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WORLD'S FAIR.

Committee Will Arrange Details of Congress of Arts and Science.

(Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 9.—The general scope of the international congress of arts and science has been announced by the World's Fair management through Howard J. Rogers, director of congresses. Eminent specialists have been appointed to arrange the details of the plan. This committee will meet for consultation on January 10th, and will report final recommendations to the advisory board on January 17th.

BARQUE SEIZED. Monte Video, Uruguay, Jan. 9.—The Italian barque Maria Madre has been seized by the civil authorities here at the request of a German firm. Her captain refuses to recognize the right of seizure and demanded the immediate release of his vessel. This, it is expected, will be granted after an inventory has been taken. It is not indicated that the incident will lead to serious complications.

ANOTHER SHOCK. (Associated Press.) Ashkabad, Russian Turkestan, Jan. 9.—There was another violent earthquake at Ashkabad on Wednesday, but it did not result in any further loss of life.

Barley Chop

For fattening and keeping horse in good condition. Try a sack for your horse. SYLVESTER FEED CO., City Market.

THIRTY THOUSAND PILGRIMS.

Immense Crowd Visited the Tomb of King Victor Emmanuel II.

(Associated Press.) Rome, Jan. 9.—The anniversary of the death of King Victor Emmanuel II. was observed to-day by a pilgrimage to his tomb in the Pantheon. The procession was two miles in length and 30,000 persons participated, including delegations from all the provinces, and 1,000 veterans of the War of Independence, with whom King Victor Emmanuel III. shook hands. Hundreds of wreaths were put on the tomb. Great crowds witnessed the ceremony.

BOTH MIGHT LEARN. Traffic Manager on Railways of Britain and America.

(Associated Press.) London, Jan. 9.—Philip Burt, general traffic manager of the Northeastern railway, speaking at the Railway Institute of New York, referred to his recent investigation of American railroad methods. He expressed general admiration of them, and said he was of the opinion that British railroad men can learn much from America; at the same time, he added, the best American roads will find much to learn and admire in English railroad management.

FRANCE MAY JOIN IN THE BLOCKADE

VENEZUELA FAILED TO MAKE PAYMENT

Bank Refuses to Lend Money to Castro—Troops Ready For Attack.

(Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 9.—France probably will join the European powers in the blockade of the Venezuelan coast, says the World's Port of Spain correspondent, for the reason that Venezuela has failed to make the first payment of \$200,000 due on the French claim on December 31st. Venezuela also owes the French Cable Company \$20,000, and the company refuses to extend credit to the government.

President Castro is deeply incensed, and his attempt to borrow money from the Bank of Venezuela has failed. The government already owes that institution \$2,600,000. President Castro's next step will be to force a loan from the merchants. The better element in Venezuela is urging him to give up his office. His resignation has been publicly demanded in a speech delivered in the plaza. It is impossible for him to hold power beyond February.

Troops are sleeping in the plazas of the capital in expectation of an attack. The foreign bankers are waiting for a change in the government before negotiating any loan. General Matos, the leader of the revolution, in a public letter guarantees a satisfactory settlement with the allies within 24 hours after he is inaugurated President of Venezuela. He asserts that Castro delays the settlement in the hope of uniting the people.

There is hunger now and there will be starvation later. Seven hundred leaders at La Guayra have gone to join the revolutionists. There is a rumor that on Friday the allies will enter the city and then land forces and seize the custom houses. Another Warship For Sale. The Hague, Jan. 9.—In view of the events in Venezuela, Dutch cruiser Holland has been ordered to remain in West Indian waters, and the battleship Deruyter is proceeding to Curacao.

Received in London. London, Jan. 9.—President Castro's reply to the powers, accepting the arbitration conditions of the allies, was delivered to the foreign office this afternoon by Craig Wadsworth, the secretary of the United States embassy. Mr. Whyte, the charge d'affaires, has been in the country the most of the week. The reply is regarded as having much more finality than expected, and as definitely settling the submission of all the difficulties to arbitration.

Regarded as Recall. Berlin, Jan. 9.—Ambassador Von Holleben's leave of absence from Washington is pretty generally accepted as being his virtual recall, due, it is stated, to the dissatisfaction of the government with his management of the Venezuelan affair. This is asserted without reserve in important newspapers, and no official denials have yet been forthcoming. It seems that the government feels that it was misled, or at least not fully informed, by the Washington embassy respecting President Roosevelt's attitude when he was requested to arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute. The opinion is also that Dr. Van Holleben's dispatches regarding the policy of the United States in the Venezuelan business and its general foreign policy, have been neither adequate nor precise.

Other reasons may have contributed to the lack of confidence in the ambassador. The Vossische Zeitung attributes importance to a telegram sent by Emperor William to Mrs. Kipling when Mr. Kipling was ill in New York in 1899. The newspaper assumes that Dr. Von Holleben counseled the sending of the telegram, and that His Majesty, especially since the publication of Kipling's recent poem "The Rovers," feels he was ill-advised. Emperor William's dispatch to Mrs. Kipling was as follows:

"As an enthusiastic admirer of the incomparable works of your husband, I wait with anxiety news of his condition. God grant that he may be spared to you, and to all who are thankful to him for the heart-moving manner in which he has sung the deeds of our great common race."

ANOTHER FAILURE. Georgetown Dry Goods Merchants Have Assigned—Affairs of the Brodie Woollen Mills.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Jan. 9.—John McBean & Co., dry goods merchants, Georgetown, have assigned. The liabilities are said to be \$25,000. A meeting of those interested in the Brodie woollen mills, Streetsville, has been called. The mills were closed for lack of capital. The liabilities are said to be about \$24,000, and the Ontario Bank is claimant for \$10,000. There is little at the mills on which the creditors could realize, for the stock was seized recently by the sheriff for wages and the money to pay them was advanced on its security. Rev. G. W. Kirby, who has been associated with Rev. G. B. Turk in evangelistic work through Canada, has accepted a call to the Methodist church at Calgary, Alta.

UNFOUNDED STORY.

No Truth in Report That Mr. Chamberlain Had Been Killed or Shot At.

(Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 9.—There is absolutely no foundation for the report published in the United States that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain has been assassinated in South Africa, or for the rumor that he has been shot at. Effect on Market. London, Jan. 9.—There was an exciting session to-day in the Kaifir market in the stock exchange. The unfounded report that Colonial Chamberlain had been shot in South Africa brought out many sellers which quickly depressed prices.

No sooner had the market recovered from this scare than the news of the serious illness of Alfred Beit, the South African financier, caused another flurry, especially in the charters, DeBeers and other Rhodesian securities. They closed, however, above the lowest quotations of the day.

BEIT SERIOUSLY ILL. Famous Financier Has Had Apoplectic Stroke at Johannesburg.

(Associated Press.) Capetown, Jan. 9.—Alfred Beit, the well known South African financier, has had an apoplectic stroke at Johannesburg, and is reported to be dying. Dr. Jameson passed through Queenstown this morning on a special train bound for Johannesburg.

Reports Reassuring. London, Jan. 9.—The firm of Warner, Beit & Co., of this city, confirmed the announcement from Capetown of the illness of Mr. Beit, and said the latest reports received regarding his condition are more reassuring.

RECOGNIZED UNION. Coal Company Requests Miners to Join the United Workers.

(Associated Press.) Beveler, Mo., Jan. 9.—All the Central Coal & Coke Company's mines are now members of the United Mine Workers of America, the mines here having just been organized at the request of the company. The Central company formerly was strongly opposed to the recognition of the union. The whole coal mining industry of Missouri is now organized and yearly agreements have been adopted.

DUTY ON COAL. D. Gallery, M. P., Would Like It Removed.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Dan Gallery, M. P., is here to-day asking that the duty be taken off coal. A similar proposal is now before the United States congress. Mr. Gallery saw Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Ottawa city applied to the British admiralty asking for a refund of the war tax on Welsh coal purchased by the city. A reply has been received by Lord Minto stating that it cannot be done.

THE COAL SITUATION. Independent Operators Ask \$10 a Ton For Anthracite.

(Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 9.—Domestic sizes of anthracite coal were quoted at \$10 a ton at tide-water yesterday by the independent operators. By the coal carrying roads the same grades of coal were quoted at \$5. Representatives of the big companies said there was no decrease in the amount of coal coming to this city, and that none of it was being sold as an independent output.

TWO MINERS ARRESTED. Accused of Having Attempted to Blow Up a Bank Building.

(Associated Press.) Halifax, N. S., Jan. 9.—Two miners named Kent and Walsh were arrested at Westville, N. S., last night on suspicion of having attempted to blow up the safe in the Bank of Nova Scotia building yesterday morning, and of having robbed a jewellery store of goods valued at \$1,000.

FOR CHALLENGER. Spars to Be Used on Shamrock III. Have Arrived at Glasgow.

(Associated Press.) Glasgow, Jan. 9.—The American made spars intended for Shamrock III, have arrived here. The hollow masts, excluding the topmast, is 82 feet in length.

VISITORS WON. Scottish Curlers Gained Two Victories at Quebec.

(Associated Press.) Quebec, Jan. 9.—The Scottish curlers last night defeated Quebec on two rinks by a score of 30 to 14. The visitors also defeated Victoria's two rinks by a score of 41 to 13.

MARCH OF UNEMPLOYED. (Associated Press.) London, Jan. 9.—In pursuance of a general plan for attracting attention, over a thousand unemployed persons, accompanied by a few mounted and unmounted police, marched through the city and west end of London to-day. There was no disorder of any kind.

The Japanese eat more fish than any other people in the world. With this meat-eating is a foreign innovation, confined to the rich, or, rather, to those rich people who prefer it to the national diet.

THE WRECK OF THE PRINCE ARTHUR

ALL SAILORS WERE SWEEPED INTO THE SEA

Two Survivors Give Further Particulars of Disaster in Which Eighteen Lives Were Lost.

(Special to the Times.) Port Townsend, Jan. 9.—A letter to Norwegian Consul Klocker from the scene of the wreck of the Norwegian barque Prince Arthur gives the story of the survivors.

Early on the morning of January 3rd the vessel was heading easterly under a favorable breeze. No observations had been secured for the previous three days, but both Captain Murkussen and the mates felt confident they were in the Straits of Fuoh, having often visited the vicinity before.

The lookout's report of a light dead ahead gave the first intimation of the mistake. Capt. Murkussen wore the ship about and stood seaward. Escape seemed assured when the vessel struck on the first rock. Examination showed that the damage was slight and repairs commenced, when a second, followed by a third crash, occurred. The men below rushed on deck just in time to receive the full force of the mountainous sea, which commenced breaking over the vessel.

Every one aboard was swept into the sea, and 18 of the 20 men were either drowned or battered to death on the jagged rocks there abounding. The vessel fell utterly exhausted after reporting the disaster some miles down the beach.

The Prince Arthur is a total wreck, even the bottom being smashed and broken on the beach. Mr. Klocker leaves on the first available boat on Monday for the scene of the disaster to look after the welfare of the survivors and see that the remains of the six men recovered are given proper burial.

DRILL HALL CONCERT. The Big Four Quartette Will Be the Extra To-Morrow Evening.

