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ALDERMEN WORRY OVER MATTER OF FRACTIONS
 Striking a Tax Rate to Raise Five Hundred Dollars.

The city council held a short special meeting last night, the object of which was to advance some by-laws further a stage so as to permit of their final passage through council at next Monday's meeting. One of these, dealing with the regulation of sub-divisions and street lines, was not ready, and in the long run the council was little more ahead.

For some time the aldermen wrestled with fractions, which a bit of school boy doggerel used to say set one mad. In connection with the repaving of Government Street and the assumption by the city of the ratepayers' share of repayment for four years, a supplementary by-law has been made necessary by the fact that the actual cost has been about \$2,000 more than the estimated cost, which has already been dealt with in a by-law. The ratepayers have to pay, roughly, \$1,000 of this, of which sum the city relieves them, to the extent of \$85.

After having figured out on Monday the individual sums on each lot the council last night approached the subject of raising the 1909, and this is where their troubles began. The omission of one eighth in the official draft of the by-law made it appear that a rate of twenty-four one-hundredths of a mill would have to be levied next year. A little calculation revealed that this would produce \$5,000. Eventually it was discovered that the rate should be twenty-four one-thousandths of a mill, and when everyone had become convinced of this the by-law was put through committee and the civic arithmeticians felt happy.

A letter was read from E. G. Prior & Co., who were awarded the contract for the water works department at Monday night's meeting, protesting against their tender for brass goods and galvanized iron fittings being split up. "We do not think the council is justified in cutting this tender up, and we must protest against this being done," the firm say in asking for a reconsideration of the matter.

Another letter was read from the Robertson, Godson Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, through A. Sheret, their agent here. This firm got the contract for the galvanized iron fittings. Having learned that the Prior company intended to protest they pointed out that if the tenders for the two classes of goods were to be considered together their joint tender was \$4.18 lower than the Prior tender, and therefore the whole contract should go to them. They made no protest themselves, however, at the splitting of it up.

Ald. Henderson explained that the purchasing agent and controller had recommended the lowest tender for each class of goods, and on motion of Ald. Gleason it was decided to inform Messrs. Prior & Co. that the council could not see its way to alter the recommendation of its officials.

The council then went into committee on streets, bridges and sewers, and the press had to withdraw.

PURCHASE PROPERTIES AT PORTLAND CANAL

C. H. Dickie and His Associates Have Acquired More Claims.

Portland Canal as a mining camp is still in the public eye. Perhaps no one is better acquainted with the resources of the district than C. H. Dickie, of Dunbar, one of the first to enter it and one who has steadily followed its development. He has shown his faith in the district recently by investing in other properties there. Yesterday the Portland Canal Mining Development company, of which Mr. Dickie is president, made the final payment of the \$25,000 bond on the Little Joe and the Lucky Seven mines. The properties were taken about eighteen months ago. The original owners included Fremont King, J. McGrath, and the estate of J. Griffin.

The properties are silver-lead producers and are located just back of Stewart. The acquisition of these by Mr. Dickie's company will be followed by the installation of machinery including a concentrator plant and an aerial tramway. Glacier Creek will furnish the power.

The ore body runs about 315 or 316 to the ton although there are parts which have already been exploited that run much higher, some even yielding \$400 to the ton.

NEW MILL MACHINERY IS PUT IN MOTION
 Equipment of J. A. Sayward's Works is Now in Use.

Yesterday afternoon the new machinery installed in the big lumber mill of J. A. Sayward in this city was put in motion. The equipment which was described in these columns some weeks ago, is up to date in every particular. The most modern machinery in fact, has been installed and when all is in place the equipment will be second to none.

Every care has been taken to economize time and labor and when completed the mill will be a model in line of convenience.

The drying kiln of concrete is being built and Mr. Sayward in the course of a few weeks will have the new equipment all in order.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Case Involving Claims Dating Back Years is Concluded.

A case was set down for hearing in the county court, yesterday afternoon, but before the hour arrived a settlement out of court was effected. The case was that of the Victoria Machinery Depot, Limited, against John Quatro, master of the steamer Delta. The matters in dispute go back for some years, a claim of \$135.04 being made for work done and material supplied and the defendant counter-claiming that he had left some machinery to be sold, for which he had not had any accounting. An amicable settlement has been made of all the matters in question. Sydney Child was engaged in the case on behalf of plaintiffs, and R. C. Lowe, of Moresby & O'Reilly, for defendant.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Royal School of Artillery Instruction Will Cease for Christmas Holidays.

The latest orders issued by Colonel Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., deals with the suspension of parades for the Royal School of Artillery for the Christmas holidays. The orders are as follows:

The parades for the Royal School of Artillery, now in progress, will cease after Wednesday next for the Christmas holidays, and will commence again at the beginning of January, being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in each week, beginning on Tuesday, January 5th, 1909, at 8 p.m.

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BELMONT AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PLANS
 Council and Property Owners Will Confer Once More on Proposals.

The matter of the improvement of Belmont Avenue is proving a difficult problem for the owners along that thoroughfare and for the city council. There have been a number of propositions made and several conferences have been held between the council and the owners.

Another joint meeting is to be called and the latest proposition submitted for the consideration of the owners. This was decided on as a result of a further discussion of the matter by the streets, bridges and sewers committee last evening.

The original proposal was for the ordinary street improvements, including boulevards, but some of the owners thought it would be a good thing at the same time to straighten the street between Gladstone and Milne streets. Some difficulty was found in the way of this, as it would be necessary to purchase strips of land from owners, while other strips would be thrown back out of use and, unless adjoining owners chose to purchase them, would become in time unsightly spots. Besides this, the consent of the owners is required, and the heirs of two of the first owners are widely scattered.

Some of the owners are for going ahead with the improvements without straightening the street, while others suggest that the street be opened out in a straight line and a roadway along the new portion as well as the present roadway be improved; and that the portion of land which would be left between the two roadways, be laid out as an ornamental plot, much in the same way as it is proposed by the parks board to treat upper Pandora Avenue. The committee considered this proposal last night. It would cost \$4,000 or \$5,000 more than the improvement of the present roadway and before deciding on any plan the council desires to have the consent of all the owners to whatever scheme suits them best. A conference will be held some time next week.

PROFITS OF ROSSLAND MINES INCREASING

L. A. Campbell Says Camp Has Entered New Lease of Life.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Rossland has entered a new stage of its existence. The camp is now down to a solid productive basis and the days of wildcatting and stock promoters have vanished forever, according to Lorne A. Campbell, general manager of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, who is in Vancouver.

"All the mines are improving at depth and the ore reserves have thoroughly established the permanency of the camp," said Mr. Campbell.

"The monthly payroll is not far from the \$100,000 mark. While the present tonnage may have been exceeded at certain former periods, the net profits have never been larger than at present. The confidence of eastern investors in the various enterprises is now fully restored. Quite recently the shares of the Canadian Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company owning the War Eagle, Centre Star, the Trail smelter and the St. Eugene at Moyle, have advanced from \$75 to over par, or \$100. Sales at \$100 have been recorded. The Le Roi and the Centre Star group have each attained a depth of two thousand feet, and I understand that the Le Roi Two intends sinking to the same level.

"The West Kootenay Power & Light Company is now supplying 16,000 horsepower to the mines and smelters of Rossland and the Boundary. It has 25,000 horsepower developed hydraulically and 24,000 horsepower of waterwheels and electrical machinery in operation."

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VERNON HAS WATER PROBLEM.

City Council Investigates Two Schemes For Increasing City's Supply.

Vernon, Dec. 11.—At a special meeting of the city council Wednesday night, the reports of Engineers Meredith and Tracy on Long Lake as a source of water and power supply, and of Mr. Galt on the comparative merits of the B. X. creek and Long Lake schemes, was fully gone into. According to the best expert opinion, it appears that the cost of the complete Long Lake project, for both waterworks and power, an undertaking that would provide ample water for domestic purposes for a population of 5,000, and furnish 800 hp 250 h. p., would be \$98,000.

Ald. Glover took a very strong stand in favor of going in for the larger scheme, of developing power at Long Lake, so that the city might be in a position to foster industries by offering cheap power. He claimed that the city had made a great mistake in not taking the matter up four or five years ago.

Ald. Costerton believed that it would not be wise to add unduly to the present indebtedness of the city, stating that, although the estimate of the cost of a storage project on B. X. creek sufficient to provide a permanent supply was \$15,000, a partial construction

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I DO NOT CARE FOR YOUR SENTIMENTS.

The elections are over, but the Colonist persists in its misrepresentations in regard to the statements of the Prime Minister of Canada on the subject of Oriental immigration.

"Dear Sir—My attention has just been drawn to an editorial in the Victoria Colonist of December 18th, and a statement made by the Hon. Richard McBride in a speech to the young Conservative Club of New Westminster and reported in the Colonist of the 21st, both referring to certain words said to have been uttered by me at a public meeting in Ottawa on December 3rd.

"In discussing the views and sentiments of the people of British Columbia in regard to Oriental immigration I am quoted as saying: 'I do not care for your sentiment and I believe you are making a mistake.'"

"Had the editor of the Colonist and Mr. McBride gone further and quoted the words immediately following: 'But these are your sentiments and I am bound to respect them,' it would have been at once apparent that I was misquoted and that the words which were actually used by me were: 'I do not share in your sentiments.'"

"I would also refer to my speech in the House of Commons delivered the day immediately preceding (see Revised Hansard, page 61). The people of British Columbia have certain views upon the question. I would not be honest with myself or with them were I to say that I shared those views, but while I do not share them I am bound to respect them. We are bound to see that the views of all people in a free country like this are given respect."

"Yours faithfully, 'WILFRID LAURIER.'"

ENGLAND'S GREAT ATTRACTIONS.

The Postmaster-General of Canada made a notable, but not a remarkable, discovery on his recent visit to Great Britain. In an eloquent speech delivered before the London Canadian Club during a banquet which was attended by many statesmen and other distinguished personages, Mr. Lemieux said his short experience led him to believe England was a much-abused and atrociously libelled country—misrepresented alike by Englishmen, who might be expected to take a pride in their own home land, and by foreigners, from whose ignorance little else could be looked for. As a matter of fact, said the Canadian speaker, England is not only a country in which a man may speak the thing he will; it is also the "home of kindness and refinement."

Mr. Lemieux is not singular in having made this discovery as a result of a brief sojourn. There are others, and some of them are persons one would naturally expect "to be shown" before yielding submission to the attractions of English people. We believe we are correct in stating that a very large number indeed of Americans and people of other nationalities, chiefly in the past few years, have succumbed to the fascination of the seagirt isle, to the freedom of her institutions, and to the refinements of life and the kindness of manners of the people, attributes which are possibly more conspicuously manifested there than anywhere else in the known world.

ed the example of Mr. Astor, up to a certain point. There is Mr. Stoker, for example—but no one would expect Mr. Croker to abdicate the great principles which shaped his career and founded his fortune in the United States. Yet his actions indicate exactly his estimate of the comparative attractions of Great Britain and the United States as a place of abode, a land in which to enjoy life and liberty and to pursue happiness.

It is reported that Mr. J. D. Rockefeller will shortly follow the example of many of the millionaire families of which he is the acknowledged chief. Probably this disposition of so many rich men is an example of the mysterious ways in which Providence moves to maintain national balances. It is not impossible that in the course of the life of many people of the present day the social relations of the United States and Great Britain may be so closely interwoven that the twin will be generally recognized as virtually one flesh. It will also be interesting to observe what part Canada plays in this extraordinary family reunion.

Attention was called to a matter at the Board of Trade meeting Thursday by Mr. H. A. Mann which is of very great interest to the city. That is to the comparatively small passenger traffic by steamer between the ports of San Francisco and Victoria, which is, we believe, not greater than it was twenty years ago. The reason, it is claimed, is that the steamer accommodation of to-day is no better than it was then, while the train service has been appreciably improved during the same period. There have been also distressing accidents on this route, which have had a tendency to frighten people away—and deter them from travelling to the south by water. It is believed, however, that all this prejudice and fear would be speedily overcome if a large, modern, first-class British-built boat, capable of making the run from San Francisco to Victoria in thirty-six hours, were placed on the route. California offers a large field for exploration in the tourist business. Every spring and summer large numbers who have spent the winter there are on the move, and all that is required to bring them here is, first, a thorough advertising of our incomparable summer climate, and then direct, safe and swift steamship connection provided to carry them northwards. With such a service all passengers would be distributed from Victoria, and southern travellers would assemble here to embark. The steamer would coal at Victoria for the round trip, and with the right craft a service could be given and a trade worked up far greater than anyone at present dreams of. There seems to be another good opening here for C. P. R. enterprise.

