comparatively insignificant part of the company's workings, the reduction is considered an indication of a more sweeping movement by the company which will affect the wages of 18,000 men.

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Sheriff's Sale. Under and virtue of the undermentioned warrant of execution and writ of fieri facias, to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction in front of my office at the Court House, Bastion Street, on Wednesday next, Dec. 23rd, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, all the goods and chattels of the Robert Kitchener Mines, Limited, located on Mount Richards, near Mount Sicker, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901. Notice is hereby given that John McSweney, of No. 81 Discovery Street, in the City of Victoria, carrying on business as a grocer at No. 177 Douglas Street, in the same city, has by assignment bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1903, pursuant to the above Act, assigned all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution into Arthur Bronchley, of No. 120 Belleville Street, in the same city, commission merchant.

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When our buyer was in London last June he purchased 2,650 dozen handkerchiefs from one maker, all good qualities, that sell in the ordinary way at \$1.50 to \$7.50 per dozen. It was the very low price quoted to clear the lot which tempted him to buy such a quantity. In going over the stock yesterday we find that we have 400 dozen Ladies' All-Linen Handkerchiefs yet to sell, 1-8, 1-4, 1-2, 5-8 3-4, 7-8, 1 and 1 1-4 inch hems. Prices to-morrow as follows: To those buying dozens or half dozens:

Table with 3 columns: Quality, Price per dozen, Price per 6. \$1.50 qualities, Wednesday, \$1.00 dozen, 6 for 50c. \$2.00 qualities, Wednesday, \$1.50 dozen, 6 for 75c. \$3.00 qualities, Wednesday, \$2.00 dozen, 6 for \$1.00. \$4.00 and \$4.50 qualities, Wednesday, \$3 doz, 6 for \$1 50. \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50 qualities, Wednesday, \$4 doz, 6 for \$2.00.

Popular Priced Articles in the Silver-ware Department

Table listing various silverware items and prices: Love Cups, \$1.00; Small China and Silver Butter Dishes, \$2.50; Small Glass and Silver Butter Dishes, \$3.00; Small Flower Bowls, \$2.50; Tea Cups, 75c, \$1.25; Mirror, \$5.75; Ash Trays, \$2.50; Brass Clocks, \$2.00, \$3.50, \$4.00; Cut Glass Water Bottles, \$6.50, and Glasses, \$1.50; Cut Glass Bonbon Dishes, \$4.00, \$4.75, \$7.50; Letter and Pen Stands, \$3.75; Ink Stands, \$2.25, \$4.00; Berry Dish (china), \$2.50; Celery Dish, \$2.50; Jelly Dish, \$4.50; Hat Brushes, \$1.75, \$1.00; Souvenir Spoons, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75; Match Boxes, \$1.00, \$1.25; Napkin Ring Tray, \$2.75; Napkin Rings, 25c, \$2.00; Silver Picture Frames, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00; Bead Chains, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$3.50; Pearl Necklaces, \$1.25, \$2.25, \$3.75, \$5.00, \$7.50; Darners, 50c, 75c; Blotters, 50c, 75c; Pearl Pens, 25c; Silver Thimbles, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00; Gold Plated Mirrors, \$3.50; Embroidery Scissors, \$1.00, \$1.25; Half-dozen Silver Forks, \$5.50 (10gers); Shaving Mug, \$5.00; Silver Plates, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$25.00; Child's Set (consisting of knife, fork and spoon), \$5.00; One Salt Set, \$3.75, \$3.00; Half-dozen Silver Spoons, \$3.75; Child's Silver Mug, \$1.00; Sugar and Cream Sets, \$3.50; Pepper and Salt Sets, \$1.25; Tooth Brush Holders, 75c; Perfume Bottles, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.00; Vaseline Jars, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c; Ink Bottles, 50c; Smelling Salt Bottles, \$1.50, \$1.00, 90c; Bells, 50c, \$1.25; Sugar Spoons, \$2.25, \$1.25; Sugar Tongs, \$2.75, \$2.00, \$1.00, 65c; Tea Strainers, \$2.75, \$4.00; Cream Ladle, \$1.50; Gravy Ladle, \$1.50; Fish Fork, \$2.50; Berry Spoon, \$4.75; Bonbon Spoon, \$1.25; Shoe Horn, \$2.00, \$1.00, 75c, 50c; Paper Knives, \$2.00, \$1.00, 50c; Tooth Brushes, 75c, 50c; Writing Set, \$9.50; Fish Set, \$10.50; Nail Polisher, \$1.00, \$2.00; Bonbon Dishes, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.50; Cruet Stands, glass and silver, \$3.00, \$3.50; china and silver, \$3.00; Cream and Sugar, \$2.50, \$6.50; Paper Weights, \$2.00.