A programme of exceptional merit has been prepared for to-morrow evening's promenade concert in the drill hall. The band selections comprise some very captivating numbers, among which might be mentioned the selection from Julian Edwards' latest comic opera, "Dolly Valoni," Tobani's flower song, "Hearts and Flowers," and Sidney Jones' musical comedy, "San Toy." The Big Four quartette will be the extra attraction. These well known entertainers, taken in conjunction with the following excellent musical programme, should make the concert an enjoyable one for all who attend:

PART I. Overture—Bohemian Girl. Raife Char. Piece—Hearts and Flowers. Tobani Solo for Euphonium, Malcolm MacGregor. Selection from Robin Hood song, "Dearest Finlay—March—Hawalian Blend." (The latest work from the pen of the composer of Princess Chic.)

PART II. Selection for San Toy. Sidney Jones (introducing all the principal melodies from this successful musical comedy). The Big Four Quartette. Char. Piece—Dance des Oudalques. Tracy Selection from Robin Hood song, "Dearest Finlay—March—Hawalian Blend." Frankenstein. Save the King.

A PROBABLE CANDIDATE. James Wardle, of Hope, the Most Likely Choice of the Government.

It is reported that on their tour through West Yale Premier Prior and Hon. W. W. B. Melchies have at last located a government candidate. He has been found at Hope, and is James Wardle. According to the Vancouver Ledger, Mr. Wardle was expected to tender his acceptance to Premier Prior last evening or to-day.

A dispatch from Agassiz to the New Westminster Columbian says that the government's pilgrims, Premier Prior and Mr. Melchies, have been endeavoring to create a sentiment in favor of the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, who is said to be willing to take the task if no local candidate can be found.

G. B. Martin has been spoken of again and also G. B. Armstrong, a general merchant of Lower Nicola, as probable candidates. The latter is reported to have been the choice of a convention held at Coquitlam in the month of October. Neither G. B. Armstrong nor G. B. Martin are, however, considered as likely to enter the fight. Mr. Martin, it is said, would require considerable persuasion to accept the post.

The most general impression on the Mainland is that Mr. Wardle will accept the candidature and will be the government's representative against Hon. C. A. Semlin. Mr. Wardle is old-time and well known through the district. He has kept a general store in Hope for a great number of years.

THREE FIRES.

Gas Explosion Caused One Outbreak—Post Office and Mails Destroyed—One Life Lost.

(Associated Press.) Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Leary suffered a fire loss of \$75,000 this morning. The conflagration was caused by gas explosion in the rooms of the Ouka Hose Company. The post office was burned, and much mail destroyed. The lamps on the House block also were entirely burned. This building was the finest in the city, and belonged to Yale college.

Another Outbreak. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9.—A portion of the plant of the Federal Manufacturing Company, in South Chicago, was burned to-day. The estimated loss is \$150,000.

Girl Burned to Death. Limburg, Jan. 9.—There was a serious fire at the oil wells of Borsly yesterday. Twenty-seven springs were affected. Twenty houses were destroyed, and a girl was burned to death. The damage is about \$120,000.

TO FORM ASSOCIATION OF POLICE CHIEFS

A Movement in This Direction is Now on Foot—Would Produce Good Results.

It is not unlikely that an association of chiefs of police of the Northwest will be organized in the near future. A movement is on foot in this direction in the Sound cities, and although the heads of the Victoria and Vancouver police departments have not yet been approached, they express themselves heartily in sympathy with the idea. The principal promoter of the scheme is Chief of Police John Sullivan, of Seattle, and an inaugural convention will probably be held in the Sound city.

The fire chiefs of the Pacific Northwest organized themselves into an association on the initiative of Thomas Deasy, and their meetings every year have been productive of great good. Much valuable information on the most approved methods of subjugating the fire fiend is acquired at these conventions, and doubtless an association of police chiefs would be equally beneficial in the crusade against crime.

One particular matter booked for consideration is a system of interchange of detectives between the principal cities of Montana and Washington—states, Portland, Vancouver and Victoria. The benefits to be derived from such interchange are admitted generally in police circles, but the advantage lies particularly in the larger centres. In the big cities of the East it has already been satisfactorily experimented with. This interchange would result in the detectives becoming thoroughly acquainted with the crooks of the different cities concerned, and would enable the men to pick up valuable pointers as regards the handling of police business in the different municipalities. Under the arrangement one of our men, for instance, might be sent to Butte, and one of their men might come here to relieve him, and the same thing would apply in the interchange with Portland, Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and Helena. By the interchange the pay-roll of none of the cities would be increased, and the number of men on the force would remain the same. Railroad expenses would have to be borne by the cities.

Chief Langley, on being asked by a Times representative this morning if he had heard of the movement, said: "No not yet, but I will certainly join the association if it is organized."

WILL LEARN TRADE. E. Stevens Apprenticed to Cigar Manufacturer—Legal News.

Argument was completed in Turner vs. Cowan before the Full court yesterday. Judgment was reserved. O'Brien vs. Mackintosh was next taken up, and is still in course of argument. A. H. MacNeill, J. A. Macdonald, J. A. Macdonald (second) being opposed to him. The appellant's appeal to be argued will be the case of Mrs. Brown White Co. Tanaka vs. Russell, and McClary vs. Howland, for the liquidator.

When the Full court met this morning, H. D. Helmecke, K. C., presented Lieut. T. E. Pooley, who was sworn in as a barrister in connection with Strathcona's Heave. Lieut. Pooley had completed his term of service as a student-at-law before he obtained a commission in Strathcona's Heave, and he was called to the bar and admitted as a solicitor by the benchers while on active service.

Chambers. Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following matters in Chambers this morning: He Tribune Association, winding up—W. C. Moresby applied for allowance of the claim of the O. P. R. Telegraph Co. against the estate, which was granted. J. H. Lawson, Jr., for the liquidator. The Deputy Attorney-General made an application under the Retrospective Act in regard to Ernest Stevens, who is serving a term for the shooting of J. Haseufantz. The authorities wish to have Stevens learn a trade, and His Lordship granted an order allowing him to be apprenticed to F. Sampson, the cigar manufacturer, for the unexpired portion of his term.

County Court. The next sitting of the County court will not take place until Thursday, Jan. 22nd next.

ALDERMAN MISSING. (Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Jan. 9.—T. E. L. Taylor, alderman and a footballer, of Revelstoke, has been missing in Vancouver since New Year's day, and nothing has yet been heard of him.

The Jews of Palestine are entirely descended from Jews who returned to that land from Europe. Most of them speak a corrupted form of the German language.

CONVENTION OF ATLIN MINING MEN

MORE PARTICULARS ABOUT THE GATHERING

Will Be Opened in This City on Tuesday Next—Business to Come Before Meeting.

As was announced in last evening's Times a party of Atlin miners are expected here on Monday or Tuesday next for the purpose of holding a convention in this city at which a considerable budget of important business will be taken up. The questions to be dealt with are both numerous and varied, but are all thought to be of the utmost importance by those who have at heart the prosperity of the Atlin country. The date of this meeting was yesterday said to fall on the 15th. This was erroneous according to Mr. H. W. Canavan, who represents the British America Dredging Company operating on Pine creek, and who is in the city awaiting the arrival of the main party. The day of the convention, he says, will be Tuesday, the 13th of this month.

Among the questions to come up for discussion, Mr. Canavan says, will be the taxes, wages, transportation facilities, rates, the scarcity of labor, the improvement of roads and trails and some alterations to the Placer Mining Act. When a line of action has been decided upon in every matter an interview with the government will be arranged and the necessity of immediate steps along the lines suggested by the convention will be urged.

One of the most important matters to receive attention will be the scarcity of labor. Since the Atlin district has recovered from the effects of litigation and continual dispute among the miners every man in the district who cares to work has been receiving between \$5 and \$8 a day, Mr. Canavan says, and there is employment for an additional large number of laborers. There are in Atlin at present few more than 500 people, and there are no less than ten large hydraulic companies in operation. About a \$1,000,000 has been expended by these companies in purely preliminary work since '99 last year, being really the first time there has been a regular output. But already the returns have equaled about half the total expenditure, and those interested in the district have every confidence in its finally giving good returns.

It is also the desire of Atlin miners to have the tax on imported American machinery abolished. It is held that in many cases the complete outfit of necessary machinery cannot be procured in Canada, and that part of it has to be purchased from American companies. They think, therefore, that in the interests of the mining industry of the country this duty should be removed.

There are a number of clauses in the Placer Mining Act which Mr. Canavan says are not clearly defined, and have thus caused considerable friction at times among the miners. It is the purpose of the convention to recommend some changes to the act calculated to do away with all possibility of differences of opinion in the future.

The roads and trails throughout the Atlin country are in many localities in a bad state of repair, and the government will be asked to put them in good condition. Some of the trails are in a very dangerous condition, and are, by the recent misfortunes of the two mail carriers who, although well acquainted with the country, lost their way.

A complete list of those who will attend the forthcoming convention follows: R. D. Featherstoneburgh, representing the Atlin Mining Company, operating McKeek creek. J. M. Ruffner, representing the Pine Creek Power Company, and also large quartz interests. Ed. Bannon, representing quartz interests.

J. H. Brownlee, representing the Otter Hydraulic Company. J. Decker, representing an Eastern group of leases on Pine creek. J. Fall, representing the Boulder Creek Hydraulic Company. Charles D. Newton, who will represent the Upper Boulder creek leases.

Dr. Mitchell, representing hydraulic leases on Pine creek. Frank H. Brackett, representing the Atlin Willow Hydraulic Company conjointly with B. B. Skinner, of Vancouver. Mr. Jackson, representing the Birch Creek Hydraulic Company.

H. W. Canavan, representing the British America Dredging Company on Pine creek. L. H. Griffiths, of Seattle, and Supt. Lovelidge, of Victoria, will also be in attendance, representing the Pine Creek Company in conjunction with J. M. Ruffner.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution urging the Senate to ratify the convention which has been negotiated with Great Britain for the improvement of commercial relations between the United States and Newfoundland.

A physician's certificate is now required by Toledo, Ohio, coal dealers before they will sell even a ton of coal. It must show illness in the home of the would-be purchaser and that coal is necessary as a safeguard for the patient.

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THE DECISION OF VENEZUELA

ACCEPTS THE TERMS PROPOSED BY ALLIES

The Cabinet Ministers Declare They Are Obligated to Yield to Force.

Caracas, Jan. 8.—After two stormy meetings of the cabinet, all the conditions set forth in the replies of the powers to President Castro's last proposal in the matter of settling the Venezuelan dispute through arbitration have been accepted by the Venezuelan government. The government considers these conditions to be unjust, but declares it is obliged to yield to force. The answer was delivered at the United States legation here at noon to-day. The conditions of the powers cover cash payments to the allies and guarantees for the payment of the balance of their claims.

Prospect Brighter. Washington, Jan. 8.—United States Minister Brown transmitted to the state department another reply from President Castro touching the arbitration proposals. As heretofore, President Castro expresses willingness to submit the matter to arbitration, and, in addition to his former communication, he is now willing to recognize the propriety of submitting the claims referred to in the British and German notes to The Hague, something that he has not up to this point been willing to do.

Some details remain to be arranged before the next step, the appointment of commissioners, can be taken, and it is not yet known how President Castro will receive the demand still insisted upon by the allies for a money payment, and how he will view the rejection of his own demand for the immediate withdrawal of the blockade as conditions precedent.

KITCHENER LED TROOPS.

Delhi, India, Jan. 8.—The review to-day by the viceroy, Lord Curzon, of 30,000 British and native troops led by Lord Kitchener, was the last important event of the coronation jubilee. The viceroy, the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Devonshire, surrounded by a brilliant staff took up their positions at the starting point between the grand stands. From every side an immense multitude of Europeans and natives watched the parade and cheered its favorite regiments. Lady Curzon and the Duchess of Connaught witnessed the review from carriages.

the infantry in the order named. The cavalry in line of regiments, followed by the artillery, galloped past again and formed half a mile in front of the grand stand, and from this position it charged down in a long and magnificent line to within a short distance of the saluting point.