Discussing Mr. J. J. Hill's recent speeches in favor of closer commercial relations between Canada and the United States, the Pall Mall Gazette says: "There is not the least possibility of Canada removing her tariff barriers, as that would merely enable the United States manufacturer to crush his colonial rival while the latter is still a producer upon a comparatively small scale. The situation shows, however, what advantageous terms Canada is in a position to command. Every important nation is a suitor for privileges in her expanding market, and any of them would give a very substantial return for that preference which we receive for nothing, and which the Cobdenites tries to represent as of no value."

The congestion of population in Germany could easily be relieved by directing the attention of the industrious Teuton to Canada. He would have unequalled opportunities here, the climate is almost identical with that of the central portion of the Kaiser's empire, politically he would be as "free as the air," and wherever he goes he proves himself an estimable citizen. Surely that would be a far more desirable solution of the problem than entering upon a war the end of which would be at least doubtful and the cost of which to the nations concerned would not be at all doubtful. Besides German schemes of colonization have in almost every instance failed. German institutions are either less desirable than those of Great Britain or the German people do not cling to them with the tenacity of Britons.

We are reminded by an authority of unquestioned standing that it is not wise to allude to the evidence of mortality which are to be found on every hand at this season of the year. Such references may have the effect of inducing a morbid condition of mind in creatures, who, while created a little lower than the angels, are yet unquestionably mortal. The fall of the leaf is no indication of ebbing life as far as aged Mother Nature is concerned. On the contrary it is an evidence of preparation for a fuller and a larger life in the immediate future. It means

a temporary suspension of functions, a period of inactivity and passivity, against the day when, revived, renewed in strength, all Nature shall burst forth in greater splendor. Yet if we ignore the unmistakable signs of the season, which even in this climate are quite apparent, we are reminded in other ways that the year is passing, thus before the lapse of many weeks we shall turn over the last page of 1908 and find "1909" inscribed at the bottom thereof. The houses which make a business of publishing such pleasing trifles as Christmas cards, children's holiday books, and articles of real utility such as calendars are submitting specimens of their art for approval. The Times has received some of these things from the well-known firm of Raphael, Tuck & Sons Co., which does business in all parts of the world, and has an establishment in Montreal. The color printing and chasteness of design displayed in the specimens submitted are fully up to the standard of excellence for which this house has an established reputation.

It is proposed that the United States shall spend five hundred million dollars in the construction of a grand national system of waterways. Five hundred millions is a considerable sum of money even for a rich country like the United States to raise. It may do this and build its canals. But it has now a proposition of no mean magnitude on its hands at Panama. After that is completed it may be feasible to go ahead with the other scheme; but long before that can be finished Canada will have a better system and one costing ever so much less money. Nature has been good to us in laying out a great portion of the Canadian system in advance.

The editor of the Vancouver World will be a candidate for the mayoralty of British Columbia's most ambitious city. There are no bounds to the ambitions of some of our brethren of the fraternity. Nevertheless Mr. Taylor is a capable man, and we wish him all success in his quest of civic honors.

What Other People Think

ON A CONSOLIDATED EMPIRE. To the Editor:—It looks as if my days are numbered. A gentleman by the name of John Williams, through your columns, proposes to pay all expenses for a meeting in Victoria. I plead guilty. I did say something in Singapore, again in Christchurch, again in London, and later on at Sapperton. Just as soon as the holidays are over Mr. John Williams, who is evidently a good old Britisher, will hear my side of a consolidated British Empire in some hall in Victoria. GUY W. WALKER. 718 Johnson St., Victoria.

The United Kingdom consumes 1,200,000,000 pounds of flour yearly.

ADVANTAGES OF OWNERSHIP.

(Toronto World.) Once you make an agreement, and the courts interpret it against you, there is no relief until the expiration or denoucement of the franchise; whereas, when the city owns the franchise it can do whatever it likes when over it likes with something that is its own. It is always free to reduce fares, to extend lines, to adopt the latest appliances, and to do whatever it wants to do. A municipality ought to be unentangled. This "gawing up," as it is called, of municipalities, is the great money-making business of street-railway magnates and electric light magnates all the world over to-day. "Sew up the municipality" is their motto. "then you've got 'em."

READINESS BETTER THAN REPENTANCE.

(Montreal Star.) In war, success is the least which most governments apply. They would rather be wrong than be beaten. This is very wicked; but it is war. And Britain will be very badly advised if she does not prepare herself against sudden surprises. It would be exceedingly unsatisfactory to debate the "morality" of the act by which she was brought to her knees, with a German garrison in London and the British fleet stricken to impotency by death at the heart.

TRUE TO TRADITION.

(Hamilton Spectator.) Press dispatches state that the captain, first officer, all the engineers and eighteen of the crew of the doomed British steamer Sardinia went down to death while working to rescue the ship's passengers. How truly characteristic of the traditional quality of British seamen.

IN VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

(Hamilton Times.) When young Hayes won the Marathon race in England, he was acclaimed by the American newspapers as "the American Marathon champion." Hayes was beaten by the Italian runner Dorando in a 26-mile race in New York, and the Buffalo Express refers to the defeat of "the Irish champion." Amusing folks, those neighbors of ours.

PROFITABLE HOSPITALITY.

(Ottawa Free Press.) The New Zealanders are a canny lot. They are now calculating that the amount expended upon the reception of the United States fleet was repaid in the proportion of three cents expenditure and twenty-two cents of railway revenue. No wonder they call the people of the younger dominion the "Scots of the South."

AIRSHIPS.

(Emporia Gazette.) I hold it true, with him who sings, to one clear harp, in divers tones, that men who'd fly ere they have wings are apt to break their blooming bones. The birds say think it fully worth their while to soar from tree to tree but while it lives this good old earth is plenty smooth enough for me.

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\$85.00 COSTUME, MONDAY, \$32.50 DIRECTOIRE MODEL, made of fine brown broadcloth; coat 50 inches long, with Directoire collar and revers finished with brown satin and fancy braid; the whole coat trimmed with straps of brown satin, lined with fancy satin; skirt Directoire style, finished with fold and trimmed with buttons and satin. Regular price \$85.00. Monday \$32.50

\$70.00 COSTUME, MONDAY, \$32.50 EMPIRE MODEL, made of navy serge; coat has Directoire collar and revers made of black satin; vest front of black satin and heavy black braid; coat trimmed with black silk braid and buttons; lined with black. Skirt Directoire style, full flare, finished with buttons and silk. Regular price \$70.00. Monday \$32.50

Handsome White Underskirts, Sale Monday

A sale of our very best imported WHITE UNDERSKIRTS, the daintiest and nicest goods that we carry, most of which are fine French goods; made of the finest nainsooks and muslin, richly trimmed with Swiss embroidery and insertion of fine French Valenciennes lace and insertion, and many are daintily finished with ribbons in delicate shades. At this price, which is only what you would pay for quite an ordinary skirt, you can buy some of the daintiest, prettiest and finest white underskirts that we carry. Regular values from \$6.75 to \$14.75. Monday \$4.85

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MEN'S 50c AND 75c SILK TIES, 25c A very select assortment of fine SILK NECKTIES for men. There is about 15 dozen in the lot; a very choice assortment of new designs of all silk neckwear from one of the best Eastern manufacturers. A splendid variety of rich and handsome patterns; qualities that are regularly 50c and 75c. To-day 25c

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The prizes which were won by members of the Fifth Regiment at the Thanksgiving Day shoot will be paid to the winners at the Drill hall on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The soccer team representing the Fifth Regiment in the second division of the Island League will meet in the Drill Hall at 8 o'clock Thursday night. A very full attendance of all interested is desired.

At the Y.M.C.A. four basketball teams have been formed among members of the employed boys' class. They are A, B, C, and D teams. Last evening the teams A, and C, were contestants and the result was that the later was defeated. On Tuesday evening next B and D teams will be rivals.

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On Thursday evening B. Bantly gave his Christmas recital for the benefit of his pupils in his studio. The limited accommodation in the rooms precluded having a large attendance, and Mr. Bantly had to content himself with a small number of invitations. The programme was for the most part furnished by the pupils of Mr. Bantly. The recital was intended to give the pupils confidence in concert work, the experience of their instructor serving as a decided advantage in this respect. The programme was as follows:

- Duet—Spanish Dance.....Moszkowski
Missa Nellie Fugate and Kitty Fraser.
Sonata—C Minor.....Beethoven
I. Allegro.
Miss Florence Marvin.
III. Finals.
Miss Vera Adams.
Nocturne in A Flat.....Leybach
Miss Maria T. Gaspache.
Romanza.....Rubinstein
Miss Nellie Lovell.
Andante from 2nd Concerto.....de Beriot
Mr. Leroy Hartman.
Sonata in A Flat with Var.....Beethoven
Miss Nellie Fugate.
Nocturne—Op. 25, No. 1.....Chopin
Mazurka—Op. 6, No. 1.....Chopin
Miss Edythe McElhinny.
Fantasia in G Minor.....Mozart
Miss Lotus Griffith.
Concerto, No. 2, Op. 18, de Beriot
Miss Gladys Spencer.
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R. A. W. Lyle, of London, Eng., who has been engaged in surveying in the Cumberland district, returned last evening.

Wong Chang, against whom a summons for vagrancy has been issued, did not appear in police court this morning and Chief Langley had a warrant issued for his arrest.

The dance, given in St. John's hall last night by the High School Hockey Club, in honor of the visiting teams from Vancouver, was a most enjoyable affair. The hall was handsomely decorated in the club colors, and the dance programme an excellent one which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A number of the teachers and parents were present.

The Indian assault case went on again in police court this morning and took up the whole day. The case was that against Charles Pollard. There is still the case against Jumbo, an Ahouset Indian, which will probably take up another couple of days next week. After trying several interpreters, Father Brabant's services were called in, and then the taking of the evidence went along smoothly. The prosecution put in witnesses to prove the actual assault and these are being severely cross-examined by J. A. Akman for the defence.

The funeral of the late Robert Patterson took place yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Hanna chapel. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends, and a number of beautiful floral offerings were sent. Among the latter was a beautiful design, presented by James Leigh & Sons and employees. The mill was also shut down, and the employees gathered to pay their last respects. The Knights of Pythias attended in a body. Services were conducted by Rev. D. MacRae. The following acted as pallbearers: Mr. Gerhardt, R. J. Evans, G. Roy, J. Grant, E. Logan and J. Newbigging.



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BOOKBINDERS MEET.

President Glocking, of Toronto, Paid Victoria a Visit.

The first officer of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders who has ever visited Victoria, is President Robert Glocking, of Toronto, one of the best known and most popular labor men in eastern Canada. Mr. Glocking reached the city yesterday and last evening he met the members of the local bookbinders' union at their rooms on Johnson street.

He had a great deal to tell the members of the progress of the craft all over the continent. The unions in the brotherhood are in a flourishing condition generally. In Canada there are 2,000 bookbinders connected with the local unions, and in the United States 15,000 out of the 16,000 workers in that trade are affiliated with the union. During the past year a great deal has been done in the direction of having the eight-hour day adopted.

Mr. Glocking, who was for several years head of the Ontario government labor bureau, is returning from the session of the American Federation of Labor at Denver and is touring the west at the request of the western unions. He goes from here to Seattle, and will continue on through California, Texas, Oklahoma and the southern states west of the Mississippi. One of the matters which the brotherhood had to present to the federation was in reference to the sending of work for libraries to England by a Brooklyn firm, to be done at a rate of wages much below the union rate on this continent. Library boards and city councils in the east are assisting the International Brotherhood in putting a stop to this.

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THOMPSON RUGBY CUP RETURNS TO VANCOUVER

Victoria High School Boys Outplayed in Game at Oak Bay.

