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ERROR OCCURRED.

Report of Meeting Did Not Appear as It Was Intended to Be.

In last evening's Times a typographical error occurred in the account of the meeting of the civic board of health which conveyed a different meaning to that intended. The report said that it was alleged that when the matron of the Isolation hospital rang up the parent of the child that had died at the hospital she informed him that the nurse in charge had beaten his child to death. The report should have read that it was alleged that the matron had told the parent "that the nurse in charge had beaten his child to death." The "copy" read as quoted, but through some error appeared in the altered form.

Court Cameron, A. O. F. will hold an important meeting to-night at the A. O. F. hall, when the election of officers and the initiation of several candidates will take place.

The death occurred this morning at the Royal Jubilee hospital of William Spence, after a lingering illness. Deceased was 49 years of age and was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He was an engineer and had been in this city but a short time and had no friends. The remains have been removed to Hanna's parlors, where they will await the funeral arrangements.

"The Soul Kiss" presented last night at the Victoria theatre was composed of a number of vaudeville turns, strung together on the thinnest of plots and containing more than one turn that would have been blessed off a vaudeville stage. The feature of the production was the dancing of Miss Perina, which was excellent. She is a French ballet dancer of the old school. Ben Grimmel, who appeared as the devil, was the only other on the stage worthy of note. His singing and acting were very good. The house was crowded, but the applause was mild.

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MUCH BUSINESS BEFORE BOARD

BUSY SESSION FOR CITY COUNCIL TO-NIGHT

Complaint From George Jeeves Regarding Conditions in North End.

In the absence of Mayor Hall, who, with Ald. Henderson, is at North Vancouver in attendance at the annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities, Ald. Turner will be called upon to preside at the several meetings of the aldermanic board this evening. Three separate meetings are to be held—a special session of the board of health for the purpose of considering affairs at the Isolation hospital, a special meeting of the city council to deal with a by-law making an appropriation for street paving purposes, and the regular session of the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

Among the business to come before the streets committee is a complaint from George Jeeves respecting the blocking of a water course on King's road and Quadra streets, and the condition of that section of the Victoria & Sidney railway. In regard to the latter matter, Mr. Jeeves contends that along King's road and Quadra streets there has been an ancient water course which ought to have been maintained in some fashion, and that the failure of the city to make provision for the disposal of the water has resulted in damage to the adjoining area when heavy rains occur.

In respect to the conditions along B'hard street, Mr. Jeeves says that the railway company has failed to comply with the street regulations and that the roadway is made dangerous in some places owing to the rails projecting above the proper grade. The raising of this objection at the present time is likely to result in a renewal of the objections of the property owners along B'hard street, who have protested against the company being allowed to transfer their station from the market building to that thoroughfare.

Wm. W. Northcott, the building inspector, will report on the complaint of F. Oswald Litchfield and others that W. Drysdale is attempting to establish a factory on North Park street without securing the necessary permit. Mr. Northcott says he has investigated the matter and finds that Mr. Drysdale proposes to conform strictly with the regulations and has no intention of establishing a factory of any kind.

The letter of the city barrister, recommending that the city proceed to the execution of a lease for the water-front lot at the foot of Queen's avenue to the Taylor Milling Company, and the Lemon, Gonnason Company, will be considered. An invitation has been sent to John Dean to be present, he having raised some objections to the lease being executed.

EMPERESS BALL.

Preparations Made for Important Social Event During the Holidays.

Invitations have been issued for the Empress ball to place on Wednesday, December 29th, at the Empress hotel. The arrangements are now practically complete, and all who have received invitations are requested to note the R.S.V.P.

Committees have been struck as follows: Honorary president, B. M. Humble; president, H. B. Jackson; general committee, F. W. Kostenbader (chairman), W. H. Murphy, J. Heig, W. E. Hurriss, L. Lucas, Y. Lins, H. Lush, H. Stevens; and vocal selections by Mrs. J. C. Clark, Miss M. Harrison, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, H. E. Jackson, W. E. Hurriss, L. Lucas, F. W. Kostenbader, W. H. Murphy, J. Heig, H. Stevens, Y. Lins, H. Lush, H. Hardy, E. W. Tribbs.

At the Royal Jubilee hospital this morning the death occurred of Robert Murray, the age of 40 years. He was born in Ontario. The funeral, which is to take place on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Hanna parlors, will be held under the auspices of the local Bartenders' Union, of which the deceased was a member.

The funeral of the late Frederick Charles Dougan took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Victoria Undertaking parlors, where Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted an impressive service. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: T. Fisher, R. Swisher, D. Wallace, R. Huxtable, C. Johnson and J. Weale.

The ladies in charge of the Friendly Help Christmas work are already busy at the rooms of the city market receiving the school children's donations. It is requested that all the strict visitors and friends of the society will remember that their gifts, especially the new garments, are needed at the rooms got later than Tuesday, preferably Monday. The ladies expect to send out between sixty and eighty boxes. Many of these will go to families who have received no help during the year, but to whom Santa Claus would be a rare visitor were it not for these boxes. New garments, staple groceries, toys and materials for a padding are put in each box. All these things are needed at the rooms, and are usually forthcoming very generously, and it is expected by the ladies that this year will be no exception. The rooms will be open on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when it is hoped that the work will be completed.

STILL WORKING ON SALT WATER PUMPS

Representative of Philadelphia Firm Coming to Inspect Plant Supplied City.

The expert who is here from the D'Olier Engineering Co., of Philadelphia, superintending the installation of the pumps for the salt water high pressure system, is now making alterations in the machinery to bring the capacity up to the stipulated specifications. One of the head officials of the company in Philadelphia has written saying that he will come to Victoria in the course of a few days and make an inspection.

Mr. Hutchison, the electrical superintendent of the city, said to the Times this morning that while the delays in getting the machinery in the shape it ought to be seems very annoying, the salt water system would be ready for fire-fighting service in case of emergency. Some delay might ensue in getting the pumps started in consequence of the alterations now in progress, but in a comparatively short time after an alarm had been turned in the pumps would be started.

CITY MUST PAY FOR JAMES DONEGAN'S COWS

Judge Lampman Comments on the Way City Pound is Kept.

Damages to the extent of \$234.50 and costs was granted to James Donegan against the city by a jury in the county court yesterday afternoon. The jury held that the loss of Mr. Donegan's cows was due to the way they were treated in the city pound.

Judge Lampman commented severely in his address to the jury upon the manner in which the city pound over in Victoria West is conducted. "It is a poor way to look after a pound," said his honor. "Cows, when impounded, should be properly fed and above all they should be milked." Later on, in thanking the jurors for their services, the judge said: "I hope you will use what influence you can with the city council to get them to find a poundkeeper who will milk the cows that are left in his care."

The afternoon was taken up with the hearing of evidence for the city. Parks Superintendent England assessed the damage done Langford street boulevard at \$15 and said he was advised by the city solicitor that the owner of the animals was liable and that there was authority to hold the cows until he paid.

Poundkeeper Craig, James Cook, his assistant, and S. H. Stanley, who looks after the Victoria West pound, swore that the cows had been properly looked after and fed sufficiently.

There is in progress at the University school this afternoon the regular closing exercises. It is also the annual speech and prize-giving day, and the scholars who were successful in winning any events during the past term are to be presented with prizes. Two of Shakespeare's plays are being given by members of the school.

The Plumbers' Union, No. 224 held its annual banquet at the Poodle Dog restaurant last night, when about 50 of the fraternity sat down and spent several jovial hours. Brother Mackey addressed the guests and proposed the toast of "The King," which was duly honored. "The Guest" was proposed by Bro. Newlands, and vocal selections were given by Messrs. Melville, Marsh, McConnell, Mackey and Dobie.

The contract has been awarded to Thomas Catterall for extensive alterations to the offices of the B. C. Land & Investment Co., corner of Broughton and Government streets. The firm has moved temporarily into the new block recently erected at the corner of Broughton and Langley streets. The cost of the alterations, as shown by the permit issued by the building inspector, is to be about \$4,000.

MARRIED.

MOLLEND-BISHOP: At the parsonage, by the Rev. F. T. Tapscott, on the 15th inst., Ernest B. McLean to Alice J. Bishop.

DIED.

RICHARDS—At Kamloops, on the 16th inst., William Richards, a native of England, aged 60 years.

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- REWARD for information that will lead to recovery of my Algeade terrier, lost in September on Sooke Lake road, description, dark bay, yellow head, eyes and legs, coal wavy. J. H. Gillespie, 1135 Langley street. 423
- INCANDESCENT LAMPS—The brightest of all Christmas presents is the Star Mantle Lamp. Burns coal oil; makes its own gas; three hours brilliant light for one cent. Price \$7 complete. Free demonstration at your own home, or see it 9 p. m. at 1923 Douglas street (next City Hall). Agents wanted. Thomas Wilkinson. 423
- I, E. J. HOLMWOOD, wish to apologize to my wife, Mary Ann Holmwood, for a statement which I made concerning debts made in my name. From this date I shall be responsible as usual for any debts contracted by my wife. E. J. Holmwood. 420
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The Oak Bay school held its closing exercises this morning, when a good programme was presented. A number of addresses were given, and many vocal and instrumental selections were rendered. There was a large attendance of parents of the pupils, and they much enjoyed the entertainment.

Before Mr. Justice Gregory this morning the divorce suit of Fisher vs. Fisher, a case which comes from the Sooke district, was called, and after hearing evidence a decree nisi was granted to the wife. The husband did not defend the case. J. A. Alkman was counsel for the petitioner.

