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White Star Line Reported to Have Placed Order at Belfast For Another Big Steamer.

BEING PLACED IN READINESS FOR SERVICE next spring, is 725.9 feet long, 49 feet deep, 75.5 feet broad, tonnage 24,000.
LIKELY TO RESIGN.
M. Rouvier May Retire From the French Cabinet.
(Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 30.—(G. H. Blas announces that M. Rouvier will shortly resign the portfolio of minister of finance in the Combes cabinet, to resume the presidency of the Bank of Commerce and Industry.

JAPAN WILL NOT BE CAUGHT NAPPING

WAR PREPARATIONS NOW NEARLY COMPLETE

If Bonds Are Issued, Money, It is Said, Could Be Obtained in England.

(Associated Press.)
Yokohama, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council to-day the fact was developed that no time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese government. A strong opposition is now publicly manifested to the cabinet owing to the dilatory tactics they are pursuing. The latest ordinance announced inverts the commander of Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared. The government is completing the final preliminaries for placing the country on a war footing. Imperial ordinances issued authorize the government to make an unlimited issue of treasury bonds to provide war funds, creating a special council of war, and fixing the imperial headquarters. In the event of war, if a special issue of war bonds is made, it is understood that the bonds can be floated in England, whence it is said assurances have come that the money would be forthcoming. Asks Reduction of Fleet.

London, Dec. 30.—A daily paper asserts that Japan's note to Russia demands a material guarantee of honest intentions with regard to Korea by a reduction of the Russian fleet in the Far Eastern waters to half its present strength. Pessimistic.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—The foreign dispatches received here yesterday afternoon are reflected to-day in more pessimistic editorials. The Koresa Vremya begins its leader with: "There is no war to-day; to-morrow there may be war." The paper rather fatalistically directs attention to the fact that was marked the opening of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The same paper still professes faith in a peaceful settlement, saying: "We believe Japan will not precipitate Russia in a position where to yield would appear to be a renunciation of the defence of her vital interests in the Far East. Russia does not desire war, but nobody in Russia will permit the Japanese or other friends to execute a diplomatic dance on Russia's peaceful disposition. In the firm consciousness of her power Russia will await events."

Germany Take Hopeful View.
Berlin, Dec. 30.—The foreign office here continues to assure enquirers that the German government continues to believe that war will not issue from the Japanese-Russia controversy. This is also the opinion of the press, whether derived from official or independent information. It does not appear that Sir Frank C. Lascelles, the British ambassador here, as previously stated, said that war is not unlikely unless Russia yields. Count Von Ostensleben, the Russian ambassador, is taking it as an impossibility that the situation in the Far East is even grave. Others of the diplomatic corps seem to be without news and express general ideas, the easy and safe one being that "hostilities are quite unlikely," and that each side is testing its adversary to the breaking point.

Everywhere there is anxiety for authoritative news that shall bring the mobilization of the Japanese army is partially attributable, according to a Vladivostok dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, to open acts of hostility on the part of Koreans towards Japanese, probably necessitating active measures of defence of Japanese interests in Southern Korea. The Cologne Gazette considers that this dispatch is an admission that Japan has a good claim to defend her interests in Southern Korea by force of arms, and that the attitude of Russia on this question may therefore be regarded as a further concession on her part.

Situation Unbearable.
Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Lokal Anzeiger, without reserve, says: "The Japanese government has informed the representatives of the powers at Tokio that the situation at this moment is unbearable, and that Japan must strike if Russia does not accept the propositions Japan has submitted, as Japan can no longer wait for a final decision."

Volunteers.
New York, Dec. 30.—The Japanese consulate here is overwhelmed with offers of volunteers for service in the Japanese army in anticipation of war with Russia, cables the Times correspondent at Sydney, N. S. W. The consul has informed the applicants that it is impossible to accept foreigners for enlistment.

Another Report.
Paris, Dec. 30.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate, but not hopeless. It is believed this information was communicated to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg.

More Meet Wanted.
New York, Dec. 30.—Negotiations by

able are in progress between the Russian government and the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company, of this city, for about 1,000,000 pounds of mess meat for immediate shipment to Port Arthur. An official of the firm said to-day that the contract was practically closed, and that it called for delivery of the meat at San Francisco, January 22nd.

Must Consider China.
London, Dec. 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that Russia is more inclined to make a concession to China with regard to Manchuria, but says that he doubts that unless Russia pays consideration to the Chinese demand that China will join with Japan.

The correspondent also says that Yuan Shai Kai, who has been entrusted with the task of negotiating with Russia, has a decided predilection for an alliance with Japan, and that the Empress Dowager also favors one.

QUITE RECOVERED.
Vienna, Dec. 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph has quite recovered from the accident and is pursuing his ordinary avocations to-day.

THE DEATH OF HENRY BRACKMAN

OCCURRED AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

A Sterling Business Man and a Respected Pioneer Passes Away—His Commercial Career.

Harry Brackman, founder and president of the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, has passed away this morning at his residence, corner of Catherine and Skinner streets, Victoria West. Mr. Brackman had been ailing for the past several years, and spent a number of months in California last winter with beneficial results. It was his intention to do the same this year. He died suddenly at 11 o'clock this morning. His demise is attributed to heart failure.

General regret was expressed by the business men of the city when the news of Mr. Brackman's death became known. Having settled here in the early days, he was well acquainted among the pioneers, while the enterprise of his firm and the establishment of branches of the business throughout British Columbia and the Northwest has made him respected all through the west. His sterling character has won for him many friends, who will deeply mourn his loss. He was 71 years of age, and a native of Hamburg, Germany.

Mr. Brackman left home when 14 years of age, and embarked for America shortly after that time. It was in 1849 that he landed in San Francisco. After spending some time there he went to the Hawaiian Islands, and resided in Honolulu until 1858. While there he was in the employ of Harry Rhodes, general wholesaler, and in 1858 he left for Victoria in the interests of that firm. Arriving here, for four years he was in the employ of the local branch of that house, and then set out on his own.