The Thompson Rugby cup representing the school's championship was won this morning at Oak Bay by the Vancouver High school against the Victoria High school. Vancouver won the cup last year and retained their right to it this morning through superior and more skillful play. The score was: Vancouver two tries (six points), Victoria nil.

The game was won and lost in the first half when McCrae and Ryan scored the tries which, however, were not converted. From the first Vancouver rushed matters, outdoing the Victoria High school boys in every department of the game. It was due to their strong start that they won. The second half, however, the local boys came together in better shape and held their own all through, but were not able to gain any advantage or to make up any of the lead the Vancouver boys had established. J. C. Barnacle refereed.

The match was played on a wet ground, which in several places was under pools of water. The side lines were slippery, where they had been worn away in other games, and the end of the ground where the girls' hockey match was played was almost a quagmire. This made it very hard work for both teams. The Vancouver boys having slightly the best of it in weight did not fall to use it when opportunity offered. They, however, played the more scientific game and deserved the victory and the cup. The teams were:

VANCOUVER GIRLS WIN HOCKEY MATCH

Plucky High School Game in Wind and Rain at Oak Bay.

Vancouver High school girls this morning won the Thompson hockey cup from Victoria High school girls at Oak Bay by three goals to two. The victory of the Vancouver girls was due particularly to the splendid play of little Elva Stone, playing outside right, who undoubtedly played the star game of the morning, time and time again taking the ball from the Victoria forwards and carrying it along the field to the forward line and then centering. The winning goal scored three minutes and a half before time was the result of this little player's best effort.

The game commenced in pouring rain, which continued till just before half-time. The ground was under water at both goals and several puddles ornamented the field. In the down-pour Vancouver attacked first but the goalkeeper, Maud Ledingham, cleared and the ball went up the ground on a rush when Helen Heyland shot from a distance and a big cheer went up for her. The players, drenching wet and covered with mud, stayed with their work with wonderful pluck and endurance. Several times the Victoria goal was in danger. Vancouver girls got crowded into goal and in the melee the ball went through and evened up the score.

Marion Irkline landed Victoria's second goal into the net shortly before half time and with the score 2-1 in favor of Victoria the twenty-two players mud-bespattered and drenched with the rain played out half-time. On the change Ruby Alexander and Gladys Cocking scored for Vancouver and won the game on the cup. In the second half Victoria forward line went to pieces badly and failed to follow up several advantages. When time was called they were pressing hard round the goal and looked like making a tie of the game. Vancouver girls attribute their victory to the rain and mud. They played a harder and heavier game in the last half, while Victoria showed plainly the work and the wet had begun to tell on them.

Capt. Bee Briggs for Victoria had her team well in hand and played a fine game herself, while goalkeeper Maud Ledingham, especially in the first half, defended for Victoria in first class shape. Olive Wrathall, fullback, several times relieved the pressure and put in much useful work. Ivy Jones, Vancouver's halfback, fought well for her side and Miss McDougall and Jessie Meadows were far too good for Victoria's lighter forwards in the second half. Elva Stone, however, played the star game of the day and undoubtedly won the match and the cup for her side. The teams were as follows:

Victoria—Goal, Maud Ledingham;

WASHOUT INTERFERES WITH E. & N. SERVICE

Trains Over Line This Afternoon Have Been Cancelled.

Many hunters were disappointed this afternoon as they were unable to get up the E. & N. line, owing to a washout near Goldstream. This morning the trains transferred their passengers, but both of the afternoon trains have been cancelled. It is expected that all will be repaired by the morning, when the train will leave as usual at 9 o'clock.

EVANGELIST ON NEW WORLD-FORCES

Young American Tells London Audience of "Christianity's Chance."

To an audience of 10,000 people at the Albert hall, London, the Bishop of London introduced a young American, Mr. John R. Mott. He is the general secretary of the World's Christian Student Union, which has, we believe, over a million members. And he had come to deliver an address on "Modern World Movements: God's Challenge to the Church," says the London Chronicle of recent date.

Mr. Mott is typical of the "earnest young man" of America. He reminds one of the character in the "Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son." With a square, clear-cut face, and firm mouth, and dressed in a black frock suit and black tie, he had nothing in common with the ordinary religious enthusiast. Speaking with a resonant American intonation which vibrated to the highest gallery of the Albert hall, he addressed his audience in a plain, unemotional style. Yet in some strange way he held them spell-bound, and so stirred them that, in spite of the Bishop of London's injunction that there should be no applause, they burst repeatedly into volleys of clapping, until the young American himself rebuked them sternly.

Perhaps the secret of his power was in the fact that he spoke of what he had seen with his own eyes in many countries of the world, as an ambassador of Christianity. We are standing, he said, in the presence of gigantic world forces. A thrill of new life is stirring from the inland sea of Europe to the island sea of the East. In the Turkish Empire, he saw a new nation born in a day, 40,000,000 people, hundreds of newspapers published under the new era of free speech, and Moslem women, unveiled, taking part in great public demonstrations of joy. The spirit of God is moving again in Islam, and the Christian watchwords of liberty, equality, and fraternity are ingrained for the first time into Mohammedanism.

That is the opportunity of Christianity; for Turkey is the head-centre of the Mohammedan world with its 300,000,000 of adherents; and England, who, foremost among Christian powers, has been loyal to Turkey in this crisis of her fate, should use this means of influence to the utmost of her power. Even as the "Medes and Persians" have at last been broken by the spirit of liberty.

China's New Era. But most wonderful is the rising national spirit in the Chinese empire. During the past six years the industrial and educational changes have been almost unbelievable. China is now covered with a network of telegraphs, and by an immense number of schools and colleges. There is a great emigration of high-class Chinese students in quest of knowledge. Six years ago there were less than twenty in the open, now 15,000 students of the prominent nations of heaven are sitting at the feet of her conqueror to learn the secrets of her power. China is determined to learn the secret of the industrial, military and naval power of the West, and when her national system of education is completed she will have 50,000,000 of students compared to the 5,000,000 of Japan. "When China moves," said Napoleon, "she will move the world."

"China," says John R. Mott, is moving. With grave words the young American pointed out the perils of this new awakening of the Eastern nations, the perils of materialism, Oriental vice, and world conflicts. In his cold, calm words he built up a picture of terror which struck a chill into the hearts of those 10,000 people in the Albert hall. But then he showed the opportunity for Christianity, which must inform, guide, purify and ennoble the Eastern races. If we cannot Christianize them, we can at least make them friendly to Christian peoples.

Moreover, many of them are eager to learn and know. In a great missionary campaign, conducted by Mr. Mott among Chinese students, halls could not be found large enough to hold his audiences. There are already 200,000 Christians in China. The educated classes in Japan are studying the Christian religion with extraordinary ardor. Korea, "the land of the morning calm," is vibrating with the Holy Ghost. There were 50,000 conversions to Christianity in Korea last year.

Mr. Mott concluded by saying that all this was a challenge to Christianity, a call for new missionary enterprise with statesmen and doctors, and business men, as the ambassadors of the Christian spirit. In impressive words he made a plea for unity among the Christian churches, so that a world-wide campaign should be organized to carry the cross to the vast races of the East, who now, after thousands of years in darkness, are calling for the light of a new faith.

Whatever may be the truth or value of these words, it must be acknowledged that John R. Mott, of Yale and Cornell Universities, is one of those young Americans who mean business, and who have the strong character, which comes from earnest conviction.

John Burns stated that the British House of Commons has passed a bill which has far greater speed than carrier pigeons.

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.

SCENE AT ST. PETER'S. By an Eye-Witness in the Irish Independent.

It was early on Monday morning, the 16th inst. (November), when I made my way towards St. Peter's. As I crossed the river, the statues of the angels, with the instruments of our Lord's Passion spoke eloquently enough, but in a tone that seemed out of keeping with the enthusiasm of the populace, and the pilgrims. The same grey light that fell on the murky Tiber dimmed the great angel on Hadrian's Mausoleum. The first Pope had known the Passion itself. His great successor, Gregory, had seen the vision of the angel, who stayed the plague, and now, to the left, Michael Angelo's dome of St. Peter's, stood ready to welcome the peasant successor of the Fisherman. All, or nearly all, the nations of the world had sent noble and famous men to honor the festival. Monsignori were so common in the streets of Rome that they passed unregarded. Bishops seemed shrunken in the presence of Cardinals; but the Cardinals themselves, however transcending our sphere, were now of little account when people were waiting from Mass to secure a place at the Jubilee Dawn of the Holy Father.

A Crowded Basilica. St. Peter's was crowded. It had been known there were about fifteen hundred pilgrims and nearly three hundred Bishops in the city. Seventy-eight thousand tickets had been allotted; and there were many who would not need a ticket. It has, therefore, been calculated that there were nearly eighty thousand persons at the Mass. Of every race and clime they were dense bodies of men and women, the number of the men greatly preponderating. But here we could see the Nun's wimple, there a black veil, and beside these the kerchiefs of poor Italian women, the same who had only two or three Chinese lanterns to decorate their little windows in the evening. Here was the German student, prominent in his red cassock, the dark face of the Indian, there again the neckband of the French priest, and elsewhere the good-natured courtesy of an Irish Catholic. Rich and poor were there.

Men without a collar were standing by the noble guard, the most extensive corps in the world, every private needing many armoiral quarters for admission. Near me was a poor man, apparently a gondolier, who had known the Pope at Venice. On my other hand was a priest who had been ordained by the Pope when his Holiness was archbishop. Both were men, well advanced in years, yet their enthusiasm recalled that of the young man among us.

From Man, Land. The diplomatic bodies were well represented. Extraordinary embassies had been sent by the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Spain, and the King of Portugal. Special missions had been sent by the Queen of Holland, the Regent of Bavaria, the King of Saxony, the King of Belgium, and the President of the Columbian republic. Special credentials had been issued to their representatives by the President of the Chilean republic, the Prince of Monaco, the President of the Peruvian republic, the president of the Argentine republic, the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, the President of the Brazilian republic, and the President of the Republic of San Salvador. The Emperor of Russia had not only sent an extraordinary mission and a plenipotentiary minister, but had also transmitted an autograph letter of congratulation. The bright uniforms and numerous decorations worn by members of the diplomatic corps lent an air of brightness to the scene.

The Pope's Relatives. And so little of all this depended on the power of money. Young men and old men too, of rank and wealth held it among the chief of their honors to be allowed to act as private soldiers on duty or towards to receive the tickets. But the day was with the poor. In a tribune sat a little group of women, noble as the Pope's sisters and niece, and nobler still for the simplicity of their lives. He himself, with whom we came to rejoice, lives like the poor, for it is known in Rome that his personal expenses do not exceed one lira, that is tenpence a day.

A Great Procession. I had stood for nearly two hours in St. Peter's, when it drew near half-past nine, the hour appointed for the mass. Presently there was the noise of shutting the doors. Then the head of the procession came into view. There were the canons of the three great Basilicas, Armenian priests in their quaint head-dress, and a long line of Bishops, their

white mitres throwing into relief the golden mitres and crowns worn by the Oriental Bishops and Patriarchs. It seemed as if the line would never end. About two hundred and eighty they were, nearly as many as the three hundred and eighty of the first general council, and equally representative of Catholic tradition and Catholic authority. Among them were scholars of world-wide reputation, diplomatic known in European courts, administrators of proved skill and foresight, heroes of the battlefield like Heloise of Nottingham, and some whose names spoke of Ireland and her scattered children. Elsewhere, and at another time, each of these men might well be the centre of a scene. But at that moment we ceased to imagine till they had passed. Yet the Cardinals intervened. As they advanced a little from the chapel on the right of the entrance, there was a rustle in the crowd; the Pope's chair was carried through the door; and the choir above the entrance chanted the voice inscribed on a golden ground around the dome in mosaic letters, each six feet high. And while the choir sang "Thou Art Peter," the silver trumpets of the noble guard rang out full and clear.

The Pope Enters. He came, blessing the people as he passed. It had been forbidden to applaud for the Holy Father will have none of it in God's house. Yet handkerchiefs were waved; and someone in my neighborhood, suddenly overcome by his enthusiasm, cried out: The Pope turned, and raised his hand to enjoin silence. I was glad of it, for I was no longer overawed by the Viceroy of Christ, I saw only the old parish priest, who has all Christendom for his parish. So I could study his face. They say he has the look of a saint. But it was sad, sad beyond expression, and yet how calm and gentle.

