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## Holiday Dress Goods

NEVER in all the years behind us have we been so well prepared to suit your tastes in holiday dress goods. The latest styles—those are the chief points of advantage. Variety and exclusiveness come in close order.

## Umbrellas for Gifts

THE pleasure of giving is partly in the choosing and we are glad to supply you with two special lines in Ladies' Umbrellas, "Gloria" \$80. Covers, canes, sticks, rings and gold plate mounted handles.

A very large stock of Stick Umbrellas goes at the right price—\$7.50 and a few very handsome ones at \$10.50.

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A S a whole, our stock of Evening Tea Gowns has no equal in this city; at least, competent critics, not always friendly, tell us so.

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Silk Ties, beautifully designed.

35 cts.

Lace Ties as now worn.

75 cts.

Flowing Silk Tie, \$1.00.

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French Crystallized Fruits

35c. box.

Assorted Table Raisins

25c. lb.

Assorted French Nuts

15c. lb.

Cross & Blackwell Plum Pudding

35c. lb.

New McLaren's Cheese

35c. jar

Mince Meat, 5 lb. pails

75c.

Fresh Island Eggs

40c. dozen

Morgan's Eastern Oysters

75c. tin

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## The Westside Store News.

### Silks for Gifts

A WAIST PATTERN, a dress pattern, a skirt pattern, is a gift that is always delightful. If you make one there can be no mistake—the garment is made up to fit and to suit the taste of the recipient.

Check and Stripe Silks, suitable for dresses, \$5.00.

50c.

All our choicest Check Stripe Silks will be sold this week at

\$1.25

Cold Gray, \$1.00, this week.

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We have just received today a large stock of French Brussels, black Tatting, black lace shades, worth \$1.25, this week.

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For Pure Drugs and Chemicals.

## The War in South Africa

Preparations for the Dispatch of Reinforcements—Another Naval Brigade.

Killed and Wounded at Colenso—News from Belaguered Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 21.—An explanation of the British disaster of Nicholson's Nek, where Carleton's column consisting of six companies of the Gloucestershire Regiment and No. 10 Mountain Battery were taken prisoners, is given by the Times correspondent.

"Two hours before daybreak," says the correspondent, "while the column was in a fisted country either a shot was fired or a boulder rolled into the battery and column of route. The mules stampeded and easily broke away from their harnessed drivers. They came back upon the Gloucestershire Regiment, the advancing party of whom fired into the Boers, believing in the darkness that it was an attack. This added to the chaos."

"The ranks were broken by the frenzied animals and they dashed through the ranks of the rear guard carrying the first and second reserve ammunition. The animals wild with the shooting and tumult, tore down the mullah into the darkness and the last that was heard of them was the sound of ammunition boxes and hampers as they were 'splintered against the boulders.'

"The hubbub of those few minutes was sufficient to have

Alarmed the Enemy."

By strenuous efforts the officers succeeded in getting the men again under control and when daylight came they seized the first position which presented itself and which was about two miles from the original goal. They were then believed to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers.

This makes a total larger than Gen. Butler's original estimate.

Reinforcements.

Interest centres for the moment in the preparations to send reinforcements.

The various city guilds have given an additional \$12,000 for the expenses of the Imperial Volunteers besides gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia.

The latest notable volunteers include the two nephews of Lord Roberts, Major Charles Scherston and Major Maxwell Scherston. Their brother was killed at Glencoe.

Another naval brigade of 700 men is to be dispatched to South Africa.

It is believed in mobilizing the eighth division the war office will have recourse to some extent to the militia, if being deemed inadvisable to deplete the home garrison over much of regulars.

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Sir Michael Hicks-Breath, chancellor of the exchequer, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the cabinet regarding war expenditures.

Distress in Free State.

A dispatch from Cape Town says there is a good deal of distress in the Orange Free State owing to a scarcity of grain.

NEWS FROM LADYSMITH.

Can Hold Out Against the Boers Longer Than Estimated.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Mail says:

"We understand that news has arrived from Gen. White to the effect that Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out much longer than has been estimated.

The troops are described as in good spirits and anxious to fight."

## ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

Driven From Their Shelter and as they crossed the open plateau they were terribly mauled, the men falling in groups.

"The Boers on the west had not yet declared themselves, but about 200 marksmen climbed to the position which the two companies of the Gloucestershires had just vacated. These men absolutely raked the plateau, and it was then that the men were ordered to take cover on the steep reverse of the kopje.

"As soon as the enemy realized this move, the men on the western hill turned on to the summit and opened up on our men as they lay on the slope. They were absolutely hemmed in, and what had commenced as a skirmish seemed about to become a butchery.

The grim order was passed around—'Fough a Balagh!'—fix your bayonets, and die like men.' There was a clatter of steel, a moment of suspense, and then the cease fire sounded.

"Again and again it sounded, but the Irish Fusiliers were loath to accept the call, and continued fire for many minutes. Then it was unconditional surrender, and the men lay down their arms."

BOER PRISONERS AT SIMONS BAY

A Visit to the Penelope, Where the Burghers are Confined.

London, Dec. 21.—The correspondent of the Daily Graphic sends an account of a visit to the bulk Penelope at Simons Bay, where the Boer prisoners are confined, undertaken in the company of Col. Stowe, the United States consul-general. He says:

"The majority of the prisoners are sleek, contented and indifferent. They told me that they thought the war would

end off, as he drove to wrench a post from its foundation.

"On the skyline out of the table land the dead lay thickest, this being the main spot where the attack had been checked, but the white flag was already there and strings of coffins digging the trench which is too often the soldiers resting place."

"We drove back to the Boer position, a little kopje where Schiel and his twenty-three men had made their last stand. The bodies of the 15 that had fallen of this little band were grouped as death had taken them. Some lay with heads sunken upon their rifle stocks, fighting to the end, another had died with his fingers pressing a charge into his magazine. What remained of the latter was a litter of shell fire. Wagons were splintered and overturned, foot-soldiers dead horses and explosives lay in wreathed profusion."

"There remained no doubt that our shell fire had played upon the position with full effect, and one could only marvel that so few had stood to their guns so long. But as one of the wounded prisoners told me later in the day

There Was No Room to Retreat.

the extended files of the Manchester Regiment overlapping the reverse of the kopje and sweeping the northern foot path, while the rain of shrapnel destroy

ed every living thing on the western slopes; and the scene at the farm house nestling at the foot of the ridge, on the far side, bore out this statement.

"It was here that the Boers had brought their dead horses for cover and carcasses lay piled on every side. The slaughter amongst the horses must almost have been as heavy as that of the men."

## STORY OF NICHOLSON'S NEK.

London Times Correspondent Sends Details of the Disaster to Carleton's Column.