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CONSERVATIVE MILITARY POLICY ATTACKED

Sir E. Grey Denounces the Proposal to Put Tax on Canadian Wheat.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—A cable to the Star says: While London has not yet been favored with much politics, a tremendous heat has been generated. Newspapers are hitting harder every day and the campaign throughout the country grows bitter. The Chronicle on Thursday printed an interview with Lloyd George in support of the charge that the Marquis of Ebury was only rated for £24 at Cardiff castle, with its extensive grounds, while a tailor shop near by was rated for £47. Comparisons of this kind are made by the Liberal speakers everywhere and are mercilessly followed up by the press.

Hon. T. Brassey, speaking at Boxhill, admitted the probability of a Liberal victory.

Politics are not as different here as a Canadian could expect. For instance, a tariff reformer announces a 100 increase in his workmen's wages if the Conservatives win. A Liberal speaker says that if his party win they will introduce a bill insuring a living wage for every workman.

A Toronto Globe cable says: John Bull is like a very dear gentleman with whom two people are trying to talk. In one ear Lloyd George shouts "Tax land values, sir, and be happy!" in the other Chamberlain says, "Tax foreign goods, give a preference to the colonies and be prosperous." The old gentleman is still a little confused and half disposed to try both prescriptions. He may do so eventually, but will probably take the Welsh doctor's first.

"Conscription and Protection."

London, Dec. 17.—Denouncing the Conservatives' military policy, the Liberals have issued a remarkable manifesto declaring that the boy scout idea is part of "conscription and protection." Continues the proclamation says:

"Conscription is to provide a force necessary to keep the workers under and protection is to hide their pockets when down. This is the inner meaning of the boy scout craze. It is designed to secure for the Tories, who are running it, the path of the rising generation and to inoculate a spirit of militarism and bastard patriotism."

Sir Edward Grey speaking at Berwick, said the duty of Canadian wheat, as proposed by the tariff reformers, was a wrong step and would lead to bargaining and quarrels within the Empire.

RUSSIANS ADOPT NEW POLICY IN MANCHURIA

Cripple Foreign Firms Who Compete With Japanese in Railway Zone

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Harbin, Manchuria, says:

The administration of the Russian railroad zone has issued a notice refusing leases to sites for store-houses and similar buildings in the vicinity of the railroad stations to others than Russians unless they will sign an agreement to submit to the Russian regulations, including the payment of taxes and the policing of the zone. Foreign firms which are attempting to compete with the Japanese in the region south of Harbin are crippled since they cannot sign the required agreement because of the attitude in the matter of the government.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

J. J. Hill Says It is as Bad as Far as Great Northern is Concerned.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 17.—Governor Eberhardt, who is making a private investigation of the switchmen's strike, as to whether business is sufficiently interfered with to warrant intervention said yesterday, "Both sides are making claims and I believe the truth lies somewhere between them. I may have statements to make public in a few days."

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BATH TUB MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS

Mother of Victim Declares Her Daughter Ended Own Life.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of Mrs. Snead, who was found dead in bathtub in a deserted house at East Orange, declared yesterday that her daughter killed herself, but declined to give motive. The mother said she did not know where the girl's husband was. The victim carried \$20,000 insurance.

Mrs. Martin was arrested here on Wednesday formally charged with murder.

In the bath room of Mrs. Martin's room at the hotel were found notes written in a girlish hand identical with the handwriting of the note found in the East Orange bath room pinned to a little heap of clothes near the body of Oocy Snead. The notes vary slightly in phraseology but are substantially as follows:

"Last year my little daughter died. Others near and dear, kindred, too, have gone to heaven. I long to go there too. I have been very weak and ill for a long time. Death will be a blessed relief to my sufferings. When you read this I will have committed suicide. My sorrow and pain in this world are greater than I can endure."

(Signed) "OCCY W. M. SNEAD."
This wording is substantially the same as that of the East Orange note which hangs the whole case of New Jersey against Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Martin's sister, and the last person known to have seen Oocy Snead alive. Experts have doubted the genuineness of this note. If proved a forgery the theory of suicide held by the defence would fall.

Additional letters were found in Mrs. Martin's room yesterday. These included more than 100 "suicide letters," purporting to have been written by Oocy Snead, many of them addressed to prominent New Yorkers, among whom were Mrs. Russell Sage and Mrs. Clarence Burns, a well known club woman. The letters all sounded a pathetic note of despair. One of them addressed "To My Counsel and Attorneys" was worded to indicate that the writer feared the lapsing of her endowment insurance policies if she lived through her inability to keep up the payments. The lawyers were instructed to "promptly collect my insurance and pay it over to my grandmother without requiring any bond or security from her."

WOMAN MURDERED.

New York, Dec. 17.—While Paul Gebauer was in the police court yesterday awaiting arraignment for intoxication, and still half drunk from the effects of drink, his wife's dead body was found in their flat in Brooklyn. The woman had been strangled to death during the night and her five-year-old son said that he had unwound ten feet of clothesline from around her neck. He was playing with the rope when the neighbors entered. Gebauer was detained on a charge of homicide.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF GRAIN ELEVATORS

Hon. G. R. Coldwell Makes Statement Regarding Policy in Manitoba.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 16.—Hon. G. R. Coldwell announced at the Grain Growers' convention yesterday that owing to the failure of the premiers to achieve any co-operation in the matter, the government of Manitoba had decided to adopt the policy of accepting the principle laid down by the grain growers of establishing a "line" of elevators as a public utility owned by the people and operated for the people.

The government was prepared, he stated, to co-operate with the association in carrying out that policy and working out a plan to that end, and asked that a committee from the association prepare and file plans and meet the government to prepare a bill to present to the next legislature, which would not meet until some time in February. The session could be delayed a week or so if there was not sufficient time to prepare the bill before the first week of February.

The delegates were unable to restrain their enthusiasm as he proceeded to explain the decision which the government had arrived at. The minister of education was frequently interrupted by impatient delegates who interjected questions, but when he sat down the delegates rose in a body and cheered enthusiastically, many being moved to tears.

When order had been restored President McCaughey said he knew it was difficult for the delegates to hold themselves in their seats. They were very much indebted to Mr. Coldwell for the announcement he had made, and he, like many others he knew, failed to find words to express himself at this time.

"As an association they had been struggling and asking for this matter in particular for the last two or three years, and while it seemed to be discouraging at times he had always felt that if the farmers would only continue and unite, they would succeed," he said.

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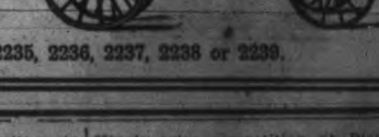
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asked that we name a committee to meet with the government in order to make a thorough and complete success of this government ownership."

KING'S ERIZE
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London, Dec. 16.—It is learned that it is intended to introduce into the

King's prize competition at Bisley a figure target on approved service lines. The new target will replace the bullseye target at 500 yards, and will be what is technically known as a second class sectional target, more or less the target used in the Bisley contest at Bisley. The new target will be painted blue and brown. The scoring values will remain as hitherto.

—SHEPHERD MATTHEW—AT OUR DEPT
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PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. J. P. Downey, a member of the Ontario Legislature, has been telling the people of Guelph, as the Times has been trying to tell the people of Victoria, that there is no royal road to efficient municipal government—that inefficiency cannot be converted into efficiency by the simple process of changing the system.

Dealing with the weaknesses of the recent system of municipal government, revealed in the results of experience, Mr. Downey said the lack of continuity was the most apparent of these defects.

A MENACE TO THE PROVINCE

The Vancouver News-Advertiser waxes facetious at the expense of the remains of the Liberal party of British Columbia in the following note: "We do not think it is in very good taste for Conservative journals to insinuate that a fierce controversy is raging in the ranks of the Liberal members-elect to the Provincial Legislature in regard to the leadership in the House."

province in their vast resources, but it is to be feared its efforts will be futile once the Philistines begin to run riot. When that time comes no thought of the future of the Conservative party will exercise the slightest influence upon the conduct of the power-drunk Tories.

UNUSUAL HONORS FOR A GREAT LITERARY MAN

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle apparently has not the courage to make the most of his opportunities. Asked to referee the great Jeffries-Johnson gladiatorial contest (vulgarily, prize fight) for the championship of the world and the supremacy of the Caucasian or the Ethiopian branches of the human race, the author declined. The decision might have been expected, and yet in some respects it is to be regretted—for several reasons.

There is no need for anxiety in regard to the mental state of the people of the British Isles. They are simply taking the political issues a trifle more seriously than usual, that is all.

Official figures place the grain shipments of Winnipeg for the last three months at the following figures: Wheat, total shipments, lake and rail, 25,157,572 bushels; oats, 7,993,689 bushels; barley, 1,327,593 bushels; flax, 1,351,557 bushels.

As the novelist Doyle has declined to referee the Jeffries-Johnson fight for the championship of the world, the Times begs to nominate the poet Watson, the author of "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," for the job.

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What Other People Think

UNIVERSITY SITE

To the Editor:—Now that the elections are over, British Columbians will have time to think of things less exciting than politics. The moment seems an appropriate one to recall the fact that in 1907, by the University Endowment Act, the province of British Columbia set aside two million acres of land to provide for the establishment of the University of British Columbia.

Several letters which consider this question have already been published in British Columbian newspapers. Most of them have maintained that a modern university can best fulfill its function if it is established on a rural or a suburban site.

Dear Sir:—I cannot too strongly urge that the pending claims of the different municipalities ought to be very little regarded in selecting a site for the proposed university. We have in the United States numerous educational institutions planned on unsuitable sites, because the first authorities of the university yielded to strong representations of local claims, sometimes backed by pecuniary offers which seemed advantageous at the time, but subsequently proved to be really insignificant.