The Priest at the Altar. A little throne had been prepared for the Pope to read the Third of the "Hours." There, too, he was vested. But behind the High Altar, which stands above the tomb of the Apostles, stood a great Throne, facing us. There the Pope read the Introit, the Kyrie, and the Gloria. A vestige of the primitive Roman liturgy came into view when the Epistle and Gospel were read, both in Latin and Greek. There was a trace of medieval history in the tasting of the wine to defend the Pope against poison. But these things pass almost unregarded now. As his Holiness faces the people in such celebra-

tions, we could note his profound reverence and recollection. At the beginning when he was being borne towards the smaller throne, his eyes were filled with tears, and he seemed moved by the welcome of the faithful and the meaning of the occasion. At the altar, there was nothing of himself. There he was the priest, called to forget everything but his work. As he heard the consecration, we heard an officer's voice, the movement of the soldiers' feet, and immediately before the supreme act, the Noble Guard had formed in rows facing the altar. And as the silver trumpets began the symphony, played during the elevation and only then, the soldiers presented arms, knelt, reversed arms, and rose again to salute the one greater than the Pope, The Benediction.

At the end of the Mass the Holy Father pronounced a Benediction in the same clear, musical voice, in which he had sung the Preface and the Lord's Prayer. Just as his attendants had raised his chair, some one cheered for the Pope, who raised his hand, and at once restrained the demonstration. The face of the Holy Father was slightly flushed after his exertions, but now he was smiling. As he was borne past a crowd of students, he raised his right finger in almost playful warning, and still smiling, and looking into the faces of the people, he was borne away from us.

A CITY WITH A MANAGER.

Stannton, Va., a city of 12,000 inhabitants, is the only municipality in America with a business manager. This new scheme of city government has been in operation since last April, and according to all accounts is proving a success. The city retains the form of political organization required in law, and is governed from a legal standpoint by a Mayor and city council, says the Washington Herald. "These officers, however, have delegated the purely business functions of local administration to the business manager, elected by them for a period of one year and directly responsible to them. He has saved money to the taxpayers, according to his own statement, and given them an economical and efficient service. For one thing, he was able to place contracts for granite paving at 71 cents a square yard, instead of the 82 the council was paying prior to his appointment."

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NEW STOCKS BREAK INTO THE MARKET

Local Exchange Reports Movements in Shares of Many Companies.

(By Courtesy N. B. Maysmith & Co.) Local and British Columbia exchanges have had another busy week, many new stocks breaking into the market at good prices.

Silica Brick was the first stock to break into the market on the local exchange, with two sales of 20 and 5 shares, each taking place at \$6.85.

The biggest sales on the local exchange were made in American Canadian oil sales aggregating 2,500 shares being reported at from 7 1/2 to 9 1/2.

Copper stocks are firm but inactive. Oil stocks are strengthening, with few sales reported as yet.

Financial stocks are steady, with a slight rise. The amalgamations of the Imperial and Dominion Trusts has caused some movement in these stocks.

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, and various stock names like American-Canadian Oil, B.C. Amalgamated Coal, B.C. Copper, etc.

STATEMENT OF N. Y. CLEARING HOUSE BANKS

New York, Dec. 12.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$16,839,825 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule.

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NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 12. High Low Bid.

Table of New York Stock prices including Alcoa, Do. pref., Amer. Copper, Amer. Car & Foundry, etc.

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Listed Stocks. Bid. Asked.

Table of Vancouver Stock Exchange prices including Alberta Coal & Coke Co., Burton Saw Works, etc.

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COPPER MARKET

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Table of Copper Market prices including Adventure, Alloway, Arcadian, Atlantic, etc.

MINING STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Spokane, Dec. 12. Bid. Asked.

Table of Mining Stock prices including Alameda, Copper King, Gerie, etc.

GRAIN MARKET

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 12. Open High Low Close.

Table of Grain Market prices including Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.

THE WORLD'S FORESTS

Table showing the approximate number of acres of available public forest lands in leading countries of the world.

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BOWLING TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Series of Matches Between Teams Has Been Drawn Up.

The entry list is closed and the teams and schedule drawn for the big league tournament which will commence at the elite alleys, First street, Tuesday night, December 14th, and continue each night until January 23rd.

HUMORS OF LITIGATION IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

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ON VISIT TO CITY. Joseph Sullivan Returns After Eleven Years' Absence. Joseph Sullivan, formerly for several years foreman at Weiler Brothers and afterwards salesman for the same firm, returned to the city Thursday after an absence of eleven years spent in the north. Mr. Sullivan is now foreman of the shops of the White Pass & Yukon railway at Skagway, and will return after spending a month in Victoria. He is staying at the Dominion hotel. Eleven years have made an immense difference to the city of Victoria. The improvements to the thoroughfares and the additional buildings which have been erected in that time have made the city like a different place from what he left eleven years ago. The next season in Skagway, Mr. Sullivan says, will be better than the last. The White Pass & Yukon railway shops employed about one hundred and fifty men during the season. Through the sale of work held recently by the junior members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the entertainment given by the boys in Christ Church cathedral, the handsome sum of \$184 was realized. One hundred dollars will be used to pay for a horse for Harold Edwards, in his arduous work as a catcher in the neighborhood of Eddy, Alberta, while a handsome monetary donation of \$84 will be presented to Mr. Edwards as a Christmas present from the boys.

THE NEW GRAND WEEK, 14TH DECEMBER. PROF. R. A. BOEHLKE Presents the Sensational Novelty, "Cleo," the Eighth Wonder of the World, The Enigma of the Twentieth Century. PHIL STAATS Pianoforte, Comedian and Composer. EMILY BENNER America's Greatest Female Baritone. OHAS. SABINE & MLE. VERA In Their Latest Success, "Variety." HOLMES AND HOLLISTON Rural Comedy Oddity. THOS. J. PRICE SONG ILLUSTRATOR "It's Great to Be a Soldier Man." NEW MOVING PICTURES "The Gambler's Fate." OUR OWN ORCHESTRA M. NAGEL, Director. GRAND BALL Will be given in the EMPRESS HOTEL On Thursday Evening, Jan. 4th, by the Woman's Auxiliary Society of the PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL. In Aid of the Funds of the Society. The patronage of the public is very earnestly solicited for this event. PATRONS: H. Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Lewis Hall, the Premier and Mrs. McBride, Col. Holmes, D. O. C. and Mrs. Holmes, and Officers of Esquimalt Garrison, Capt. Parry, R.N., and Mrs. Parry, and Officers H.M. Navy, Lieut.-Col. Hall and Mrs. Hall, and Officers of the Fifth Regiment. TICKETS, \$2.00. Dancing, 8 p.m.

GRAND CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN BY THE VICTORIA MALE VOICE CHOIR (Numbering 40 Voices) IN INSTITUTE HALL, VIEW STREET. Monday, December 14th Assisted by the following local artists: Soprano, Miss E. Sehl; Contralto, Miss M. Nyland; Tenor, Mr. Jewelyn Williams; Bass, Mr. R. Morrison; Instrumental Trio, Mrs. H. Young, Messrs. Benedict Bantly, B. Foot; Accompanists: Piano, Mr. W. S. Warwicker; Organ, Mr. A. L. Curtis. Conductor, J. M. MORGAN. Doors open at 7:45 p. m. Concert at 8:15 p. m. Admission, reserved seats, 75c; unreserved, 50c. Reserved seats at Fletcher Bros' Music Store.

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CRICKET CLUB GIVES ENJOYABLE DANCE Pleasant Time Spent at A. O. U. W. Hall Last Night.

The dance given by the Victoria Cricket Club in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening was a largely attended and very delightful function. Miss Thain's orchestra was in attendance and furnished a first-class programme of sixteen numbers, all of which were danced most enthusiastically. The floor was in excellent order as a result of the efforts of the committee in charge. The hostesses were Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. A. E. Irving, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, all of whom were charmingly gowned, and most attentive in looking after the comfort of the guests. Mrs. A. E. Irving wore a most becoming black net gown; Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, very dainty pink; Mrs. T. B. Tye looked very smart in a beautiful pale blue Empire gown with accents of white; and Mrs. George Gillespie was very handsome in a grey gauze trimmed with silver, and pink roses. The decorations of the hall were carried out most effectively in flags, kindly loaned by Captain Parry, of the Victoria Rifles, by the sailors. The supper room, which was under the special charge of Mrs. J. K. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, presented a very beautiful appearance. Great quantities of dry, succulent, holly and crimson bells decorated the walls and ceilings, while on the table red carnations, holly and drapings of crimson ribbon were used with splendid effect. The centre of attraction on the table, however, was the silver challenge cup won by the Victoria cricketers last summer. Some very pretty gowns were noticed. Mrs. Gordon Hunter wore a most becoming pale blue, with touches of gold; Miss Paula Irving, white satin with gold bands; Miss B. Mason, white satin; Miss Pitts, white satin trimmed with pale blue; Mrs. Judge Lamont, a handsome black; Miss Gillespie, a very dainty and becoming pink silk; the Misses Ellis appeared in pretty white frocks; Miss Pooley, blue and white organdy; Mrs. Bradley, black; Miss Irving, blue silk; Miss Genevieve Irving, white silk; Mrs. Bromley, a lovely rose colored gauze; Miss McKay, a very pretty white brocade; Miss Pooley, white lace; Mrs. Capt. Parry, a pretty blue. Among those present were noticed: The Misses Koefer, Sell, Gardner, Mason, Mr. Powell, Mr. George Johnson, Mr. B. Bell, Mr. Templeton, Misses Helmecken, Wilson, Drake, Judge Esquimaux, C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Fagan, Mr. and Mrs. Colson, the Misses Keast, Ellis, Page, Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D.-York, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Miss Ethel Brown, Capt. and Mrs. Cullen, Hon. E. Dewdney, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dewdney, Miss Blackwood, Mr. Troup, Mr. Monticith, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Rutchart, Messrs. Raymur, Barton, Reddy, Mrs. Cambie, the Misses Lugin, Mrs. Shaw, Messrs. Elson, Jelina, Miss Pooley, Capt. McDonald, Mr. Cambie and many others.

SOCIAL EVENTS Kindness and courtesy of the Government House party, in making their guests feel at home. Mrs. H. D. Helmecken returned last night from San Francisco by the Umatilla. A. W. McCurdy, who is deeply interested in the marble quarries on Nechka Sound, left on the Tees on a tour of inspection. M. A. Wyde is leaving for the south this evening for a month in the hope of regaining strength. He will take the overland route. R. J. Flaherty, the discoverer of the marble deposits at Tashish Canal, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, in which a local syndicate is interested, has left with an expert to examine the properties. The deposits were described at length in the Times some weeks ago. W. Manson, government agent at Prince Rupert, is in the city. He has come south to confer with the government on matters connected with his office. He will, among other things, discuss with members of the government the proposed street improvements, the expense of which is to be borne jointly by the government and the G. T. P. Mr. Manson will spend Christmas in Nanaimo, and will be present at the golden wedding of his parents in that city in a few days.

THE DIRECTOIRE GOWN. How Paquin Creations are Evolved—Magnificent Models. The reign of the Directoire gown is, says a London Morning Leader correspondent, by no means over, to judge by the display of beautiful models at Paquin's, London, the other day. Mme. Paquin has just returned from Germany, where she was summoned to the Imperial court at Berlin to show the Crown Princess some of her gowns. A number of beautiful models were created for the occasion, and from these the Princess made a large selection. These models have been sent over from Paris to Dover street, London, where Mme. Paquin herself received a crowd of visitors, all eager to see fashion's latest pronouncement. Mme. Paquin, in a marvellous black Directoire gown, moved among her creations. It was explained later that "Madame does not 'design' she 'evolves' her creations. She takes a pair of scissors and a piece of cloth, and immediately the gown is evolved in her quick brain." The models shown were magnificent in their gorgeous coloring and faultless cut. A Saxe-blue evening gown of chiffon velvet, with a suspicion of white chiffon on the corsage, was most effective; while near by was a charming beige-face cloth Directoire tailor-made coat. There was a dazzling Directoire evening gown, made of shiver-grey mousseline, edged with pink chiffon velvet. The underskirt was of a deep soft pink satin, the whole effect being not unlike old Dresden china. The corsage of a simple satin Directoire evening gown was composed of pink rosebuds clustering together, while there was quite a suggestion of Cleopatra about a vivid green sequin.