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"The discussion is interrupted by Capt. Bruce. 'Sorry to interrupt you,' says the captain, 'but the launch is waiting.' We strolled down to the dock accompanied by a little group of Boer officers who warmly thanked the consul-general for his kindness in forwarding their letters to the Transvaal.

"Good-byes are said—while the surrounding Boer prisoners glace up with lazy curious eyes and a minute later we are skimming across the bay to H.M.S. Doris, the flagship, which flies white and beautiful contrasting with the long black hull of the Powerful coating her by."

## REMOVAL SALE

AT 43 FORT STREET  
FOR TWO WEEKS ONLYDIAMONDS, WATCHES,  
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SILVERWARE, ETC.

LARGE REDUCTIONS IN ALL LINES.

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Duke of Lancaster's Own (Worcs.)—Col. C. M. Royds.

Lancashire Hussars (Ashton-in-Makerfield)—Colonel Lord Gervar (late Lt. Gen. 2nd Life Guards).

Leicestershire (Leicester) (Colone) F. G. Blair (late captain 16th Lancers).

Lothians and Berwickshire (Dunbar)—Colonel Sir William Badlie-Hastinton, K.C.M.G., C.B.

Middlesex (Kensington)—Colonel W. K. Mifflord (late captain 10th Hussars).

Montgomeryshire (Wessex)—Lieut.-Colonel Sir H. Williams-Wynn, Bart.

Northumbrian (Newcastle-on-Tyne)—Colonel J. B. Cookson.

1st Nottinghamshire (Nottingham)—Colonel L. Hollister.

2nd Nottinghamshire (Retford)—Col. Viscount Galway (Oxford)—Colonel Viscount Vaux (late Lt. Gen. 10th Hussars).

Pembroke (Haverfordwest)—Col. Sir C. Phillips, Bart.

Shropshire (Shrewsbury)—Col. E. H. Baldwin.

Somerset (Bath)—Lieut.-Col. Viscount Somers.

West Somerset (Taunton)—Lieut.-Col. P. W. Forster (late captain, retired R.A.).

Staffordshire (Lichfield)—Colonel J. Heath.

Suffolk (Bury St. Edmunds)—Col. A. G. Lucas.

Warwickshire (Warwick)—Colonel Lord Willoughby-de-Broke.

Worcestershire and Cumberland (Penrith)—Colonel the Earl of Lonsdale.

Royal Wiltshire (Glastonbury)—Col. the Right Honorable W. H. Long.

Worcestershire (Worcester)—Col. the Right Honorable Lord Windsor.

Yorkshire Hussars (York)—Col. Lord Bolton.

Yorkshire Dragoons (Doncaster)—Col. the Earl of Scarsborough (late Lt. Gen. 7th Hussars).

In addition to the Yeomanry there are two regiments of Volunteer Light Horse.

Pitfriars (Cupar)—Lieut.-Colonel Sir John Glanster, Bart., of Montrose.

Fifehire (Dundee), attached to Fifehire Light Horse—Major P. A. Conroy (late captain 15th Hussars).

The Honourable Artillery Company of London, of which Col. R. H. the Prince of Wales is colonel-commandant and colonel, consists of horse and field artillery and infantry. The field-artillery commanding is the Earl of Despach and Desmond state captain Royal Artillery.

Horse Artillery—Major G. McMickell (late captain Royal Artillery).

Field Artillery—Major F. B. Bell.

Infantry—Lieut.-Colonel L. R. Boyce.

FIGHTING FILES.

False modesty causes many people to endure to silence the greatest misery imaginable from fighting-files. One application of Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment will soon and easily cure the worst case of blisters, bleeding, or protruding piles. You have no risk to run, for Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment is guaranteed to cure piles.

The well known strengthening properties of IRON, combined with other tones and a more perfect nervous are found in cast iron, from which strength of nerves and body, and improve the blood and complexion.

James Duane Taylor, one of the most important officers in the New York City Police Department, has announced the formation of the 38th regiment of Yeoman Cavalry and two regiments of Volunteer Light Horse, with their headquarters and names of commanding officers: also the Honorable Artillery Company of London, of whom 90 per cent. have volunteered, will be ready with interest.

Colonel Sir Howard Vincent, K. C. M. G., C.B., who has offered to raise a regiment of 1,000 picked marksmen, commands the 13th (Queen's) Westminister Rifle Volunteers (Inns of Court), composed of barristers and solicitors, who have volunteered for service. This battalion is commanded by Colonel S. H. S. Leathem.

It is expected that the company will be attached to a battalion of the Highgate Brigade, or the 1st Battalion Scots Guards. The London Scots Guards is commanded by Col. Ernest Balfour, a brother of the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour.

The 2nd of Yeoman regiments gives a good idea of the counties from which men will be drawn.

Lord Chesham, who is going out, is colonel commanding the Buckinghamshire Yeoman Cavalry, and was formerly a captain in the 10th Lancs. The Earl of Dunraven, who has also volunteered, is a major in the Worcestershire Yeoman Cavalry.

There will be no difficulty in selecting officers for the "Imperial Yeomanry," as a good number of Yeoman officers have previously served in the regular army, and in addition there are about 250 Royal cavalry officers in the reserve of officers.

Regiments of Yeoman Cavalry, with their headquarters and names of commanding officers:

Arshire (Ayr)—Colonel R. M. Pollock.

Berkshire (Hungerford)—Colonel H. O. W. Crease.

Buckinghamshire (Buckingham)—Col. Lord Chesham (late captain 16th Lancs).

Cheshire (Chester)—Lieut.-Colonel the Earl of Harrington.

Derbyshire (Wirksworth)—Colonel H. R. Howard (late major 16th Lancs).

Derbyshire (Derby)—Lieut.-Colonel R. W. Chard-Pole (late Lt. Grenadier Guards).

Royal 1st Devon (Exeter)—Colonel Sir John Shelley, Bart.

Royal North Devon (Barnstaple)—Colonel W. Scott Elphinston.

Dorset (Weymouth)—Colonel J. R. P. Golden (late Lt. Col. 4th Dragoon Guards).

Gloucestershire (Gloucester)—Colonel the Duke of Beaufort, A.D.C. (late captain Royal Horse Guards).

Hampshire (Winchester)—Lieut.-Col. W. Woods.

Herts (St. Albans)—Colonel the Earl of Charnwood, A.D.C.

Royal East Kent ( Canterbury)—Col. the Right Honourable Lord George Harcourt, G.C.V.O., G.C.I.E.

West. Kent (Maidstone)—Lieut.-Col. C. E. Ward (late major Royal Artillery).

1st Lancashire (Lanark)—Lieut.-Col. J. Athie.

above every other medicine stands the record of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery as a remedy for diseases of the blood, stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. The claim is made that the "Discovery" will cure nearly eighty persons in every hundred who are suffering from the disease for which it is prescribed. That claim is based on the actual record that it has cured ninety-eight per cent. of those who have used it, and the number of these reaches to the hundreds of thousands. Will it cure you? Try it. It is a wonderful medicine and has worked wonders.