There is no doubt that a competent university can be well maintained either in a city or in the country. Europe has afforded for centuries many instances of the successful urban university. The United States have successful universities carried on in cities large and small, and also successful universities planned in large estates in small towns or villages.

The policy adopted about dormitories or dining halls need not determine the question of urban or rural site, for these provisions, necessary in the country, are also desirable, in some measure, in an urban or suburban university. Some of the best urban and suburban universities in the United States carry on dormitories and dining halls; and, on the other hand, some of the best American universities, situated in the country or in small towns which have grown up about them, have no dormitories—as, for instance, the University of Michigan, the first, and for a long time, the best of the American state universities.

With regard to the nature of the town or city near which a university may advantageously be planted, some considerations occur to me which might perhaps contribute towards the wise selection of a university site in British Columbia.

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industries. It ought not to be a town of "operatives." It ought to be a place of numerous, varied industries, including the distribution of varied supplies. It ought to be a place of numerous churches and religious activities and likely to have large and handsome residential quarters.

A law school can be advantageously carried on either in city or country; for its professors are best men chiefly devoted to teaching, and its only equipment consists of a library and a reading room.

As to a school of engineering, it is very easy to exaggerate the equipment of such a school in shops and machinery; but this exaggeration may happen in any country; and, indeed, has happened in the United States in schools of very different situations with regard to surrounding population.

Finally, I venture to suggest that it is a great object to establish and maintain a whole university on a single site. Good professional schools have a strong beneficial influence on other departments of a university; and, on the other hand, the undergraduate departments of a well conducted university affect very favorably the professional schools. Publicly considered, a university is one which should have its parts scattered in different places. The concentration of the whole university in one place affects very unfavorably the social quality of the university, both for teachers and students, and makes it more probable that a varied, refined society will grow up about the university, wherein good examples of manners, morals and public spirit will be seen.

Sincerely yours, (Signed) CHARLES W. ELIOT, Asticou, Maine, June 21st, 1909.

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Last night the first massed parade of the Boy Scouts' Brigade was held at the Drill hall. Over 100 boys were on parade.

J. J. Russell, Victoria's newly appointed inspector for the S. P. C. A. has taken up his duties. He will be quartered in the office of the organization with Thomas W. Palmer, the secretary.

A meeting of all the adult Bible classes of the city will be held in Centennial Methodist church, Gorge road, on Sunday afternoon next, commencing at 2.30.

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TO ATTRACT PEOPLE FROM THE PRAIRIES

Secretary of Island Development League May Go to Northwest Provinces.

In view of the fact that very shortly the cheap excursions on the C.P.R. from the prairie points to the coast will be inaugurated, and the likelihood that many of the farmers of the Northwest will take advantage of the opportunity to come to Victoria, it has been suggested that some special effort should be made by the Vancouver Island Development League to attract people to this city.

The situation had received consideration at the hands of the executive of the league, a request having been made by a number of leading citizens that the secretary, E. McGaffey, be sent to the prairie country. The league finds itself hampered for funds in its desire to meet this request, but has decided that should those in Victoria who hope to profit from the coming here of many people from the Northwest agree to defray Mr. McGaffey's expenses, they will release that official from his duties here and allow him to make the trip.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 17-4 a. m. - The pressure is slowly decreasing over the northern part of the province and the centre of the vast area of high pressure has moved eastward to Saskatchewan. No precipitation is reported west of the Rockies, but snow has fallen at Calgary and Winnipeg and in Colorado, Kansas and Illinois.

Forecast. For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity - Light to moderate northerly winds, chiefly cloudy, with fog. Mainland - Light to moderate winds, chiefly cloudy, with fog.

Reports. Victoria - Barometer, 30.3; temperature, 27; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear, fog. Kamloops - Barometer, 30.5; temperature, 25; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy. Barkerville - Barometer, 30.4; temperature, 10; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco - Barometer, 30.4; temperature, 52; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles N. weather, clear. Edmonton - Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles S.E.; weather, clear.

Winnipeg - Barometer, 30.25; temperature, zero; minimum, zero; wind, 10 miles N. W.; snow, .08; weather, cloudy.

J. E. Sears, secretary of the Victoria Hockey Club, announces that in the event of the Vancouver Hockey Club not coming to Victoria to-morrow to play the league game, there will be a practice of the local club to-morrow afternoon at North Ward Park. The team selected to play Vancouver is composed of McKenzie, Drake, Craddock, Lawson, McKenzie, Montgomery, Winslow, McArthur, Scott, Mason and Sears.

A partnership has been formed for the purpose of conducting a real estate office at 324 Yates street, between W. H. Harman and Frederick Appleton. Both gentlemen are well known to Victorians, being old residents here. Mr. Harman has been in the real estate business for years, and Mr. Appleton is well known in his past connections with the Hudson's Bay Company, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co. Ltd., and A. R. Smith & Co. Ltd. The names of both gentlemen are sufficient guarantee that integrity and fair dealing will be considered before profits. Mr. Harman is a notary public and is also agent for the B. C. Wood Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., who are now selling large quantities of all classes of wrapping papers in this city, and all manufactured at their fine mill at Howe Sound.

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The game which was played in the Assembly rink, did not attract a large gathering, but those present were exceedingly loyal to Victoria, and never let up once during the whole game in their cheering.

On commencing play the Sound aggregation went off like a whirlwind, and in a few seconds registered a goal and shortly afterwards secured a free shot, which was netted by Dechene. Victoria now realizing what had happened, stayed on their feet and held their opposing men down. Both teams now settled down to the game in earnest, and put up a good brand of ball, showing excellent combination and making accurate shots. The end of this half found Seattle in the lead, the score standing 18 points to 12.

In the final half the Victoria team played rings around their opponents, and it was not long before they were on an even score with them. The short, quick passes of the locals completely puzzled their rivals, and it was plain to be seen that the latter were outclassed. The Y. M. C. A. team was in the better condition of the two, and the result of earnest training on their part, and the fast pace they set in this half could not be responded to by the visitors, try as they would.

In this half the home team scored 13 points to Seattle's 9, and the final score stood at 30 points to 27.

Bob Whyte was the mainstay of the local team, and he scored no less than 20 of the points registered for Victoria. Throughout the game he directed his men, and was a puzzle to the Seattle men, who could not stand by him. McKittrick and Petticrew, the other local forwards, played a good game, but had had checks on them, and did not show up to much advantage. Cyril Baker, a junior Y. M. C. A. player, was tried out last night and made good, keeping up the fast pace set by his elders. Dutch Roskamp, the other guard, played a great game, and his strength proved very handy.

On the losing side Dechene and

Burkheimer played good basketball. Those who scored for their respective teams were as follows: Victoria—Whyte 20, McKittrick 4, Petticrew 4, Seattle—Burkheimer 8, Dechene 13, Rigby 6.

The teams lined up as follows: Victoria—White (captain), and McKittrick, forwards; Petticrew, centre; Roskamp and Baker, guards. Seattle—Hoar (captain) and Dechene, forwards; Rigby, centre; Burkheimer and Metzler, guards. Umpire—John Donaldson.

Scorekeepers—E. Steele and A. Wells. Timer—E. Christopher.

Referee—W. G. Findlay.

Bank Clerks Beat Cloverdale.

The bank clerks beat Cloverdale last night in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium by 20 to 15. The winners led all through, and at half time were 10 to 8. There was a good crowd present to see the game.

TWO HOCKEY GAMES IN THE B. C. LEAGUE

Victoria Plays Vancouver and Garrison North Van-

couver.

The Vancouver hockey team comes to Victoria on Saturday to play the Victoria team in the inter-city hockey league fixtures of B. C.

The match will take place at the North Ward park, commencing at 3 o'clock. The standing of the hockey league is North Vancouver one win, Victoria one defeat and Vancouver no games.

Vancouver played a game the opening of the season against North Vancouver, and as the result three North Vancouver players went to the hospital for repairs. The league officials took the matter up and ordered that the match be played again. At the same time the officials were firm on the matter of rough play, and notified all clubs that examples like that at North Vancouver would be hit hard.

The Victoria team was defeated last Saturday at North Vancouver in the rain, principally, however, through having to play the first half two men short. Two of the players missed the goal and could not get in the game till the second half.

The Garrison set their first home game to-morrow, when Vancouver comes over here to play. The match will be played at the Work Point grounds and the soldiers are in good form and ready to meet last year's champions.

SUSPEND PLAYERS.

The rough game between the Vancouver and North Vancouver teams called for the suspension of Bayfield, of the Vancouver team, for an attack on another player, and for the cautioning of Farquhar, also of the Vancouver team. The British Columbia Hockey Union executive communicated this decision to the players and the Vancouver and North Vancouver clubs, and last night C. J. Paget-Ford, secretary of the union, received a telegram from C. Maitland-Dougall, captain of the Vancouver club, which arrogantly stated his team would not come over to Victoria to-morrow unless Bayfield was reinstated. The telegram says the Vancouver club refuses to recognize the suspension of Bayfield.

The reply sent was that unless the Vancouver team obeyed the ruling of the executive, and if it failed to come to-morrow the game would be awarded to Victoria by default. It is probable the Vancouver team will arrive on time.

HANDICAP FOR THE EMPRESS TWO MILES

Race Tuesday Afternoon at Beacon Hill Park Track.

The entries for the Empress two-mile race to take place on Tuesday next are in, and handicaps have been issued. At the request of the club the handicapping has been done by J. Sweeney, with the following results:

C. Carroll	Scratch
Bruce Sterling	250 yards
Sharp	"
E. Tribe	250 "
Miller	250 "
Price	250 "
Fox	400 "
Parnwell	400 "
Richmond	425 "
Lucas	440 "
G. Pauling	440 "
Henshaw	440 "
Ceral	440 "

THE RING.