In 1862, the year of the Cariboo rush, and severing his connection with Jan'ou, Green & Rhodes—the two former having since been taken in as partners—he set out for the gold fields. Like many another, however, he returned a few years later disappointed. He was again taken into the employ of Jan'ou, Green & Rhodes, where he remained until 1870, when he again left for Cariboo. This time fortune favored him, as he struck a good paying claim and returned comparatively well off. He then decided upon a trip to his old home in Germany, and bidding friends good-bye embarked on the then somewhat perilous trip to the Old Country. However, he found everything changed since his departure, and having no relatives living returned a few years later to British Columbia.

Arriving in Victoria once more he purchased a farm at North Saanich, and in 1875 founded the present company's business. A small mill was erected and for about eight years he conducted the business himself. It was five years after Mr. Brackman had started milling that Mr. Dave Ker entered his employ. During the ensuing three years the business increased to such an extent that Mr. Brackman decided to secure a partner, and Mr. Ker was accordingly taken into partnership.

With the growth of the country the business of the Brackman & Ker Milling Company increased, until in 1891 it was decided to remove the headquarters from Saanich to Victoria. The present company was then incorporated, and the modern mill which now occupies a prominent place on the waterfront was erected.

Since then the company has made unusual progress. Branches have been established at Westminster, Vancouver, Edmonton, Nelson and Rossland, while agencies have been located at many other points. The firm also has constructed elevators at different points in the Northwest and its business covers the whole of Western Canada. The flag is half-raised over the Pacific Club, and the mills and offices of the Brackman & Ker Milling Company are closed out of respect to the deceased.

Mr. Brackman never married, and was a member of no fraternal order. The funeral has been arranged to take place to-morrow at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence, and later from St. Saviour's church.

THE STATES WILL LOSE BUSINESS

THROUGH PASSING OF NEW ZEALAND TARIFF

Canada and Britain Will Benefit—Ontario Legislature to Meet Next Month.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Ontario legislature has been called for January 14th. Mr. Blair's Resignation.
A. G. Blair's letter announcing his resignation from active politics and his acceptance of the chairmanship of the railway commission will be published to-morrow.

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A letter received at the department of trade and commerce from New Zealand says that the new tariff will turn trade to Canada and Great Britain, instead of the United States.

Ex-Speaker's Condition.
Pembroke, Dec. 30.—Hon. Peter White, ex-speaker of the House of Commons, who has been seriously ill at his home here, is slightly improved.

Will Protest Election.
Toronto, Dec. 30.—North Renfrew Liberals have decided to protest the election of Mr. Denbow, Conservative, on the ground of bribery of voters.

Stole Registered Letter.
James Wall, wanted by the detective police, was to-day sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for stealing a registered letter from the post office here addressed to M. C. Ross. Wall represented himself as Ross at the post office.

Two Farmers Injured.
Arnprior, Dec. 30.—Alex. and George Drummond, two prominent Arnprior farmers, who were on their way to the millinery of two well known young ladies living some miles from this place, were struck by the Canada Atlantic railway express while crossing the tracks this morning, and probably fatally injured.

A. PATTULLO'S SUICIDE.
Member of Ontario Legislature Cut His Throat in London.
(Associated Press.)
Montreal, Dec. 30.—A special London cable says Mr. Andrew Pattullo, member of the Ontario legislature for North Oxford, was found dead in his bedroom yesterday, his throat having been cut with a razor.

Mr. Pattullo had for some days been in a nervous condition and had cancelled a speech he was to deliver before the Tariff Reform League at Ipswich. He seemed excited over the criticism in English papers on his speech a few days before.

His nephew, a newspaper man in London who was stopping with his uncle at 11 Montague Place, says Mr. Pattullo woke up early yesterday morning in a nervous condition and had cancelled a speech he was to deliver before the Tariff Reform League at Ipswich. He seemed excited over the criticism in English papers on his speech a few days before.

Mr. Pattullo was born in the township of Caledon, Co. Peel, Ontario, in 1850, and was educated at the Dundas and St. Catharines grammar schools. He was for many years proprietor of the Woodstock Sentinel-Breeze, president of the local board of trade, of the Canadian Press Association, of the Western Dairyman's Association, and of the Ontario Good Roads Association. He was elected Liberal member to the legislature in September, 1896, for North York, and was re-elected at the general elections in 1902 and 1903. His wife and three children survive.

PAN-AMERICAN COMPANY.
Chartered With \$250,000,000 Capital to Build Road from Hudson's Bay to Argentine Republic.
(Associated Press.)
Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 30.—The Pan-American Railway Company, with headquarters at Guthrie, and with \$250,000,000 capital stock, to build a line from Fort Nelson on Hudson's Bay, to the Argentine Republic, was chartered to-day.

From Port Nelson the road is to run via Winnipeg in Manitoba, through the states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas, thence through Mexico, Central America, the Republics of Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, into the Argentine Republic. A branch line is provided, running from Peru through Chili to Valparaiso. The total length is 10,000 miles. The incorporators, as named in the charter, are W. B. and G. R. Davis, C. D. Farmer, H. C. Hooper and Edward Hillman, of Arlington, Okla.

FIREMEN AND UNIONS.
Chicago Chief Says Men Must Quit Organization or Service.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Chief Musham of the Chicago fire department, announced that he will compel employees in his department to withdraw from unions or retire from the city's service. The chief will commence his war against the organization next week.

A RECORD YEAR.
Over Six Hundred Thousand Immigrants Landed at New York During 1903—More Expected.
(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 30.—The Journal of Commerce to-day says: "Immigration at this port in 1903 has passed all previous records. During the calendar year now ending 619,980 immigrants, including 547,197 in 1902, increase of 72,783. It is estimated that some 2,000 more foreigners will land here before January 1st, so that the total increase will probably be close on to 75,000."

UNEASINESS AMONG GERMANS.
A General Rising of Hottentots in South Africa Is Feared.
(Associated Press.)
Capetown, Dec. 30.—The Cape Times reports grave alarm throughout German territory in South Africa, and says that there are fears of a general Hottentot rising there.

NOTED CLERGYMAN IS COMING HERE

REV. MARK G. PEARSE WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY

Something About the Celebrated Divine—The Call to Work in the Metropolis.