Let no dealer sell you a medicine said to be "just as good." Just as good: medicines don't cure.

STRENGTHENS THE STOMACH

I have treated by the best doctors in the city but got no help until I tried Dr. Pierce's Ointment for advice. You told me that my trouble was a sore throat and I had a bad complaint and advised.

Dr. Pierce's Ointment and advised.

At some time ago I had trouble with my stomach," writes Mr. Wm. Connolly, of 66 Walnut St., Lorain, Ohio. "I got so bad I could not work. I took Dr. Pierce's Ointment and was soon well again.

I am now in full health and have no trouble with my stomach.

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# GREAT CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

AT

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## Haviland China.

DINNER SETS, 111 pcs., 12 patterns—no less than \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60.

DINER SETS, 122 pcs., 2 patterns, \$65 and \$100.

TEA SETS, 40 pcs., 6 patterns—no two alike, \$12, \$15, \$18 and \$20.

ODD PLATES, CAKE PLATES, COMPORTS, ETC.—two only of a pattern—\$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00; \$3.50, \$4.50 each.

BREAD TRAYS—one only of a pattern—\$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00 each.

BOAT PLATES—one only of a pattern—\$3.50 each.

TEA AND COFFEE CUPS AND SAUCERS—one dozen only of a pattern, some less—\$12, \$14, \$15 and \$20.

DESSERT AND TEA PLATES—one dozen only of a pattern—\$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00.

MOUSTACHE CUPS AND SAUCERS—a very few only—\$2.50 each.

The quality and richness of Haviland's famous China is too well known for us to comment on same. Every piece is a work of art.

## Wine Glasses, Tumblers, Etc.

In thin glasses, plain or engraved.



## Perpetuated Natural Palms and Grasses.

(PRESERVED AND EVERLASTING.)

SABAL PALMS, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$8.00 and \$10.00.

LILYLETS, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.

ARECAS, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$6.00.

DRACANAEAS, \$1.50, \$4.50, \$6.00.

GRASSES, \$5.00, \$12.50.

CYCAS, \$3.00, \$7.50.

PALM TREES, \$2.50, \$8.00, \$12.00.

Centre Tables.

Mahogany, Oak, Walnut, etc., \$2.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00 and \$18.00.

All above goods are now displayed in the best possible manner on four floors of our magnificent store, conceded by people who should know, to be the best arranged in Canada. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and visit us, and no matter if you come to purchase or not you will be equally welcome. All goods ordered, delivered free in city or suburbs when desired.

## Dead Men's Gold Mines

## Claims of Those Who Died in the Klondike to Be Sold.

## List of the Interests to Be Sold by the Public Administrator.

A gruesome transaction one involving the sale of from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 worth of Klondike mining claims, made by men who died intestate, is known to be conducted at Dawson by W. H. P. Clement, public administrator of the famous district. For the months past he has been searching and compiling from the records, having, with the exception of some six or eight cases, "seamed a full list of the Klondike property of the dead miners who made no disposition of their property. The work he will have completed probably in time for the sale about January 3.

The list includes names of a hundred claim-holders, including some of the property owners being practically worthless, while others are known to be very rich. Indeed not a few of the richest claim-holders in the district are found in the list. Included in it also is the property of W. H. Sutton, a dead Klondike, for whose wealth no less than four thousand have made claims, each alleging that she is the widow of the deceased.

The Canadian government's regulations as to representation do not run against dead men, so the claims when sold will stand to the purchaser as a new location, allowing the party to wait nine months before beginning assessment work.

The following is a list of the properties as far as compiled by the public administrator:

A. Cornell—all c. 133 below lower Alsek creek, Dogwash; one-half hillside, opposite lower half, left limit, \$10 above Bonanza; one-half hillside, one-half No. 6 on left, \$21 above, Bear creek; one-fourth No. 1.

W. H. Sutton—one-fourth 28 lower Discovery, Dogwash; c. c. all c. 100 above, Dogwash; all No. 6 Matheson; all No. 94 left fork Henderson.

J. D. Malligan—one-half interest 28 lower Discovery, Dogwash; c. c. all c. 100 above, Dogwash; all No. 6 Matheson; all No. 94 left fork Henderson.

H. W. Still—all hillside opposite upper half, left limit, 24 above, upper Dogwash; one-half interest hillside opposite lower half, right limit, 11 above Bonanza; one-fourth interest hillside opposite lower half, right limit, 22 above, Bonanza; one-fourth interest hillside opposite upper half, left limit, 28 above, Bonanza; all of



## English Earthenware.

## German and Austrian China.

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DINNER SETS in over 50 patterns, in all manner of combinations in Printed, Enamelled and Decorated. Prices range at \$8, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$14, \$18, \$22, \$25, \$27, \$40, \$45, \$70, \$75, \$85 and \$100.

THE SERVICES—49 and 44 pieces—at \$13.50, \$15.00, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$23.00.

TOILET SETS—English earthenware—\$2.25,

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A GREAT CANADIAN CANAL.

Competent engineers say that the early years of the twentieth century should see the completion of the magnificent

Project now being promoted by Mr. McLean Stewart—the Montreal, Ottawa, and Georgian Bay Canal. It is a moderate estimate of the probable effect of that great work that it will revolutionize the commerce of Canada. The total distance is 450 miles, of which 300 miles along the Ottawa river from Montreal to the mouth of the Mattawa is now navigable, and requiring only slight dredging and improvement. The remainder of the way, 122 miles, consists of the Mattawa and French river and Niapiskau lake and the construction of nearly 29 miles of canal. The cost of the work is estimated at \$17,000,000.

The Dominion government has guaranteed interest at two per cent, upon this amount for twenty years.

The chief advantages possessed by this canal over the other great-trade water routes from the heart of the continent to the sea are that it is the shortest practicable route, from Chicago or any point on Lake Superior, being 307 miles shorter to Montreal than by the Welland and St. Lawrence route, and 435 miles shorter to Montreal than to New York by the Erie Canal and Hudson river. From Chicago to Montreal via the St. Lawrence is 1,287 miles, from Chicago to New York, via the Erie, 1,415 miles; from Chicago to Montreal via Ottawa, 980 miles. Then the distances from Chicago to Liverpool are worth comparing: Via Erie/Canal 4,505 miles; Welland canal and St. Lawrence, 4,087 miles; Ottawa, 3,780, or 700 miles in favor of the Ottawa route over the Erie canal route. This would mean the saving of from two to three days. We need not stop to remind our readers of the prodigious growth of the lake commerce in recent years. Suffice it to say that from 28,000,000 to 30,000,000 tons of freight pass Detroit annually, and about 28,000,000 tons a year through the Soo—Magie canal. It is calculated that the Ottawa route would have a traffic of 5,000,000 tons at the start, and also that when the laid down in Montreal by the Ottawa route at a cost for transportation from Chicago of five cents a bushel.