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City News in Brief.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

Good Evening.—Have some Black & White and soda—the popular drink of the people. All the rage in London.

Yesterday word was received by James Parsons of the death on Sunday at Toronto of Miss Vera, the only daughter of Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Speers.

On Saturday evening Mr. Wm. McKay and Miss Frances Butler were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. R. B. Birch conducted the ceremony.

Notice to the Public.—The report that has been circulated in the city that J. E. Church is giving up the collecting business is untrue. If you have any accounts to collect send them in and we will use our best endeavors to collect the same. J. E. Church.

The Mutual Life of Canada stands today at the head of all life companies doing business in Canada in the net amount of insurance in force obtained over all its competitors during the past five years, as shown by the Dominion government reports. If you wish to obtain the best policy at the lowest rate apply to The Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, provincial manager, 34 Broad street.

A meeting of Local Union, No. 5, Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, was held last evening. Officers were elected as follows: Ed. Gilligan, president; H. Rivers, vice-president; E. Ryan, recording secretary; J. Robinson, financial secretary; D. McGregor, warden; W. Bailey, conductor; trustees, W. Clark, E. Gilligan and J. Webb; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, Messrs. Rivers, Ryan and Gilligan.

The Cranbrook Herald has issued a very attractive Christmas number of over fifty pages. The work reflects great credit upon E. E. Simpson, the publisher. The number is profusely illustrated with half-tone cuts of scenes in and about Cranbrook and of some of the leading men in the professional and business life of that important section of the Kootenays. The Herald always voices the interests of the part of the country in which it circulates, and has thus made itself popular in its territory.

The departure of Rear-Admiral Bickford and staff officers who left last night will be deeply regretted in Victoria. During their stay here they have won golden opinions by their courtesy and promptitude in co-operating with the citizens in those demonstrations of loyalty for which this city is celebrated, and in many other ways, which will be always gratefully remembered. Equal to the regret which is felt because of the departure of the late commander-in-chief will be the cordiality with which his successor will be received, and it is to be hoped that the service in the North Pacific, which Commodore Goodrich began yesterday, will be marked by a continuance of those pleasant relations which existed between the citizens and his predecessor.

An elderly lady, Mrs. Miller, crippled from paralysis, came within an ace of meeting a terrible death on Texada Island last week. She was confined to her bed almost a helpless invalid, and was left alone one morning while her husband crossed the mountain to Van Anda. The old man, however, had not been gone long when fire broke out in the house and the house was soon one seething mass of flames. How the old lady acquired the necessary strength to escape is considered a miracle. She crawled out of the burning building on hands and knees and was found just beyond the charred remains of her dwelling in an exhausted condition. From here she was carried to a friend's house, and is receiving now all the care and attention possible to bestow upon her.

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Successors to P. C. MacGregor & Co., NO. 2 VIEW STREET.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

Call at Edward's Bazaar, 57 Yates street, for toys and Xmas presents.

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing houses for the week ending 22nd December were \$37,243.

The regular meeting of the Victoria Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, will be held to-night in the O. U. W. hall.

Steamer Ascot, laden with cargo for Japan and China from Portland, passed out to sea to-day from Comox, where she had received bunker coal.

Tug Lorne will tow the ship Fort-eriot from the Fraser to Tacoma to-night, and will afterwards take the German ship Wilhelmina, lumber-laden from Cleumalus, to sea.

A dividend of 5 per cent. for the year ending May 31st has been recommended by the directors of the British Columbia Cannery Co., Ltd., according to advices from London, England.

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 Lova studio. Sit now; no time to lose.