Of all the soldiers reviewed to-day, none made a better impression than the native volunteers, which were led by native princes magnificently uniformed and horsed. The Imperial Service corps, composed of natives, which saw service in China, excited great admiration, and was given a tremendous reception.

REPLY TO BURGHERS.

What the Colonial Secretary Had to Say Regarding Address. Pretoria, Jan. 8.—Mr. Chamberlain replying to the address of the burghers, in which they recommended a general amnesty, the maintenance of the Transvaal's pre-war regulations regarding natives, the importation of cattle by the government and their sale to the burghers at actual cost, and the abolition of the South African constabulary, said the terms already granted were decidedly generous and that there was no prospect of a general amnesty. The cases of the burghers now in Europe would be considered individually on their merits, said Mr. Chamberlain, and these burghers should prove their loyalty by accounting for the gold taken to Europe.

GAGE'S STATEMENT.

Declares There Is No Bubonic Plague in San Francisco. San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Gov. Gage, in his biennial message to the legislature, reiterates his former statement that there never has been and is not now any bubonic plague in San Francisco. He says the visit of Surgeon-General Wyman and his assistant, Dr. Gleason, and their examination of health conditions here will save the state from all further annoyance of threats of improper quarantine and of inaccurate reports growing out of reckless investigations.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

Man Sold His Wife For a Watch—Proposed All-Canadian Exhibition at Toronto. Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 8.—Judge Benson sentenced George Albert Reynolds, of Percy township, to three months in jail for inciting to commit bigamy. Reynolds is the man who traded his wife off to his brother Walter for a \$15 watch. The pair were married and pleaded guilty of bigamy. They got four months each to do. The parties agreed in court to resume their legal relationship after serving their terms. The original couple have two young children and George was left in charge of them while the second marriage took place.

Exhibition Proposal. Montreal, Jan. 8.—The Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have endorsed a proposal to hold an all-Canadian exhibition at Toronto and have appointed Robert Muro to represent Montreal on a delegation which will ask for a grant at Ottawa.

New Railway. Robert J. Campbell, of New York, will leave here to-morrow for Quebec to confer with the directors of the Quebec & Lake Huron railway, with reference to its construction. The line will start at Quebec and end at the mouth of French river, on Georgian Bay, the northwest angle of Lake Huron. It will connect with the navigation of Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior. The object is to provide for the exportation of agricultural products of Manitoba and Western Canada and the United States. It would be the shortest route between the forementioned lakes and ocean navigation between America and Europe.

Majority Increased. Since, Jan. 8.—The returning officer for North Norfolk to-day opened the ballot boxes and made the official declaration of votes cast by the electors. Little had 1,564 votes and Soider 1,764, making Little's majority an even 100.

Refused to Eat. Toronto, Jan. 8.—Frances Amelia Bain died in the General hospital here this morning from starvation, having refused to take food for 36 days. She was about to be removed to an asylum.

Must Use Soft Coal. Receipts of hard coal have almost stopped. Dealers say the people who are not supplied will have to use soft coal for the rest of the winter.

Apple Shipper Fined. A. K. Hodgins, of Parkhill, Ontario, an apple shipper, has been fined 25 cents per barrel for an infringement of the Dominion Fruit Act. Reports from Montreal, Nelson, B. C., Winnipeg and Glasgow showed apple shipped by him were marked higher grade than the quality warranted.

For Moderator. Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul church, will be nominated for moderator at the Presbyterian General Assembly, which meets in Vancouver next June.

BEFORE THE JUDGE.

Madame Humbert Refused to Answer Questions Regarding the Crawford. Paris, Jan. 8.—Therese Humbert was interrogated to-day for the first time since her arrest, the questioning being conducted by M. Leydu, judge of instruction. Lawyer Robert was present at the examination in behalf of the accused. It is reported that to M. Leydu's questions she replied with much arrogance and contumacious. She categorically refused, however, to answer a single question regarding the Crawford's three millions, saying she reserved her replies in this connection for her trial, when she would tell absolutely everything. Mme. Humbert said she took the entire responsibility of the whole affair upon her own shoulders, and that her family had nothing to do with it. The foregoing is the latest version of the questioning, but as the proceedings before Judge Leydu were private, it is impossible accurately to ascertain what occurred.

A report was current earlier in the day to the effect that Mme. Humbert declared the whole story of the Crawford's and their millions to be true, and that the Crawford's really existed, and that in good time they would appear and confound her enemies.

IMPROVED FRUIT TRADE.

Policy of Hon. Sydney Fisher is Having a Beneficial Effect. The Fruit Marks Act enforced by Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture for the Dominion, is producing the desired effect. Already it is reported that apple shippers are being fined for violations of its provisions. A. K. Hodgins, of Parkhill, Ont., has been fined 25 cents a barrel for infringement of this act. His offence consisted of marking apples of a higher grade than the quality warranted. Evidence of violation of the act were discovered at Montreal, Winnipeg, Nelson, B. C., and Glasgow, Scotland.

The improved condition of the Canadian fruit which goes on the British market is arousing the attention of the representatives of the countries which are rivals in the trade. The French consul at Liverpool, after calling the attention of the French fruit growers to the shape in which Canadian products of the orchard are arriving on the British market, warns his countrymen that they must improve the quality and appearance of their product if it is to successfully compete in the British market with that from the Dominion. He says that the Canadian farmers produce the pear "Duchesse d'Angoulême" and claim that it is superior in color and in taste to that of France. They exported fruit of this variety to England in 1901 to 67,850 francs worth. The French consul gives advice that more thorough organization should be effected by the French fruit growers to compete in this matter.

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SHOWING FOR PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS

ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO.'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Review of What Has Been Accomplished in This Period—Big Earning Increase Expected.

The report of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Ltd., for the period ended 30th June last, to be submitted at the meeting on the 21st inst., states that in order to conform with the requirements of the government of Canada, the company's accounts, which in previous years have been made up to 31st March, were this year made up to 30th June, so that the revenue being submitted herewith represents the trading operations of fifteen months, from 1st April, 1901, to 30th June last. The issuing of the report and accounts and calling of the annual meeting has been further delayed by the formalities connected with the rearrangement of the company's share capital, with which the stockholders are fully acquainted. In future the books will be closed as at 30th June in each year, and the board hopes to submit its report and hold the annual meeting in the month of September following.

The directors report an increase of business in all departments; the profits earned again show an increase over those of previous years, and the prospects for the future continue to be satisfactory. For the 12 months to 31st March, the gross receipts showed an increase over the preceding year of \$62,639, and the net earnings an increase of \$20,476, and for the whole fifteen months covered by this report the gross receipts were \$801,487, being \$80,369 in excess of those for the corresponding previous period; the working expenses were \$426,700, an increase of \$52,929; the net earnings were \$204,727, or \$27,440 in excess of the previous corresponding period. The net profit for fifteen months, after deducting London office expenditure, writing \$1,000, off preliminary and issuing expenses, and providing \$10,000 for renewals, amounts to \$29,544. Adding balance brought forward from last year, £64, there is a total of £29,608. Deducting debenture interest to 30th June, 1902, £14,662, and dividend on preferred ordinary stock, for 12 months to 31st March, 1902, £10,000, there is available for distributions and reserves, \$15,575. From this the directors have decided to provide for the balance of dividend on the preferred ordinary stock, three months to 30th June, 1902, £2,500; to recommend a payment of a dividend on the deferred ordinary stock of 4 per cent, per annum, which will amount for the fifteen months to £629; to transfer to capital amortisation account £1,913; and to carry forward to next account a balance of \$333.

Recommendations have been made by the chairman, including the financing of the Vancouver Power Company, a subsidiary company organized by this company in order to enable the construction of a water-power plant from which to supply the Vancouver and Westminster divisions with electric energy in lieu of the steam plant now employed. The estimated cost of installing this water-power plant and a transmission plant, with electrical machinery, capable of generating 6,000 horse-power, including depreciation for future expansion, up to 15,000 horse-power, was about \$146,710. It was estimated that this plant would give the company 6,000 horse-power at a considerably less cost than the 2,000 horse-power now generated by steam, after providing for interest and sinking fund, taxes and depreciation in respect of the new plant.

Having regard to certain important new customers already in view, and a general demand for additional power, this company may expect to increase its net earnings in the next five years by £20,000 per annum. The chairman also recommends certain improvements, such as the renewal of 6 1/2 miles of track, with heavier metal on the Victoria division, some short extensions of track on the Vancouver division, increased rolling stock, and the erection of rolling stock building yards, etc. In order to provide for the above, and for other reasons the chairman has proposed that the directors should be authorized to create a special issue of 4 1/2 per cent. debentures to the extent of \$220,000, of which \$175,000 should be sold immediately for the construction of the Vancouver water-power plant. That the capital of the company should be increased to provide for the other improvements recommended. That the shares of the company be converted into convertible preferred ordinary and deferred ordinary stock, and it has been determined to issue 7,500 5 per cent. cumulative perpetual preference shares of \$10 each at par.

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FORESHORE LEASES.

The Department Are Working on Applications at Present—Views of Hon. W. C. Wells. The department of lands and work of the provincial government is kept busily employed at present looking into the merits of the vast number of applications which are on file for foreshore leases. The entire list numbers about 270 applications, and these have not only to be considered separately, but have also to be examined in relation to other applications. In instances these are found to overlap one another, and considerable work is entailed upon the department. As soon as these are disposed of by the department, leases will be issued.

Hon. W. C. Wells, chief commissioner, in an interview given the News-Advertiser in Vancouver said that it was not likely that any concessions would be granted before the House met. He added that it all depended upon the action of the applicants who will have six months within which to make their surveys. Of course, any application for location, which there is no difficulty in assigning, could be dealt with so soon as the applicant complied with the conditions.

The government, he said, had not promised last year that the leases would not be granted. The defining of the conditions under which these are to be allotted had now taken place. The leases will be given under the Land Act, which enables the government to grant a lease for fishing purposes, and to make conditions, which it thinks necessary, for the protection of the industry. Mr. Wells says that the tenure of the lease will be five years, the locations will be limited to a half-mile frontage, and there will be an annual rental of \$100. In the event of the foreshore being used for trap fishing, the government will collect a tax of so much per thousand upon the fish caught. The amount of this tax has not yet been decided on.

The chief commissioner acknowledges that with the Dominion government rests the power of granting the right to use traps, but a strong argument in favor of making the foreshore grants now, was that those to whom they were made would be in a better position to get the Dominion government to act in the matter. Should trap fishing be permitted by the Dominion government the shores of Vancouver Island are destined to become the location for a number of canneries. Included among the applications for foreshore leases are a great many on the southern and western coasts of this Island where trap fishing, it is conceded, could be profitably carried on.

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ON A NEW TACK.