Then, vessels carrying grain east can get lumber cargoes going west, for they will pass through the most richly timbered areas of Eastern America. In fact, the importance of this short route to the lumber industry is enormous. It is pointed out that vast quantities of useful material now left in the woods owing to cost of transportation will be again available for export and swell the traffic without interfering seriously with supply. As for the importance of this canal to the shipping industry we had better quote from the prospectus of the company:

"Millions of acres of fertile lands in Northern Ontario now covered with timber will with the advent of cheap transportation all up with settlers; and in Algoma, Temagami and Nipissing districts many thousands of people will make homes. Lands now worthless, or held at a nominal figure only, owing to lack of transportation facilities, will at

once acquire value approaching nearly to that of lands in the well-settled portions of the province. Mining and smelting operations, the requirements of manufacturing, and of the population will give rise to an ever-increasing demand for coal; and an important feature of the traffic in the near future will be the carriage of coal from Lake Erie ports to points on the system and to French River as a coaling station for vessels engaged in the grain trade, with return traffic of lumber and ore from the rich timber and mineral regions along the route; and probably also the carriage as a return cargo of Nova Scotia coal from Montreal to points along the route. Miners are yet in its infancy in the Ottawa country, but researches made out to the present time have shown it to be possessed of incalculable stores of mineral wealth. Within a few miles of the city of Ottawa are immense quantities of iron ore of great richness. The nickel and copper deposits of the Sudbury region are already famous. Several years ago experts who examined the deposits for the United

States Navy Department estimated the ore there at 650,000,000 tons, constituting the largest known supply.

At many points the Huronian formation, which extends over an area of thousands of square miles, has been found to abound in minerals. Gold, silver-bearing galena, zinc, pyrite, tin, molybdenum, graphite, apatite, mica and tourmaline, sandstones, sandstone and dolomitic marbles, etc., are among the non-metallic mineral resources of commercial importance awaiting development; and the carriage of ores, building-stones, marbles, granites, etc., must afford a good revenue to the port of Port Hope, Y.C., is the inventor of the shield-shaped used by all modern armies. The old shield is bursting all the way forward, thus being practically harmless against entrenched positions or men in cover. The kind used to-day strikes to every point of circumference and when wellaimed is most deadly.

It will interest those who are following the war to learn that what is called shield-shaped is named after General Sharpe, one of Wellington's officers who went through the Peninsular war. Colonel Hope, Y.C., is the inventor of the shield-shaped used by all modern armies.

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Although H. R. Roberts was a revelation to theatregoers in Victoria in the part of Cyril Mafland, and it seemed as though that creation was all that could be expected of one individual, Mr. Roberts proved last night that he is as versatile as he is able. The representation of "Davy" Garrick, considered on the stage as the ultimate of dramatic work, is not attempted by many actors, and yesterday a Times man was told by a regular patron of the theatre that after seeing Charles Wyndham and the junior Southern it would be a dangerous experiment to see the same play attempted by this Australian actor. That gentleman was a little out of his reckoning—no fault of his—for Mr. Roberts proved himself an equal even of the London exponents of the part.

Everybody who is anybody knows

the play of "David Garrick" and the vicissitudes through which as a beginner he has to make his way, and of the triumph he ultimately accomplishes as the hero of the stage. The representation of these various phases of life are not easy, and Mr. Roberts last night astonished those who witnessed his characterization of them by the wonderful fidelity to nature he evinced.

Enthusiasm in Victoria is not a very common occurrence, and it is something of which Mr. Roberts can be proud that he succeeded last evening in arousing his auditors to his expression. He proved himself one who appreciates the subtlety of the actor's art and even in the scenes wherein repression, rather than expression of feeling is required, held his audience spellbound.

Of his support, Miss Madge Corcoran

in the part of Ada Ingott convinced

the audience that "Davy" had excellent

excuse for his passion; Herbert Ashton at

the recruitment, parent demonstrated to

the life the old-fashioned hatred of the

stage; W. J. Townsend as Squire Chiv

justified Ada's choice; and Miss Lily

Birchcombe and Miss Osgood Moore,

and Messrs. Fred Esmonde, Alex. Cochran and Percy Ward carried out the personation of those awfully vulgar city

folk to the life.

Then there was Joseph Finney as In-

go's butler and C. Lyndon, as Garrick's

servant, both of whom were the people

they represented and who seemed to lose

themselves in the work of representing

those other people they were supposed

to be.

Or the staging of the comedy it would

be impossible to speak too highly, the

costumes were rich, and the scenery ap-

propriate. The card room scene in act 2 was perhaps the best representation

of such a place ever given in Victoria.

"The Chinese Question," in which all

British Columbians are interested, was

the title of the after-piece, in which Miss

Maggie Moore took the dual part of

Kitty McShane and Sam See Lee. To

say that the audience was pleased would

be to state the case very mildly, for

from beginning to end the house

pealed with laughter. This is a farce

written especially for Miss Moore by

Clay M. Greene and the actress proved

last evening that she possesses remark-

able ability.

Without any flourish of trumpets, con-

pavatively unadvised, and with no

great pretension to superiority, the

Moore-Roberts combination has come to

Victoria and liable to go away unap-

preciated. It is not saying too much

to pronounce the aggregation one of the

best that has ever been here.

They should have a bumper house this

evening when the comedy will be re-

peated. To-morrow afternoon and even-

ing "The Prodigal Father" will be stag-

ed. J. E. PAINTER.

REPLY TO COL. PRIOR.

To Lieut.-Col. Prior, M. P.:

I have read your letter to this

morning's Colonist, and I am surprised

that you are getting annoyed or excited

over the alleged infidelity of the Hon.

J. L. Tarte. Your quotation from Tom

son's "And the Free Speech That Makes a

Man Known," is in-e-doubt being ex-

plained by Mr. Tarte, and it is quite pre-

dictive the views expressed by him are con-

sistent with the law of the Dominion. It

appears to me that the Canadian boy

who leaves school, the great incidental

advantage that he gains from a reason-

able prolongation of his school days

must never be lost sight of. A stricter

discipline, a wiser supervision, a more

authoritative yet systematic advice as to

conduct are more possible at school than

can ever be the case in, after life, and

more constant and generous associa-

tion with his equals rubs off angulari-

ties and leads to a sense of disposition. It is

seldom, indeed, that one cannot trace the

difference between a lad who has had a

full public-school training, and another

who has been less fortunate. Speaking

as an employer of labor, I should say

that we find a pleasant speech and man-

ner, tact in dealing with others, and

some power of organization of the ut-

most value, and it is precisely those qual-

ities which a boy acquires, or ought to

acquire, in his later years, if a public

school. Without such qualities even the

highest scientific attainments will nev-

er avail a boy in the world. Walter Ford,

who has the contract to build the

new school at Victoria, has said that

the new school will be open in Septem-

ber. Bark C. B. Kenny, coal-laden, passed

this morning in tow of tug Texe.