STATEMENT BY RICKARD.
New York, Dec. 17.—"Tex" Rickard, the prize-fight promoter, who has just returned from Boston, denies there is any secret agreement existing between Jeffries and Johnson over a division of the \$100,000 purse offered.

"I'll bet anyone \$1,000," said Rickard, "that there is no agreement between Jeffries and Johnson of any kind excepting to divide the purse 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser, and I will bet Tom McCarey, of Los Angeles, or anyone else another \$1,000 that I did not give Jeffries \$10,000 or any other secret inducement to favor my bid for the fight. I have not the least doubt now that the fight will be held in Salt Lake City. Everything points that way."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA WEST VS. LADYSMITH.
The Victoria West team which goes to Ladysmith to-morrow, is Bonney, Prevost and Whyte, Bailey, Petticrew and Kintoch, Okell, Sherriff, Sedger, Wright and McKittrick.

The North Ward team to play Esquimalt in the second division game at Oak Bay on Saturday is as follows: Baines, Sweeney, McDonald, Baker, Brown, Taylor, J. and F. Miller, Harrison, McGregor and Toms.

STATUE TO MEMORY OF CAPTAIN W. WEBB

Honor Man Who Successfully Swam the English Channel.

Next January there will be unveiled at Dover a statue to the memory of Capt. Matthew Webb, the only man to swim across the English channel. Recent years have seen many attempts to emulate his great feat, but so far the great sailor-swimmer, who met such a tragic end at Niagara, is the only man to swim from England to France.

The site for the statue has not yet been definitely fixed, but in all probability it will be on the Clarence Lawn, near the front, provided consent can be obtained from the authorities.

The statue will be in bronze, supported by a column of appropriately carved red granite. This week the sculptor, Doyley Jones, submitted to the committee a model of Webb, which the few who knew him recognized as a very faithful likeness.

The idea of this memorial originated with Alfred Jones, whose efforts to raise the necessary funds have been at last crowned with success. The Earl of Lonsdale, Lord Desborough and Viscount Hill are patrons of the fund.

A Webb memorial tablet will shortly be placed in the church at Coalbrook.

TO-MORROW'S SPORTS.

Soccer.

A.O.E. and Nanaimo at the Cantona Ground.

Victoria West and Ladysmith at Ladysmith.

Second Division Soccer.

Y.M.C.A. and Empress; Fifth Regiment and Victoria West.

North Ward and Esquimalt; Baraca and Beacon Hill.

Hockey.

Victoria and Vancouver at North Ward Park.

Rugby.

Victoria and Vancouver at Vancouver.

E. G. W. Webb

dale, in which Webb worshipped, and a shield given to the boys of the Conway School for a team race. It was on the Conway that Matthew Webb served his apprenticeship as a sailor, and the boys were among the first to acknowledge his channel swim with the gift of a binocular glass on September 16th, 1875.

Webb was on the Conway School frigate from 1860 to 1862. A little while ago a memorial drinking fountain was erected at Duley.

Capt. Matthew Webb made his first appearance as a swimmer on July 3rd, 1875, when he swam from Blackpool to Gravesend (19 miles 2 furlongs) in 4 hours 52 minutes 44 seconds. On July 30th, 1875, he swam from Dover to Ramsgate (18 miles). He failed to swim the channel on August 12th, 1875, but on August 24th and 25th of the same year he succeeded in crossing from Dover to Calais in 21 hours 45 minutes. He was drowned in an attempt to swim the Niagara rapids, July 24th, 1883.

BASKETBALL.

MATCH AT DRILL HALL.

The Fifth Regiment and Victoria West basketball teams play tonight in the Drill hall in the intermediate league. The Fifth Regiment team will be composed of: Forwards, L. V. Williams and F. B. Richardson; centre, D. Smith; guards, W. A. Blaut and J. P. Wood; reserve, A. MacLachlan.

FIRE ALARM BOXES

- 1-Government and Superior Sts.
- 2-Government and Battery Sts.
- 3-Menties and Michigan Sts.
- 4-Menties and Niagara Sts.
- 5-Montreal and Kingston Sts.
- 6-Montreal and Simcoe Sts.
- 7-Dallas road and Simcoe St.
- 8-Avalon road and Phoenix P. Co.
- 9-Victoria Chemical Works.
- 10-Vancouver and Burdette Sts.
- 11-Humboldt and Douglas Sts.
- 12-Humboldt and Rupert Sts.
- 13-Cook St. and Fairfield road.
- 14-Yates and Broad Sts.
- 15-Government and Fort Sts.
- 16-Yates and Wharf Sts.
- 17-Government and Johnson St.
- 18-Victoria Theatre, Douglas St.
- 19-View and Blanchard Sts.
- 20-Spencer's Arcade.
- 21-Port and Quadra Sts.
- 22-Rockland Ave., E. of St. Charles St.
- 23-Port St. and Stanley Ave.
- 24-Port St. and Richmond road.
- 25-Port St. and Shakespeare Sts.
- 26-Pandora Ave. and Quadra St.
- 27-Caledonia Ave. and Blanchard St.
- 28-Caledonia Ave. and Cook St.
- 29-Pendleton Ave. and Spring road.
- 30-Gladstone Ave. and Stanley Ave.
- 31-Pandora Ave. and Chambers St.
- 32-Douglas and Discovery Sts.
- 33-Government St. and Princess Ave.
- 34-King's road and Blanchard St.
- 35-Government and Douglas Sts. (June).
- 36-Oakland Fire Station.
- 37-Lemon & Gonnason's Mill.
- 38-Government and Cormorant Sts.
- 39-Store and Discovery Sts.
- 40-Store and John Sts.
- 41-Bridge and John Sts.
- 42-Craigflower road and Belton Ave.
- 43-Lime and Mary Sts.
- 44-Leigh's Mill.
- 45-Wilson and Russell Sts.
- 46-Sayward's Mill.
- 47-Gorge road and Garbally road.
- 48-Burnside road and Delta St.
- 49-Washington Ave.

MOTORING DISTANCES.

The following shows the distances from Victoria of different points on Vancouver Island:

	Miles
Alberni	112
Colwood	8
Cowichan	24
Cremains	62
Duncan	40
Goldstream	11
Ladysmith	59
Nanaimo	72
Shawnigan	77

The death was recently announced at Wheatacre, Eng., of Mrs. Sarah Hickling, who was the oldest woman in Norfolk. She had attained the age of 105 years and 268 days, and had enjoyed good health throughout her

SOME LANDS WHICH THE BUDGET TAXES

British Peers Who Have Large Holdings of Land.

The land owners in the British peerage and the approximate amount of their holdings are given in the following table, taken from the London Standard:

- Baron Abercromby, 16,000 acres.
- Baron Allington, 18,000 acres.
- Marquess of Anglessey, 30,000 acres.
- Baron Ardilaun, 31,000 acres.
- Earl of Ashburnham, 24,000 acres.
- Baron Ashdown, 22,000 acres.
- Duke of Athol, 202,000 acres.
- Earl of Aylesford, 20,000 acres.
- Baron Bagot, 30,000 acres.
- Earl of Bandon, 41,000 acres.
- Viscount Bangor, 10,000 acres.
- Marquess of Bath, 55,000 acres.
- Duke of Beaufort, 54,000 acres.
- Duke of Bedford, 31,000 acres.
- Earl of Bradford, 22,000 acres.
- Marquess Camden, 18,000 acres.
- Earl of Camperdown, 14,000 acres.
- Baron Carew, 31,000 acres.
- Earl of Carnarvon, 38,000 acres.
- Earl Carystot, 25,000 acres.
- Marquess of Cholmondeley, 34,000 acres.

- Baron Churston, 11,000 acres.
- Earl of Clancarty, 35,000 acres.
- Marquess of Clanricarde, 57,000 acres.
- Viscount Clifden, 71,300 acres.
- Baron Clonbrock, 28,246 acres.
- Baron Clancoury, 12,000 acres.
- Baron Colebrooke, 30,000 acres.
- Viscount Combermere, 14,000 acres.
- Earl of Cork and Orrery, 35,500 acres.
- Earl of Cottenham, 6,000 acres.
- Earl of Courton, 23,150.
- Earl of Craven, 40,000 acres.
- Baron Gifford, 11,000 acres.
- Earl of Dartmouth, 19,600 acres.
- Earl of Dartry, 25,000 acres.
- Baron de Freyne, 35,000 acres.
- Baron Delamere, 7,000 acres.
- Earl de la Warr, 33,500 acres.
- Earl of Sandwich, 20,000 acres.
- Earl of Sefton, 20,200 acres.
- Baron Sherborne, 15,700 acres.
- Marquess of Sligo, 114,900 acres.
- Duke of Somerset, 25,400 acres.
- Baron Stafford, 10,100 acres.
- Baron Suffield, 12,000 acres.
- Earl of Tankerville, 31,500 acres.
- Baron Templemore, 26,700 acres.
- Viscount Templeton, 22,000 acres.
- Baron Thurlow, 12,900 acres.
- Baron Tolemache, 35,900 acres.
- Marquess of Tweeddale, 46,000 acres.
- Baron Trenor, 27,700 acres.
- Marquess of Tweeddale, 46,000 acres.
- Baron Ventry, 32,700 acres.
- Earl of Verulam, 11,000 acres.
- Baron Walsingham, 19,200 acres.
- Baron Wandsworth owns considerable freehold property in London Co.
- Duke of Wellington, 19,200 acres.
- Earl of Wemyss and March, 62,100 acres.
- Earl of Westmeath, 15,700 acres.
- Baron Willoughby de Broke, 18,200 acres.
- Earl of Winchelsea, 8,000.
- Baron Wimborne, 83,600 acres.
- Earl of Yarborough, 56,000 acres.
- Marquess of Zetland, 68,200 acres.
- Baron de L'Isle and Dudley, 10,000 acres.