The annual Sunday school treat of the Congregational church will be held in the schoolroom of the church on December 29th. A Christmas tree will be provided in connection with a musical program, and an enjoyable time is assured all who attend.

A special train will leave the E. & N. station at 8 o'clock this evening for Nanaimo and intermediate points. This is for the convenience of residents up the line, who came down on Spencer's excursion, and others who desire to return to E. & N. points to-night.

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.

The funeral of the late Private Dugald McMaster took place on Sunday afternoon from the mortuary, Work Point barracks, to the military cemetery, Esquimaux. Rev. D. MacLachlan, Presbyterian chaplain to His Majesty's troops, conducted religious services.

Lever's Y-Z (Wine Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

The annual display of choice meats and poultry by L. Goudreau & Sons, Queen's Market, surpasses all previous years, and the colored lights and evergreen decorations are without a doubt one of the grandest in the city. The public are invited to visit their premises to-night, Wednesday and Thursday.

News From England.—London, Dec. 17th.—This Christmas of 1903 will be a merry one here. People who buy the best are calling for Black and White, the popular Scotch whisky. This is the leading whisky here, and the favorite drink of the people is Black and White and soda.

Income Increasing.—The income of The B. C. Furmen's Loan & Savings Co., for the three months ending November 30th amounted to \$269,021.85. This is a big increase on any similar period in the past. From present indications the officers expect that December income will exceed the highest record made in the past.

The row of soft-voiced "centrals" without whom the telephone company would have to get out of business, will be installed in their new quarters in the Bank of Montreal building in a month or six weeks. The new switchboard is now in course of installation, and altogether quite a staff of men are employed in preparing for the change.

At the last meeting of the Ministerial Association it was decided to observe the annual week of prayer, namely, January 4th to 8th, inclusive. The use of the Congregational church has been kindly granted and the programme of speakers and subjects will be announced later. It is hoped those interested in this movement will remember these dates.

Thousands attended the lectures given in Toronto and other Eastern cities by Rev. M. G. Pearce, the well known preacher and writer of London, England, who is now on his way West, and will visit Victoria. The subject of his addresses is Christian Socialism, and his descriptions of the work in West London districts is attracting general attention. Rev. Mr. Pearce will also speak at Vancouver and Nanaimo.

Excursion rates between all points will be in effect on the Esquimaux & Nanaimo railway for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, tickets being good from Thursday, December 24th until Monday, January 4th. Following out their established custom there will be no trains operated on Christmas Day, an afternoon train service being provided on Thursday, 24th inst., trains running on same time as Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday trains.

The Paterson Shoe Co.'s Stores

Are You in Doubt

What to Buy?

It's hard to decide sometimes what is best for Xmas presents. We suggest a pair of Slippers; nothing nicer; nothing more useful; nothing that will be more appreciated; nothing good that will cost you less. Hadn't you better give him or her a pair of slippers? Ladies' Slippers from 50c. up. Men's from 65c. up.

The Paterson Shoe Co., Ltd.

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 to your liking. For in advance of all competitors, this store stands pre-eminently in the first place for Holiday shopping.

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

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A Man's Xmas

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Overcoats, Suits, White Dress Vests, Raincoats, Tuxedo Suits, Silk Umbrellas, Smoking Jackets, Dress Suits, Dressing Gowns. Again we say: A Man's Store for a Man's Things.

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BARGAIN CARNIVAL NOW ON

WING TO CHRISTMAS DAY coming on a Friday this year, we will celebrate to-day and following days up to Christmas Eve with a sort of Bargain Carnival throughout the store. We're turning things topsy-turvy in some of our departments, and are offering shoppers values and prices that are little less than sensational. For instance, think of buying:

Kid Glove Special Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, all shades, "Perrin's make," also a few dozen lined Kid Gloves, with fur tops. Regular prices \$1.25 to \$1.40 a pair. SPECIAL 50c	Ribbons Hundreds of Remnants of Rich Satin and Silk Ribbons in all colors. Regular values 10c. and 12 1/2c. yard. SPECIAL 5c	Hand-Made Lace Hdkfs. Ladies' Real Hand-Made Lace Handkerchiefs, with pure silk centers; although they are worth \$1.25, they are yours for 65c
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121-2c to 15c Silk and Satin Ribbons. Special Price 71-2c