We should indeed be sorry to think that our esteemed friends of the Conservative party were entirely deprived of the consolations of hope. The day before yesterday they were almost persuaded that the days of the Ross government of Ontario were numbered and that all Canada would be furnished with proofs of their predictions that the tide of Liberalism was on the ebb and that a great inundation of the principles of Conservatism was about to sweep over the land. We were firmly convinced they were mistaken, and we cited the results of the Dominion bye-elections as the foundations for our belief. The crisis is over. There is now no doubt that it is the will of the people of Ontario that the Liberal government of that province shall remain in power four years longer. That is a cruel blow not only to the aspirations of Mr. Whitney but to the Conservative party of the Dominion, who hoped to make use of him for their own purposes when the next Dominion general elections are held. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, we are willing to make allowances for the chagrin of the organs of the party and to admit that it is remarkable they are not stricken entirely dumb by the blow which has fallen upon them. The vehement denunciations of leaders and organs have been without effect upon the electorate, who doubtless were satisfied in their minds that two imperfect instruments of government the one with the cleanest record was to be preferred. Perhaps they were roused by reckless references to a "saturnalia of corruption" to make a comparison of the records of the parties, and were forced to the conclusion that conditions might not be improved by a change.

But our esteemed friends of the opposition, as we have said, still indulge in the consolations of hope. They assert they have a written assurance from Mr. E. J. Davis that he will resign his seat in North York. Perhaps they have. But we observe that Mr. Davis denies the allegation. And, all things considered, we are inclined to the view that the word of the Minister is of more value than that of a set of politicians who are not above resorting to any device, however disreputable, that would be likely to affect the fight in the three constituencies upon whose verdict the fate of the government admittedly depended.

The document upon which the hope of the Conservative party now rests looks very much like an election fake. But, admitting that it is genuine, why should hopes be aroused by it? Mr. Davis had a majority at the late election of some where between five hundred and a thousand. Do the results in the other three constituencies indicate that the tide is running so swiftly that it will wipe out such a majority as that? On what does the opposition base its hopes that a vacancy in North York means the final overthrow of Mr. Ross? On the face of the charge, it appears to us that a great tactical mistake was made in not proceeding against Mr. Davis

to the last extremity, showing up his iniquities and implicating the government as a whole in his wrong-doing. Such an exposure would have had a great moral effect in the country and would undoubtedly have hastened the doom of a government whose end, from a Conservative point of view, is very much to be desired. The fact appears to be that the tactics of the leaders and organs in Ontario very much resemble the manoeuvres of the truly pure and spotless in British Columbia. They delight in references to "saturnalia of corruption." But when proof is demanded they "fall down" most lamentably. And when the records of the parties as a whole, and of individuals composing the parties, are placed side by side for purposes of comparison, they set up a complaint about "tearing reputations to tatters." Our Conservative friends should understand that they can be met upon any ground they prefer to take up. But we would be loath to deprive them of the consolations of hope.

RECENT SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

The Vancouver School Board has called the principals of the Terminal City schools upon the carpet and is about to ask them certain things which may prove embarrassing. The newspapers of the neighboring city have been in an inquisitive mood upon the same subject for a considerable time. Perhaps that is the reason the school board "wants to know you." There have been rumblings of dissatisfaction in the vicinity of Victoria, which one with his ear to the ground might trace back to beyond the holidays, also bearing some relationship to the same examinations. We confess we have never entirely overcome the awe which fell upon us, more years ago than we care to confess, when we were first ushered into an Awful Presence. Therefore we draw near this pedagogic subject with fear and trembling. In other days there was a custom which prevailed to a large extent of doubling an offender over a "form," in order that the Presence might take its regular morning exercise with freedom. We confess to certain sensations even yet as the mind runs back to days of yore. But we understand that sort of thing has gone out of fashion. That understanding inspires us with confidence, and we venture to suggest that possibly those who arranged for and conducted the affair are not entirely blameless for the relatively poor showing made by some of the schools of the province at the entrance examinations.

For instance, we have heard it asserted that the time allowed the pupils on some of the papers was absurdly short. We have been assured that some old and experienced teachers confess they would have been unable to successfully undergo the ordeal the children were called upon to face. But then the authorities who set the papers and fixed the time limit reasoned within themselves that the fresh and dexterous minds of children should be capable of dealing with a subject in a more nimble manner than grown-ups who have become rusty in the business.

It is also claimed the standard was raised without warning and that the effect of this change was to make it appear to those who instituted comparisons that the scholars were retrograding rather than advancing as a result of six months' work. We, for reasons we have already outlined, and having in view possible consequences, would like it to be thoroughly understood that our purpose in taking this matter up is to "urge things" in extenuation of the acts of those who were put in charge of the papers by the Education Department. Having thus again cleared a way for a frank movement in case of trouble, we note that in Vancouver they have had the temerity to say the manner in which the examination on spelling was conducted was a burlesque. We are sure no one living, as we might say, "in the middle" of the department, as we do in Victoria, would venture to say that. A radical, buttressed by the evidence of an iconoclast, says forty words were given in spelling, and for every word spelled correctly one mark was allowed, while two marks were deducted for each error. If we possessed a blackboard and the analytical powers of a Rogne Riderhood we should like to place a "proposition" before one of the parties in command at that examination. For instance, to make the matter as simple as possible: Suppose an "examinee" spelled twenty-five words correctly and fifteen incorrectly, under such a test how many would ultimately remain in his credit? Surely the radical and the iconoclast have been drawing upon their imaginations for their facts and have been putting to us a purely supposititious case.

Several other "propositions" in connection with this vexed examination matter have been placed before us. We have neither the time nor the inclination to take them up at present. As we have said, the educational question has always presented itself to us in a "hickish" aspect. We cannot banish the idea that we are provoking powers against whose decrees there is no appeal. It may be true that perfect drawing books were thrown aside without as much as a glance; that a "side door" was thrown open for the entrance to the High School of Victoria of two pupils who had been educated privately, and that no one who ought to know knows anything of the

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that someone is trying to convert it into a combined system. It is too late for us to consider such a proposition; and it is impossible to convert a separate system into a combined plan. So why should our Mayor and aldermen have allowed this to go on? Some of the essential sanitary features of the system have been done away with by this means, at whose recommendation no one seems to know. Some- one cannot see why the Mayor has allowed it to go so far. One would naturally think the head of council should have investigated this matter. I hope that when Alderman McCandless occupies the Mayor's chair he will make it one of the first objects of his attention to see who has been tampering with our sewerage system, and that not a dollar of the additional \$200,000 just voted will be spent until the original plans are carried out. G. L. MILNE.

YANCOOVER ISLAND DEVELOPMENT. To the Editor:—Your issue of the 6th inst. contained a very interesting letter signed "Progress." It should be our entire watchword. It would be well to impress it on the memory of future political aspirants at the next election, for we need it both here and elsewhere. It is time to come down to straight business. It must be apparent to the least observant that the development of our mining and our sea-girt Island. The little amount of actual prospecting has demonstrated the fact that the comparable resources in our present prospecting are carried out. Give the hardy prospector a chance to reach the interior of the Island and we shall have astonishing results and surprises. The imperative and urgent necessity is a railway through the centre of the Island to open up the almost unknown territory for settlement, and also to create a highway to the fertile country lying at the extreme north of the Island, where well known extensive harbors and waterways exist. The people must take up this important question themselves. The proposed organization to develop our immense resources must not die of inaction. Public meetings should be arranged to give free discussion, as is of vital interest to all Victorians. We have the wealth at our own doors, and need not go abroad. We are loyal, independent and confident, and drop for the time being all outside railway talk until we have our own under way. The development of our mining interests by the cheap methods of treatment of ores, and railway and water-way means of transportation, we cannot fail to acquire a world-wide reputation as a mining centre in the very near future, for there is no country in the world that has a greater mining future. We have a climate unsurpassed, every variety of industry can be prosecuted all the year round. Logging, fishing and lumbering can go on throughout the year. So do not let us further coquette with our glorious illegality. Get down to business. Recollect the Island railway before all others. International ones will readily fall in line without our begging. Put on a bold front and capital seeking profitable investment will soon come our way, and labor will not go unrequited. CUMTUX.

RE JUDGES' SALARIES. To the Editor:—After my husband read the resolutions in the Times of last evening, I did feel thankful to those enlightened and far-seeing men of the Law Society. My husband says, and I believe it, "With us of the legal fraternity, as with the Romans of old, there is an innate conviction, that it is the mission or manifest destiny of every legal luminary to sit on the wool-sack," and therefore, it was his earnest move to expressly manifest the hopes and desires of an increase of salary of our judges.

My husband says that you must know a little law and should have ample independent means, before accepting the judicial emolument. And rightly so, because the honors and privileges, hereinafter enumerated, should be considered in addition to the salary. My husband says that the public don't appreciate valuable services, and therefore in self-preservation of their future Lordships it was necessary to move

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Men's Hats. More Shoe Bargains. The following goods delayed in shipment arrived to-day a little late for this winter's selling. We are not going to carry them over, and will give bargains that you cannot help to appreciate. 60 Pairs Boys' extra heavy elk soles, lace shoes, bought to sell at \$2.25, for \$1.85. 60 Pairs Youths', \$1.85, for \$1.50. 120 Misses' heavy sole polished goat button and lace, bought to sell at \$1.75, for \$1.45. 60 Misses' oil tanned calf, heavy sole, lace, bought to sell at \$1.75, for \$1.40. 60 Pairs Children's 8 to 10 1/2, heavy sole, polished goat, button and lace, bought to sell at \$1.50, for \$1.20.

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for an increase of their future salaries. True, the five learned judges are insufficient for the work to be done, which is increasing, but I contend that the Dominion government should consider public convenience and increase the number of judges. I also argue that if judges are overworked and underpaid they cannot strike, but should resign and resume practice. Only fancy, when my dear Charlie is appointed, to see him in magnificent robes and address as "his Lord." And then consider how he can exercise his judicial discretion and award or withhold costs to the "sneaking Eldons," who will sometimes smile, but listen to the words of wisdom that will fall like Vancouver rain from his judicial lips, and ignored by an ungrateful public. Now, on reflection, I must confess that there are two worthy and learned judges who have given the best years of their lives to the duties of their office, and if any honors are to be bestowed or rewards given they should first be entitled to them, and my dear Charlie further says that this is just and right, and I say Amen! I could say more, but silence is golden. LYDIA LEX.

THE FERNIE DISASTER. To the Editor:—In your issue of January 6th is a letter signed Hugh Dixon re the Fernie disaster, in which he says he knows of the dangerous conditions existing in that mine, of the improper practices carried on, and of the incompetence of the overseers. He does not state what steps he took to have these abuses rectified. But a man holding such knowledge, and without protest of some sort, allows such a terrible being to be destroyed, must have some responsibility. E. M.

UP TO THE MAYOR. To the Editor:—There is a public meeting called for to-night by Mayor Hayward to discuss civic affairs. Surely, then, this is the proper time and place for our ratepayers to rise in their might and demand that the questions asked in your last evening's issue by Robert Wm. Clark be answered. The argument has been advanced by a few that the gambling dens of the city can't be closed. This has been plainly demonstrated to be an absurdity, or why are they closed now? Was it, may I ask, by Mayor Hayward's order, that he might catch that vote? If gambling is a legitimate business, why is it not run like any other calling? Citizens who cast their votes for men who do not pledge themselves to do their very best to suppress this evil are as much to blame for the ruin of our young men as those who allow this infamous vice to continue a blot on the calendar of our fair city. It is up to Mayor Hayward and his colleagues to tell us to-night what they have done and what they intend doing. I shall go to the meeting with the expectation of being fully enlightened on this and kindred subjects. PARENT NO. 1.

EDUCATION. To the Editor:—I have read Mr. Huggert's contribution to the Times on educational matters with great interest. He seems to me to have grasped the situation with more penetration and sound common sense. There is no doubt we Vancouver Islanders are sorely handicapped in the race by our lack of facilities for technical training and a more comprehensive and practical system in the High School course. Mr. Huggert deserves the thanks of the community for bringing this matter so forcibly to the front, and I trust he will receive united support in his endeavors to provide a remedy. SPERO MELIORA.