As announced in the Times yesterday afternoon a distinguished clergyman will arrive here shortly in the person of Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, of London, Eng. Of this we are suitably, but intensely interested. By appointment we are engaged. Then comes the opportunity of hearing him—and our disappointment. We own to ourselves, if to nobody else, that after the only man like him we have seen in this country. There are exceptions to the rule, though. Last Sunday evening I enjoyed the great privilege of listening to Rev. Mark Guy Pearse. He spoke in one of the largest of our churches, which was packed to the doors. He is fresh from his parish, the slums of old London, and he talked to us as men and women of those other men and women, his parishioners. It is good to hear about real people, their loves and hates, and their aims and aspirations, sins and virtues. One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. I saw an old man wipe his eyes over the story of a lost child, saw a sweet faced society woman drop her head pitifully over that of a Magdalene and a bunch of flowers. A man of deep emotions he appeals to the emotions of his hearers. Strong, vital, magnetic, he sways people. But you feel that it is in his knowledge of human nature the secret of his success lies. Such a comprehensive knowledge. He seems to understand all, and makes religion mean so much. Not only to the dwellers in the slums, who break the ten commandments in a manner, but to the most respectable folk, who break only the Golden Rule. He finished, and we were left in the bright autumn night, luminous with stars, with bigger hearts and stronger faith, and higher ideals of life, and in our ears these words of the speaker: "Humble love and not proud reason, keeps the door of heaven."

"The story of how he came to preach his first sermon has often been told. His first text was, 'Be strong, all ye people of the land, and work for I am with you, said the Lord of hosts.' 'To Mr. Pearse life has proved anything but prosaic. His first romance occurred in Dunstable, where he married Miss Cooper. The match resulted in a battle royal being fought in the following conference. "While at Ipswich he wrote the first of his famous stories, 'John Treason—His Work', taking the name from a real character who resided at Woodbridge, the home of Fitzgerald, the translator of Omar."
"After a ministry of several years at Luncheon, then at Clifton and afterwards at Bristol, Mr. Pearse was called to what has abundantly proved to be his rightful work. A brief account of that call is given in 'England' with ringing with the bitter cry of Outcast London, and Methodism was being urged to adopt a forward movement and start a mission in the great and profligate West End of London. But who was sufficient for these things? The unanimous answer was, Hugh Price Hughes, Mr. Hughes was accordingly asked to undertake the new and responsible task and make the experiment. His reply was that he would do so if Mark Guy Pearse would join him. Then began that coalition ministry of which everybody has heard."

Rev. Mr. Pearse is accompanied by Mrs. Pearse.

ALL QUIET AT KISHINEFF.
Story of Unrest Among the Jews is Officially Denied.
(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—It is officially announced in view of the reports current abroad of renewed attacks on the Jews that Kishineff was never quieter than at present.

MARQUIS OF SLIGO DEAD.
(Associated Press.)
Dublin, Dec. 30.—The Marquis of Sligo died this morning at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo.

CASHIER GIVES HIS EVIDENCE

THE BOOKS PLACED UNDER EXAMINATION

Finances of R. Dunsmuir & Sons Company Gone Into in Connection With Will Case.

A very important witness for the defence in the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir case went on the stand yesterday afternoon, and his cross-examination was continued again this morning. It is W. A. Gumpertz, treasurer of the R. Dunsmuir & Sons Company, San Francisco. He is also cashier in the office of the company, and is one of the directors of that organization. His examination was conducted by A. P. Luxton. The witness said he had been in the employ of the company from 1896. He had been cashier in the office nearly every day with the exception of Saturday during the last year of his life. Provided with the books of the company he gave the dates upon which Alexander Dunsmuir drew money from the office during the time that he was cashier. These entries were made by witness in his own handwriting, and extended from November 17th, 1898, to December 29th, 1899. There were thirty-four occasions money was handed to Alexander Dunsmuir on these days. Again by letters signed by Alexander Dunsmuir and written by witness, the latter was able to say that Mr. Dunsmuir was in the office on June 9th, September 6th and September 29th, 1899. By copies of telegrams he also was able to say that on November 13th, November 15th and November 16th, 1899, Alexander Dunsmuir was in the office. The letters in question were written, witness said, at the request of Alexander Dunsmuir. The telegrams related to the purchase of property in San Francisco, which had been leased before. The messages were sent to James Dunsmuir upon instructions from Alexander Dunsmuir.

Referring to the minutes of the meetings of the company of August 9th and December 19th, 1899, witness said that Alexander Dunsmuir was present at the meeting, as his name appeared in the minutes in the handwriting of witness. Reading from the minutes Mr. Luxton asked if Alexander Dunsmuir took any part in the discussion. L. P. Duff, K. C., objected to this unless the book was put in. Mr. Davis said they did not intend to put the book in, if the other side wished to their duty to do so. Mr. Duff objected, and said that it was the duty of the defence to do this. His Lordship upheld this view, and thought Mr. Davis would have to put it in if he asked for it.

Mr. Davis asked a little time in order to quote authorities on the matter. The examination of witness was then continued. On July 18th, 1899, witness had driven with Alexander Dunsmuir down to a store, and purchased a team of ponies. Witness the same day drove them out to San Leandro. He met Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road. When the ponies were driven up to the house by Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Hopper Alexander Dunsmuir did not cry. In the latter part of September he went out to San Leandro also, and stayed there all night. Alexander Dunsmuir talked with him after dinner. He told witness that in case he died Mrs. Wallace would be provided for by his brother James. Alexander Dunsmuir spoke of this as an understood thing. He also said that when Mrs. Wallace died that San Leandro would go back to himself or to his brother's family. He also spoke about Mrs. Hopper, referring to her matrimonial matters.

Witness said that Alexander Dunsmuir never appeared in the office in an intoxicated condition. He did not shuffle his feet nor speak incoherently. Mr. Davis speaking to the question of whether or not the minute book should be put in or not by his side, quoted an authority on it, which went to uphold his contention at first taken.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., said that a consultation of the rule led him to agree that Mr. Davis was quoting the proper order. All he wished was access to the book. Until an examination was made it was impossible to say whether they would want to put the book in. This was granted.

The cross-examination of Mr. Gumpertz was undertaken by Mr. Duff. Witness said he was office boy at first. He has been through the different positions until now.

The telegraphic messages sent from the office in 1898 and 1899 were written by Mr. Lowe and witness. In many instances Mr. Lowe dictated messages to him.