Chatelaines and Bags Ladies' Handsome Bead and Leather Chatelaines and Bags. Regular values \$2.50 to \$3.35. SPECIAL \$1.25	Ladies' Umbrellas Ladies' Gloria Covered Umbrellas, with strong steel rods, and all the latest novelties in handles, such as Pearl, Agate, Bone and Metal. Regular value \$2.25 each. SPECIAL \$1.50	Hemstitched Handkerchiefs Ladies' Fine Irish Lawn Handkerchiefs, with fancy borders, narrow hemstitched border, although they're worth 10c each, they are yours for 6 for 25c
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\$7.50 Fancy Black Neck Ruffs. Special Price \$3.50

Silk Walsts Ladies' Handsome Silk Walsts, tucked and hemstitched. Regular values \$3.75 to \$6.00. SPECIAL \$2.50	Men's Umbrellas Men's Extra Strong Umbrellas, with cherry wood handles. Regular value \$1.50. SPECIAL \$1.00	Tailor-Made Costumes Costumes, our regular prices averaged about \$15.00 each. SPECIAL \$6.65 \$20.00 Costumes for \$10.00
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50c Ladies' Ribbed Underwear. Special Price 35c

Boys' Reefers Everybody knows now that we are giving up the boys' clothing, and such bargains as this will soon be cleared: Boys' Beaver Cloth Reefers, with Storm Collars. Regular values \$1.95 and \$4.50 each. SPECIAL \$1.95	Men's Neckwear Men's Silk Neckwear, black and colored. Regular values 40c. to 50c. each. SPECIAL 15c Men's New 50c. Neckwear, Reversible Graduated Points. SPECIAL 25c	Boys 2-Piece Suits Boys' Nobby 2-Piece Tweed and Navy Serge Suits, with good strong linings, and well finished, sizes 22 to 25. Regular values \$2.75 to \$3.25 a suit. SPECIAL \$1.45
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XMAS UMBRELLA SALE NOW ON THE HUTCHESON CO., LD., VICTORIA, B. C.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S Gifts for A

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, manicure 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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Phone 28, 39 and 41 Johnson Street.

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Phone 88, 42 Government Street.

Xmas Cakes!

Xmas Puddings!

Unsurpassable in quality, from 75c. each
Genuine Scotch Short-Bread, per 1 pound cake 25c.

Crumpets! Crumpets!

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Of Companions and Sewing Sets in Russian Leather Cases and Pearl-Handled Fittings. Price, from \$3.00 to \$9.00 each. These goods are Sheffield made, and the scissors, etc., are supplied from our own stock, and warranted A1.

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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S PROGRESS

ANNUAL GATHERING OF HORTICULTURISTS

Officers for the ensuing year elected - Report Submitted by the Board of Directors.

At the second annual meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Society, which was held at the city hall last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, His Honor Sir Henri Joly...

The officers and directors of the Victoria Horticultural Society in presenting this, their first report since the incorporation, desire to refer to the success of the society during the year 1902, and the results of the first show held in the Douglas Gardens on Friday and Saturday, August 22nd and 23rd of that year...

The directors, desirous of encouraging the love and culture of flowers amongst children, offered a silver medal as first prize for the best bouquet of flowers grown and arranged by a boy or girl attending schools...

Another point of interest which the directors would like to foster if the funds permitted, is the management and culture of bees. Under the society's auspices and at the expense of Mr. Robinson, of Victoria, a excellent section of bee supplies, together with an observatory hive of live bees and lucidly explained, the modern system of bee-keeping would prove a most valuable factor in the interests of the province...

Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Ladies' Favorite. Is the only safe, reliable regulator on which you can depend in the hour and time of need.

COMMUNICATIONS.

GRITS NEED NOT APPLY.

To the Editor:—Three Conservative license commissioners refused to grant a hotel license to J. B. Holmes at Comox Bay at their recent meeting...

To the Editor:—Will you allow me to call attention through your columns to the wholesale destruction of herring in Nanaimo harbor? It is true that government in the preservation of our natural resources awakened and barred the doors...