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### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

**Victoria.** Dec. 22, 8 a.m. — The barometer has fallen over British Columbia, and the northern section of the adjoining states, the centre of the low areas being in the Canadian provinces. The area of high pressure still continues over the American Plateau region. Mild temperatures prevail over all parts. Pacific Northwest and the Territories. The rainfall has been evenly distributed to Vancouver Island and the lower mainland, where the fall has been heavy.

#### Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity. Variable winds, moderate in force, chiefly cloudy, with rains.

**Lower Mainland.** Moderate winds, continued cloudy with calm report.

**Victoria.** Barometer, 30.19; temperature, 40; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, 40; weather, rain.

**New Westminster.** Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 48; minimum, 49; wind, 10 miles S.E.; rain, 150; weather, rain.

**Nanaimo.** Wind, 8; weather, rain.

**Neah, Wash.** Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, 12 miles S.W.; rain, 32; weather, rain.

**Portland, Oregon.** Barometer, 30.52; temperature, 52; minimum, 46; wind, 12 miles S.; weather, rain.

**Tacoma.** Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 8 miles S.; rain, 20; weather, cloudy.

**San Francisco.** Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 10 miles N.; weather, clear.

### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, anytime before Xmas—and bring the children with you; it will delight them and please you.

**Dandruff.** Falling hair and baldness cured. Dr. White's Hair Restorer used. Electric Parlor, 114½ Yates street.

On behalf of Mr. J. Richards, we the undersigned, desire to offer sincere thanks to the many kind citizens for their liberal and tangible expressions of sympathy. Mrs. Collier and B. B. Temple.

All who have accounts against the Fifth Regiment ball committee are requested to send the same to C. W. Holliver, the secretary, at the drill hall not later than Tuesday next. The committee held a meeting last night, but were unable to close up the business because the accounts were not received.

For the convenience of holiday travellers between the various points on the line of the Island railway, the management of the E. & N. railway announce that excursion tickets will be on sale to and from all stations, available for the going journey on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, and for return not later than Tuesday, December 26th. Special arrangements will also be made for New Year's travellers.

At the last of the series of Advent organ recitals to be given on Sunday next (Christmas Eve), Mr. Longfield will be succeeded by the following vocalists: Miss Lowen, Miss Jeannette, Mrs. Johnson, and Major Munro, violinist. Mr. F. A. Powell, assistant organist. Mr. Isaac Longfield. In addition to singing a selection from the Messiah, Mrs. Johnson will sing a hymn of intercession for our soldiers of the war, written by R. H. Fartherston, copies of which will be supplied to the congregation.

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—Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

—Xmas presents and fancy goods. Twenty per cent. discount on fall furniture. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street.

—The auction sale of Pow Angeles city lots will be continued to-night at 7.30 p.m. at the City Auction Mart, 75 Yates street. W. Jones Auctioneer.

—Last evening at Cameron street the Rev. Dr. Campbell, in the presence of a few intimate friends, celebrated the marriage of John Webber and Clara Keene.

—The case brought by Sanitary Officer Wilson against Rose Murray for infraction of the Public Health Law was this morning withdrawn, the defendant having complied with the requirements of the statute.

—The hearing of the charge of theft against Ging Wah Sing was this morning further adjourned until the 16th to permit of more evidence being secured.

It is believed that Sing is but one of a gang of Chinamen who are making a good living by pilfering.

—All our fine tea require 25 minutes to infuse, was formerly the yarn on sumptuous bags. Times, tea and taste have changed and it is wonderful how easily and suddenly a delicious cup of "HOME" can be made. See directions on the packets.

—Majestic Council, Royal Arcanum held a social at their hall, Broad street, last evening. After partaking of refreshments a very fine programme of speeches, recitations, vocal and instrumental music was presented. A very pleasant evening was spent by the council and their friends.

—Further donations by school children to the Friendly Help have been received from Bertha Chance, Gertrude Bobbington, Katie Harburger, Herman Hartberger, Elsie McMichael, Annie Wijes, John Williams, Thomas Jeffery, Bertie Beadroot, Vida Sexsmith and David Raymond.

—By a regimental order issued to-day it is announced that Lieut. T. E. Pooley acting adjutant, having applied for six months' leave of absence, Lieut. R. H. Pooley will until further orders perform the duties of acting adjutant and that 2nd Lieut. H. M. Grahame will until further orders take command of No. 4 Company.

—The C.P.R. are making every arrangement possible for the holiday-makers. Those who wish to spend Christmas with their friends on the Mainland can purchase return tickets for any station between Vancouver and Calgary at a single fare, good from December 22nd to 25th or for the New Year's holiday from December 29th to January 3rd.

—Felix Lesioni, 84 years old, a pioneer of 1858, died this morning in the Jubilee Hospital, where he had been for a month. He came to this province from California and participated in the Fraser river gold excitement afterwards entering the employment of the Hudson's Bay Company as head cooper, which position he held for twenty years. He leaves one daughter, who is the wife of Mr. Borde, an employee of the city hall.

—Handsome silk umbrellas for Xmas presents at Fit Reform Wardrobe.

—Am. Suey, the Chinaman who was brought into the police station yesterday afternoon under suspicion of theft, is being tried this afternoon in the city police court. This morning a woman who resides on Second street identified the salt pork and beefsteak which was in the Chinaman's possession when arrested as his own, but the coal remains unclaimed. Am. Suey is known among the police as the coal-oil thief, as he has been repeatedly convicted of stealing cans of it.

—The inconvenience caused by the withdrawal of the medical profession from attendance upon the members of the secret societies is not received with any great alarm by the local orders. Information of this course was received some few months ago and a certain amount of preparation has been made for the change. Medical attendance and medicines, as a prominent member remarked to a Times reporter today, is the fundamental principle of these institutions, and it is only natural when this privilege is assailed that the secret orders will be found undivided upon the course of procedure. That each lodges will be united in action is shown by the activity by which the delegates are being chosen for the meeting to be held at the A. O. U. W. hall on Monday, the 8th of January next, when the question will be well decided.

Over fifteen hundred lodges members are affected by the change, and the societies feel justified in leaving the services of two, and possibly three, surgeons from London. It is claimed the proposed change will be more satisfactory than in the past. It has been suggested that the medical council of British Columbia will shut out any importation, but here again it is probable that the lodges will make a test case of the council's right to exclude any physician from practice among lodge members and their families only.

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The first external revelation of the dry rot 'men is a tendency to lurk and lounge, to be at street corners without intelligent reason; to be going anywhere when met; to be about many places, rather than any; to do nothing tangible, but to have an intention of performing a number of tangible duties to-morrow or the day after. Dickens.