Accounts were kept by the R. Dunsmuir & Sons Company with the Union Colliery Company and the Wellington Colliery Company, and with R. Dunsmuir & Sons of Victoria. There would be no credit in the San Francisco books to R. Dunsmuir & Sons, of Victoria, for coal shipped from the Union Colliery or the Wellington Colliery. The R. Dunsmuir & Sons Company bought from the colliery direct, and not from R. Dunsmuir & Sons. This continued at the present time except that only one colliery company existed.

Re-examined as to the entries in the books, witness said that he knew Alexander Dunsmuir.

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Campbell's Prescription Store, COL. FORT AND DOUGLAS STS. To have your prescriptions dispensed in at Campbell's Prescription Store, Cor. Fort and Douglas streets, Victoria. We make that part of the drug business our specialty. Don't forget the address.

THE BEST LARGE LUMBER MEN TO WAIT FOR CHANGE VANCOUVER ISLAND COMPANY EXPLAINS It Expects Government to Be Put in Hands of Competent Men Before Long.

The Essentials of Life There are three constituents absolutely necessary to the maintenance of life, namely: Iron, Fat and Phosphorus. Remove entirely from the system any one of these constituents and death inevitably ensues.

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

Particular You Get the Very Best Five Crown Malaga Dessert Raisins... 50c per lb. Two Crown Dessert Raisins... 35c per lb. Cockburn's Port... \$1.50 per bottle

Carne's Grocery, COR. YATES AND BROAD THE POPULAR UNION STORE. WANTED: CARPENTER, WANTED—3 days' work. Apply immediately 50 Cadboro Bay road.

Hospital Ball At the close of the dance at the Assembly Hall To-Night SPECIAL CARS WILL RUN TO ALL PARTS OF THE CITY AND ESQUIMALT. B. C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., LD., 35 YATES STREET.

ACCIDENT TO EMPEROR. Fell on Stairway and Received a Slight Shaking. Vienna, Dec. 29.—Reports which reached Vienna to-day of an accident to Emperor Francis Joseph created much alarm. It appears that during the Emperor's customary Christmas visit to his daughter, the Archduchess Maria Valeria, at Walle, he was ascending a stairway when his spurs became entangled in the carpet. He fell forward and broke immediately without assistance.

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NEW JAPANESE MILITARY COUNCIL IT INCLUDES LEADING GENERALS AND ADMIRALS Proceeds of Chinese Indemnity Will Be Used as War Fund if Necessary.

DOMINION BRIEFS. John Alexander Dowie Will Establish His Canadian Capital at Windsor. Montreal, Dec. 29.—Ald. Adams was to-day presented with a very largely signed requisition asking him to accept the Conservative nomination for St. Antoine division, Montreal. He accepted.

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WANTED: CARPENTER, WANTED—3 days' work. Apply immediately 50 Cadboro Bay road. WANTED—Light home work by the day. Room 35, Strand Hotel.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Another cabinet council was held to-day lasting four hours. The ordinances passed yesterday authorized a reduction of the principal and interest of an issue of ten million yen debentures, also authorized the government to utilize 50,000,000 yen, the proceeds of the Chinese war indemnity which has hitherto been devoted to educational and other purposes, as a war fund.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Selkirk Conservatives met at Selkirk to-day and nominated W. W. Coleman, of Stonewall, for the House of Commons.

PITTSBURG FIRE. Warehouse Destroyed and Loss Amounts to Many Thousands. Pittsburgh, Dec. 29.—For twelve hours, beginning at 6 o'clock this morning, the fire department battled with a stubborn fire in six-story stone-warehouse of Haugh & Keenan. The loss is not less than \$200,000, and may reach \$700,000.

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ENGRAVERS. BUSINESS MEN who use printers' ink need Engravings. Nothing so effective as illustrations. Everything wanted in this line made by the B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad Street, Victoria, B.C. Cut for catalogue a specialty.

Paris, Dec. 29.—It was asserted authoritatively to-day that the French government does not believe that war between Russia and Japan will break out. It is declared that the Japanese note which Russia is now considering is not an ultimatum, and it is further asserted that it does not even suggest a date within which a reply should be made by the Russian government.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The Tribune in commenting upon the active military preparations in the United States connects the matter with the Far Eastern situation, and says it is the wish of the United States to ensure the open door in Manchuria, and that Japan has always counted upon such an attitude.

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FOR SALE: Good milk cows; cheap for cash. Apply N. Times Office. FOR SALE: Pool table, first-class order. California hotel.

CUTTING WAGES. Reductions Announced at Plants of Steel Corporation and the Carnegie Company. McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 29.—Notices of a wage reduction were to-day posted at the local plants of the United States Steel Corporation. The cut includes every employee. Employees will gradually down from heads of departments to laborers.

HEALTH. The general health of a woman is inseparably related to the local womanly health. When the delicately womanly organism is diseased, the body loses plumpness, the cheeks lose their roses, and a nervous and fretful condition becomes habitual.

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NEW YEAR'S CAKES SCOTCH SHORT BREAD. For your Scotch friends New Year's Day, Whipped Cream Cakes, Chocolate Eccelins, Charlotte Russe Balls, Cream Rolls, etc. One of our Truffles and Charlotte Russe will be much appreciated at your dinner table.

Advertisement for R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. featuring 'The Canadian Whisky' and 'The Scotch Whisky' with images of bottles and a glass.

COMPLETE RETURNS OF EXAMINATIONS THE CANDIDATES WHO GOT ENOUGH MARKS

To Admit Them into the High School—Victoria's Splendid Showing—Vancouver's Poor Record.

The results of the High school entrance examinations throughout the province were completed last night, and are given below, including the list of successful candidates in the Boys' and Girls' Central schools, which were first announced in these columns yesterday.

Table listing candidates for Cumberland Centre, Grand Forks Centre, Nelson Centre, Rossland Centre, Nanaimo Centre, and Westminister Centre.

Table listing candidates for Victoria Centre, Vernon Centre, and Rural and Private Schools.

Table listing candidates for Boys' Central, Girls' School, and Vancouver Centre.

Table listing candidates for Vancouver Centre, Dawson-First Division, Dawson-Second Division, and Mount Pleasant.

Table listing candidates for Dawson-Second Division, Mount Pleasant, and other schools.

Main table of examination results, listing names of candidates and their scores across various centers and schools.



Advertisement for 'Abbey's Effervescent Salt' with the headline 'Start Right To-day' and text describing its benefits for digestion.