- Baron Derwent, 12,800 acres.
- Earl of Devon, 53,000 acres.
- Baron Digby, 27,700 acres.
- Viscount Downe, 40,000 acres.
- Marquess of Downshire, 120,000 acres.
- Lord Dunally, 20,100 acres.
- Baron Dunleath, 15,000 acres.
- Earl of Dunmore, 78,000 acres.
- Earl of Dunraven, owns about 29,800 acres.

- Earl of Durham, 30,500 acres.
- Baron Dymore, 10,300 acres.
- Earl of Eldon, 25,800 acres.
- Earl of Eglar, 12,300 acres.
- Marquess of Ely, 49,900 acres.
- Earl of Enniskillen, 30,300 acres.
- Earl of Erne, 40,365 acres.
- Marquess of Exeter, 28,100 acres.
- Earl of Feversham, 39,000 acres.
- Duke of Fife, 249,300 acres.
- Baron Forester, 15,700 acres.
- Viscount Gage, 18,000 acres.
- Viscount Gormanston, 11,000 acres.
- Baron Greyville, 18,700 acres.
- Earl of Guilford, 11,000 acres.
- Earl of Haddington, 34,100 acres.
- Viscount Halifax, 10,200 acres.
- Duke of Hamilton, 107,400 acres.
- Earl of Harewood, 27,700 acres.
- Baron Harlech, 50,000 to 60,000 acres.
- Earl of Harrington, 12,000 acres.
- Baron Hastings, 21,000 acres.
- Marquess of Hertford, 22,000 acres.
- Earl of Hennessy, 18,800 acres.
- Marquess of Hertford, 12,300 acres.
- Baron Hothfield, 29,300 acres.
- Baron Howard of Glossop, 20,000 acres.

- Earl of Howe, 28,000 acres.
- Earl of Huntingdon, 12,600 acres.
- Baron Hyton, 10,500 acres.
- Baron Inchiquin, 20,400 acres.
- Earl of Kenmare, 14,000 acres.
- Earl of Kinross, 44,000 acres in Ireland, 2,000 acres in England.
- Earl of Kimberley, 11,200 acres.
- Earl of Kinnoull, 16,000 acres.
- Earl of Lathom, 11,000 acres.
- Duke of Leeds, 24,300 acres.
- Earl of Leicester, 49,000 acres.
- Marquess of Lintithgow, 42,600 acres.
- Earl of Lonsdale, 175,000 acres.
- Marquess of Louth, 22,400 acres.
- Marquess of Londoun, 33,000 acres.
- Baron Lurgan, 15,000 acres.
- Earl of Lytton, 4,900 acres.
- Duke of Manchester, 70,000 acres.
- Earl Manvers, 38,000 acres.
- Baron Middleton, 29,600.
- Earl of Morton, 55,000 acres.
- Baron Muskerry, 15,000 acres.
- Duke of Newcastle, 32,000 acres.
- Duke of Norfolk, 42,000 acres.
- Earl of Normanton, 24,000 acres.
- Earl of Northbrook, 16,100 acres.
- Earl of Oxford, 15,000 acres.
- Baron Ormonde, 26,000 acres.
- Marquess of Ormonde, 26,000 acres.
- Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, 80,000 acres.
- Baron Penrhyn, 40,000 acres.
- Baron Poltimore, 20,000 acres.
- Duke of Portland, 182,200 acres.
- Earl of Portsmouth, 47,000 acres.
- Viscount Powerscourt, 38,725 acres.
- Baron Rathdownell, 20,000 acres.
- Duke of Richmond and Gordon, 256,000 acres.
- Baron Rollo, 17,400 acres.
- Duke of Rutland, 62,000 acres.
- Earl St. Germans, 12,800 acres.
- Baron Stafford, 21,300 acres.

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CIGAR CASES, \$2.50 to	\$15
CIGARETTE CASES, \$2.50 to	\$15
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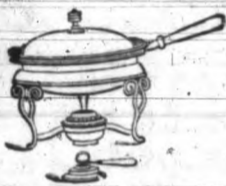
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SEVERAL LAWYERS WERE SWORN IN
Mr. Justice Gregory Welcomes Newcomers to Ranks of Profession.

At a special meeting of the benchers of the Law Society of British Columbia, held under the presidency of C. E. Pooley, K. C., the following lawyers from the eastern provinces were admitted to practice and yesterday afternoon were presented before Mr. Justice Gregory by H. D. Helmcken, K. C., and sworn in: F. B. Hill, M. S. Lane, F. C. Moffatt, H. S. Wood, J. M. Price, S. R. Roe, F. J. McDougall, A. N. Deykin, J. R. Archibald, George Black and C. E. F. Fitzgerald.

WILL SIT FOR QUEBEC, EAST.
Sir Whirrid Laurier Formally Vacates Seat for Ottawa.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sir Whirrid Laurier this afternoon announced his decision to sit for Quebec East, and formally vacated his seat for Ottawa.

PANTAGES THEATRE.
At the Pantages theatre to-night, Mast, the handcuff man, will be put to one of the hardest tests he has ever been put to, and that is to escape from an iron tank made by the B. C. Hardware Company, and at present in one of their windows on the corner of Broad and Yates street. The B. C. Hardware Company made a remark that Mr. Mast might make his escape from handcuffs all right, but he could not get himself out of an iron tank. Well Mr. Mast went to the B. C. Hardware Company and told them that if they would make a tank and bring it down to the theatre that he would try and free himself from the tank. Neither Mr. Mast nor any one connected with the theatre has ever laid hands on the tank. The tank will be brought down to the theatre to-night, placed on the stage in full view of every one. Mr. Mast will then be placed into the tank and be soldered in by two men who are working for the B. C. Hardware Company. The E. C. Hardware Company will have all the handling of the tank at all times. Any one can see that no other tank is used in the place of the one in the window at present. Remember this: **Handcuff man comes off to-night.**

H. H. BLOOD COMING TO LECTURE ON OIL
Noted Geologist and Expert to Tell About California's Great Industry.

Victoria people will have an opportunity next week to learn something about the great oil industry of California. H. H. Blood, a member of the California Stock and Oil Exchange, and a noted geologist, will be in Victoria on Monday afternoon as the guest of Hugh E. Springer, managing director of the Canadian Pacific Oil Company, of B. C., Limited. Mr. Blood is the field manager of this corporation. There is no better known man in the oil world than he. He organized and put on a dividend-paying basis three of the biggest oil companies in California to-day, viz. the Del Rio, Sovereign and San Joaquin.

PRIMROSE MINSTRELS.
Minstrel organizations from away back to the original Christy's serenaders have come and gone, some have left an impress of kindly appreciation while others have scarcely been about.

BOY LOSES HIS LIFE IN FLAMES
Two Children Are Fatally Burned During Absence of Mother.

Ell, Manitoba, Dec. 17.—A candle set fire to the funeral hangings last evening in the house of Joseph Prefontaine, former member for Provencher, where the body of his mother lay. A large number of persons present escaped panic stricken, and in the hurry a seven-year-old boy who was sleeping upstairs was burned to death. Geo. Prefontaine, son of Joseph Prefontaine, was seriously, and perhaps fatally, burned trying to save the corpse from cremation.

Two Fatally Burned.
Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—During the absence of Mrs. Masters, 396 Arnold avenue, at half-past ten this morning, fire broke out in the house, where she had left her two children, Ina, aged four, and Earl, aged two years. Both were fatally burned. Owing to the door being locked the neighbors could not render help to the little ones.

KING LEOPOLD WILL BE BURIED ON WEDNESDAY

Mob Makes Demonstration in Front of Home of Reputed Widow.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The funeral of the late King Leopold will be held next Wednesday and Prince Albert will take the royal oath on the following day.

PERSONAL.
Wm. Sloan, ex-M. P. of Nanaimo, is in the city, a guest at the Empress hotel. He is accompanied by Mrs. Sloan, and they are en route to California, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Sloan recently returned from Ottawa, where he had been on private business.

—Last evening at the regular meeting of Court Columbia, No. 24, Canadian Order of Foresters, the following officers were elected for the year: Past chief ranger, D. D. England; chief ranger, W. Bergstrom; vice-chief ranger, F. L. Mimmick; chaplain, J. H. Schroeder; treasurer, G. Smith; recording secretary, R. W. O. Savage; financial secretary, A. E. Haynes; senior woodward, A. Tripp; junior woodward,

J. Ewing; senior beadle, K. R. Brogh; junior beadle, J. McEwan; physician, Dr. Ernest Hall; conductor, F. G. Wyatt; trustees, T. J. Evans, F. G. Wyatt and A. Peden. The newly elected officers were duly installed by Bro. D. Stewart. The social committee have promised the members a surprise in the way of a novelty entertainment of which more particulars will be given later.

—All members of the Ladies' Hockey Club are earnestly requested to turn out to a special practice to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Oak Bay grounds.

—We have made a specialty this season of English felt slippers, and our prices are extremely moderate. Call and see them. Watson's Shoe Store, next King Edward hotel, Yates St.

COOK'S POLAR RECORD.
Copenhagen, Dec. 16.—The committee investigating the records of Dr. F. A. Cook this afternoon announced that the affidavits of Loose and Dunkle, made in New York, in which they claimed to have fabricated records for Cook, will be ignored. The committee will base its decision entirely upon the record of Cook's trip to the North Pole as submitted by him.

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DES MOINES SYSTEM IS RECOMMENDED

Civic Committee of Trades and Labor Council Present Report.