Miss Flora Evans left last night for an extended visit to friends in Tacoma. Mr. and Mrs. R. Porter have returned to Vancouver after a pleasant visit here. Miss Chatterton, left this morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver. Miss Marguerite Raynton, of Tacoma, is spending a short time with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Shayton and two children of Port Townsend, are spending a few days in town. Mrs. A. G. King, 1040 Burdette Ave., will not receive again until the second Monday in January, 1909. Miss Ella, who has been for some weeks a guest of the Misses Kilby, Vancouver, returned home this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gresham, who has been visiting friends here, left yesterday, en route for their home in Nelson. Miss Margaret Fox, who has been making an extended visit with friends here, left recently for her home in Winnipeg. Mrs. McGregor, of Toronto, accompanied by her two daughters, left this morning en route for the east after a pleasant visit here. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. W. Fraser, of Calgary, who have been spending some time in Victoria, were recent guests in Duncan and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grey, of Seattle, who for the past three weeks has been the guest of friends here, left last evening for Vancouver where they will remain until after Xmas. Mrs. Blackwood, of Linden avenue, was the hostess of the bridge club yesterday afternoon. Her pretty rooms were effectively decorated with white and yellow chrysanthemums. The first prize was won by Mrs. Heisterman and the second by Mrs. Kittle. Great interest is being taken in the Cinderella dance which is to be given at Government House under the auspices of the Daughters of Eliza on the evening of the 24th, Dec. Those who were present at the dance given there under similar auspices last year stated that nothing could have exceeded the

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WHERE WOMEN VOTE. New Zealand's Experience of the Franchise. In New Zealand there is adult suffrage; every man or woman over 21 is entitled to a vote. This woman, married or single, living with their parents or in lodgings, working in factories or offices, or acting as domestic servants, provided they are of age, are eligible to vote. There has been a tendency in the districts where the requisite majority has been obtained, it is the one question where they seem to be a conscious force. Women have shown little desire to enter parliament; in fact, there is no movement in that direction any more than there is to go to the army. Let persons politicians set their minds at rest. Women's votes may have achieved some things; certainly temperance reforms, but they have not worked the social upheaval, neither destroyed slavery nor settled the sex problem. To my mind the account of the election has made women's political participation seem a more desirable thing than it has been in the Westminster Gazette.

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The crowded streets, the brilliantly decorated stores, the glowing Xmas Tree, the interchange of gifts and greetings and the services in the churches are the chief features of Christmas observance. One might say that the giving of presents is really the chief feature, for this has become a source of great delight to kind-hearted people who love this great festival because it gives them an opportunity to contribute to the happiness of others—the true joy of giving. To paraphrase Shakespeare, "This one touch of Christmas makes the whole world kin"—makes one almost clairvoyant in knowing the desire of another. Almost instinctively this season we turn our attention to the serviceable offering.



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HIGH SCHOOL TO MEET IN BASKETBALL GAME

Victoria and Vancouver Teams Play To-night for Thompson Cup.

To-night at the Assembly rink the Victoria High school basketball five will struggle against the Vancouver High school five to retain the Thompson cup, which represents the school championship of the province in basketball. Victoria won the cup in the game played last year at Vancouver. The match will commence at 8:30 p. m. Victoria High school will be represented by: Guard, W. Shoptand and A. Clarke; centre, N. Spencer; forwards, G. Williscroft and B. Johnson (captain).

Vancouver will be represented by L. Smith, Walter Anderson, Tom Smith, Alfred Banham, Duncan Pembroke.

This afternoon at Oak Bay Seattle and Victoria are playing for the first time in the Pacific coast soccer league. On the result of the game depends Victoria's chance of securing top place in the league. If the local men lose the game they are out of the series. Seattle goes on to Ladysmith to-night to play the Ladysmith team to-morrow.

Victoria and Vancouver hockey teams are matched in the coast league at Brockton point this afternoon in the second game of the season. Victoria men went over confident of a win.

The rugby squad are training at Beacon Hill park this afternoon. Two teams have been drawn. The men are practising a new formation in view of strengthening the team to meet Vancouver in the second match of the McKechnie cup series to be played next Saturday at Vancouver.

Tacoma has written to the league secretary asking for a soccer game. The request was turned over to the Equipment team to handle. Games are wanted Christmas and New Year's days.

Secretary Bonney, of the Pacific coast team has been instructed to ask for a postponement of the P. C. L. match with Nanaimo on Christmas Day on the ground that there will be no E. & N. train service that day. The match will probably be set for a date prior to the commencement of the island league series.

It looks as if the local series will be bunched into the island series through the postponement of local matches owing to the necessity for playing the Pacific coast league games. The local season was to have stopped next Saturday, but there is a month of games ahead which have had to be postponed. The island matches start January 16th. Victoria will finish the

P. C. L. matches New Year's Day at Seattle, but will still have the Nanaimo match to play.

EVERTON HOLDS LEAD IN ENGLISH SOCCER

West Bromwich Albion Still Top of Second Division—No Change in Southern.

Everton, leading the English soccer league, is now 22 points (November 28th), having won ten matches, lost and drawn two. Everton is well ahead in the goal score with 41 for and 19 against. Newcastle United has dropped to third place, while Sheffield Wednesday has slipped past the former second team into second place with 15 matches played, 7 won, 1 lost and 5 drawn; total, 19 points. Newcastle is equal on points, but has played one game more with 8 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses. Manchester United, which for a long time at the beginning of the season was top place, has fallen back to fourth position. Aston Villa is fifth.

West Bromwich Albion has added two points to their lead of the second division, being now 21 points, with 8 wins, 2 losses, 5 drawn games. Birmingham holds second position, 3 points behind the leaders and 1 game less played, while Fulham and Glossop are an even tie for third position, Derby having dropped to sixth place from third.

BASKETBALL

BANKERS BEAT BUSINESS MEN.

The Bankers had an easy win in the basketball game against the Y. M. C. A. business men at the Y. M. C. A. last night, scoring 22 points to 8 scored by the latter. Play was rough at times. Hooley, of the Bankers, played a fine game at forward, and was well assisted by Dixon, who made the most of his height and scored several goals. The Bankers had some system, but the Y. M. C. A. men had none at all and were outclassed. The teams were: Bankers—Guards, Archbold and Rose; centre, Dixon; forwards, Holden and Harris.

Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Brennan and Isler; centre, Fields; forwards, Young and Burnett.

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WOLGAST HAS BEST OF FIGHT WITH ATTEL

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—A. D. Wolgast, of Milwaukee, outfought Abe Attell, former featherweight champion, before the Pacific Athletic Club last night. The fight went ten rounds with no official decision permitted, under the law, Wolgast rushed the fighting in every round, backing Attell all around the ring, and landing frequent heavy swings to the jaw and stomach that shook the ex-champion severely. The men weighed in at 6 o'clock at 132 pounds. Charley Eytan was referee.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO MEET AT POTSDAM

Official Report of Last Games Gives England the Top Position.

The Olympic international committee, it is announced, will meet at Potsdam next May, to fix the location for the next games to take place in 1912. The invitation to hold the meeting at Potsdam was received by the officials from the Crown Prince of Germany. English papers say the general belief is that the next Olympic games will take place at either Berlin or Stockholm.

CHILLIWACK LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY

Old Blackened Oil Lamps Are Now Things of the Past.

Chilliwack, Dec. 11.—Chilliwack saw for the first time her streets lighted up with electricity on Tuesday evening, December 1st. C. Rummel, manager of the Vancouver Power Company, pressed the button, forty-eight lights of thirty-two candle power have been placed in position. The old blackened oil lamps are now things of the past.

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- Tennis—United States, 1.
- Wrestling—Great Britain and Ireland, 2; United States, 2; Sweden, 1; Hungary, 1; Italy, 1; Finland, 1.
- Yachting—Great Britain and Ireland, 6; France, 1.

The complete scores of the other countries were: Sweden, 5; France, 5; Hungary, 3; Canada, 3; Norway, 2; Australia, Belgium, Finland and Russia, 1 each. In all there were 100 events.

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ROBIN HOOD.

Famous Outlaw of Ballads Was Not a Myth, But a Man. Many famous men have their names linked with Sherwood—King John, the three Edwards, Richard III, Cardinal Wolsey and Charles I.—but the hero of the place, the "genius loci," is Robin Hood. Some think that the famous outlaw



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of the ballads was a myth, a mere poetic conception and a creature of the popular mind, but Mr. Hunter, in his research into the person and period of Robin Hood, holds that he was born between 1285 and 1295, living through the reign of the second Edward and into the early years of the third. He was of a family of some station seated near Wakefield, and supported the Earl of Lancaster in his rebellion against the government. When the earl fell and his followers were proscribed, Robin Hood took to the woods and supported himself by slaying the wild animals found in the forest and by levying a species of blackmail on passengers along the great road which united London and Berwick. This continued for about twenty months, from April, 1225, to December, 1225, when he fell into the king's power, who, for some unknown reason, not only pardoned him but gave him a place at court. Anyhow, a man of the name of Robyn Hode was a "vadiet" of the King in 1234. Dr. Spencer T. Hall says that Robyn was created Earl of Huntington by a London ballad writer hard up for a word to rhyme to Little John. Be this as it may, Robin Hood will always be the hero of romance, and those who love romance will refuse to believe that he never existed. London Globe.

According to records recently compiled Europe is growing steadily colder.

The Green Room

"The Land of Nod" with its massive and beautiful stage effects and as presented by a large organization of comedians, singers and dancers will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Saturday, December 12th.

This delightful extravaganza furnishes entertainment of the kind which most people thoroughly enjoy. It is full of bright comedy which creates hearty laughter, its music, of which

"Beauty Chorus" numbering 44 remains the same in almost every individual instance. The scenery, costumes and other effects are on a scale of rare splendor and the production as a whole is altogether praiseworthy.

The sale of seats begins Thursday, December 17th, at 10 a. m.

Smuggling a Stradivarius.
Arthur Hartman, the violinist, will

barked from the steamer, was careful not to let the valuable instrument out of his hands. His extraordinary care in guarding the seal leather case containing the violin, attracted the attention of one of the United States custom sleuths. He stepped up to the artist and said: "What's in that box?" "My violin," answered Hartmann. "New or old?" asked Uncle Sam's representative. "Old," was the reply. "Let's see it," came the curt command, and Hartmann opened the case. The customs official picked up the instrument, turned it around and looked at the faded color of the varnish and worn back and sides of the instrument. Then he sniffed contemptuously, put the violin back in the case and said: "Huh! I should say it is old. I don't think you'll have much trouble bringing that thing in here-free. You know, there's been a lot of smuggling of brand new violins from Germany, and we have to be careful. Excuse me." So saying he passed a satisfactory label on the violin case, and walked away with the conscientiousness of a duty particularly well performed.

Hartmann smiled as he lovingly packed away the \$10,000 "thing" in its silk and velvet wrappings.

Pantages Theatre.
Pantages theatre has arranged for a high class entertainment this coming week. It will be an all-star show with La Lore Heine, a famous dancer in the sensational Salome dance at the head of the list. She appears in "A Vision of Salome" which is highly spoken of.

In addition to this feature there will also be the seven Hawaiians, in costume, singing their weird and harmonious native songs and playing Hawaiian lute, zither, guitar, viola and violin.

The Venetian violin virtuoso Francesca Maracci will give a special recital at each performance, which fact should please every music lover in Victoria.

McCune and Grant are announced as singing and dancing acrobats of the very highest class. Harry De Vera will sing in pictures a pretty song called "Rainbow" and "Old Maid's Inheritance" and "Story of a Foundling" will be portrayed on the biograph.

The New Grand offers its patrons a fine entertainment next week. At the head will be Prof. R. A. Boehke, who presents a wonderful act depicting the materialization of "Creo," that is undoubtedly as strange and startling as could be imagined. Herr Bosphor starts the creation of a woman by taking a tall three legged stool and placing it on a piece of sheet iron, the latter precaution to dispel any doubts as to the floor not being solid. He then places a plaster of paris bust on the top of the tripod and proceeds to decorate it with paint. From an apparent source the form takes life after the dress has been adjusted and presently a woman steps forth. Everyone can positively swear that the heavy stool and bust were not removed, and what became of them is a mystery deep and dark. As a matter of fact, in spite of the confidence with which so many persons presume to solve the illusion, they are in truth all miles from the correct one.