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Mortson	9	5
Winnipeg	31	31
Athabasca	37	30
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Dardanelles	135	9 1/2
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Bonanza	12	7
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Deer Park	20	2
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Northwest	2	1 1/2
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PITCAIRN ISLAND AND ITS INHABITANTS.  
(Written for the Victoria Daily Times by J. H. Durand.)

Recently the press has made mention of a report of a sea captain who had just returned from a voyage in which he visited Pitcairn Island. In his report he mentioned that the islanders were very moral class of people. His report is not without its difficulties, however, on the island there are many inhabitants within its bounds. As there are so few places on this earth in which such a state of things exists it is not unreasonable to suppose that many who have read this report have an interest to know more about this little island and its inhabitants.

It has been the privilege of the writer to meet three of the natives of this far-off island, also several missionaries that have been located there. These personal interviews with access to a recent history of the island, written by one of the islanders, provides material for an interesting sketch of this little spot in the south seas.

Most of the readers of English history are no doubt acquainted with mutiny of the crew of the ship Bounty, which left England, Dec. 20, 1787, for the Society Islands to procure plants of the bread fruit tree, which the government expected to introduce into the colonies in the West Indies. The Bounty sailed with William Bligh as commander, with a crew of forty-five persons provided for an eighteen month's cruise. The vessel arrived at Tahiti in October, 1788, where she spent six months in collecting and storing away plants. She was in the meanwhile very friendly with the natives. In April, 1789, the Bounty left Tahiti and went to Amakooa, where she stopped to take on water, fruits, game and other live-stock, when she put to sea again. After leaving this place some dissatisfaction was noticed among the crew.

The captain being a man of high temper had misunderstandings with his officers and men until many of them thought his treatment unbearable. On the night of April 28, 1789, the mutinous crew rose in arms against their captain. Fletcher Christian, aided by three other men, entered the captain's cabin dragged him from his bed and bound him. A boat had been made ready to receive the unfortunate officer and those of his companions who were to share his fate, with a very small allowance of provisions, and the mutineers set them—eighteen in all—in drift on the wide seas. About thirty miles from where they were set adrift was the island of Tofon, towards which the abandoned boat headed. They reached the island and landed. The natives were decidedly hostile and rushed down to the beach shooting arrows and hurling stones at the intruders. One of the eight, John Norton, was killed before they could get beyond the reach of their bows and their weapons.

Then commenced a voyage which was filled with hardships and misery. For a distance of twelve hundred leagues they girded their little bark, enduring every kind of weather and enduring dreadful sufferings from hunger and thirst until they reached a Dutch settlement on the island of Timor. Here they were shown great kindness as long as they remained on the island. From there they went to Batavia where Bligh and some of his officers took passage on a vessel bound for Europe, eventually reaching England in safety.

After having set the boat containing Bligh and his companions adrift, Fletcher Christian assumed command of the Bounty, and returned towards Tahiti. After making several attempts to settle at Tobaona, where they found the natives hostile to their landing, they went to Tahiti where the Bounty was anchored in Matavai Bay, September 20, 1789. Sixteen of the crew landed and took their share of the arms and other articles from the ship. These were afterwards captured taken away by the Pandora which was sent out by the government after Captain Bligh returned and reported the mutiny. The treatment by the officers that was sent out to bring them to England was such that only ten of them lived to reach their native country. Of these, four were acquired, one discharged on account of informality in the log-book, while the other five were condemned to death. Three of these were executed at Spithead and the other two were discharged.

Christian, with eight of his adherents, six natives of Tahiti, ten native women, and one girl of fifteen, sailed from Tahiti to seek some place where they could live secure from the danger of discovery. Christian had seen an account of a lone island in the Pacific, which was discovered by Captain Carteret in 1767. This island was named Pitcairn, after the young man who first described it. The Bounty reached this island Jan. 23, 1790, and found it covered with a luxuriant growth of trees, although it was not more than five miles in circumference, and scarcely two miles across at its widest point. When they came near enough for a boat to venture a small party was sent to explore. They managed to bring their boat safely through the perilous rocks and breakers and effect a landing. By the way images, stone hatchets, etc., they discovered that the island had been previously inhabited, but the workmen who had formed these things had deserted their lonely home.

The ship was driven near enough to be

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Cavalry—

5th Dragoon Guards.

5th Lancers.

18th Hussars.

19th Hussars.

Imperial Horse, Natal Volunteers.

Artillery—

13th Battery.

21st Battery.

42nd Battery.

53rd Battery.

67th Battery.

69th Battery.

Naval Guns.

Infantry—

1st Batt. Liverpool.

1st Batt. Devonshire.

1st Batt. Leicestershire.

1st Batt. King's Royal Rifles.

1st Batt. Manchester.

2nd Batt. Gordon Highlanders.

2nd Batt. Royal Dublin.

CAPE COLONY (30,000 men).

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Cavalry—

9th Dragoon Guards.

6th Inniskilling Dragoons.

9th Lancers.

10th Lancers.

12th Lancers.

18th Hussars.

Australian and New Zealand Horse.

Ramington's Scouts and Cape Horse.

Artillery—

18th Battery.

22nd Battery.

75th Battery.

Horse Artillery.

Naval Guns.

Infantry—

3rd Batt. Grenadier Guards.

2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards.

1st Batt. Coldstream Guards.

1st Batt. Scots Guards.

1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers.

1st Batt. Suffolk.

2nd Batt. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

1st Batt. Welsh Regiment.

2nd Batt. Royal Highlanders.

1st Batt. Essex.

1st Batt. Royal North Lancashire.

1st Batt. Northamptonshire.

1st Batt. Highland Light Infantry.

2nd Batt. Scotch Highlanders.

1st Batt. Argyll and Sutherland.

1st Batt. Royal Munster.

Canadian and Australians.

With Lord Methuen.

Gatcombe and French (Naauwoort and Stormberg).

Cavalry—

Mounted Infantry.

Brabant's Horse.

Artillery—

38th Battery.

74th Battery.

77th Battery.

Infantry—

2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers.

1st Batt. Royal Inniskilling.

2nd Batt. Royal Berkshire.

2nd Batt. Yorkske Light Infantry.

1st Batt. Gordon Highlanders.

2nd Batt. Royal Irish Rifles.

1st Batt. Rifle Brigade.

1st Batt. Royal Scots.

Cape Volunteers.

Do not for one repulse forego the purpose that you resolved to effect.—Shakespeare.