The civic committee of the Trades and Labor Council met last night at Labor hall and presented a report dealing with the subject of civic administration. The meeting was really a public gathering. The attendance was not very large, but deep interest was manifested. The report, which endorses the Des Moines system as a basis for city government will be presented at a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. The report of the committee was as follows:

Gentlemen:—After a study of the various systems of civic administration in vogue in those cities, most noted for up-to-date methods, your committee has arrived at the conclusion that a system based on that in use in Des Moines and other Iowa cities is the best suited to the needs of this city. The system referred to is a model of simplicity. The administration is always, through the council, subject to removal if delinquent in its duty, and the popular will can be expressed through the initiative to introduce measures, and the referendum to pass upon the by-laws, franchises, etc., that may be passed by the council. The citizens of all classes are enthusiastic over the success of the plan, and the board is made that a motion to repeal would not get even ten per cent. in support. The plan is, speaking generally, that the city is governed and its works administered by a mayor and council, elected from the city at large. The ward system has been abolished. The city's affairs are divided into five departments. The mayor is ex officio superintendent of public affairs. The four councillors, after election, each take the superintendence of a department. There is a department of public safety, comprising police, health and fire protection, a department of finance and accounts and a department of public works. In the latter department the waterworks, sewers, streets and other works are taken care of. The mayor, as superintendent of public affairs, has charge of the public library, legal and clerical department, also of matters that naturally fall to the occupant of the mayorality chair. This body is legislative as well as administrative, and in both is subject to the desires of the citizens. With this plan in mind, this committee recommends for this city that such changes as are needed in our laws be secured as will permit the introduction of a system similar to the above. Some of the principal features follow: 1. The governing body to be a mayor and council. 2. The mayor to be elected for a term of two or three years. 3. The council of four or six members, to be elected for a term of two years, half of them to retire annually. This will ensure continuity of policy to a certain extent. Mayor and councillors to be subject to recall on petition of 25 per cent. of number voting at previous election. 4. Ward system to be abolished. 5. A petition in favor of the enactment of any by-law if signed by 15 per cent. of number of voters for all candidates for mayor at previous election is sufficient to cause a special election to be held if council amends or rejects it by a 75 per cent. vote. 6. A petition by 10 per cent. to bring about a referendum by special election and 25 per cent. for a referendum at general election. 7. All special privileges and franchises to be subject to the referendum as well as money by-laws. 8. The administration of the affairs of the city to be arranged in departments, with one alderman or the mayor superintendent of each. The chief officials under him to be appointed by him subject to the confirmation by the council. 9. The mayor and aldermen to devote their whole time, or regular hours to be arranged by law, to their duties, with salaries suitable and sufficient. 10. The system of preferential voting would make the council fully representative of all classes, and should be adopted. These are the more important features of the plan proposed. The details would have to be worked out in accordance, and we suggest that a citizens' organization be formed to take the matter up and make the public familiar with the good features of such a system of city government. A. E. MACEACHERN, O. L. CHARLTON.

DISORDER MARS PEERS' MEETINGS

of Wight, the children were set the following to write out a dictation lesson by the Radical managing committee and instructed to take it home to their parents: "Remember, November 20th, 1909. The House of Lords threw out the budget. They have thus usurped rights belonging to the House of Commons. For one hundred years, since the 13th century, the House of Commons have decided how taxes should be levied. The United Irish League of Great Britain has issued an election manifesto practically in the terms of John Redmond's speech, in which the Irish leader called on the party to vote for the Liberals. An enthusiastic reception was given at the Dublin meeting of the Irish parliamentary party to what was called the generous subscription from Hon. Edward Blake and his expressions of sympathy with his old colleagues in the present great struggle. Some indication of the difficulties Mr. Redmond has to face within the Nationalist party is given by a forceful resolution of the United Irish League, unreservedly accepts the Liberal programme and declares that consideration of Home Rule will be deferred until the English Liberal and Socialist parties have altered the English constitution as it has existed since 1699. It associates Home Rule definitely with opposition to one of the great English parties, abandons even the pretence of the Irish party acting as an independent factor in the English parliament, and accepts a budget which imposes a new two millions of taxes on Ireland. In the Unionist press the whole affair is frankly labelled as Asquith's bribe, and hot words are also being used to describe the unwelcome compact between the ministry and the Socialists. The actual results of the alliance negotiations up to the present are as follows: Socialist candidates withdrawn, 22; Defiant Socialists, 6; seats left by Liberals to Socialists, 46. Headlines in Unionist papers read: 'Fighting red flag: Liberal funds for 46 Socialist candidates.' Among the Radicals on the other hand the greatest satisfaction is expressed that practically every opponent of the Lords is now in line. Liberals, Radicals, Socialists and Nationalists. 'The future,' they say, 'can look after itself.' They mean, unitedly, to draw the Lords' teeth. Chamberlain's Letter. London, Dec. 18.—Joseph Chamberlain, who again is a candidate for the House of Commons in Birmingham, has written the preface of a political pamphlet, in which he strongly supports the position of the House of Lords in rejecting the budget. As an election cry Mr. Chamberlain adopts 'abolition of Cobdenism, not of the House of Lords.' RECORD BANK CLEARINGS. Regina, Dec. 17.—Bank clearing at Regina for the week ending yesterday broke all records so far, totalling \$1,629,625.

SHINGLES FOR EAST BY TEHAUNTEPEC

Lonsdale Loaded Half Million at New Westminster—Lumber Cargo.

Steamer Lonsdale, of the Mexican line, will probably not be here outward bound until the early part of the week. She has been loading half a million shingles at New Westminster, which will go by way of the Isthmus of Tehauantepec to New York and be distributed from there to inland points. This is the second shipment of shingles by that route, and it is said that the shippers will save 4 cents a thousand, or \$20 on the shipment, by sending that way rather than overland. Besides the shingles the steamer has a part cargo of lumber which was loaded at the Brunette mills. The steamer will call here outward bound for the mails and for any small shipment of freight that may be made from this port.

CITY SCHOOLS CLOSE TO-DAY

(Continued from page 1)

The programme was exceptionally good this year. Some who had attended the closing for several years declared it the best yet. The walls were prettily and tastefully decorated for the occasion, making the old structure put on quite a brave appearance. The work of the principal and her associates, Miss Anderson and Miss Lucas, was warmly approved by the large assemblage of parents and friends. The following programme was rendered: Recitation, "Welcome," Thelma Jeeves; chorus, by school; recitation, "The Dearest Dolls," Hazel Smith; recitation, "The Christmas Song," Liliana-Northam; round, by school; recitation, "Guiding Santa," Earl Smith; recitation, "Help One Another," Annie Oppenheimer; chorus, by school; recitation, "Mother Nature's Bed Quits," Nellie Lawson; recitation, "A Happy New Year," Isabel Phaease; song, by pupils of division I; recitation, "Johnny's Letter," Darwin, Charlton; round, by school; recitation, "When Granny was a Little Girl," Francis Walker; recitation, "Mothers Always Do," Bessie Johns; chorus, by school; dialogue, "Two Sides of the Question," by Willie Turnbull and Lotta Jennings; chorus, by school; recitation, "A Poor Rule," Lizzie Wright; recitation, "Goodbye to Summer," Florence Freeman; song, by pupils of division I; recitation, "Two Little Boys," John Thomas; marching song, by school; address by Rev. F. T. Tapscott; "God Save the King."

WM. KANE CAUSES A SENSATION IN COURT

"I Know Who Stole the Watch," He Says, on Behalf of Prisoner.

His morning William Kane caused a small sensation when Donald Cullin was on trial for stealing a watch by standing up in the court room and asking permission to give evidence for accused, saying: "I know the man who stole the watch." After Kane's evidence had been given the case was adjourned to bring a man named Tommy Reid to court, who will be asked to make a statement. Cullin was charged with stealing a gold watch valued at \$15 from Robert Large. The owner of the watch gave evidence to the effect that the watch had been taken from him in a saloon. He was followed by a restaurant keeper, who said accused had tried to sell him the watch for \$5 and two square meals. Accused in defence said he had been given the watch to sell by another man, and asked for time to get witnesses. His witness was sent for and said the court he had seen the watch in the possession of a third man, but that accused had tried to sell it to him. As he left the box Kane, formerly a race-track employee, but at present a longshoreman, arose in court and asked permission to give evidence on behalf of accused. He said he had seen the watch stolen watch and that accused did not steal it. The name of the man who stole the watch, Tommy Reid. The court then adjourned to get Tommy Reid, whom the police will endeavor to bring into court to-morrow morning. STEAM BOILER REGULATIONS. Regina, Sask., Dec. 16.—The conference on steam boiler regulations, of delegates from most of the provinces of the Dominion has closed its labor. Lieut.-Col. Harkom, of Richmond, Que., represented the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at the conference as consulting engineer. Colonel Harkom stated the result of the conference would undoubtedly be an improvement in conditions attending the construction and use of boilers. If the several provinces adopted uniform regulations not only would the public be protected from disastrous accidents, but users and purchasers would be protected from the increase in cost attending the uncertainties attending the difficulty in meeting the varying requirements of the different provinces at the present time. It is understood that the result of the conference is likely to be a set of regulations which will do credit to the Dominion.