A FARMER'S VIEWS.

To the Editor:—I would like to express my views as regards the proposed land assessment act. I do not know if other farmers fully understand it or not, but I will try to explain it as simply as I can...

valued to a standard of other industries, we would not have to pay any more tax. These are stores, and they pay only \$10. My property is \$8,000 and I pay \$40. Their income or return from their business is far greater than mine and still I pay four times more taxes than they.

ASSESSORS' METHODS.

To the Editor:—I read with considerable interest in the Times the statement of a statement of the expenditure of provincial money at the salmon hatcheries in this district, and how Mr. Phair, the assessor, is to be assessed for his property...

THE MASTER MECHANIC'S PURE TAR SOAP

High Bar, Lillooet District, B. C. P. S.—As we have a change of government and a change of members I was in hopes that my case would be laid to rest...

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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, Taxes, Interest, Total Amount Due. Lists various property owners and their outstanding taxes.

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY. Reduced Rates for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Excursion rates will be in effect between all stations; tickets good for going journey, Thursday, December 24th to Sunday, January 3rd, inclusive, returning not later than Monday, January 4th.

Double Train Service. Thursday, December 24th. Trains leaving of same time as Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday trains.

All Trains Are Cancelled on Xmas Day. GEO. L. COURTNEY, - TRAFFIC MANAGER.

CANADIAN PACIFIC And Soo Pacific Line WORLD'S SCENIC ROUTE. LOWEST RATES. BEST SERVICE. To all points in Canada and the United States.

Table of steamship sailings including routes to Japan, Australia, and Alaska. Lists ship names, departure dates, and agents.

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

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

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

SIDNEY & NANAIMO TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD. Time Table Taking Effect 20th Nov., 1903. Victoria & Sidney railway train leaving Victoria at 8 a.m. connects at Sidney with steamer "Prospere".

PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION CO. STEAMER CLALLAM. Sails daily, except Sunday, at 7.30 p.m. for Seattle and Port Townsend. B. B. BLACKWOOD, Agent, 100 Government Street.

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"SEAL BRAND" In 1-lb. and 2-lb. Tin Cans (air tight). Other high grades in richly-colored parchment bags (moisture proof).

"THE FRISKY MRS. JOHNSON."

Miss Florence Roberts. Delighted Her Audience Last Night at the Victoria Theatre.

Miss Florence Roberts has lost none of her charm for theatre goers. Last evening she opened a three-night engagement in the Victoria theatre with a change of programme nightly. As "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" she had considerable scope for the display of her powers. The character was one which throughout a good part of the play lived under a mask of frivolity. No one can say that Miss Roberts was not at home in the interpretation of this phase of the character. But when the mask was thrown aside and she appeared in what is supposed to be her real character the actress completely captivated all. The play is not intricate in plot, on the contrary it is extremely simple, and in consequence is the more entertaining. Miss Roberts is a master of emotion in all its shades and in every degree. She had a well filled house last evening, and will draw together crowded houses throughout the rest of her engagement.

She is supported by a very good company. Miss Nina Herbert appeared last evening as Mrs. Frank Morley, the erring sister of "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" for whom the latter was willing to make every sacrifice. Her part was taken especially in the latter part of the play with considerable ability. Miss Louise Royce as Mrs. Chadley had a part which called for no sympathy, but she showed that she was not lacking in the power of adapting herself to the varied circumstances.

Of the male portion Lucius Henderson as Jim Morley was excellent. Frank Hollis as Lord Bertie Heathcote, the stage English chaffin, played an important part in the play. He was versatile in his work, showing more than ordinary ability as an actor. William Terrace as Count Max Dindon, the French gallant, who was obliging to the degree of being a fool, Howard Scott as Frank Morley and G. G. Rodgers as Sol Birkenhead, the Oxford student, all acquitted themselves creditably. This evening the company will present "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch."

Internal Cancers

SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDY.