Heating, as a rule, is more acute with the right than with the left ear.

Pants Sale. This month we clear out all odd pants at reduced prices. Buy now, and buy from a house that never disappoints. \$6.00 Pants reduced to \$4.50. \$5.00 Pants reduced to \$3.75. \$4.00 Pants reduced to \$2.75. \$3.00 Pants reduced to \$2.25. ..ALLEN'S... Fit-Reform 73 Government St. VICTORIA.

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City News in Brief.

—John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparkling purity.

—Miss S. F. Smith, A. T. C. M., has resumed her classes in piano, 57 Fort Street, Easter term beginning January 5th, 1903.

—The meet of the Hunt Club will take place from Royal Oaks to-morrow afternoon at 2.35, when an exceptional good run is looked forward to by the members.

—In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixi H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

—The non-cons. and gunners of the Fifth Regiment who are preparing for examination next week are requested to attend at the drill hall to-night at 8 o'clock. The sergeant-major has volunteered to be present in order to assist the class.

—An excellent map has been prepared by Randolph Stuart, of Greenwood, showing the location of the various mineral claims in Greenwood, Deadwood, Summit and other camps near these. T. N. Hibben & Co. are agents in this city for the map.

—The death occurred yesterday afternoon at his residence, Cook street, of G. Anderson, a pioneer of this city. Deceased was 78 years of age and a native of Durham, England. He leaves a nephew and niece. The funeral is arranged to take place at 2 p. m. on Saturday afternoon.

—The final meeting of the week of prayer will be held in the First Presbyterian church this evening. These have been well attended. At this evening's meeting the speakers will be the Rev. Messrs. McCoy, M. A., and Dean. The subject is to be: "The Duty of the Church to the Young People," and "The Duty of the Church to the Observance of the Lord's Day."

—The induction of Rev. J. Miller, M. A., who has accepted a call to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Nanaimo, will take place next Tuesday evening. Rev. Dr. Campbell, moderator of the Presbytery, will preside. Rev. Mr. Carr will preach the sermon. Rev. W. L. Clay will address the people and Rev. Mr. Fraser the newly-inducted minister. Rev. J. Miller comes from Phoenix. He is to receive a salary of \$1,200 with a manse and four weeks' holidays a year.

—The annual Christmas treat of the Reformed Sunday school will take place to-night at the schoolroom at 7.30 o'clock. An excellent programme has been provided for both young and old, and at the nominal charge of 10c, the room should be crowded. The teachers hope the entertainment will be patronized by the entire congregation and their friends. There will be the usual Christmas treat, also tableaux and music. At the close Santa Claus will distribute presents to the little ones.

—The handsomest work in calendars, diaries, etc., which has come to hand this season is that issued by the American Bank Note Co., of New York, which has a branch in Ottawa. It includes an elegant calendar printed on silk, and without advertising—a dainty decoration for the wall of any drawing room. They also issue a leather-covered desk diary and vest pocket diaries also bound in leather. The whole strikingly illustrate the advances which have been made in this class of advertising.

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—New for 1903.—Tomato Bracer, the new beverage for bar and family use, is a first class article, made from tomato, beet extract and vegetable condiments. Try it. It's all right. Kola Wine Co.

—G. Kercheimer is still in custody. It is said that three satisfactory bondsmen were prepared to go bail for him, but when it came to the point, all three backed down. It is understood that other sureties are now being arranged for.

—A party of prominent members of the Congregational church visited the site of the new church on the corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets yesterday afternoon, when the work on the building was formally commenced by the turning of the first sod by Mrs. B. B. Blyth, wife of the pastor.

—Steps toward the reorganization of the Y. M. C. A. in this city will be taken at a meeting to be held this evening in Harmony hall, View street, at 8 o'clock. A large number of citizens have interested themselves in this movement, and it is hoped that to-night's gathering will be productive of practical results. A big attendance is therefore requested.

—The body of an Indian woman was found in Esquimalt harbor this morning by a member of the Royal Engineers. Provincial Officer Campbell was given charge of it, and at once notified the coroner, who decided that the remains should be brought to the morgue, in the city, where a post mortem examination will be made. The remains are believed to have been in the water for about ten days. She belonged to the rancherie near Esquimalt.

—That widely patronized institution, the Chinese lottery, like the other games of chance, is now closed as tightly as a band box. The flat went forth from the chief of police yesterday, and in consequence the pitiable gentry who operate the game are enjoying a few weeks' vacation. The period of relaxation just mentioned is named advisedly, as it would be folly to expect that this branch of gambling, like the others over which silence now presides, has been stopped for good.

—Installation ceremonies were conducted last evening in connection with the regular meeting of Dominion lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., by Grand Master A. Graham assisted by an efficient staff of officers. Those installed follow: N. G. J. Dresser; N. G., R. Douglas; warden, J. H. Matthews; conductor, J. Stewart; R. S., of N. G., J. Bell; L. S. of N. G., T. Booz; R. S. of V. G., Hornbrook; L. S. of V. G., R. Lang; outer guard, Wm. Huxtable; inside guard, — Truesdale; chaplain, Rev. E. G. Miller; T. Bamford, secretary; P. A. Babington, treasurer.

—On Wednesday evening, January 14th, the Royal Engineers of Work Point will give a concert, over which Sergt.-Major Barker will preside, in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt road, in the interests of the fundraising fund. The party has been organized by Sergt. Rapson, and the movement is purely voluntary, indicating the eager interest developing among the men at the garrison in the home. All that the institution lacks now is furniture and plumbing, and every effort is being made to get this as speedily as possible. The Royal Engineers possess much musical talent, and will attract many civilians. Tickets, we understand, may be obtained at Hicks & Lovick's Piano Store, Government street, Hall & Co.'s Drug Store, Douglas street, F. W. Fawcett's Drug Store, Douglas street, and A. Petch's Jewellery Store, Douglas street. They are also on sale at the garrison and on the warships.

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Snow has fallen to a depth of three or four feet along the Skeena river, and was still falling fast on New Year's Day when the steamer *Nell*, which arrived here early this morning, left Esquimalt for Victoria. There had been a ten-day storm up to that time, and residents living at places along the river were saying that they had never seen so much snow in the north. At times it is almost impossible to reach Esquimalt owing to the amount of ice floating down the river, while communication with the interior is entirely closed off. The miners in the north will of course be jubilant on seeing so much snow at this time of the year, for it means in many cases lots of water in the spring with which to commence operations.

The *Nell* made no attempt to get across to Skidegate on this trip, and her officers state that she could not have succeeded even if she had tried. She came down light, bringing neither cargo or passengers, and will not sail again until she has been provided with some new condensers. On the trip south nothing but bad weather was experienced.

THE PAUL RICKMERS.

The speculation on the overdue German ship *Paul Rickmers* promises to eclipse by many dollars the play some time ago on the H. F. Glade, which was posted as missing and whose fate is still a matter of guesswork," says the *San Francisco Examiner*. "The *Rickmers* now stands on the reinsured list at 90 per cent. She is out 217 days from Bangkok for Germany. She is a big vessel and a notorious dawdler. She was foul of bottom when she left Bangkok and the record of her present trip as far as known points to a long passage. She left Bangkok June 27th and on July 20th, more than three weeks later, passed Anjer, a point she should have reached before the end of June.

"Speculators on the other side are strong in the belief that the vessel has gone. Locally, the feeling of confidence in her safety is equally strong, and M. A. Newell, the reinsurance broker, reports that this optimistic feeling has taken the substantial form of heavy speculation, most of the money being placed to arrive.

"The British barque *Dunearn*, out 178 days from Cardiff for Sitka, was placed on the overdue list yesterday at 15 per cent. The rate on the *Pegasus* was advanced to 25 per cent. The *St. Etnoch* still stands at 60 per cent."

STORY CONFIRMED.

J. B. Macrae, formerly agent for the Great Northern steamship line in this city, but now of Vancouver, confirms the story of another proposed cannery combine. In an interview given the *Vancouver Ledger* he is quoted as saying: "The rumor that Mr. Munn had been unsuccessful in negotiating the combine has been on the streets for weeks. Mr. Munn did not go to England to float his scheme. He went there to secure options on certain canneries owned in the old country. Some little time ago I had a letter from Mr. Munn, just as he was starting for Montreal from England. He wrote that he had been successful in his mission in England. That is, with one exception, he had secured options on the canneries owned in England, and was then on his way to Montreal to spend his holidays with his family in that city. This is his last communication. Before the contemplated negotiations are consummated Mr. Munn will return to Vancouver, in fact, it is quite probable he will do so. I am interested in the proposed amalgamation, inasmuch as among the canneries, it is proposed to take over all the canneries of the United Canneries' Company which I represent as manager."

YOUTHFUL STOWAWAYS.

A dispatch from San Francisco says: "Johnny Conroy and Eddie Murray, who give their ages as 12 and 10, but appear younger, came to this port as stowaways on the Queen on Wednesday. They give as their reason that there was no chance for their business ability in Seattle, their home. They were well treated, but being in their own estimation, song and dance artists, they sought San Francisco and theatrical engagements. Hearing that a society might take charge of them the boys determined to abandon the glare of the footlights and seek a less conspicuous calling, but 'too late.' They will be sent home. Conroy is the son of a wholesale fish dealer in Seattle. Murray's father is dead."

STAGE FARE CUT.

According to information just received from the north competition has again regulated transportation rates on the stages running between White Horse and Dawson. The fare, it is stated, has been reduced from \$75 to \$50, this latter rate being just one-third of what it was at the opening of the season. Meals and beds at the roadhouses are not included under the rate, and in this connection it is contended that the White Pass Company enjoy a distinct advantage over the opposition line, inasmuch as passengers patronizing the former are not put

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to the extra expenses necessitated by the longer trip which travelling by the latter services involves. The record run of the season was made last week by one of the White Pass stages running over the new government road. The stage left White Horse on December 30th, and reached Dawson City last Saturday morning in the early hours, having made the run of 530 odd miles in less than four days. The road is in excellent shape, and will likely continue so till the end of the season.

James Lipscomb, the local agent of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, has not yet been advised of the cut, but thinks that the news is probably correct.

THE VICTORIAN'S SALE.
The *Tacoma Ledger* says: "It is stated upon reliable authority that the well known steamer *Victorian* has been sold to the Victoria, Vancouver & Esquimalt Company for \$45,000, and that she will be towed to Victoria in a few days by the tug *Lorne* to be turned over to her new owners."

Officials of the purchasing company, who have been on the Sound in connection with the deal, did not return on last evening's *Majestic*.

MARINE NOTES.

The Senator will sail for San Francisco this evening. She will carry among her passengers from this city: Frederick Carfield, Cecil Edmonds, G. Sheppard, Miss A. Bucknam, Mrs. Bucknam and Mrs. L. Quinlan. The City of Puebla from San Francisco reached port yesterday evening with a total number of 80 passengers.

The Vancouver Province says that Diver Moore, of that city, left for Esquimalt last week where, with the assistance of Diver McDonald, he will be engaged in blasting out a reef opposite "gun wharf." It is intimated that there shall be a depth of sixteen or seventeen feet of water in the place where the rock now is.

R. P. Rithet & Company, agents for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, received information from Seattle this afternoon announcing that the Senator was leaving there late, and that she could not sail from here for San Francisco until 10 o'clock.