Other fine feature acts will be Phil Staats, pianologist, comedian and composer; Emily Benner, the great female harpist; Chas. Sabine and Mlle. Vera, in their latest success, "Variety"; Holmes and Holliston, in the rural comedy playlet, "Looking for Betsy"; Thos. J. Price, singing the illustrated song, "Looking for Betsy"; new moving pictures entitled "The Gambler's Fate," and as an overture, the new two-step, "A College Yell."

Acts closing to-night are Herbert Cyril, "The English Johnnie"; Blockson and Burns, blackface comedians and burlesque acrobats; John Birch, "The Man With the Hat"; James and Lucia Cooper, "Chattering Chums"; Gus Bruno, dissection, and the illustrated song and moving pictures.

LAND CASE NOW GOES TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Full Court Grants the Appeal of F. Augustus Heinze.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—A number of judgments were rendered by the full court to-day. F. Augustus Heinze, the Shagheensy lot in the appealed suit over the division of 800,000 acres in the Columbia & Western provincial land grant, a case which the C. P. R. will now carry to the Imperial Privy Council. Justice Clement decided at the trial in favor of the C. P. R., that Heinze must at once select his half of that land grant, but to-day the full court agreed with the contention of Hon. W. J. Bowser, K. C., on behalf of Heinze that under the terms of the agreement by which he sold his line to the C. P. R., he cannot now be forced to submit to a partition of the lands, and that he has several years in which to select his half of the grant. Referring to one phase of the involved case, the chief justice said: "It has been suggested that Heinze is seeking to dodge taxation. Suppose that to be so, that is a matter between the crown and Heinze."

The court also gave the following decisions: Barry vs. Desrochers, appeal allowed; Glazen vs. City of Rossland, appeal dismissed; Anglo-American Lumber Company vs. McLennan, appeal dismissed; Buckworth vs. Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, appeal dismissed; Gordon vs. Horne, appeal allowed; Harrigan vs. Granby Mining & Smelting Company, appeal dismissed; Forrest vs. Smith, appeal allowed; Wilson vs. Ward, appeal allowed; Lilly vs. the Johnston Fisheries Company and A. R. Johnston, written judgment deferred.

The latter is the important case in which the full court a few days ago orally decided that a limited liability company not registered in this province could not make use of our courts to collect an alleged debt, thereby setting aside the judgment of \$10,000 which Lilly & Co., of Seattle, had obtained in the court below and also in Seattle against the Johnston Fisheries Company and A. R. Johnston of Victoria and Nanaimo.

MAY RAISE RIFLE COMPANY

People of Chilliwack Are Taking Steps to Organize Corps.

Chilliwack, Dec. 11.—The people of this valley are again making an effort to have established here a company of two rifles. In a letter received on the subject, Col. Holmes, of Victoria, district officer commanding, speaks most encouragingly. He cannot see any reason why Chilliwack should not be identified with some branch of the drawing up of a petition signed by many of the ratepayers and citizens of the place, who were anxious that a unit should be raised here and also get as many signatures as possible of those who would be willing to join a corps should it be formed. This has been done. Petitions and temporary service rolls have been in circulation and have been signed by a great many of the people.

If the thing is pushed the requisite number of names procured and presented through the member elect for this district there is not a doubt but that it will come. A drill hall has been practically promised, and with the raising of a corps will be built. Then there is the advantage of military training and rifle shooting.

About five persons in every hundred are said to be affected with color blindness, if only to a slight degree. Of the sexes fifty men are afflicted to every four women.

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Nothing but the best of stocks and best of attention would do this. Now, are you going to be one of this record-breaking crowd of Xmas Shoppers? It is to your advantage to be.

Sewing Sets for the Women

Ladies Companions—Sewing Sets—a gift suggestion of merit, isn't it? For what sort of woman is the one who doesn't use the needle in some manner—fancy work, drawn work, or just "buttons"?

These sets have a collection of finest quality scissors, thimbles and other little sewing helps. All in a neat and attractive leather covered case—a swell gift package. Prices range from \$7.50 down to \$3.50

Sterling Silver Gift Pieces

Come in and let us show you some of our handsome offerings in Sterling Silver Manicure and Toilet Sets. We have a fine range of these lines this season. Sets are good—values better.

These pieces are put up in handsome silk and satin lined cases, and make splendid gifts to send lady folk. Have a look at these. Odd pieces in Sterling at from 50¢

The 10c Table

Perhaps you think 10 cents a pretty small amount when china buying is mentioned. Twenty-five cents may be all right, but 10—well, now, here is a chance to get china bits worth about twenty-five cents for the very small sum of a dime.

On our "10c. Table" you'll find a host of useful and decorative little things—odd pieces and tardy arrivals, placed here to clear in a hurry. Here are a few of the many good things—

Child's A. B. C. Plates
Pretty Plates
China Pin Trays
Merry Xmas Eggs
Dainty Cream Pitchers
Decorated Cups
China Ornaments

The 25c Table

Here is a "two-bit" table that far surpasses last year's list of twenty-five cent offerings—and last year's was a "winner." We made a big effort when buying, to get some specially interesting pieces for this table and—well, come in and see what a host of pretty things there really is.

China Bits, such as these, are appreciated, no matter how many are received from other sources. They are useful and decorative, and they are all worth more than "two-bits."

Child's Mugs
Glass Vases
Fancy Match Safes
China Cups and Saucers
Decorated Pitchers
China Ornaments
China Bowls

The 50c Table

A half-dollar does about double duty at this "50c. counter," for the values offered run up to the dollar mark, all right. And what a great choice. A popular price and a popular table, without doubt.

Here is an excellent chance to send some tokens of esteem this Xmas, and for a very moderate outlay, too. Don't let the small price deter you from choosing from this table—the price doesn't represent the values—not much.

China Cups and Saucers
China Comports
China Tea Sets (3 pieces)
Fancy Glass Vases
Fancy Teapots
Fancy China Plates
China Ornaments

Gift Hints In Our Splendid Silverware Dept.

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PICKLE CASTERS, six styles. Each \$2.50 to \$5.00	BREAD BOARDS, silver mounted. Each \$1.50 to \$5.00	BREAD TRAYS, Each \$1.75
BUTTER DISHES, Each \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$5.50	A. D. COFFEE SPOONS, one dozen for \$15.00	CHILD'S CUPS, \$1.00 to \$1.25
FRUIT STANDS, Each \$10.00	CHOCOLATE POTS, Each \$7.50	NAPKIN RINGS, Each \$1.00
SOUP TURENE, Each \$10.00	BON-BON TRAYS, Each \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00	KNIFE RESTS, Each \$1.50
CHEESE SCOOPS, Each \$1.75	NUT BOWLS, Each \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00	IND. CASTERS, 60ct and Paper. Each \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00
FRUIT KNIVES, doz. from \$6.00	CAKE BASKETS, Each \$4.00, \$4.50 to \$7.00	SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS. Per pair, 40c, 50c, \$1.25 to \$2.00
BUTTER KNIVES, doz. \$4.25	SUGAR TONGS, Each \$1.50	BAKE DISHES, Each \$1.50
DESSERT KNIVES, doz. \$4.25		CARD RECEIVERS, Each \$2.50
BERRY SPOONS, \$2.00 to \$2.50		SOAP BOXES, Each \$1.50
GRAY LADLES, Each \$1.50		SHAVING MUGS, Each \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00

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We have a great collection of odd and novel furniture, suitable for gift giving. Not "freak" furniture, but pieces that are out of the usual in design and finish—distinctive pieces. They are especially desirable as gifts.

Nowhere else in the city will you find such an assortment of such things. The list here is merely a hint—the show itself will help you solve the gift problem. Come in and dispose of that worry. Third and fourth floors—elevator.

LIBRARY TABLES, from \$40.00 to \$100.00	WOMEN'S DESKS, from \$95.00 to \$120.00
MUSIC CABINETS, from \$35.00 to \$55.00	MISSION ROCKERS, from \$35.00 to \$16.00
MISSION ARM CHAIRS, from \$45.00 to \$16.00	MAGAZINE CABINETS, from \$17.50 to \$10.00
PARLOR TABLES, from \$50.00 to \$3.50	JARDINIERE STANDS, from \$17.50 to \$2.50
MISSION CELLARETTES, from \$32.50 to \$25.00	MISSION MORRIS CHAIRS, from \$45.00 to \$25.00
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The Times Nature Club

Plants are as much alive as you and I are. They live by eating and drinking, and breathing. They have mouths and stomachs in the form of leaves. In the leaves all the material for the building up, or growth of the plant is produced. The material for the smallest rootlets are made up in the leaves and sent down through the plant to the place required. The curious thing about a plant, however, is the fact that it does not drink with the same mouth as that with which it eats. While it eats with the hundreds of little mouths on the under side of the leaves, it drinks with its rootlets, the water being taken up from the ground. Most of the food comes from the air, but the water is needed for digestion just in the same way that we need water to digest our food.

Plants existed long before animals. Animals could not live were it not for plants. For all animals live directly or indirectly upon plants. If the panther catches the squirrel, the squirrel lives upon the nuts so that indirectly the panther lives upon nuts. Every animal gets all its food except water and salt from plants. Plants are the producers while animals are the consumers, therefore all the world should belong to the plants according to the Socialist doctrine. Animals have the same effect upon the plants that fire has. They change the plants back into the same material from which they were made. When plants are burned there is a fire and when they are consumed in the body of an animal there is heat. The plant consumes carbonic acid gas from the air and animals return this carbonic acid gas to the air, at the same time consuming oxygen.

When the carbonic acid gas is taken from the air it is mixed with the water in the upper surface of the leaf. Then it passes farther into the heart of the leaf and is mixed with the green stuff, or chlorophyll and is manufactured into living-tissue for the building up or repair of the plant. On the under side of the leaves are the stomata or mouth-like openings from which the surplus water is evaporated. These stomata have the power of opening and closing so that on very dry days the plant may not be shrivelled up, and on wet days

they may still evaporate a little water. In order that the chlorophyll may properly do its work it is necessary that it have plenty of sunshine. Plants will grow in the shade but even there they get the reflected sunlight. Sunlight causes the chlorophyll to become very active and to set free the oxygen which is contained in it. That is why the leaves are all spread out so that they can catch the carbonic acid gas and at the same time be exposed to the sunlight. The leaves, then, are the stomachs or factories where the whole plant is made. It does not seem any wonder that when they work so hard the leaves need to be renewed so often and that while they are being renewed the tree or plant goes to sleep as it does during the winter.

Now that it is seen that leaves are so important it is no wonder that they are often so well protected. Some are so far from the ground that they are out of danger from browsing animals. The nettle has a sting for protection and the thistle and holly have prickles. Many trees and shrubs, such as the hawthorn and turk have spines for their protection. The cactus too has a very adequate protection as everybody knows. Some leaves are of bitter flavor so that animals will not eat them. All are designed for the best interests of the plant on which they grow.

But, someone asks, how do the trees grow in the spring when there are no leaves to provide material for the plant? All plants provide for this in some way. The majority lay up stock of material beneath the bark so that they will have a store in the spring which is taken up by the sap, or water from the roots and carried to the growing parts until the new leaves are ready to do their work. Other plants such as turnips store up food in the roots; again others such as the onion stores it in the stem. The cactus stores it in the leaves which are really only part of the stem yet doing the work of leaves too.

Leaves then are the most important parts of the plants. Plants that live without leaves such as the mushroom grow as well, or even better, in the dark than in the light. These are parasites or plants which live upon others and do not need to manufacture their own

food. They are without the living green stuff, chlorophyll, which all respectable plants use.

Vancouver Island Bears.
Dear Nature Man: We want to know whether the bears on Vancouver Island go to sleep and as we have so little snow here it does not seem reasonable that they should. Can you tell us your opinion?
R. J.
Victoria West, Dec. 9th.