Cancer of the internal organs, such as the stomach, bowels, liver and womb, has been most successfully treated by the New Constitutional remedy. There is no form of treatment which has yielded such uniformly satisfactory results, and the evidence of cures we possess is well worth investigating. Send two stamps for full particulars to D. V. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

Capt. Robt. L. Merriman, one of the oldest and best known sea captains sailing from New York, is dead at Alameda, Cal. He was born in Brunswick, Maine, in 1830.

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BASKETBALL

CLOVERDALE, 16; FERNWOOD, 5.

A junior league match was played between the Cloverdale and Fernwood teams last evening at the F. Y. M. A. hall. The game resulted in a victory for the Cloverdale by a score of 16 points to 5. There was a fair attendance of spectators. From the start of the match it was apparent that the Fernwoods were outclassed. Their opponents were heavier, played a faster combination game, and proved more accurate in shooting. A shotput acted as referee to the satisfaction of both teams.

THE RING

SHARKEY AND MUNROE.

New York, Dec. 21.—Jack "Bum" and Tom Sharkey were matched this afternoon to meet in a limited bout some time before March 1st, before the club offering the best inducements.

KRANT HAS ARRIVED.

Considerable interest is being taken in the 25-round contest between Caesar Atell and Kid Krant, which takes place on Thursday evening at the Victoria theatre. The former has been training for the past two weeks and is in the best of condition. Krant arrived from Seattle yesterday. He professes himself confident of the result. As usual Atell is determined to win. He said this morning that he had defeated Krant once and would do it again.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

THE CITY LEAGUE.

As a result of Saturday's game, Victoria now has the advantage over other contestants in the race for the championship. At the commencement of the season the general opinion was that the Garrison team would win out this year with comparative ease. The local eleven proved stronger, however, than the soldiers anticipated. The series of games between the two teams has been watched with interest. After a number of warmly contested matches, Victoria won the final game owing to the necessity of the Garrison team playing off all scheduled games before leaving for another station. The final struggle for supremacy between the local eleven and the soldiers occurred sooner than is usually the case. The final game will be played next Saturday between the two teams, and is likely to be warmly contested. The Columbian have a strong team, one which has played successfully against the soldiers on their own grounds. It is possible, however, this match will take place on Christmas Day. Efforts are being made to complete the necessary arrangements, and as both teams agree to the proposal there is every reason to believe the game will be played on December 25th. The Columbian express their determination to try their best to defeat the Victoria eleven. The match will commence at about 2:45 o'clock.

It is stated that the present Garrison team will not be disgraced by the leaving of some of the Work Point troops for Hongkong. Only three or perhaps four of these vacancies will be filled by men who come here from Halifax. The contingent expected from the East is reported to include some particularly fine footballers.

MATCH TO-MORROW.

A match will take place between the St. Louis College and North Ward eleven at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning at Beacon Hill. The game, it is expected, will be evenly contested. The St. Louis College

eleven follows: Goal, P. O'Rourke; full backs, J. Robinson (capt.) and F. Brown; half backs, R. Hickey, H. Silver and T. O'Rourke; forwards, Wm. McArthur, J. Hays, J. Mackenzie, J. Sweeney and J. Hayes; substitutes, R. Colbert, M. Keppock and Ed. Flannigan.

THE PROVINCIAL LEAGUE.

As the city league rapidly drawing to a close, local enthusiasts are beginning to look forward to the provincial league matches. The championship cup is now held by Nanaimo. When the organization meeting was held early in the season the schedule was drawn up in such a manner as to allow the Victoria and Garrison teams to play off here and the Nanaimo and Ladysmith teams to decide the question of supremacy between themselves at their own convenience. Whether the two latter eleven have played is not known. The result of Saturday's game, however, gives Victoria the right to play the winner of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith series for the championship of the province. Strong efforts will be made this year to bring the B. C. cup to Victoria. It has been suggested that the city be represented in the deciding game, which takes place at Nanaimo, by an amalgamated team consisting of Victoria and Columbia players. Such a combination would insure a hard struggle and would likely result in winning the cup for this city.

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PERSONAL

C. K. Gross and wife, of Tacoma; C. M. Smith and wife, of Whistler; and W. H. Lader, of Ladner's Landing, are among those staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mayor McCandless is confined to his residence with a severe cold. He expects, however, to be sufficiently recovered to resume his duties to-morrow.