W. Clark, owner of the sealing schooner *Enterprise*, reports that that vessel will hunt off the California coast this year. She will be commanded by Capt. Whidden, and will sail on the 15th inst.

The ship *Ancona*, which arrived at Port Angeles from San Francisco a few days ago, was towed over to Esquimalt to-day, where she will be hauled on the ways for an overhauling.

The R. M. S. *Moana* will sail for Australia this afternoon after receiving Victoria mails and passengers. Among the latter will be E. Bray, John Coghill, J. Paton and A. C. Wills.

Steamer *Queen City* will sail for the West Coast points this evening. Among her passengers will be H. E. Newton, O. W. Stone and W. A. Allan.

The British ship *Penguin* left Vancouver for Tacoma, having been chartered prior to arrival by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to load grain here for Europe.

The steamer *Bay City*, owned by the Washington Navigation Company, will be placed on the Tacoma-Olympia run, commencing Sunday, January 11th.

The British ship *Bahama*, from Liverpool, with cargo for British Columbia was spoken on December 14th in latitude 2 S. and longitude 30 W.

Steamer *Cottage City* is due from the north on Sunday.

The regular quarterly meeting of the British ship *Bahama*, from Liverpool, will be held next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members having business which they wish to bring before the meeting are requested to notify Secretary Elworthy at once.

DRYDOCK DISCUSSED.

Council of Board of Trade Met This Morning and Discussed of Considerable Business.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held this morning. There were present: President L. McQuade, S. Pitts, S. Leiser, T. W. Paterson, E. Seabrook, J. G. Cox, D. B. Ker, J. A. Mara, C. H. Legrain, Jas. Thompson and Lindley Crease.

A letter from the Victoria branch of the International Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers' Association was read, advising the board of a disagreement between Mr. McDermott and the association with respect to the scale of wages paid.

The council considering the matter one of great importance to shipping interests of the city appointed a committee, consisting of Capt. J. G. Cox, S. J. Pitts and President McQuade to endeavor to bring about a settlement.

The lead question was introduced by communications received from Nelson and Kaslo. A printed memo, from the Kaslo Board of Trade was enclosed dealing very fully with the question and its bearing upon the mining interests of the province, and containing recommendations which were being brought before the Dominion government.

The recommendations were approved and the secretary was instructed to notify the delegates to Ottawa of this approval.

A communication was received from the Montreal Chamber of Commerce asking the board to endorse a resolution urging the appointment of Lord Bessborough and Mount Royal as Governor-General of Canada upon the vacancy occurring. The board, while highly appreciating the valuable services rendered

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Canada by His Lordship, felt that the nature of the proposal was not in its province to deal with.

The drydock question was introduced and the project of having one of sufficient capacity to accommodate the enlarged vessels intended for the Oriental trade was discussed at length. A suggestion was made that the board should lay before the Imperial government the advantages of Esquimalt for this purpose. The majority of the members, however, were of the opinion that the government is already better informed of such advantages than are the majority of the residents of British Columbia, and the matter was thus allowed to drop.

A number of communications dealing with a wide diversity of subjects were also discussed.



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"CAPTAIN JINKS."

Clyde Fitch's Comedy at the Victoria Theatre

An event of interest is the appearance at the Victoria theatre to-night of the Clyde Fitch comedy, "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," with a young and charming actress, Elizabeth Kennedy...

Provincial News.

The St. Lawrence--Detroit Free Press. The famous band of the 48th Highlanders is coming to Victoria next month.

ROSSLAND.

The first carload of ore from the Kootenay mine was loaded here on Tuesday. For the present month at least shipments will be maintained at the rate of fifteen tons per day.

VANCOUVER.

The civic elections here on Thursday resulted as follows: Mayor Neelands, re-elected; Ward 1, Ald. Bethune (re-elected); and Ex-Ald. Grant; Ward 2, Ald. McQueen and Cook (both re-elected); Ward 3, Ald. McLaughlin and Wilson (re-elected); and Robt. McPherson; Ward 4, Ald. Wood (re-elected) and John Morion (labor candidate); School trustees, T. Duke, D. Donaldson and W. J. McGuigan.

The closing meeting of the school board took place on Wednesday night. The report of the management committee showed 78 teachers employed and all the schools full to overflowing.

Harry Beresford. Harry Beresford, the rising young comedian, in a quaint character study, appearing as Seymour Sites in George H. Broadhurst's wholesome farce, "The Wrong Mr. Wright," is the announcement made by the management for appearance on Tuesday evening at the Victoria theatre.

A Giant Drum-Major. Mr. Fowle, meet Mr. McCormick. Mr. McCormick, Police Commissioner Fowle.

Daniel McCormick, the gigantic drum-major with the Kilts (Toronto Highlanders) this week at the Temple theatre, rose some seven feet in the air, and looked down. Mr. Fowle looked up. The crowd assembled on the seventh floor of the Elks' temple looked on and roared at the contrast.

"My, what a policeman you would make!" ejaculated Mr. Fowle. "I have had plenty of offers of positions on the police force," returned the big man simply.

"Have a drink," suggested some one. "I'll take a cigar," returned McCormick. "I have never taken a drop of intoxicating liquor in my life."

cess, and the milled product carries about 15 per cent. copper. The smelting process is carried on by the same company. Mr. Yamaguchi is a doctor of physics, having obtained his degree at the John Hopkins University in the same class with William A. Carlyle, formerly manager of the British America Corporation's interests in Rossland. He is now looking into smelter methods of treating the copper ore of this province.

Y.M.R. The town of Ymir and the mining community of this district in general has sustained a severe loss in the almost total wrecking of the new general hospital. The building, which was a large one, had been advanced considerably, the main structure being up and roofed. The finishing inside work was to have been delayed until spring. Snow was allowed to accumulate to such an extent that on Saturday night the whole of the roof of the main building fell in, wrecking the walls, floors, and internal partitions. The damage done is certainly more than \$1,000.

NELSON. There was a large and representative gathering present in Fraternity-hall on Monday evening at the reception and smoker tendered Grand V. Holt, the former manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, on the occasion of his leaving Nelson to assume the management of the bank's branch at Seattle. In handing an address to Mr. Holt, Mayor Fletcher said that with it was an order for a sterling silver canteen containing 195 pieces, which had been ordered, and which, in due course, would reach Mr. Holt at Seattle.

In the early morning Leeds workmen can travel five miles for a penny by the municipal electric tramway cars.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES MACAULAY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C. Take notice that pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executor or to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of January, 1903, a statement of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

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THE REFERENDUM-BY-LAW MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1903. City of Victoria.

Resolution to Be Published Pursuant to the "Referendum By-Law." PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the CITY HALL, in the aforesaid City, on MONDAY, the 12th day of JANUARY, 1903, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

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NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to revise and consolidate the following Ordinances and Acts, viz: The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1897, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Fire Companies Act, Ordinance, 1898, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1890, and all subsequent amending and consolidating Acts.

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TIME TABLE NO. 45, EFFECTIVE OCT. 25th, 1902. Table with columns for Northbound, Southbound, Daily, and Arrive/Leave times for Victoria, Shawigan Lake, Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, and Ar. Wellington.

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CHAPTER XXIII

For Better, For Worse.

Less than a week after the engagement had been ratified between Elizabeth and the curate, the Vicar of Briardene considerably took his departure, and a few days later was laid quietly to rest in the peaceful little churchyard in which for so many years he had pronounced the benediction over the open graves of others. There were none left to mourn his departure, for he had outlived all his kinsfolk, and sadder still, had outlived his usefulness.

For a week or two the parishioners wondered who their new shepherd would be. But they lost no sleep over the matter. They were not called upon to choose between rival candidates, or even to express an opinion on the question. Their business was to accept what was sent them and be thankful.

A little mild surprise was manifested when the announcement was made that the living had been presented to the Rev. Joshua Plenty, curate of Mudley. Many of the people had never heard of him before, but they presumed Mr. Cleveland had good reason for his choice. It would be a change at any rate to have a young man for a vicar, for since the Rev. Mr. Plenty was only a curate they concluded he must be quite young.

All this, however, was only preliminary to the announcement that fell upon the parish of Mudley like a thunderclap: that Mr. Cleveland's elder and invalid daughter was going to marry the curate. At first the announcement was received with dumb incredulity. People laughed and shook their heads in a knowing kind of way, and then went quietly about their business. But the incredulity soon broke down under the accumulating weight of evidence.

Mr. Plenty being questioned on the matter frankly admitted that it was true. For a while little else was talked about in Mudley. Such a fruitful theme of gossip had not been known for a generation, and the feminine portion of the community at any rate made the most of it.

Elizabeth recovered her strength, and even her youth with wonderful rapidity. She busied herself with household duties as though she had never known what illness meant. She worked early and late in getting things ready for her new home, and succeeded in terrorizing her father and Dodo into throwing much of their own energy in the same direction. For a while everything had to give place to the claims of Briardene; nothing else was of the smallest importance.

The vicarage was newly papered and painted throughout. Elizabeth would have had it enlarged only that would entail too much delay; so she resolved that the additional wing upon which she had set her heart should be added later on and after she had taken up her residence there.

Having decided to marry the curate, Elizabeth was anxious to avoid all unnecessary risks. The old adage, "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," occurred to her with unpleasant frequency. She knew well enough that the curate was not altogether enamored of the prospect. Now that he was sure of the living of Briardene she feared he might go back upon his bargain; for she was not slow to see that the living having been presented to him and all the necessary formalities completed, he might, if he felt disposed, snap his fingers at her. She was resolved that there should be no unnecessary delay in celebrating the marriage.

It was the month of October when the engagement was announced, and Elizabeth decided that the first of January should witness the marriage ceremony. To her all delays meant danger; so she kept her father and Mr. Plenty and Dodo in a whirl of excitement. She gave them no time to brood over matters. There was so much to be done and so little time to do it in that they were kept busy from morning till evening.

She did not feel equal to going to London herself to look after the furniture, but she sent Dodo along with her fiancé. Nevertheless, she had to be consulted on

all points, and as her views in the matter of tone and tint and material did not always coincide with those of her future husband a good many extra journeys had to be taken to the great city.

Mr. Plenty did not resent this at all. In fact, he rather liked the constant running to and fro, especially as he was driven in Mr. Cleveland's carriage to and from Hopdown station. Never in all his life had he felt himself a man of so much importance. He spent Elizabeth's money with great freedom. He had none of his own, so the matter of cost did not trouble him. He began to feel that he was a man of considerable taste and judgment. He discovered that whatever his bringing up might have been he had outgrown all plebeianism. He might have spent all his life among art fabrics, so assured was he in his judgments.

During those days of preparation Elizabeth was exceedingly careful not to cross her lover. When she did not agree with him in his choice of articles she showed her disagreement in such a clever and diplomatic fashion that he always felt her words a compliment. When she wanted something different she suggested what had been her own view previously, and hinted that his judgment was very much better than hers. Elizabeth was exceedingly careful not to show her lover. When she did not agree with him in his choice of articles she showed her disagreement in such a clever and diplomatic fashion that he always felt her words a compliment. When she wanted something different she suggested what had been her own view previously, and hinted that his judgment was very much better than hers.

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Dorothy's faith in human nature was sorely taxed from day to day. She saw more of the curate than she cared to see. She saw her sister also in a new light. The exhibition was not at all inspiring. It was clear enough to her watchful eyes that the curate was marrying her sister simply for position. That he loved her she did not believe for a moment. His whole conduct was that of a man who was inspired on purely selfish motives. His love making was of empty mockery; his terms of engagement were words without meaning. Why her sister was marrying the curate Dorothy could not see for the life of her imagination. Whether it was mere restlessness and a desire for change, or whether it was simply for love of power, the desire for rule, and the supreme, or whether the work of a vicar's wife in some way appealed to her, she could not tell.