Advertisement for 'It Pays to Lose Money' with the headline 'It Pays to Lose Money' and text about financial opportunities.

Advertisement for 'Edison Theatre' listing showtimes and ticket prices for a performance on Friday, January 1st.

Advertisement for 'The Orpheum' listing showtimes and ticket prices for a performance on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Advertisement for 'Cowan's Cake Icings' with the headline 'No house-keeper would be without Cowan's Cake Icings'.

Advertisement for 'John McCurrach' Merchant Tailor, listing services and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Robinson's Cash Store' located at 89 Douglas Street, listing various goods and prices.

Advertisement for 'Lett's and Canadian Office Diaries' with the headline 'Lett's and Canadian Office Diaries'.

Advertisement for 'Xmas Jewellery' by W. B. Shakespeare, listing various jewelry items.

Advertisement for 'Electric Xmas Presents' by The Hinton Electric Co., Limited, listing portable table lamps.

Advertisement for 'Stoddart's Jewellery Store' with the headline 'Stoddart's Jewellery Store' and 'Clearing Sale Up to January 1st, 1904'.

Advertisement for 'Cottons' by J. Piercy & Co., listing various cotton goods.

Advertisement for 'Now Is the Right Time to Choose Your Xmas Gifts' by J. Wenger, listing various gift items.

Advertisement for 'Heintz' Dill Pickles' and 'Sauerkraut' by Watson & Hall, listing products and prices.

Now the Newsboys Dined Last Night. Second Annual Event Was a Huge Success.

With Turkey, Plum Pudding, Speeches and Songs the Lads Had a Fine Time.

About sixty of the newsboys of Victoria gathered around the festive board at the Vernon hotel last evening.

When the signal was given to the boys they set to without any parley, and when the turkey was passed...

After dinner Senator Tomlinson rose and was greeted with loud and continued cheers.

Master Abel then sang 'The Maple Leaf' those present joining in the chorus.

Stanley Sherk asked to give a vocal selection, and he sang in a few well-chosen words, and thanked those responsible for the entertainment.

HOSPITAL BALL. Preparations Made for the Annual Event to Be Held This Evening.

This evening the ball held under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the Jubilee hospital will be held in Assembly hall.

The supper room is being elaborately decorated. Miss Harting has lent a pair of Christmas bells.

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

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Chatter from Vancouver: Mr. Fortham, C. P. Crowell, J. E. Holden, Geo. Scott, M. S. Adair, C. E. Bates, J. A. Panis, Mrs. Cotton, J. B. Hill, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Galbraith, Master Brown, Smith, S. Sears, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Helton, J. A. Wer, J. B. H. Bickel, Mr. M. G. Erzig, H. B. Fairbairn, W. J. Williamson, A. C. Callaghan and wife, J. A. Christie, H. L. Gregory, Mrs. Jackson, A. Harper and wife, Miss Harper, J. W. McGregor, Mrs. Johnson, E. Wood, E. A. Morse and wife, J. Fowler, Capt. J. Thomson, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Cook, F. Beaumont, J. E. Montgomery, A. G. Peterson, R. E. Skilander, P. McDonald, J. Lumy, Mr. Brandt, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smith and children.

COBBERNS. Per steamer Troquels from Nanaimo and Island Ports—Dixie, Ross & Co. S. Sidwell, J. P. Mesher, H. B. Co. V. K. Packing Co., Scott & Fisher, Fell & Sims, J. Jones, Simon, Leiser & Co. S. J. Pitts, Vale & Brooks.

Advertisement for 'Laxative Bromo Quinine' with the headline 'Laxative Bromo Quinine' and 'Cures a Cold in One Day, Crip in 2 Days'.

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Published every day (except Sunday) by the Times Printing & Publishing Co., JOHN NELSON Manager.

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KILLING INDUSTRIES.

Raise not your voice in condemnation of the McBride government lest a worse thing befall you. The ministers are guided by the wisest counsel procurable in British Columbia.

Business men have protested that they all will be severely handicapped in competition with outside houses under the inspired scheme of assessment.

The Times must frankly admit that it does not "know all." When our merchants tell us that the manner in which it is proposed to apply taxation will be injurious to the business of the province.

Nor do we believe it to be a good policy for any government to apply all the taxation an industry will bear.

We think it is right that the most should be made at this critical period in our history of the natural resources of the province.

It is taken to prove that there is a demand for logs on this side. In reality it proves that foreign logs can be laid down at the mills more cheaply than the home-produced articles.

Hon. A. G. Blair may expect to catch it now. He was pressed by Mr. Borden to join the Tories and Tarte in opposition to the Laurier government.

wisdom from the tree of experience. The oracle had its way; now we have further proof that it is a very fallible oracle indeed.

CANNOT CHECK BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Columbia has had her troubles. Her tribulations are not yet at an end. But her difficulties have not been due to any poverty in the possessions she has endowed her children with.

We have settled down to business again. British Columbia is proving her claim to distinction as one of the greatest mining countries in the world.

The silver-lead districts are also preparing to renew the activities of former years. A Shocan mine manager, thoroughly conversant with the situation, writes the Nelson Daily News:

"I am confident, and I believe that all those who are practically interested in the Kootenay lead mining industry agree, that the one factor remaining necessary to bring prosperity to this district is a market for our zinc ores.

In all the other mining divisions of the Mainland from Atlin down to the boundary line the mining men are rolling up their sleeves and preparing for a time of expansion.

But it is not in the production of the precious metals alone that British Columbia is swinging along with a stride indicative of perfect confidence.

We have other resources scarcely inferior in value to our precious and base metals. The timber upon our public lands is increasing in value yearly.

Standing as we do upon the threshold of another year, it is plainly evident that the troubles which beset British Columbia are merely such as can be remedied by her people.

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tion of a second transcontinental railway across Canada. Mr. Blair was one of the ablest heads of a department in the government, he possessed the confidence of the country, and his defection would have strengthened the Conservatives and correspondingly weakened the Liberals.

Another chance for the Tories of Ontario. If they can capture North Oxford, the seat held for many years by the late Sir Oliver Mowat, they will indeed be able to boast that they have Ross going. Our opinion is that they hope to stampede the people of Ontario.

Readers of newspapers will have noted that editors and others who are at liberty to print what they write are prone to growl about the "arduous" nature of their duties.