After Adams was left alone he began to reflect on the experiences he had recently passed through and to consider the condition of the children, who were so suddenly and unexpectedly left in his hands. Realizing that he was the only human being left who could have the heavy responsibility that rested on him, and began to look about him as to how he could at this late hour fit himself for the task. A Bible and prayer book were saved from the Bounty, which were the only means at his command in teaching the young people to read. With the blessing of God upon his efforts, he had the satisfaction of seeing the children of such disreputable parentage growing up around him, quiet, peaceful, industrious, and happy, and with an increasing love of virtue and strict morality. A beautiful feature of the whole was the love that united them as one family, under the fatherly control of John Adams. Such was the conduct of life of Pitcairn Island in 1888, as reported by Captain Matthew Folger, of the American ship Topaz, who was the first to discover that the island was inhabited.

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7th Battery.

14th Battery.

64th Battery.

66th Battery.

73rd Battery.

Naval Guns.

Infantry—

2nd Batt. Royal West Surrey.

2nd Batt. Royal Fusiliers.

2nd Batt. Devonshire.

2nd Batt. Somerset Lt. Infantry.

2nd Batt. West Yorkshire.

2nd Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers.

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**Provincial News.****RAMLOOPS.**

Word has been received here of the death of M. A. Young, whilst on his way to Denver, Colorado. It will be remembered that Young had charge of the C. P. R. commercial telegraph office during the absence of Chinaman sent from Vancouver was still living, and to investigate his circumstances. A bill for \$42 from the city of Victoria for the keep of this Chinaman for two months was the cause of the discussion. Ald. Bruce thought they should go the day after Christmas, but none of the other members of the committee considered that there was any pressing necessity to visit the lazaretto, and so the matter was laid over as one of the special functions of the New Year's council.

**CHILLIWACK.**

Mr. Robt. Thompson passed away on Tuesday morning at the age of 74 years after a brief illness. Mr. Thompson has resided in Chilliwack for twenty-five years, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Mrs. John McCutcheon, Jr., nee Miss Lizzie Knight, died at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Thos. Knight, shortly after midnight Sunday. Mrs. McCutcheon was widely known and very popular in the valley. For years she took a prominent part in musical matters.

**PHOENIX.**

Work on the Miners' Union hall has been commenced. The building will be completed about the first of the year.

Last week the building occupied by Fire Warden Williams caught fire through a defective flue, or rather the want of a flue other than a stove pipe through the roof. The only damage done was a small hole in the roof.

The right of way is being cut for the tramway line between Greenwood and Phoenix. The line will be run through Anacortes and over the hill south of that town, coming up the south side of Twin creek, and into Pasco at the lower end of Dominion avenue.

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**

The wedding was solemnized on Wednesday morning of Mr. Leopold Trapp Brown and Miss Eva Gertrude Tredger, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tredger. The ceremony was performed in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Verl, in the presence of a number of friends.

Another wedding was solemnized in this city on Wednesday, when Mr. James Godwin and Miss A. M. M. Fulls both of Ladner, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. J. F. Betts in the presence of a few friends.

The funeral of the late J. K. Suter took place yesterday from the Royal Columbian Hospital to the Masonic cemetery.

**ROSSLAND.**

The city has agreed to purchase five lots on the northwest corner of Lincoln street and First avenue for fire hall purposes, paying \$4,000 each for the four inside lots, and \$1,500 for the corner lot, or \$5,500 for the whole property.

Mr. Harry Mackintosh was the first depositor in the new Bank of Montreal. He deposited \$1,300.00 when the bank opened for business in its new quarters.

A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday night at the residence of Mr. L. R. Chase, First avenue, at which Mr. Jos Edgar Read and Miss Harriet Wortman were united in the bonds of matrimony. Mr. Read is a native of P. E. Island, and Miss Wortman, of Moncton, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. T. Stockhouse.

Plans for the new freight terminals of the C. P. R. have been completed. They will cover the block bounded by St. Paul and Washington streets, and Second and Third avenues. The freight shed will be 180x32 feet in length. There will be a platform 300 feet in length on the south side, which will be level with the floor of the cars for convenience in unloading and loading. One end of the building will be occupied by the offices of the company and the bonded warehouse will be at the other end. On the south side of the freight yard will be erected several warehouses, which will be leased.

**NELSON.**

Sidney Watson, a miner employed at the Granke, is critically ill at the General hospital. While engaged about the works a heavy bolt fell some distance striking him in the abdomen with great force. The unfortunate young man was seriously injured internally, and was brought to the hospital for treatment.

The improvements at the General hospital are now complete, with the exception of the heating apparatus, which will not be forthcoming until February.

J. E. George of Greenwood was in town on Tuesday and related the particulars of a decidedly narrow escape he experienced on Sunday. Mr. George was employed on the Brooklyn tunnel, and was about the works on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock when the magazine exploded with a deafening report. The explosion demolished the building, completely disintegrating the brickwork and tore several cars to pieces. One man was seriously injured in the explosion, and powder. Only the day before 16 boxes of explosives were removed from the building. Had this remained the combined force would have killed everyone of the seventy-five men in the vicinity.

**VANCOUVER.**

John Uglow, an Englishman who would have been killed by the yard engine on Monday, but for the intervention of railway men, was declared insane by Drs. Poole and Maclean, and was on Wednesday taken over to the provincial asylum at New Westminster.

Hon. William Mulock, postmaster-general, has written Mr. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., on the subject of the desirability of a newspaper mail service to Athlone for the winter. Mr. Mulock says that he has asked Mr. W. A. Allan, of Ottawa, representative of the Athlone mail contractor, Mr. Maidland Kersley, to enquire whether, inquiring whether he will be prepared to extend his service and on what terms. Mr. Mulock adds that if he can be will be only too gratified to get on Mr. Maxwell's advice for the establishment of the newspaper service.

The Ladgate labor party last night

nominated Ald. Brown for mayor; Messrs. Tyson, Malkin and Robinson were nominated for park commissioners; C. Woodward, J. Ramsay and Stacey for school trustees, and W. Prentiss and R. Kelly for license commissioners.

The question of paying a visit to the Darcy Island Jesuit station was brought up at the meeting of the health committee on Wednesday afternoon. Ald. Bruce thought the aldermen should make a trip to Darcy Island for the purpose of finding whether the last Chinaman sent from Vancouver was still living, and to investigate his circumstances. A bill for \$42 from the city of Victoria for the keep of this Chinaman for two months was the cause of the discussion. Ald. Bruce thought they should go the day after Christmas, but none of the other members of the committee considered that there was any pressing necessity to visit the lazaretto, and so the matter was laid over as one of the special functions of the New Year's council.

A provincial labor convention was held in the Trades and Labor hall on Wednesday night. Its object was to consider the advisability of the provincial government adopting the law of compulsory arbitration in cases of industrial disputes also an eight-hour law. Those present were: Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P.P., and William Woodman, representing South Nanaimo, Nanaimo city and district; Messrs. Edward Harrop and T. H. Twiss, Victoria; Messrs. J. H. Watson, John Peaney, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, J. Morgan and George Bartley, Vancouver; Mr. Ralph Smith was elected to the chair, and Mr. Bartley acted as secretary.