One thing was very evident, and that was that for the moment religion was left out of the reckoning. There was no more talk about spiritual matters, no long discussions on the high themes of the spiritual life; no long disquisitions on subtle points of doctrine. Their talk became as worldly as the most worldly-minded could indulge in, and the ghostly counsel that the curate used to give to Elizabeth in the early days of their acquaintance found no place in the volume of his talk.

Dorothy sometimes wondered, notwithstanding all the preparations that were being carried out, whether the wedding would really take place. Her confidence in Mr. Plenty had never been great, and she would not have been surprised if any day it had been announced that the curate had run away from his engagement. To do Mr. Plenty justice, however, he had no thought of going back upon his promise. He accepted his fate with philosophic resignation. He weighed the pros and cons in the quiet of his own study, and he had come to the conclusion that on the whole he was making a very good bargain. There were times when he even felt a strong affection for his prospective bride. Certainly with increase of health and strength she possessed a growing fascination, and when he dined with the Cleavelands—and he did so frequently now—and she sailed into the room in evening dress he would often experience a little thrill which reminded him of the early days of his manhood when he experienced a similar feeling in the presence of Mary Priestly.

It was, however, the social side of the question that most appealed to him. He no longer entered the big house at Sandhurst with an air of diffidence and humility. He walked through the hall as though the place were his, and he was to the manner born. He was to be Mr. Cleveland's son-in-law. Elizabeth in a few years would share his almost fabulous wealth, and as her husband he would be a man of great influence in the neighborhood. He might rise almost to any position, for he recognized that money could purchase most things in this world, that it was the "open sesame" to nearly every position; that not only the high places in the State but also the high places in the Church

were for those who had almost unlimited cash at their back. He grew somewhat cynical as he contemplated the possibilities that lay before him. He reflected that merit in those days occupied a very unimportant position; that character was of secondary consequence; that intellect was a matter that in many things did not count. If a man had money that was everything. He might not have brains or ability, he might not have culture or moral worth, he might be a clown or worse; still, if he had money and was prepared to use it freely he could win his way in the world. He could purchase the highest seats if not in the Kingdom of Heaven, at any rate in the institution on earth that was supposed to represent the Kingdom of Heaven.

"It ought not to be so," he would say to himself; "but, then, we have to take things as they are, and not as they would like them to be. If merit counted, I should have been at the top of the tree long since. Merit of itself is of no avail, but with money I shall win my desire."

So amid the whirl and excitement of preparation the weeks passed rapidly away. Christmas came, and was celebrated with a good deal of mirth and merry-making. Visitors came and went, and were quite lavish to Elizabeth in their congratulations. The old year wore steadily to its close. Elizabeth became more and more restless and ill at ease. A spot of red burnt daily on either cheek, and her eyes flamed with a fiercer light. It was evident to Dorothy and her father that she was apprehensive and ill at ease. She had staked a great deal, and had set her heart upon winning a husband; and though Mr. Plenty might not be her ideal, nevertheless, he was better than remaining in single blessedness all her days.

The horns were duly published in the parish church, the bridal trousseau was got ready and sent home, the bridesmaids were selected and all the arrangements completed by the time the old year was rung out. The New Year dawned bright and frosty; the wedding was to take place punctually at noon; a dozen carriages with sparkling greys and bouquets of flowers in the lamps were ready to take the bridal party to the church.

The only one who seemed anxious was Elizabeth. Up and down her room she paced, refusing to have anyone with her, watching with a fierce light in her eyes the hands of the clock travelling slowly round on the dial. For anything to happen now would be worse than death; for a slip to occur would be humiliation beyond endurance. If her lover should fail at the last moment, she knew that life henceforth would not be worth living.

She need not have worried herself, however. Her lover arrived in good time at the church and took up his position before the altar. When at length, leaning on the arm of her father, she walked up the aisle of the church and saw Mr. Plenty standing with the best man before the communion rail, she gave a big sigh of relief. At last—at last! There was to be no slip, after all.

She took her place before the altar rail with great calmness, and when the vicar began to read the marriage service she felt that nothing mattered now. She had come off victorious in the conflict. Mr. Plenty was safe in her possession. It was somewhat of a disappointment to Mr. Plenty that he could not spend

his honeymoon abroad. He had always had a desire to travel. The state of his pocket always prevented him from indulging in foreign travel. He had often looked with wistful eyes at the map of Europe, and longed for the time to come when he as well as others might look upon the wonders of foreign lands. Was it never to be?

Elizabeth, however, did not feel equal to taking a long journey; and as a friend of Mr. Cleveland's in Devonshire had placed a house at the disposal of the bride and bridegroom, the offer was gratefully accepted; and after the breakfast was over and the bridegroom had responded in suitable terms to the toast of his and his wife's health, they drove away to the station amid a shower of rice and old slippers, to enter upon the new and untried life that lay before them.

(To be continued.)

SPREAD OF APPENDICITIS.

London Hospital Reports Show Large Increase in Number of Patients.

A London dispatch says: People in high life are more concerned at the prevalence of appendicitis than of influenza. A physician said: "Only recently, during some excavations in Egypt, a mummy was brought to light upon which the doctors made further examinations. At this strange post mortem it was discovered that the cause of death at least 2,000 years before must have been appendicitis."

There is not the least doubt that appendicitis is increasing by leaps and bounds. A glance through the reports of three of London's hospitals, St. Thomas's, St. Bartholomew's and Guy's hospital, reveals a state of affairs which, on paper at any rate, looks rather alarming. One cannot get reports later than 1900, but ten years before, in 1890, only thirty-eight cases of appendicitis were treated. Every year since then the number has increased at an extraordinary pace until the year 1900, when 382 cases were treated at these hospitals. The cases have been increasing proportionately since.

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King Edward Building Society. FIRST DRAWING. For appropriation at January General Meeting. For particulars apply C. S. BAXTER, Secretary-Treasurer, 33 Wharf Street.

The Victoria No. 2 Building Society. Incorporated 30th Oct., 1902. Board of Directors: Percival B. Brown, Jas. Forman, J. H. McLaughlin, Charles F. Gardiner, F. J. Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer, A. St. G. Flint. Auditors: F. Elworthy, J. E. Church. NOTE—Subscriptions are due and payable from Wednesday 9th November, 1902, and every Wednesday following, at the Society's office, 15 Trousance Ave., A. ST. G. FLINT, Secretary.

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The Honorable Mr. Justice Irving has, by an order dated the 10th day of December, A. D. 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Watson, of the MacGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be official liquidator of the above named Company. Dated the 18th day of December, A. D. 1902. R. H. TERWIT DRAKE, Registrar.

NOTICE. Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf Street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Carolina Fernando, of the City of Victoria. Dated this 5th day of November, 1902. S. H. ROBLIN, F. CROMBIE.

NOTICE. Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf Street, in the said City of Victoria, from Carolina Fernando to Robert Fitzgibbon, of the City of Victoria. Dated this 13th day of November, 1902. MARIA THOMPSON, G. ROBERTS.

NOTICE. Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf Street, in the said City of Victoria, from Carolina Fernando to Robert Fitzgibbon, of the City of Victoria. Dated this 13th day of November, 1902. CAROLINA FERNANDO.

NOTICE. All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Colman District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway Land Grant. LEONARD H. ROLL, Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the C. S. Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in the Sayward District of British Columbia, viz.: Lot 375 Sayward District, containing 100 acres more or less. Dated 28th September, 1902. ADOLPHUS R. THOMAS

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COLUMBIAS V. BOBBIA.
The Columbia and Bobbia Association football teams will play to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, at the Canoe grounds.

JUNIOR MATCH.

A junior game is scheduled to be played on Saturday afternoon at Beacon Hill between the South Park and Capital teams. The match will commence at 1.45.

HOCKEY.

GAME ON SATURDAY.
On Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay a game will be played between the High School and Victoria Intermediate teams. This is the first game of the Victoria Intermediate league.

Victoria Intermediates.—A. Fitcher, W. Winby, E. Hayward, D. Schofield, W. Beattie, K. Wollaston, H. Duly, B. Martin, K. Wilson, C. McKilligan, W. Blackburn and S. Iversen.

High School.—Goal, Carac; full backs, Hoopes, Rogers; half backs, Russell, Woods and Wilson; forwards, Rogers, Gibson, Winby (capt.), Hewartson and McInnes; reserve, Robertson.

FINN FONG.

TOURNAMENT COMPLETED.
There was a fairly good attendance at last night's tournament in the Dallas hotel. The matches that attracted the most attention were undoubtedly the finals in the gentlemen's singles. The game between H. Hart (love 40) and Dr. Garesche (love 19) was the most spiritedly contested, the former player finally winning by two sets, after about an hour's play, by a score of 6-3, 6-4. H. Hart defeated J. Leeming (love 30) in 20 minutes, the score being 6-2, 6-2. Last night's results follow:

Mixed Doubles.—Finns, H. Hart and Mrs. Hilton beat Mr. and Miss Hickaby.
Gentlemen's Doubles.—Hickaby and C. T. Wilson beat York Bros., 6-4, 6-3.
Finns.—Hart, best J. Leeming, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

The prize winners are: Ladies' Singles.—Mrs. Hilton and Miss M. Rickaby. Mixed Doubles.—H. Hart and Mrs. Hilton. Gentlemen's Doubles.—Leeming and Wilson. Ladies' Consolation Prize.—Miss Atkinson.

BASKETBALL.

GAME POSTPONED.
The intermediate basketball match scheduled to be played this evening between the Fernwood and James Bay teams has been postponed, by mutual consent.

WESTMINSTER TO RETIRE.

It is probable that the New Westminster municipal team will withdraw from the league. The Vancouver News-Advertiser's Westminster correspondent says: "The Westminster military basketball club has practically decided to withdraw from the inter-provincial league, as it has so far proved a failure. With the exception of Vancouver all the teams which were to have played the local team in this city, have forfeited their games, and it is no likely that Westminster would want to go to the expense of sending a team to Victoria."

V. A. C. VICTORIOUS.

The junior basketball game between the Victoria Athletic Club and the team last evening was very exciting. The two teams were evenly matched, but the V. A. C. emerged in the end, and won by the score of 14 to 6. Douglas Ferguson and Leat did the scoring for the V. A. C., and Glaser and Maynard for the Fernwoods. E. Jones made a very satisfactory referee.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

LEAVE TO-NIGHT.

Among to-night's passengers for Vancouver by the steamer Charmer will be three Victoria aggregations, namely, the Victoria senior football team, the Victoria senior basketball team, and the Fernwood Athletic Association team. The former teams will play at Brockton on Saturday afternoon against the Vancouver senior football team, while the local basketball team will meet Vancouver's crack team in the evening in a contest, the result of which will go far towards deciding the championship of the province.

Undoubtedly the most important of to-morrow's games will be the senior match. In the only game yet played by these two teams Victoria has been victorious. That, however, was played on local grounds. To-morrow the Vancouver team will be on familiar ground, and will be expected to show in getting their best men off for one afternoon. The local boys, however, are ever with the best determination to win. They have been practicing steadily and may be depended upon to give Vancouver a hard fight.

The juniors are confident of victory. The boys wish to extend their thanks to all who so kindly subscribed to the fund for paying travelling expenses.

The junior teams were published yesterday.