ODE TO THE MEDICAL MAN. New Orleans Playmate. The hapless modern wight is Sick with appendicitis.

ABOUT "LIBELS." Brockville Times. The Montreal Witness is being congratulated by the press of Canada upon its success in a recent libel suit brought against it by a Hamilton man who thought he had been injured by the Witness exposing an imposition on the public.

A SATISFACTORY SAMPLE. Y. C. At a certain wayside inn in the north of York a farmer drew rein, and, halting the waiter, said: "Hey, lad, folk tell me 'ee hev some very good ale here; just bung us a quart."

TREAT THEM AS POACHERS. Toronto Star. If American whalers are not treated as poachers in Hudson's Bay, our forbearance will be used as proof that we lacked confidence in our own case.

GAMBY, CALLAGHAN & CO. Toronto Star. It must be rather humiliating to some Conservatives to reflect that the hopes of the party at the present time are reposed in Mr. Callaghan, who is in jail and Mr. Gamby, who isn't. These are the heroes the party puts up just now.

FOR THE NEW YEAR. BRILLIANT CUT GLASS

Nothing gives a more beautiful effect to a luncheon or dinner-table than rich cut glass. We have a varied assortment of large and small pieces, any one of which would make an elegant and useful New Year's present.

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While discount of 20 per cent. is on select your Christmas gifts. Our stock is new and complete. Don't forget to ask for Whist Counters when you make a purchase.

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Small Box, 30c. Large, very sweet, 40c. Choice Cape Cod Cranberries. Hardress Clarke, 86 DOUGLAS STREET.

Goodbye 1903. Welcome 1904. Deaville, Sons & Co., GROCERIES. At Cash Prices. Millside Ave., and First St.

LONDON'S CHIEF OF POLICE. Among his closest associates Edward Richard Henry, C. S. I., London's new commissioner of police, has the reputation of greatly resembling Sherlock Holmes.

THE POPE AS A GAMBLER. An interesting anecdotal paper dealing with the early life of the new Pope is contained in the Pall Mall Magazine by Rev. Alexander Robertson.

WEILER BROS. A Paradise for Gift Seekers. The Home Store for Gift Givers. GIFTS GALORE. Shopping Is a Pleasure. Table Glass For New Year's. Among our Gift Novelties will be found innumerable artistic pieces that are worthy yet reasonable in price.

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Xmas Presents. DIAMOND RINGS, DIAMOND EARRINGS, DIAMOND BROOCHES. FROM \$5.00 TO \$250.00. E. ANDERNACH, 92 Government Street.

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City News in Brief.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails. Turkish baths are now opened under the Driford hotel. The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending today were \$511,839.

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

The date for the Conservative convention to be held in this city has been fixed. It will be held on February 1st.

The Sons and Daughters of St. George will hold their annual social tomorrow evening. To it all members and their families are invited.

Real Old.—This is the time of year when people buy the best. When it is whisky they ask for Black and White—the popular Scotch—as supplied the House of Commons, London.

The local post of the Native Sons of British Columbia at their meeting last evening decided to hold an annual ball on the 1st of February.

The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, the Excelsior League of the same church and the Spring Ridge Epworth League will hold their annual reception in the schoolroom of the church on Thursday evening.

Yesterday morning a Chinese domestic employed by several Work Point officers was found dead in his room at the barracks.

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We are offering a choice building site in one of the best localities in town at a price that will astonish you.

GRANT & CONYERS, Successors to F. C. MacGregor & Co., NO. 2 VIEW STREET.

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

Owing to repairs on house, Mrs. Teapleman will be unable to receive on New Year's Day.

Leap year dance! don't forget our social dance on New Year's Eve in A. O. U. W. hall by Victoria City band.

Rock for the new landing which is to form an abutment for the James Bay wall is being procured from Schell's point.

The annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Veterans' Association will be held in Pioneer hall, Broad street, on Tuesday evening, 12th January, 1904.

At the leap year dance in A. O. U. W. hall on Friday, January 1st, 1904, the ladies will be able to show their supremacy by imposing a fine on the gentlemen who violate the rules of the committee.

No. 58 Company, R. G. A., which succeeds No. 53 Company at Work Point, did not arrive last night, as expected, but will be here to-night.

Victoria City band will give their annual social dance on New Year's Eve at the A. O. U. W. hall, the music for which will be provided by the full band.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Sarah Hobbs, relict of the late George Hobbs, at her residence, 317 Johnson street. Deceased was 86 years old.

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Hale, hearty and possessed of her faculties to a remarkable degree, Mrs. D. W. Barnum yesterday celebrated her hundredth birthday at the residence of her son-in-law, James L. Davis, 10 Cass street.

This evening at the Y. M. C. A. Assembly hall an entertainment will be given by Messrs. Albert Kimmons, Prince and Guy L. Daniels.

C. C. Moody, well known in this city, where he has resided for a number of years, but more recently of Alberni, has been adjudged insane and is subject for the West Westminster asylum.

Under her old name, but wearing the name of the late Sam's, the collier Saturnus reached this port yesterday from Comox with 2800 tons of coal on board.

FLORA CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED MARINE RAILWAY CO. SECURE UNDERTAKING

Repairs Will Cost About Twenty Thousand—New Tide Gauges in Use—Marine Notes.

After waiting just two weeks for a reply from the admiralty, the management of the B. C. Marine Railway Company, Esquimalt, were yesterday evening notified that they had been awarded the contract for the work to be done on H. M. S. Flora.

In the two weeks which have elapsed since the Flora entered dock the crew was busy rearranging things upset by the submergence of the ship, but not a stroke of work has been done on the injured hull. This will now be commenced with all possible dispatch and carried through to completion without delay.

It will probably not be known what the exact damage to the hull is, but the wooden sheathing on her bottom has been partially stripped off around the keel forward.

TIDE RECORD.

One of the beneficial results of Colonel Anderson's visit to the coast some time ago is now about to be realized by the tide gauges. It will be remembered that the chief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries when here promised that one of the matters he intended looking into was that respecting the tides.

Since 1901, the tidal survey branch of this department has issued tide tables for the Pacific coast of Canada.

Further observations are now in progress on the outer coast, and are being carried on at Port Simpson, at Port Barkley, and at Port Simpson. A record during three and a half months has also been obtained at Albert Bay in Queen Charlotte sound.