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INCITE TO MURDER BY HYPNOTIC MEANS Ontario Miner Appeals to Government to Break Up Gang. From northern Ontario comes a story that, if true, would serve to indicate that the pursuit of mining is a highly dangerous vocation in more respects than one. Apart from the hardships to be endured it would seem that the man with a valuable claim has literally to sleep upon his arms, or, taking the other side of the shield, that large quantities of the stuff that induces dreams has escaped the vigilance of the license inspectors and has found its way into the north. Hon. J. J. Foy, attorney-general of Ontario, lately received a letter from a miner in the north containing a pathetic appeal for protection from the machinations of a gang who operate through the means of telepathy or hypnosis, and incite to murder in order to obtain valuable mining claims. The letter to the attorney-general contained a great wealth of detail as to the operations of this mysterious gang, who number among them three women, who are fully as dangerous as the men. In his letter to Mr. Foy, the miner says that while asleep the other night he dreamed that his partner and life-long friend was approaching the cabin to murder him. He awoke with a start, and hearing a

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noise outside he approached the window, and peering out, saw his friend with a shotgun in his hands. The friend seemed in a dazed condition; He brought him into the house, and when he emerged from the daze in which he appeared to be he could remember nothing. One paragraph in the letter gives the crux of the matter. Here it is: "Here is where the real criminal work comes in. There is a gang of hypnotists, or men who use mental telepathy—mental investigators—but in reality nothing but rascals, thieves and murderers." The writer proceeds to say that there are three women in this telepathic circle. The gang has been organized and operating for some time, and the writer is of the opinion that for the better protection of property and life they should be speedily broken up. He suggests that his friend should be utilized as a crown witness, the inference being that the friend was under hypnotic influence when he approached the cabin with a loaded gun. The officers of the department are at a loss to determine whether the writer of the note is laboring under mental delusion, or that it was just a remarkable coincidence that his friend should appear on the scene with a gun at the time that the man was having his peculiar dream. The matter will be inquired into.

resting across a wire carrying 60,000 volts. He died later. SWINDLERS SENTENCED. Paris, Dec. 17.—The Dubatas, who secured jewelry on credit while posing as the Count and Countess Dubatas, were convicted yesterday of swindling and sentenced each to two years imprisonment and a fine of \$200. WILL NOT RETIRE. Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Chief Forester Pinchot has refused the presidency of Michigan University. The Middlesex county education committee has decided to offer eight scholarships to teachers in secondary schools to include a free tour in France and Germany during the holidays. KILLED IN POWER PLANT. Vallejo, Dec. 17.—A blue sheet of flame that swept the wires of Bay Counties Power Company's plant sent Edwin a busy-day search to locate the "short" that had caused the trouble. They found the blackened and unconscious form of Harrington, the foreman of the plant.

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This week's Provincial Gazette contains
notice that the public offices of
the provincial government will be
closed on Friday, the 24th, and Friday,
the 31st, the days immediately preceding
Christmas and New Year's Day.

These stories one hears about the
decaying British marine interests
makes me smile," said Mr. Durnell,
who for many years was actively en-
gaged in shipbuilding at Newcastle-
on-Tyne, speaking to a Montreal Wit-
ness reporter, previous to his depart-
ure for New York, from whence he
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW NAVY
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT

Same Military Terms to Be Used by All Parts of Empire.

The report of the proceedings of the Defence conference as they affected Australia was presented to the Australian parliament shortly before the steamer Aorangi left for this port. According to that report Australia is to provide a fleet unit of one armoured and three unarmoured cruisers, six destroyers, and three submarines. The vessels are to be manned, as far as possible, by Australians. The rest of the complement is to be made up of Royal Navy officers and men. In peace time, and while on the Australian station, the unit will be under the exclusive control of the Commonwealth government as regards movements and general administration; but regulations similar to the King's regulations and naval discipline shall obtain when the unit is with vessels of the Royal Navy. The senior officer shall command the whole, and when placed at the disposal of the admiralty the vessels are to be controlled by the Naval Commander-in-Chief. The Australian unit is to be part of the Eastern Fleet of the Empire, composed of the East-Indies, China, and Australian units.

The initial cost is estimated as follows:—One armoured cruiser (new Indomitable class), £2,000,000; three unarmoured cruisers (Bristol class), £1,050,000; six destroyers (River class), £1,050,000; £480,000; three submarines (C class), £35,000, £165,000. Total, £3,695,000.

The annual cost of maintenance, including wages at Australian rates, interest, and sinking fund, is estimated at £758,000 per annum, and until the Commonwealth can take over the whole cost the Imperial government will contribute £250,000 yearly.

The present subsidy of £200,000 is to be continued until the new Australian unit shall relieve the existing Australian squadron. When desired, officers and men of the Australian service may be sent to vessels and training schools of the Royal Navy in exchange for Imperial officers and men who may volunteer for Australian service.

The naval dockyard at Sydney is to be handed over to the Commonwealth free of charge.

The construction of the armoured cruiser is to be undertaken as soon as possible, and the whole unit completed within about two and a half years.

Local training schools are to be established, and until stores and munitions can be supplied locally they will be supplied by the admiralty at Royal Navy cost.

Attention is drawn in the report to the varying standards of organization throughout the Empire. The dominions are asked to work out a policy which will enable them to mobilize at war establishments of corresponding Imperial units. Lines of communication units are specified. The same military terms should be adopted throughout the Empire, and the universal adoption of the Imperial field service regulations and training and manoeuvre regulations is recommended.

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MINING CONVENTION HELD AT NELSON

Resolution Passed Regarding Zinc Industry in Province.

Nelson, Dec. 17.—The most important mining convention ever held in the interior assembled here Wednesday and was attended by a large number of representatives of the metal industries.

The following resolution was passed, and will be sent to all members of the Dominion and provincial governments and to members of the Dominion House representing British Columbia:

"This convention, representing the mining, smelting and commercial interests of Kootenay, British Columbia, begs to submit to the hon. minister the following facts in regard to the industry of the production of zinc:

"That the smelter erected by the Canada Zinc Company at Frank has been pronounced a commercial failure, and its operation as a zinc smelter has been abandoned.

"That the plant established by the Canada Zinc Company at Nelson for the treatment of zinc ores by an electrical process has been idle for one year with apparently no prospect of its resumption.

"That for the year 1909, 11,000 tons of zinc ores with average contents of fifty per cent. of zinc, have been shipped from Kootenay points to the United States.

"That a very large quantity of zinc, necessarily mined in connection with the production of lead ores, has been wasted or remains piled up on the dumps.

"That developments during the year, particularly upon the property known as the Big Ledge, on Arrow Lake, indicate that the supply of zinc ores in sight calling for treatment is very much larger than has heretofore been supposed.

"That the Payne tariff of the United States, adopted this year, imposes a duty of one cent a pound on the zinc contents of ores carrying more than 25 per cent. of zinc.

"That railway rates upon ores from Kootenay points to the United States zinc smelters are very much higher than are the rates upon Mexican ores.

"That these conditions, which may now be considered as permanently fixed, render impossible the export to the United States of any but very high class zinc ores, and upon the latter absorbing the greater part of the profit to the producer.

"That from the returns of the customs department of Canada it appears that there are imported into Canada annually zinc products to the amount of over 7,000 tons, worth, according to customs valuation, over \$750,000.

"That it is highly desirable that we should have established a smelting plant capable of treating our own ores and of turning out manufactured products of zinc at least to the extent of supplying our own market.

"That this convention therefore begs respectfully to request that the department of mines of the Dominion government will take this matter up and conduct experimental work upon such a scale as will determine definitely the practicability of the economical treatment by electro-thermal or electro-chemical process of these zinc ores."

A committee consisting of John Keen, of Kaslo; S. S. Fowler, of Atsaworth; J. Greenstreet, proprietor of the Big Ledge mine; G. W. Loper, manager of the Lucky Jim, at Burton, and E. K. Beaton, was appointed to carry out the decisions of the convention.

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STAMPS DESTROYED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—Over \$250,000 worth of internal revenue tax paid whiskey stamps, the property of the government, were mutilated or blown away yesterday when the arm attached to a mail car of a fast train failed to properly connect with a registered mail bag and threw it under the wheels. The accident occurred at Gibsonton near here and only a few of the stamps have been recovered by the government agent.

DEATH OF INSPECTOR CHURCH. Fatal Illness Contracted While on Way to Pas Mission.

Regina, Dec. 17.—The Royal Northwest Mounted police force has lost one of its most valuable men, word having been received from Hudson Bay Junction of the death there Wednesday of Inspector Church. The loss of the officer is one of the worst blows the force has received in years.

The fatal illness which carried Inspector Church off was contracted in the performance of his duty. He left Regina on December 4th in company with Commissioner Perry, bound for the Pas Mission, away north of Prince Albert. When the two officers reached Hudson Bay Junction Inspector Church was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia.

He was looked after by Commissioner Perry, and remained confined to his bed until Wednesday, when the end came.

Inspector Church, although only a member of the force for twelve years, has worked his way from the ranks to a commissioner. He first came in contact with the Royal Northwest Mounted police force at the Diamond Jubilee, and shortly afterwards came to Canada in England Inspector Church held the rank of corporal-major of the Horse Guards. When he joined the mounted police he assumed the rank of staff-sergeant, and in 1902 was promoted to the commissioner rank with the office of inspector.

The deceased officer was a veteran of two South African campaigns. He went out with the first Canadian mounted rifles as regimental sergeant-major, and after returning from the fight went back with the second Canadian mounted rifles, holding the rank of captain and adjutant.

In the mounted police Inspector Church was chief riding master, and he was known throughout the country as the most efficient horseman in Canada. By the officers he was considered a most valuable man, and by every one of the men he was beloved. The feeling is general at the barracks that his death will mean a great loss to the force.

Inspector Church was one of the judges at the Winnipeg horse show last spring, and has many times officiated in similar capacity at Regina and elsewhere.

Arrangements for the funeral are not completed as yet, but the body will be brought to Regina and interred with full military honors at the barracks cemetery.