In opening, Mr. Smith stated that it was through the actions of the labor people of Nanaimo that this meeting was brought about. The object was to discuss the shorter-work-day question from the late trouble on Vancouver Island, which resulted in a strike in the mines. But it was opportune to discuss anything of direct interest to provincial labor, either politically or otherwise.

Mr. Woodman explained the late trouble between the E. & N. Company and its employees, the details of which he went into. He believed in the adoption of a compulsory arbitration law.

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# Dangerous Indians The Schools Have Closed

Redskins at Tatla Lake Becoming a Menace to the White People.

A Fight There on the 15th—Now—Escape of White Men.

For several years the Indians residing in the Chilcotin country have given the authorities considerable trouble owing to their disreputable ways, for their want of education and their resentment of encroachments of their ancestral domain. This disaffection among the redskins has been most marked in the vicinity of Tatla lake, where the tribesmen have repeatedly manifested a dangerous propensity which has excited the apprehensions of the whites residing there. Situated at a remote distance from the centres where the authority of the law is almost daily exemplified by the natives, the Chilcotin country has furnished a fine field for the operations of those idle Indians who are continually engaged in inciting their countrymen to forcibly drive the pale faces out of their country.

Two years ago they succeeded to such an extent that the unscrupulous instincts of the Indians were excited, and a white man named Elkins lost his life. The authorities pursued the culprit and captured him and a life sentence of imprisonment was imposed by the court. This had a healthy effect in curbing the tendencies of the rebellious tribesmen, and they have been comparatively quiet until this fall; when their old vindictiveness against the stranger has again broken out.

The present trouble began about the first of last month, the immediate cause being the action of Mr. B. Franklin of Tatla Lake, who commenced the erection of a fence around a tract of land which he had acquired there. Shortly after he commenced his work, the Indians began showing themselves in considerable numbers and strongly objected to his carrying out his original plan. The ground for their objections was set forth by one of the ringleaders who was a threatening way, informed Mr. Franklin that his people owned all of the Tatla Lake country, and did not want any white men there. They capped their threats by threatening to burn his fence and to drive off his cattle.

Mr. Franklin attempted to reason with the men and proceeded with his work, thinking that a bold showing would deter them from any further interference. One of their chiefs then repeated the warning, and was informed that if he carried out his threat he would be "put in jail and punished." The fellow laughed derisively and said to Franklin that he would fix him, and then shoot himself before being taken.

Matters remained quiet thereafter until the middle of the month. On the 15th of November the natives assumed a more serious attitude, coming to Franklin's house and threatening that if he did not leave the district that day together with Edward Elkins, who was living with him, they would murder them both. Elkins is a brother of the man who was murdered by the same Indians about two years ago, and his presence may have had some influence in exciting still further the passions of the Indians.

Seeing that the question had become one of life and death, the two men made an attempt to drive their enemies off the grounds, and a fight ensued. The Indians secured a number of axes which were lying about the ranch, and as they far outnumbered the white men, the latter were soon compelled to seek refuge in the cabin. Into this they rushed, slamming the door after them and barricading it hastily, for the blood of the natives was now up, and they knew that they would stop at nothing short of their extermination.

They were not a moment too soon. They had scarcely secured the door when the screaming Indians were upon them, and finding the door barricaded they started pounding upon it with their axes. Elkins leveled his rifle upon them and threatened that if they persisted he would shoot. The door gave way, but the Indians became frightened at the resolute manner of the two white men at bay and withdrew.

A start was then made for Alexis Creek, where the provincial constable for the district, Robt. Pyper, is stationed. Franklin and Elkins, however, had gone about three miles when they found their further progress barred by the tribe who had made their stay at Tatla lake an unpleasant experience. The Indians were armed with rifles and prepared to attack the travellers who now gave themselves up for lost. Fortunately the excited Indians were dismused from their purpose by the friendly offices of a more discreet native, who interceded and succeeded in inducing them to allow the travellers to proceed on their way.

The men arrived at Alexis Creek on the 16th prox, and there notified the authorities of what had taken place. Warrants were taken out for the apprehension of the culprits, and recent information from the district indicates that they will be speedily brought to justice and probably taught a salutary and much-needed lesson in the observance of law.

The claim of the men that they owned all the country in which Franklin's ranch is situated is shown to be ridiculous by the fact that the nearest reservation is about one hundred miles away.

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## Trade of the Dominion

Figures For Past Five Months Show Large Increase Over Last Year.

Exports Increased by Over Seven Million Dollars—Duty for November.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Trade figures prepared by the department of customs today show that the aggregate trade of Canada for five months of the fiscal year ending November 30th last, was \$17,805,000 greater than for the five months of last year. The figures were \$16,507,100 for 1898, as compared with \$15,000,000 for 1898. Imports increased by over ten million dollars, and exports by over seven million dollars. The duty for the past five months was \$12,231,000, compared with \$10,504,000 for the same time of 1898, or an increase of \$1,737,000. The duty for the month of November increased by over half a million dollars. Exports increased by one million and a half, and imports by over four millions for the month.

### AT SPRING RIDGE.

The closing exercises of Spring Ridge school were held this morning, a large number of visitors and relatives of the pupils being present. Up to 10:30 the usual closing exercises were held and then the children assembled in Mrs. Taylor's room when a programme of recitations and patriotic songs was given.

Mr. Marchant, who was present, represented the trustees, and Rev. Mr. Mills, of St. Barnabas church, both spoke.

The former referred to the noticeable improvements in the studies of the children, particularly in regard to writing. BOYS' CENTRAL.

At the above school a capital programme was given, the exercises being concluded by a singing of the national anthem.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

An interesting feature of the closing exercises was the presentation this afternoon by Lieut.-Governor McLean of the Governor-General's medal at the High school. The silver medal to the head of the school was given to Fanny Eves White, and the bronze medal for entrance to the High school to Miss E. E. Ward, of the North Ward school.

We trust that your wondrous character and influence may be felt in your new home, and that the Master's blessing may always be yours.

### YOUTH PUPILS.

Seventh Div.,

North Ward School.

Victoria, B. C. Dec. 22nd, 1899.

Later, in the banquetting room of the school where the teachers hold their regular breaking-up dinner, the following address was read to Miss King, and the popular teacher presented with a forty-piece chin set.

Dear Miss King.—With feelings of mingled pleasure and sadness we meet tonight. The books are all closed, the lessons ended, the last echo of childhood voices died away in the silent parlours. Pleasant is it thus to think and greet one another, the joys and anxieties of another year over, and the joys of Christmas so sweet, but a bit sad and sour notes of regretting there is a minor chord, for we cannot forget that this happy reunion is also a farewell, and that, in the future when we meet we shall miss your gentle presence from our midst and listen in vain for the sympathetic tones of your voice.

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