The tide tables for Sitka are published in 135th meridian time; but all the results given by these differences are in Pacific standard time for the 120th meridian west of Greenwich.

TILICUM AT DURBAN.

The Indian war canoe Tilicum, Capt. J. C. Voss, which sailed from Victoria in May, 1901, on a voyage around the world, has reached Durban, the principal port of the South African colony of Natal, after a smart passage from Auckland, New Zealand.

COAL FOR U. S. NAVY.

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TO-NIGHT'S BALL. Programme of Dances as Arranged and the Committees in Charge.

CREDIBLE SHOWING. By Victoria School in Examinations—North Ward Girls' Splendid Total.

Good Resolutions. Time says: "Move on old 1903, for 1904 stands waiting at the door." Let it be so for a year, at best, is but a twinkle on the Calendar of Time. Welcome to 1904. New Year's resolutions are now in order.

BEFORE THE YEAR CLOSURE. Do not miss this opportunity to save money. The goods are the finest. The prices are the lowest.

The Saunders' Grocery Co., Ltd. The "West End" Grocery Co., Ltd. Ponder Over This For the New Year.

Remington Typewriter. M. W. WAITT & CO. SOLE DEALERS, VICTORIA, B. C.

The Mikado Bazaar. Christmas Goods Just Arrived. All kinds of Embroidered Silk and Linen Goods.

B. C. MARKET CO., LTD. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE QUANTITY OF FINE ISLAND TURKEYS.

TO CLEAR 20 Per Cent. Reduction. On a few Odd Lines of Carving Sets, Bread Boards, Purses, Ladies' Companions, Military Brushes, Wrist Bags, Fancy Plated Ware, at FOX'S, 78 Government Street.

COAL! COAL! COAL! DR. S. D. POPE. Day School for Girls Only. This school will provide a full public school course.

French Prunes... 3 Pounds for 25 Cents... MOWAT & WALLACE, - Leading Grocers.

SPORTING... BASKETBALL... At the drill hall on Saturday evening next a provincial league match will be played between the Fernus team and the Sixth Regiment aggregation of Vancouver.

HOCKEY... PRACTICE ON FRIDAY... At Oak Bay on Friday (New Year's Day) the Victoria intermediates will play the Victoria High school team in preparation for the latter's match with Nanaimo in the near future.

BASEBALL... AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT... As many as no doubt aware, the Victoria Baseball Club was in debt at the expiration of its season.

RUSSIAN... The inter-city league match next Saturday between Vancouver and Victoria is looked forward to by local enthusiasts with considerable interest.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL... TO RE-PLAY MATCH... An important meeting of the British Columbia District Association Football League was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

THE RING... YOUNG CORBETT WON... Young Corbett was awarded the victory over Hanson for the featherweight championship at Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, last night.

JUNIOR GAME... Tomorrow morning a match will take place at Beacon Hill between the St. Louis College and North West teams.

PRACTICE GAME... A match is being played this afternoon at the Canteen grounds between the Y. M. C. A. and a Garrison team.

WEALTH IN WATERFALLS... The mountainous districts of the Alps are relatively poor until quite recently.

Wood's Phosphorine... The Great English Remedy... is an old, well established and reliable preparation.

Waltham Watches... The best watches possible... "The Perfected American Watch," an illustrated book of interesting information about watches, will be sent free upon request.

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Municipal Election 1904... Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC TICKET OFFICE... 3-TRANS-CONTINENTAL-3 TRAINS DAILY.

SIDNEY & NANAIMO TRANS-PORTATION CO., LTD. Time Table Taking Effect 30th Nov., 1903. Victoria & Sidney railway train leaving Victoria at 8 a. m.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND. Considerable interest attaches locally to the operation of the Hendryx electrocyanide process of treating low grade ores owing to the practical certainty of a system being introduced into the Rossland camp during the forthcoming year to handle low grade ferruginous ores, says the Miner. "A Hendryx electrocyanide plant is now in course of completion at the Mountain Lion mine in Republic camp."

NELSON. Early next month a meeting of the citizens of Nelson will be held for the purpose of hearing the report of the secretary of the Nelson Tourist Association and determining on a plan for the operations of the organization next year. With a larger association next year and more funds, so that if possible a permanent secretary could be employed, it is thought the sphere of usefulness of the organization can be considerably enlarged.

ROSEDALE. G. Proctor, acting for the Kootenay Valley Co., of which he is the manager, has sold the timber on a 10,000-acre block of land situated between the junction of the Kootenay and Elk rivers. The purchasers are V. Hyak and Messrs. Ryan and McNab, of Cranbrook. The price paid was \$50,000. The same parties purchased from Mr. Proctor a company 800 acres of land for a millsite located on the banks of the Kootenay river. It is said to be the best millsite on the river, for the reason that logs can be held on it during all stages of water. Messrs. Baker, Hyak and McNab have two sawmills on the line of the Cow's Nest railway, which have proved profitable ventures. Mr. Proctor reports that there are quite a number of settlers coming into the Kootenay valley to see a lot to own, and on which there are trees and water and to those he has made a number of sales during the past several months. They usually inform him that they do not like the dry, treeless belt to the eastward of the Rocky mountains.—News.

VANCOUVER. Unless the Jap who murdered Kawasani on Christmas morning foils the police, he will be under arrest very shortly. On Monday in the police court, T. Esaku, charged with being an accessory after the fact, was remanded for eight days. He is alleged to have sheltered the murderer after the deed was committed. During the eight days' remand it is expected that Tanaka will be apprehended and arraigned for his preliminary hearing in the police court. At the adjourned coroner's inquest into the evidence of Policeman McIntosh, who found the man, and Dr. Poole, who made the post-mortem examination, was held. Dr. Poole stated that though the stab was a bad one, five and a half inches deep, and into the right lung, the man might have recovered had he been discovered immediately after the crime had been committed. As it was, the deceased had come to his death from three causes, namely, the wound, the shock and his subsequent exposure. The jury accordingly reported that he had met his death at the hands of a person unknown.