Jas. Beveridge, Jas. Fowler and J. W. Weir, of Vancouver; H. Ross, Napier, of British Columbia; Wm. Sweeney and J. Hayes, of Seattle, of British Columbia; and Mrs. Russell, of Sydney, are guests at the Vernon hotel.

Miss M. A. Wythe has returned from London, England, after an absence of over a year, and will spend Christmas with relatives in Victoria.

A. C. Stewart, W. Blair, Geo. E. Robinson, J. K. Henry and J. S. Gordon are registered at the Vernon hotel.

The resignation of George H. McClellan as member of the United States Congress from the twelfth district of New York, on account of his election as Mayor of New York city, has been accepted. Governor O'Dell will order a special election to fill the vacancy.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased for \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 250 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

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, and for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,000, 500 or 250 feet by marking out the same with iron legal posts, leaving location notices, one at each end and on the line of the lode or vein.

The claims shall be recorded within ten days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles of location. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims on the interior of the Yukon Territory, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable each year. Northern Saskatchewan River claims for either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low 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 stream-power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and shall not include any lands or persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season after the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease, one dredge for each five miles, or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent, collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases 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 in the Yukon Territory, below low water mark, and shall be fixed by his position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from each date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining in the Yukon Territory.

Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured in the base line of general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days after the claim is located, and the claim shall be abandoned 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's royalty claims self.

Entry fee, \$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 Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may, by joint claim in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, 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.

A certificate 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 notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Hydraulic Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent; is found to be suitable for placer mining; and the claim includes within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of \$150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent, on the value of the gold shipped from the Territory are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than \$5,000 must be expended annually. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unoperated land for agricultural or building purposes.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum. The Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of \$1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept., 1903. JAMES A. SMART, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—R. M. S. Miowera is due to-day from Australia.

—W. T. Martindale, agent for the Scranton International Correspondence schools, will be in the city for two days to transact business.

—A special meeting of the Victoria District Football Association is called for to-morrow evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Delegates are requested to attend from all local football teams. The chair will be taken at 7.30 o'clock, and important business will be transacted.

—This afternoon a sale of work is being held in the Congregational church schoolroom, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. An entertainment will take place this evening for which a first class programme has been prepared. Those who attend are promised a pleasant time. Refreshments will be served.

—The case of Minor vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company was resumed before the Chief Justice this morning. Several witnesses for the defence were examined, after which the Chief Justice and jury went over to Birdcage Walk to inspect the scene of the accident. The case was then adjourned until this afternoon at 2.15 o'clock.

—There was a large attendance at the concert and comedietta in aid of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Esquimalt, which took place last evening in the Masonic hall, Esquimalt. The entertainment was under the patronage of Rear-Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., and Mrs. Bickford. The programme was carried through as published in last evening's Times.

—The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital yesterday of Mahlon Cooper, one of the inmates of the Old Men's Home. Deceased was 68 years of age and a native of Yorkshire, England. He was a resident of British Columbia for thirty years, and was well-known among the pioneers. The funeral has been arranged to take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.

—W. J. Holden, vice-president of The People's Loan & Deposit Company, with headquarters in Toronto, is in the city. This company began business on December 1st, being an amalgamated company with a charter to do work in any part of the province. Mr. Holden will visit all the agencies in British Columbia of the Dominion Co-operative Home Building Association, which is now amalgamated with this new company, and revive the work.

—The funeral of the late Hugh Grieve took place on Saturday afternoon from his late home, 700 Cambie street, Vancouver. Rev. R. G. MacBeth officiating. The large number of floral offerings gave evidence of the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held, and of the sympathy which is felt for the bereaved widow and her little girl. The funeral was largely attended. Messrs. McNeill, Atzel, Grieve, Doble, Scott and Fraser acted as pallbearers.

—The I. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co. do not intend to remove their head office from Vancouver to Calgary as may be understood. This is not necessary under the new Assessment Act as the company can still keep its head office in Vancouver and send its funds to the Northwest and thereby follow the example of several Eastern loan and insurance companies which have stopped lending in British Columbia and are now loaning their surplus funds in the great Northwest.

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