(THE BEARS ON Vancouver Island go usually hibernated, so hunters and trappers tell me, although at some places on the coast bears are found at large during the winter months. The theory is that in the warmer districts their habits are intermittent, as they come out now and then during the best weather, and some winters stay out all the time. As a rule the bears seem to leave the coast during mid-winter and if they go to the hills to hibernate, it is probably that they remain asleep for two or three months at the least. During October and part of November they feed on the salmon that die on the banks of the streams, but after that they are seldom seen at large.—Editor.)

The Cabbage Thief.
Nanny was not very pretty. Her coat was rough and her beard was long, yet she could hardly be called ugly. She was allowed to run about almost anywhere she wished and sometimes she got into some curious places. One day she was standing on the top of a stone wall six feet from the ground and on one occasion she climbed to the top of a neighbor's cowshed.

Twice every day Nanny was milked. It was her mistress's duty to do the milking. Nanny knew exactly the time she was expected for just after the milking was done she always got a nice feed of bran or something that she liked just as well. At seven o'clock every morning and five in the afternoon she came up to the back door of the house, and if the door was shut

sharp look out. Just about ten o'clock as he was thinking of going to bed he took a last look out of the window to see if all was safe in the garden. At that moment something appeared on top of the wall. It was Nanny. She stood there for a few seconds and then dropped among the half grown cauliflower flowers and began to help herself. The man ran out with a stick, but Nanny saw him coming and knowing she was doing wrong made off as fast as possible and did not return that night. Next morning Mr. Smith went to see Nanny's mistress, and after that Nanny had to be chained up all the time except when milking time came, and she was liberated for a few minutes while she went to the kitchen to be milked.

On the Review Table

The Graphic is earning the gratitude of the British nation by an earnest attempt to rescue the boyhood of Britain from the physical and moral deterioration which is so depressingly evident, particularly in the large centres. "Compulsory salvation" is the Graphic's plan. T. H. Manners Howe, who is editing the striking series of articles which appear in the Graphic, is seeking to arouse the nation to the "man-rut" which is setting in. He characterizes many of the proposed remedies as the "quack patenting remedies of Socialism." Social reform, he holds, must start at the boy, else all remedies for the adult will be futile. He strongly urges an all-round acceptance of the compulsory principle as the fundamental motive power of every true system of evolution. An autograph drawing of His Holiness the Pope, a full page sketch of Lord Roberts deliv-



NANNIE.

she knocked and knocked until someone came to open it. As soon as it was open wide enough she dashed past the person at the door and into the kitchen. There she mounted on a chair and waited until Mrs. Jones came with a basin and nearly filled it with the pure white milk. Then she lingered around waiting for the bran.

This happened every day and for a long time all went well. One morning, however, Mr. Smith, the grocer, who lived a little distance up the road, complained that something had eaten his young cabbage plants. Suspicion rested on Nanny, but no one had seen her doing it. There was a wall around the garden so that cattle could not have broken in.

The next night Mr. Smith kept a

ring his alarmist speech on the German peril in the House of Lords, and illustrations of the attempt on the life of the Premier of Bengal and of other timely subjects, make up a very bright issue of this interesting magazine.

The leading feature of the Christmas number of Westward Ho is a story, "The Lady of the Marmion," by Arthur Davis, of this city. Of course it is a sea story, for sea stories are Mr. Davis' strong line. It is a strong story that rivets the attention and holds it until the end. The theme is a race between two sailing ships from England to San Francisco, but the denouement is wholly unforeseen. The teller is supposed to be standing on Dallas road watching the old ship Marmion come into port, and this calls up the memory of the race and the yarn is then related.

Westward Ho has recently changed hands and editors. William Blake-more was the editor at the time of its inception, but recently more capital was interested in it, a new editor took charge and offices were opened in Montreal. Percy Godenrath still continues in the capacity of president of the company and advertising manager.

Bell & Sons have produced a rare treat for children in their Pinafore picture book, the story of which is told by Sir W. S. Gilbert himself, the illustrations being by Alice B. Woodward. The author explains that he hopes thereby to make children better acquainted with the plot of the play than is possible by following the spoken lines. The illustrations are in color and admirably adorn the text. The book is a capital one for holiday time.

"Pinafore Picture Book, Geo. Bell & Sons, London.

A series of interesting lectures by J. H. Muirhead, professor of philosophy in the University of Birmingham, have been published by Mr. Murray under the title of "The Service of the State." They in turn are based on the political teaching of Thomas Hill Green, one of the brilliant tutors of Oxford, in the seventies. In him were united the idealist, philosopher and the citizen. The four lectures are full of interest to the political student.

"The Service of the State," John Murray, Albemarle street, London.

Readers of the Times will recall the visit to the city of Count Vay de Vaya and Luskod. He was a wide and observant traveler and has recently published "The Inner Life of the United States." Count Vay de Vaya went out to the United States in an emigrant ship, and resided there for some time with a view to studying the social and economic aspects, not only of the lower classes of workers and emigrants, but of all grades of society. He gives in this book a vivid picture of the life which is lived in America to-day, of its strenuousness and strain, of its advantages and disadvantages. His wide experience of many countries

gives him a special claim to be heard on these important subjects. He studied on the spot the sociological conditions of the United States, and he describes as his particular field a study of the "activity, diligence, money-making and spending, thought and intelligence, spiritual aspirations and higher ideals of the country." The Count raises many questions which he leaves the reader largely to answer.

MUTINY IN SPANISH STATE PRISON
Convicts Defend Themselves Behind Barricades—Soldiers Quell Outbreak.

Recently a mutiny broke out among the prisoners in the prison of Granada, in Spain, and was only suppressed after a fierce struggle by the timely intervention of soldiers. At one time it looked as if some hundreds of the criminals might make their escape, for the officials were overpowered. Three warders were got round and they went into one of the cells to inspect it. They were instantly set upon by the prisoners there, who having wounded them, chained them up, and then secured the warders' keys. With these they were able to open all the cells on the slight hundred or more dangerous convicts in the building. These men assembled in the interior court of the prison, but could not regain their liberty owing to the main doorway being secure.

Stabbed an Inspector. As it was, however, ten of the ring-leaders managed to get free by clambering over the roof of an outlying building, and stabbing an inspector who endeavored to intercept them. Meanwhile the others set about making breaches in different parts of the prison walls; but the sentries saw their intention in time, and opened fire on them, thus preventing a general flight. The prisoners' desperate assault wrecked the interior of the jail. They broke up all the things upon which they could lay hands, and that were movable, and formed a great barricade behind which they appeared determined to make a stubborn fight.

Troops Rushed In. At this critical moment the colonel of the Cordoba regiment, with a large body of his soldiers who had been summoned by the sounding of the trumpets by the prison staff, arrived on the scene, and bursting open the main gate they entered the prison enclosure. The colonel sprang forward revolver in hand, followed by his troops, who fired on the mutineers, and so suppressed what had become an extremely grave outbreak. The affair created the greatest excitement in the town.

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Church of Our Lord. Bishop Criddle's Birthday. On Thursday next Bishop Criddle will be receiving the congratulations of his many friends on reaching the 51st anniversary of his birth.

CONGREGATIONAL

Missionary Lecture. There was a large attendance on Thursday evening to hear the lecture given by A. T. Frampton on "Child Life in Heathen Lands." The pictures shown were enjoyed not only by the number of children present, but also by the older folks.

METROPOLITAN

Young Women's Club. There was a splendid attendance of members of the Metropolitan Young Women's Club at the regular meeting held last Wednesday, and the young ladies were delighted with the address on "Invalid Cookery" given by Miss Hall.

will no doubt give the congregation a rich musical treat.

Centennial

Men's Bible Class. Mr. Parsons' men's class held their annual business meeting at the parsonage last Wednesday and the reports showed that excellent work has been done.

VICTORIA'S CLAIM TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Rev. A. E. Roberts Urges Methodist Body to Meet Here.

Among those who are endeavoring to have the Methodist general conference with its hundreds of delegates from all parts of Canada visit Victoria in 1910, none are more zealous than Rev. A. E. Roberts of Victoria West, the secretary of the British Columbia Methodist conference.

Perhaps at this time it will not be amiss to show why the men of British Columbia are so anxious for this latest contribution to the Christian Guardian on the subject is as follows: When the general board of missions met in Vancouver, Victoria sent a deputation in the person of its mayor, Dr. Lewis Hall, to interview the members of the general conference special committee, who happened to be in attendance at the general board, regarding the invitation issued by the British Columbia conference, and the Victoria Tourist Association, backed up by the city council and leading business men of the city of Victoria, for the general conference of 1910 to be held in this city.

On Wednesday evening next the young men's Baraca class of the First Baptist church will hold its second annual banquet in Victoria hall. It will commence at 7 o'clock and a number of friends have been invited to be present and deliver speeches in connection with the toast list which has been arranged.

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CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)
By taking the path to the left through the shrubberies, halfway down the drive, and crossing the foot-bridge over the river, one could walk from the front door of Iving Park to the south entrance of Tudor Hundreds in a little over twenty minutes. Mr. Crampiron returned to his home in exactly an hour and a quarter. He made no observation. He did not inquire for Norah. He wrote no letter. A groom, always anxious to avoid unpleasantness, had the buggy waiting in case Mr. Crampiron might desire it. Mr. Crampiron got into it, and then caught, instead of the nine-ten, the ten-nine for town. He regained Iving Park shortly after midnight, four hours and a half later.
In the meantime only her maid had seen Norah, who did not quit her bedroom during the entire day, and who gave the strictest orders that she would see nobody whatever, not even Mr. Mourice Courlander.
As regards breakfast, similar phenomena occurred the next morning. Norah did not appear, and her father did not appear, and the afternoon Norah walked solitary in the fields behind the kitchen garden. But she hid herself again and dined alone in her little sitting-room, while her father dined alone in the dining-room.
The situation was incomprehensible to the household staff.
The second day after the news of the murder was the day of the inquest. And Norah was still a recluse. Mr. Crampiron attended the inquest. He came back from the inquest between three and four o'clock, went into his bedroom, remained there about a quarter of an hour, and then descended to the drawing-room, where he rang the bell.
"Where is Miss Norah?" he asked the butler.
"In her room, sir."
"Tell her I want to speak to her, will you?"
"Certainly, sir."
In two minutes the butler cautiously entered the drawing-room.
"Miss Norah says she cannot come down, sir," he announced.
Having transmitted this unimaginable defiance of a social-phobiac, there was a pause. And then he said, with an accent of compromise:
"I've just been to the inquest."
"On Mr. Courlander?"
"Yes, sir."
Such was the first reference to the crime that passed between them. And Norah's voice was as steady and unmoved as Crampiron's own.
"Well," she inquired.
"They've brought it in as murder, naturally," said Crampiron. "And there's a good deal of suspicion attaching to Maurice, seemingly."
"Maurice!" She straightened herself.
"Maurice," repeated Crampiron, firmly. "Has he seen you?"
"No."
"Nor written?"
"He's written. But I've not answered."
"You did well, my girl," said Crampiron, grimly.
Norah displayed no curiosity as to the assumed basis for suspicion against Maurice, and her father offered no explanation. Precisely at the point where an active and eager interchange of ideas might have been expected, the strange interview grew difficult almost to taciturnity.
"Is that all?" she asked. Decidedly her attitude was amazing, bewildering, inexplicable. And it was the things that she did not say, the emotion that she did not show, which rendered it so. There had occurred a terrible event, intimately affecting herself, and she appeared to be stirred as much as she would have been stirred by the rumor of a fatal railway accident in Arizona.
"No," her father brusquely replied. "I've got to tell you that your engagement must be broken off."
"Why?" The interrogation shot from her like a dart.
"Why?" cried her father, smacking his knee. "Why?" he reiterated loudly. "You ask why? Because the Courlander family isn't a family to marry into now. Because it's all too fishy. Because Maurice is—because it's not good enough. Because I won't have it! That's why."
There was another silence. Norah, instead of touching the table, gripped it.
"I shall not marry Maurice," she said in a low voice.
"That's all right."
"But not for any of your reasons?"
"What's that?"
"Inarticulate anger rumbled in his throat, and then he remarked:
"So long as you agree not to marry him, you can choose your own reasons. If you take my advice you'll begin to think about young Oldcastle again."
Lord Percy Oldcastle was the son of a guinea-pig who in the city had formed a fairly correct notion of Crampiron's wealth, and who had suggested an alliance between the Scotch peerage and the South African plutocracy. Lord Percy, having seen Norah, had done all that he could to carry out the parental suggestion, but his success with Norah had not been radiant.
She put her perfect lips together, and leaned her body forward.
"It would have to be done quickly, wouldn't it?" she said, and laughed drolly.
"As quickly as you please," Crampiron responded.
"Lord Percy is quite—straight, isn't he?" she queried.
"He's as straight as they're made. Much straighter than his father, if you ask me. And he's fond of you as he can stick; you know that."
"And do you think your daughter is the proper sort of a girl to marry a straight man?"
The rightful, destructive scars in her clear, rigid tones roused in Cramp-

iron something which hitherto he had managed to control. He sprang up, and at her, and with clenched hands and veined forehead stood over her, a threat incarnate.
"What do you mean?" he shouted.
"You know what I mean," she said, and drove him far over the edge of desperation.
He seized her by her frail shoulder in a convulsive grasp.
"By God," he began.
"Then she wrenched herself from him, and fled with physical fear in her eyes. And even as she departed his tone changed, and he called after her in desperate appeal.
"Norah! Norah!" And hurried into the hall.
Norah was already flying down the steps to the gravel.
He hesitated, and the momentary hesitation perhaps altered the course of both their lives. For when he decided to follow and catch her, she had different language to her, and use vanished from sight.