"Judging from the many cases of burglary reported and organized of the house robbers is doing a thriving business in the city," says the News-Advertiser. "Scarcely a night passes but some instance is reported by the police, and though no violence is reported, much damage is done to property in the illicit search for valuables and money. The gang seems to be working in the centre of the city. Great care is taken by the operators that the houses are empty for the time being, which is evidence that the residences are selected with a view to thorough work and the hope of sufficient plunder to warrant the commitment of the crime. One of the houses which has been completely ransacked is that of A. J. Bloomfield, corner of Hamilton and Robson streets. Mr. Bloomfield is a wholesale cigar, tobacco and merchant, and is at present in Montreal. Mrs. Bloomfield is stopping with friends in the city during her husband's absence. On Saturday night the operators set to work and on Sunday when the house was visited everything was topsyturvy. Nothing, however, was destroyed, and the burglars evidently seemed to have been after money and jewelry, for nothing was missing. Some valuable cut glass had been moved, having been handled by the thieves, but not taken nor broken. Another house in the same

CRANBROOK. "F. J. O'Reilly, formerly of Nelson and later of Victoria, has formed a partnership with A. W. and Harry McVittie in the surveying business. Mr. O'Reilly will come to Cranbrook next month to live. The former office of A. W. McVittie, in the Cranbrook block, will be retained, and Mr. O'Reilly and Harry McVittie will be in charge this winter."

A lamentable accident occurred on the Canadian Pacific railway one and a half miles east of Warden on Tuesday of last week. The victim was a deaf mute named George Hewlin, a young man of 26, at the time of the accident, Hewlin was walking along the track towards Warden. He was about one-half mile distant from the town, when a passenger train came behind him. Engineer Drummond sent out a piercing warning, which Hewlin, being, of course, deaf, unheeded. The distance between the train and him was very short and there was no time to shut off steam. The next moment the engine had run Hewlin down, hurling him a distance of twenty yards clear of the track. The train was brought to a standstill, and Conductor K. McLennan at once ran to Hewlin's aid. It was found that the man had suffered terrible injuries—two legs broken, his left arm smashed, and his face and head severely cut. Hewlin was placed in the express car, and brought into Cranbrook, where under the personal supervision of Dr. King he was conveyed in the ambulance to the St. Eugene hospital. Here a careful examination revealed that a more serious injury than either the broken arm or legs, was the injury to the skull, which finally proved fatal.

The four teachers in the Cranbrook school have tendered their resignations, and the board is now free to rehire the old teachers or employ new ones. Secretary Gilf's mail each day is loaded with applications.

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TIDE TABLE.					
Victoria, B. C., December, 1903.					
Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.					
Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
1	8:12 A.M.	1:35 P.M.	12:43 A.M.	4:25 P.M.	10:36 P.M.
2	8:24 A.M.	1:26 P.M.	1:13 A.M.	4:16 P.M.	10:26 P.M.
3	8:36 A.M.	1:18 P.M.	2:02 A.M.	4:07 P.M.	10:17 P.M.
4	8:48 A.M.	1:10 P.M.	2:51 A.M.	3:58 P.M.	10:08 P.M.
5	9:00 A.M.	1:02 P.M.	3:40 A.M.	3:49 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
6	9:12 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	4:30 A.M.	3:40 P.M.	9:52 P.M.
7	9:24 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	5:19 A.M.	3:31 P.M.	9:44 P.M.
8	9:36 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	6:08 A.M.	3:22 P.M.	9:36 P.M.
9	9:48 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	6:58 A.M.	3:13 P.M.	9:28 P.M.
10	10:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	7:47 A.M.	3:04 P.M.	9:20 P.M.
11	10:12 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	8:36 A.M.	2:55 P.M.	9:12 P.M.
12	10:24 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	9:25 A.M.	2:46 P.M.	9:04 P.M.
13	10:36 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	10:14 A.M.	2:37 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
14	10:48 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	11:03 A.M.	2:28 P.M.	8:48 P.M.
15	11:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	11:52 A.M.	2:19 P.M.	8:40 P.M.
16	11:12 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:41 P.M.	2:10 P.M.	8:32 P.M.
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Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor. The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For times of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.
Equinot (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. DeLain.

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—ALEX. MENNY, Denfield, Ont.
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Creditors' Notice.
IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE BOSSI, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, AND OF PORTO CERESIO, COMO, ITALY, INTERSTATE.
Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the intestate, within the province of British Columbia, have been granted to Leonard Calvert Mills, an Attorney-in-Fact of Francesco Maria Bossi, widow of the intestate, and for her use and benefit.
Take notice that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Calvert Mills, as such attorney as aforesaid, at the office of the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.
And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Attorney-in-Fact of the said deceased will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.
And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Achille Bossi, deceased, are required to pay the same to the said Attorney-in-Fact within the period above mentioned.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1903.
S. PERRY MILLS,
51 Langley Street, Victoria,
Solicitor for the Attorney-in-Fact of the said Francesco Maria Bossi.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNELL, DECEASED.
Take notice that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clouton and George Barrett, or to the undersigned, on or before the 20th day of January, 1904, their claims and amounts, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.
And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.
Dated at Victoria this 11th day of December, 1903.
S. PERRY MILLS,
51 Langley St., Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the Executors.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERAL RIGHTS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.
Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 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 miners' 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.
A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the claim.
The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$3.
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.
Permitted may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, 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 value of the minerals produced in excess of the first six months of the term 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 of each mile.
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 of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all 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 lease shall have a dredge in operation within one season from 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 of each mile.
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The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its 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 the date of the lease, 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, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of a mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.
The person or company making a claim shall hold a free miner's certificate.
The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length along the river 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.
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 each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, 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.
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 survey, or by a plan 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; it is found to be unsuitable for placer mining and coal, and includes within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of \$150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of five 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 bars, metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of prospecting 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, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospecting, an area of 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined to be necessary. 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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CHRISTMAS TREATS. Three Entertainments Held Last Evening—A Number to Take Place To-Night.

There was a large attendance at the annual entertainment of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church last evening. Refreshments were served and presents distributed. An excellent musical programme was rendered, and the children's assistance before dispersing candles were handed each child.

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school entertainment will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. The programme is an exceptionally good one.

As announced yesterday, the members of the First Presbyterian church will give an entertainment to their teachers and friends to-night in the hall, 131 Government street, commencing at 8 o'clock.

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Some sharp exchanges passed between opposing counsel in consequence, after which the cross-examination proceeded.

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CASHIER GIVES HIS EVIDENCE (Continued from page 1.)

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