The Victoria senior team follows: Full back, Goward; three-quarters, Bithet, Schwenners, Patton and Gillespie; half backs, Ward and Milman; forwards, McLean, Morebay, Grundy, Pettigrew, Johnson, Janien, Cornwall and Pemberton.

Current History for January summarizes the world's history for November and does so with praiseworthy conciseness and clearness. Readable to-day and permanently valuable for reference in this well known magazine, which is now completing its twelfth volume, a strong portrait of the late ex-Speaker Reed serves as frontispiece.

Other portraits of famous personages of to-day, together with maps and views to accompany the text, brighten the pages. Articles on "The Education Struggle in England," by Dawson Burns, of London, and "The Fusing of the Big Oil Branches," by William B. Draper, precede the regular geographical and historical departments, and the supplementary departments on Science, Education, Art, Music and the Drama, Literature, etc. There is an article on the great German and Austrian theatres of to-day. This magazine is a happy combination of the entertaining and the useful. Professionals, people and students in general of the times in which we live find it of peculiar assistance and value. Sample copy free on application. Address: Current History Co., Boston, Mass.

One pound of sheep's wool is capable of producing one yard of cloth.

BRIEF LOCALS.

In the police court this morning W. G. Eden decided to pay his vehicle tax, so the charge preferred against him by Collector Winsby was withdrawn. Mr. Eden attempted to fight the case on the ground that he was being discriminated against. It was pointed out that inasmuch as he had refused to pay the tax the collector had no alternative other than to summons him. The amount of the tax is \$2.

There will be a perfect fusillade of anti-election promises in the city hall to-night, the occasion being the public meeting called by the Mayor for the discussion of municipal matters. Most of the candidates will be on hand, and doubtless all will have something to say. The labor candidates will address a meeting at Creamer's hall, Ross Bay, to-night.

A meeting in the Oaklands fire hall will be held to-morrow evening. It is called specially to afford an opportunity to the candidates for school trustees to present their views to the public. The candidates for municipal honors are also invited to be present. Another meeting will be held in the interests of the trustees in the city hall on Tuesday evening next.

OUTRAGES BY STRIKERS.
Clergymen Testifies Before the Coal Commission—Other Witnesses Examined.
(Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9.—Chairman Gray was unable to attend to-day's session of the strike commission because of a slight illness. Gen. Wilson acted as chairman.

Rev. Carl Hauser, of Freehold, said when he was called upon to officiate at the funeral of a non-union man in the Panther Creek Valley, he experienced the greatest difficulty in securing pallbearers. When the body was taken from the house, Rev. Hauser said the strikers yelled "Scab" and spat upon the coffin. Some of them made such remarks as "It's a shame to bury a scab," "Throw him to the dogs."

Counsel for the non-union men called Jno. Mitchell to the stand, and asked him if he knew William Detterey, who was yesterday elected president of the union in the 7th district. Mitchell replied in the affirmative, and then counsel called Jno. Sherman, of Neunberg, Detterey's home town. Sherman testified that he heard Detterey say that anybody who worked during the strike ought to have their throats cut.

Frank Kelley, of Oneida, a farmer who worked during the strike, said he heard Detterey say that all men caught working should be given a good thumping. The remark was made at a meeting of a local union, he asserted.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.
The Standard Oil Co. authorizes the statement that it does not own or control any part of the producing territory of either the Beaumont oil fields in Texas, or the Jennings field in Louisiana, and has never sought to do so.

The "Cannon Ball" express, on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railway, crashed into the rear end of a local passenger train at Ada, Okla., on Thursday. Three passengers were killed and several injured.

Edmond Laupre, secretary of the new Panama Canal Company authorized the Associated Press to say that a German offer of \$40,000,000 has been made to the company for the Panama canal concessions and property. The negotiations are, he added, confined to the United States.

Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, younger brother of the Crown Princess of Saxony, is going to pay a second visit to his sister at Geneva. This is interpreted to mean that Emperor Francis Joseph is renewing his attempt to induce the Crown Princess to permanently break off her relations with Prof. Gilon who has left her and gone to Lausanne, where he will stay during the divorce proceedings, and take up a residence in Austria.

PERSONAL.
Joseph Martin, M. P. P., arrived from Vancouver last night by the steamer Charmer and is a guest at the Driad hotel. A. F. Gwin, of the Yreka Copper Co., after paying a business visit to Vancouver, returned last evening, and is a guest at the Dominion.

A. Campbell, of Glasgow; W. Cassidy, of New Westminster; and J. Goodie, a commercial man of Vancouver, are among the guests at the Dominion.

Hon. J. Martin and Geo. H. Cowan, of Vancouver, are at the Driad. They are here on legal business before the Court of Appeal.

Frank Dana, representing the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co., is at the Driad.

Mr. Geo. L. Howe, of Seattle, is visiting her brother, S. Jones, of the Dominion hotel.

Sir Hilbert Tupper was among the arrivals from the Mainland last night.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.
(Published by the Stuart Robertson Co., Ltd., Successors to A. W. More & Co., Ltd., Mining Brokers, 23 Broad St.)

Toronto, Jan. 9.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:

Commodity	Asked	Bid
Black Tail	8	6 1/2
Cariboo McKinney	12 1/2	17
Cariboo Hydraulic	75	50
Centre Star	37 1/2	50
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	75	75
Deer Trail Coal	1 1/2	1
Fairview Corp.	8	3 1/2
Golden Crown	4	3
Grandy	37 1/2	34 1/2
Iron Mask	7	7
Loose Pine—Surprise Coal	5	3
Morning Glory	3	3
Morrison	3	1
North Star	10	8
Payson	10	8
Rambler Cariboo Coal	35	30
Republic	10	6 1/2
Soldier	19	17
War Eagle Coal	19	17
White Bear	2 1/2	1 1/2
Winnipeg	4	4
Wonderful	4	4
Don. Cons.	4	3 1/2
St. Eugene	27	21

Toronto Sales To-Day.
Don. Cons.—1,750 at 3 1/2.
War Eagle—1,000 at 18 1/2.

Roseland Sales Yesterday.
Homesake—1,000 at 3.
Mountain Lion—500 at 13.
North Star—2,000 at 8.
Payson—4,500 at 7 1/2.
War Eagle—1,000 at 18 1/2.

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WANTED—Girl to assist in house work and care of children. Apply between 2 and 5 p. m. 19 Vancouver street.

WANTED—A housemaid. Apply between 1 and 3 p. m. to Mrs. James Rayner, 157 Cadboro Bay road.

DANCING—J. C. Watters, of San Francisco, will hold classes for ladies and gentlemen on Mondays and Fridays at 8 p. m. in Caledonia Hall, Blanchard street. Particulars at 4 Pandora street.

VICTORIA THEATRE
TUESDAY, JAN. 13th.
Second annual tour and immense success of "Theodora" Follow and Sterling English Comedy.
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And his excellent company of ladies and gentlemen, presenting Geo. H. Broadhurst's funniest and brightest Comedy, in three acts. Some of them made such remarks as "It's a shame to bury a scab," "Throw him to the dogs."

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A play full of fun of the most charming kind.
Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Sale at Victoria Book & Stationery Store Saturday morning.

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Just to hand. Nice assortment.
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To the Electors of Centre Ward.
I beg to announce myself as a candidate for re-election as Alderman for the above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
J. STUART YATES.

Drill Hall Concert TO-MORROW NIGHT.

FIFTH REGIMENT BAND AND THE BIG FOUR

VICTORIA THEATRE.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th.
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BIRTHS.
DANAHER—At Vancouver, on Jan. 6th, the wife of J. Danaher, of a son.
WALLACE—At Nelson, on Jan. 5th, the wife of Benjamin Wallace, of a daughter.

DEATHS.
ADAMS—At Roseland, on Jan. 5th, Mrs. Mary Ellen Adams.
REID—At North Saanich, on the 7th inst., D. B. Reid, aged 82 years.
The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2 p. m. from his late residence, North Saanich.
Friends will please accept this intimation.

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There has almost always in British history been some industry that was supposed to be king. In the Middle Ages it was the growth and export of raw wool; in the eighteenth century it was the woollen manufacture itself; early in the century, and down to a very late date, cotton was king; more recently, since the beginning of the railway and steamship era, it has been coal and iron.

To the Electors of North Ward.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for above ward and beg to solicit your vote and influence.
Yours respectfully,
ROBERT DINSDALE.

To the Electors of North Ward.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the solicitation of numerous electors I offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for the above ward.
THOMAS CATERALL.

To the Electors of North Ward
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the pressing request of a large number of ratepayers I have again consented to stand as a candidate for your suffrages for the position of Alderman representing North Ward. I feel I may confidently count upon your support and influence in view of my record of six years' consecutive service as your representative at the Council Board.
I have the honor to remain, ladies and gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN KINSMAN.

To the Electors of North Ward
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I beg to offer myself for re-election as one of your representatives on the Aldermanic Board at the forthcoming municipal election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
H. M. GRAHAME.

To the Electors of North Ward
Ladies and Gentlemen:
Having been requested by a large number of electors I offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
ALEXANDER STEWART.

To the Electors of Centre Ward.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I beg to announce myself as a candidate for re-election as Alderman for the above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
J. STUART YATES.

To the Electors of Centre Ward.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for above ward and beg to solicit your vote and influence. Yours respectfully,
H. L. SALMON.

To the Electors of Centre Ward
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the request of many ratepayers I offer myself as a candidate for re-election as Alderman for above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
W. G. CAMERON.

To the Electors of Centre Ward
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the request of a large number of electors, I beg to announce myself a candidate for re-election for Alderman for Central Ward. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.
THOS. I. WORTHINGTON.

To the Electors of Central Ward
The undersigned will be glad to have your votes and influence on Thursday, the 15th inst., for the position of Alderman. As in the past, any question of advantage to the city will receive every attention.
Yours very truly,
R. T. WILLIAMS.

To the Electors of South Ward.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the request of many ratepayers I offer myself as a candidate for re-election as Alderman for above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
W. G. CAMERON.

To the Electors of South Ward
I beg to announce that I am a candidate at the ensuing election of Aldermen for the South Ward.
G. H. BARNARD.

To the Electors of South Ward
I beg to announce that I am a candidate at the ensuing election of Aldermen for the above Ward.
F. W. VINCENT.

To the Electors of Victoria City.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the earnest request of a large number of electors I have decided to offer myself for re-election as School Trustee. I therefore request your vote and influence on my behalf.
Yours respectfully,
LEWIS HALL.

To the Electors of Victoria
I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the School Trustee Board at the coming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
BLEANOR R. MCGREGOR.
January 5th.

School Trustees Election
To the Electors:
I beg respectfully to announce myself as a candidate for School Trustee honors, and solicit your vote and influence.
ALFRED HUGGETT.

McCandless' Committee Meeting

Every Night, at 89 Douglas Street

Business to-night, organization of ward committees, 8 o'clock sharp.

Every member should be present to-night.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
In response to a numerous signed requisition, I have pleasure in calling a

Public Meeting
To Take Place in the CITY HALL
—ON—
Friday Next the 9th Instant
AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

For the purpose of discussing civic matters. All candidates for municipal honors are particularly invited to attend.
CHAS. HATWARD, Mayor.

Municipal Elections
Meetings in Interest of the Labor Candidates
Will be held at the following dates and places: Odd Fellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, Jan. 6th; Temple's Hall, Jan. 8th; Creamer's Hall, Jan. 9th; South Park school, Jan. 12th; North Ward school, Jan. 13th; Labor Hall, Jan. 14th.

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