CHAPTER IX.
Crampiron congratulated Maurice.
One afternoon about sixteen days later Abraham Crampiron arrived at the portals of Tudor Hundreds in his buggy. He never used an automobile; on the part of a rich man it is a pardonable eccentricity not to do so. The Crampiron was such a Crampiron as had not been seen there before. The Courlander footman recognised him rather by his black mare than by his features. He was most noticeably thinner, and his face had the expression of a well brought up dog who has just begun to realise that he is lost and that his next meal is no longer a certainty. It was not a cowed nor a hopeless expression; it was an expression of anxious misgivings controlled by proud memories of the past.
He descended from the buggy, and penetrated into the immense hall of the Hundreds before speaking a single word. Then, seeing no superior functionary, he said to one of the footmen, as it were confidentially, as though he wished to propitiate him.
"Where is Arable?"
"Arable was the name of the Courlander maitre d'hotel."
"Mr. Arable has left, sir."
"As a fact, Mr. Arable, famous in the world as a pearl among butlers, had been seduced from the Courlander service by a duke who had long desired him. The departure of Arable from the Hundreds was one of the few dark symptoms of change there; but it was a severe one.
Crampiron paused.
"Mr. Maurice?" he asked in a friendly whisper.
"No, sir, he isn't," said the footman, and feeling himself to be flattered, he added gravely: "I believe Mr. Maurice is in London, sir."
"You aren't expecting him?"
"So far as I know, sir, Miss Courlander isn't expecting him," said the footman, growing cautious.
"She is in?"
"Yes, sir."
"I must see her then," said Crampiron. And he sighed.
"I will inquire, sir," said the footman, retiring to the telephone.
Almost immediately after the footman had complied Crampiron's wishes to the telephone, Curtis appeared magically out of the lift. Curtis greeted Crampiron with solemn invitation in his slanting eyes, and Crampiron comprehended that he was to be escorted to Millicent, and entered the lift. Curtis had attached himself definitely to Millicent in the absence of Maurice. He would have made the finest maitre d'hotel in Europe, but an European lackey would have declined to serve under him; for European lackeys he was the yellow peril.
With Eastern pomp he manoeuvred the lift, waded Crampiron out of it as though he had been waving him out of a pagoda, and preceded him to the door of Millicent's boudoir. At that door Millicent was already standing, expectant, in black, with a gold chataigne depending from her waist, a figure serene, sad, and coldly beautiful.
She gave him her hand.
"How glad I am to see you!" she said. "You are better? Maurice was so sorry you were not well enough to come to the funeral. Only you and Emile were asked, you know."
"I, too, was sorry," answered Crampiron. "How is your mother?"
"She is perhaps a little better, but she is still in bed. I nurse her myself. She had a bad night, but she is asleep now."
Millicent had shut the door and gone towards the window, and Crampiron following her, she suddenly perceived his face in the full light.
"Why, Mr. Crampiron!" she exclaimed. "How ill you look! You must have been very much pulled down. We had no idea."
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WORKSHOP ROMANCE.

The announcement has been made of a marriage to take place this month, the parties to which first met under very romantic circumstances. The contracting couple are Miss Evelyn Brocklebank, daughter of Sir Thomas Brocklebank, Bart., and Mr. Westinghouse, only son of the famous inventor, and heir to a fortune of \$50,000,000.

Not long ago the young lady was in Pittsburgh, Pa., when she was shown over the celebrated Westinghouse works, in which the young heir is one of the most assiduous of the workers. It was he who was deputed to show the young lady round, but he had no idea as to her identity.

She was much struck with the handsome appearance of her guide, and with the careful and painstaking way in which he explained everything to her. It was only after some hesitation that she could decide whether she should or should not tip the "workman."

The next meeting between the lady and her guide in Geneva was in London when she made his acquaintance in a more conventional manner. The acquaintance ripened into love, and as far back as February last year the engagement of the couple was announced.

FAMOUS COLONEL'S AFRICAN EXPEDITION

Country Where Big Game Have Never Heard Shot Fired.

A mysterious, hidden destination, and the leadership of a famous personality, are the two characteristics that lend an unusual interest to the big game shooting and exploring expedition now in process of formation, which will depart for Central Africa about the middle of this month.

Colonel J. W. Colenbrander, C. B., is organizing, and will have sole charge of the party, and his name is one that recalls many stirring memories.

He it was who raised and commanded that hard-bitten thousand known as Kitchener's Fighting Scouts—one of the few columns in the late war that never once had occasion to "regret to report." As a special privilege they reported direct to Lord Kitchener, who is said to have shown them all the grim partiality by giving them all the most difficult jobs, and regrets were about the only things they left to the Boer commanders, by whom they are not regarded with affection to this day.

The name of Colenbrander, to those who know his story, recalls the crossing of the Inyanga, and the fierce battle of Ginginhova in the Zulul war of 1879, and the two years of sanguinary inter-tribal warfare that followed it. Through all he played a man's part, and is remembered on an occasion as having fought a Zulul warrior hand to hand and vanquished him, but only after receiving seven assegai wounds; and on another, when in command of 2,000 of Umbo's men, defeating and chasing 15,000 of the enemy.

He brought home the Matabele ivory, says the "Fall Mail Gazette," and obtained for them an interview with Queen Victoria at Windsor. He fought in the Matabele war, and the Matabele rebellion lord organizing and leading "Colenbrander's Boys." Finally, he brought about the Peace Indaba in the Matopos Hills, for at first the natives would treat with no one else, and it was through him Mr. Rhodes had to conduct all his negotiations.

The Leader of the Expedition. Somewhat above the middle height, of powerful physique and alert bearing, deeply bronzed by the sun, with close-clipped Henri Quatre beard, and deep-set, restless eyes, the colonel looks the born soldier, leader, and man of action. His record as a big game shot has been a singularly fine one all his life. His knowledge of natives and native languages is reported to be phenomenal. Certain it is that he can hold his tongue in English with marked ability when not wishing to disclose his destination.

"I am going into Central Africa and adjacent regions for two years," he explains, "but the members of my party—strictly limited as to numbers and personnel—will have the option of coming out at any time. We are going into absolutely unexplored and practically unknown areas, never yet penetrated by a white man, and I do not wish to indicate them too closely, for others might want to trek that way, spoiling the game preserves for us, absorbing some of our sources of transport—always a difficulty in Africa—and possibly, if inexperienced, causing trouble with the natives."

"I know about these areas from native reports. I have been collecting for the last year, and I always talk to a native direct and weigh his evidence. You would be surprised at the vast distances covered by some native travellers and hunters. It is only in maps, filled in from unreliable native hearsay, that no undiscovered country appears to remain.

Game as Tame as Goats. "It is virgin game country where we are going. The natives near the locality don't go into it for fear of meeting hooded Arab or Masai hunters—who from time to time have skinned on its outskirts, and who, in turn, will not go in for fear of the local people. This reciprocal fear has served to keep the region isolated. Elephants swarm there in thousands, and you can practically walk through them, as nobody has ever shot there. Chiefs, on the outskirts of these districts, say the game are as tame as herded goats, for they have never heard a shot fired.

"The game is the great attraction, but not the only attraction," the colonel smilingly admitted in answer to a query. "We want the ivory and we shall certainly explore for other things. The ivory is a foregone conclusion, as witness the recent reports from the Lado Enclave, and the difficulty of its transport has already been overcome. "If we find minerals we shall not exactly pass them by; I have already seen the natives with specimens of gold and copper, and if we are offered land concessions on mutually equitable terms, we shall not refuse them. All the members of the party will share in the proceeds of the sport and of any discoveries made by the expedition as a whole."

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actual and potential wealth; and that thought suggests the possibility that this present sporting venture, as the unknown may also not be lacking, as time goes on, in highly interesting and important developments.

INDIANS OF NORTH FACE HARD TIMES

Hunters in Vicinity of Lesser Slave Lake Have Had Poor Season.

John S. Mooney and W. McKenzie, of Lesser Slave lake, are on a business trip to Edmonton having come down by dog train and stage via Athabasca landing, says the Edmonton Bulletin.

"The Indians and half-breeds have a poor outlook for winter," said Mr. Mooney to a Bulletin representative. "The fur trade is very slack and will give the hunters very small returns this winter. In a distance of one hundred miles along the trail I saw only two martens and a few foxes. There are a good many weasels, but their fur is of little value on the market this year.

Freighting Difficult. "Besides trapping," considerable money was formerly made in freighting goods up from Edmonton and Athabasca landing. This year, however, money is rather scarce and business is not so active as formerly. The consequence is that there will not be much freighting to do. Then again, the river froze early this year and when the water fell later on the ice dropped to the water level and has left a very uneven surface. This will make freighting there is very difficult.

"How about the fishing operations on the lake this winter?" "The Imperial Fish Company has ceased business for the present at least but there will be three or four small fish companies freighting fish to Edmonton throughout the season."

Roads and Bridges. "The department of public works has been doing some work in the Lesser Slave district this season," Mr. Mooney was asked. "Yes, a bridge was built across Willow creek, which is the longest bridge in the north, and fully as long as the bridge across the Saskatchewan at Edmonton. It is built entirely of timber and took three months to erect. There is another large bridge at Prairie river. The department has spent a lot of money in the Peace river and Prairie river districts in the construction of good roads.

"The telephone will be used on the lake before long," judging by the preparations that are being made for it. The tenders have been let for the poles, for the 25-mile distance from Athabasca landing to the mouth of the Slave river. I understand the contract for the poles from Edmonton to Athabasca landing will also be let soon.

"What have been the crop returns for the year and what is the outlook for agriculture?" "The farmers in the district have had rather light crops this year. A drought followed shortly after seeding and the crops became dried up. The potatoes and all kinds of vegetables had a most prolific growth. There is a good opening in the district for dairy farming and for the poultry business. Butter sells at 35c per pound all the year round and eggs at 50c per dozen. Dressed poultry is about the same price as in Edmonton."

Mr. Selby, a Dominion land surveyor, who has spent the summer surveying in the east end of Lesser Slave lake and Swan river, came down with Messrs. Mooney and MacKenzie.

VANCOUVER POLICVE TAILOR

Committee Approves Suggestion Made by Chief Chamberlain.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Chief Chamberlain's suggestion that one officer should be kept to do the tailoring for the police force met with the approval of the fire and police committee yesterday afternoon. Chief of Police Chamberlain spoke of the necessity for having a police tailor right in the police station. They had employed one officer who could do the work and he did it very satisfactorily.

Chief Chamberlain said tailors in the city had spoken to him about the matter and they were very much opposed to it. He thought himself that policemen should attend to police duties and not interfere with business men in the city.

Ald. Mills took the view that if a policeman tore his coat in a scuffle and it could be repaired at the police station it would be a saving to the city.

The scheme was approved by the committee on resolution.

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