INSURANCE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

New York, Dec. 17.—The shortage of about \$50,000 reported at the Atlanta Agency of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn will make no difference, the department says, in the general condition of the company as recently reported. The alleged shortage was taken into account when the general report was made.

The department says that not more than \$20,000 can be realized on the property turned over by Harry Stockdell, the former general agent at Atlanta. Stockdell was Atlanta agent of the company for twenty years, but his successor was appointed a week ago.

Henry Evans, chairman of the executive committee of the Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, for the directors, makes the following statement: "I will believe the company has besides the large resources in unearned premiums and with liabilities fully stated, a capital intact of \$1,500,000 and a net surplus of \$500,000, and I am personally ready to buy the stock of the company on that basis."

"The work of house-cleaning and rehabilitation is going on as rapidly as possible, and to our satisfaction. The Phoenix policyholders are safer to-day than they have been for years past."

A TUNNEL TRUST TO MANAGE LONDON TUBES

There Will Be Twenty-two Miles of Railway Under Its Control.

What is to be known as the London Railways Company, with a capital of \$85,000,000, is about to be launched. The launching will take place when parliament sanctions the amalgamation of the Piccadilly, the Bakerloo, and the Hampstead tube railway companies, for it is of these elements that the new organization is formed.

The new company will control more than twenty-two miles of electric railway. The new loop line at Charing Cross will start at the terminus of the Hampstead tube, pass under Craven street, connect with the Bakerloo at Trafalgar square, with the district at the embankment, and after passing under the Thames will run under the embankment Gardens and return to the Charing Cross Station of the Hampstead tube.

The total issue of the three existing companies is £15,920,000 of the extra £880,000 capital of the new combine £400,000 will be spent on new works, the principal of which will be the construction of a loop-line at Charing Cross to link up the Hampstead and Bakerloo tubes.

The remaining £480,000 is provided for in the general rearrangement of shares, and is made up of £400,000, the amount of the indebtedness of the Hampstead Company to the Underground Electric Railway Company, and £80,000 for the general purpose of the new company.

It is stated that holders of stock in the present companies will receive shares for share in the new company, although the chief feature of the financial part of the enterprise will be the conversion of a portion of the ordinary stock into preferred shares.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

New Westminster, Dec. 17.—Word has reached the city that John McCormick, a fireman in the Nicomen sawmill, was killed while adjusting a belt. The body was badly mangled.

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- These are not \$1 gloves, but regular \$1.25, at, special for Xmas, \$1.
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- Fur lined Reindeer, with fur cuff **\$3.50**
- Men's Neckwear—Exclusive designs in fancy Silk Ties, 50c to **\$3.00**
- LADIES' GUARANTEED GLOVES**
- Ladies' heavy Dogskin Gloves, \$1.25 and **\$1.50**
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- Ladies' fine Kid, all shades. **\$1.25**
- Ladies' Mocha Gloves, greys and tans **\$1.50**
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PORTUGUESE IN THE FAR EAST

Chinese Refuse to Entertain Proposal for Arbitration Regarding Macao.

Peking, Dec. 17.—The Chinese government has refused finally Portugal's proposition for the arbitration of the Macao boundary dispute, concerning which the two governments have been negotiating since last March.

The island of Macao, is situated at the west side of the entrance to the Canton river, and is inhabited by Chinese and Portuguese. The city of Macao, on a peninsula of the island, was settled by Portuguese merchants in the latter part of the sixteenth century, and subsequently ceded to Portugal by China. Portuguese interests have been gradually extended through the territory adjacent to the city of Macao, and the adjoining islands of Taipa and Coloane. The city is a seaport of some consequence and its trade has been the source of jealousy and friction between the two races. China holds that the only concession of territory ever made to Portugal was limited by the boundaries of the city, and demands that surrounding territory and islands be evacuated by that country. Portugal sent an envoy to Canton last spring, who was instructed to attempt a settlement of China's demand. The envoy failed in his commission, and the negotiations which have been carried on intermittently ever since, have been no more successful. Recently Portugal offered to submit the question of the limitation of Portugal's authority on the island of Macao to arbitration, and it is this proposition which the Chinese government now has refused to entertain.

OWNERS OF COBALT MINES ROBBED

Two Men Are Under Arrest Charged With Receiving Stolen Ore.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—By the arrest of John E. Wilkinson, a manufacturer, of Toronto, and Alexander Littlejohn, alias Macfarlane, a miner, of Cobalt, yesterday, the police believe they have struck at the heart of the gang which for the past five years has been stealing from the various Cobalt mine owners at the rate of more than a million dollars a year. Both men are charged with receiving stolen property, and there may be a number of other startling arrests.

That thefts to the extent mentioned have been going on almost openly for so long is hard to believe. The proprietors of the mines themselves knew that they were being robbed, but it seemed impossible to get the men who were doing it. Thousands of dollars were spent in employing private detectives, and it was only recently that the slightest headway was made.

To illustrate to what extent the thefts have been carried on, the police say that Wilkinson's books show that within the last four years he has received in the neighborhood of \$500,000 worth of ore, and they further state that Wilkinson admits that he is only one of a number who have been carrying on the business in Toronto.

"WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC"

Committees of United States Congress Fail to Reach Agreement on Bills.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The efforts of the immigration committee of the House to patch up an amity with the committee on interstate and foreign commerce on the subject of jurisdiction over "white slave traffic" legislation, failed of effect and the committee appointed yesterday for information conference purposes reported back yesterday that there was no hope of a compromise. Representatives Bennett, of New York, and S. A. Beth, of Illinois, of the immigration committee were appointed as a sub-committee yesterday to draft out an entirely new bill as a substitute for the others now before the committee and report. The immigration committee will then endeavor to report its bill out ahead of the bill of Chairman Mann in the interstate commerce committee and get first action in the House.

SENT TO JAIL

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—For having a stolen watch in his possession Albert Smith must serve two years' imprisonment. He said he purchased the timepiece at an auction sale in Seattle, but this was disproved. He had been ordered out of several hotels for robbing drunken persons, and this told against him.

"A GIRL AT THE HELM"

The attraction at the Victoria theatre to-night will be H. H. Frazee's elaborate production of the La Salle theatre musical comedy success "A Girl at the Helm" which will be seen here for the first time. Billy Clifford is the chief fun-maker and is assisted by a bevy of sixty helpers, mostly pretty girls, big and little, who can sing, who dress well and who can dance.

"A Girl at the Helm" is a musical comedy with unique characters, and situations quite as rigid as those used by the best known play without music. It would be interesting if there were not a song in it, but with a pleasant accompaniment of attractive music sung by well trained voices, vivacious dances and a dainty chorus introduced legitimately, the play has all the attractive features of both musical and legitimate comedy. During the long run at the La Salle theatre in Chicago, it was witnessed by many of the so called First Nighters, who boasted of never having seen a musical comedy before. There is always a reason and a cause for success and popularity which in this case is that the authors struck a new idea and the producer developed it with unusual skill.

MANY DREDGES ARE GOING TO NOME

Australian Invention to Be Used Within Arctic Circle Next Year.

Frank H. Waskey, a well-known Nome mining operator and the first delegate to the United States Congress from Alaska, has received information to the effect that five new dredges, with an aggregate output capacity of \$1,000,000 every hundred days, will be shipped to Nome on the first boats next spring.

Two of the digging machines are now under construction at San Francisco. They are of the type invented by Arthur J. Hutton, a young Australian engineer, who has made a success at Nome with the Pearson dredge last summer. These machines are so constructed that their fuel consumption per thousand cubic yards is about two-thirds less than that of the ordinary type of digging machine. Another advantage is they are so arranged that a clean-up can be made without closing down the bucket line.

Three of the dredges to be shipped to Nome next summer will be placed on Solomon River. One of them is being built to the order of O. Sivertsen, who operated a small capacity machine last summer, while another is being constructed to the order of Frank I. Reed, J. J. Gedney, the manager of the Solomon River and Council City Railroad, is at the head of the enterprise which is placing the third machine on this stream.

HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Minister of Labor Introduces Amendment to Industrial Disputes Act.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Hon. Mackenzie King, in the Commons yesterday, announced that a government bill would be introduced this session amending the industrial disputes act.

George Gordon (Nipissing), introduced a bill to amend the criminal code with a view of stamping out the thefts of silver ore in the mining districts, which are becoming very frequent. At the present time, when silver is found on a person it is difficult to have the theft proven on account of the impossibility of tracing from where any water power or other national resource. The amendment provides that the onus of proving where he obtained the ore must rest upon the suspect in whose possession it was found.

J. E. Armstrong introduced a bill to amend the act establishing a commission for the conservation of national resources, which received its first reading. It seeks to prohibit the chairman or members or officials of the commission from acquiring by lease or purchase any water power or other national resource. Mr. Armstrong added that he had not the slightest intention of casting any reflections upon the commissioners, but he thought the amendment was not only in the public interest but also of the commissioners.

The House adjourned yesterday for the Christmas recess and will reassemble on January 12th.

LAKE BUNTZEN POWER.

B. C. Electric Company Will Install Steam Auxiliary Plant.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The contracts for the B. C. Electric Company's new steam auxiliary plant and electric generator at Lake Buntzen are now being let, and although the final formal stipulations have not been placed on the documents, it is understood that the work for the former, at a figure near \$250,000, will go to C. E. Moore & Co., of San Francisco. The successful tender for the \$50,000 electric generator is not known yet, but will probably be announced in a day or two. At present word is being awaited from the London directors before final action is taken. The officials of the company were approached for confirmation of the statement that the Moore company had secured the contract for the steam plant, but declined to make any announcements, claiming that nothing could be given out until the receipt of a cable from London. It is pretty certain, however, that the information is correct.

REVISION OF THE BANK ACT.

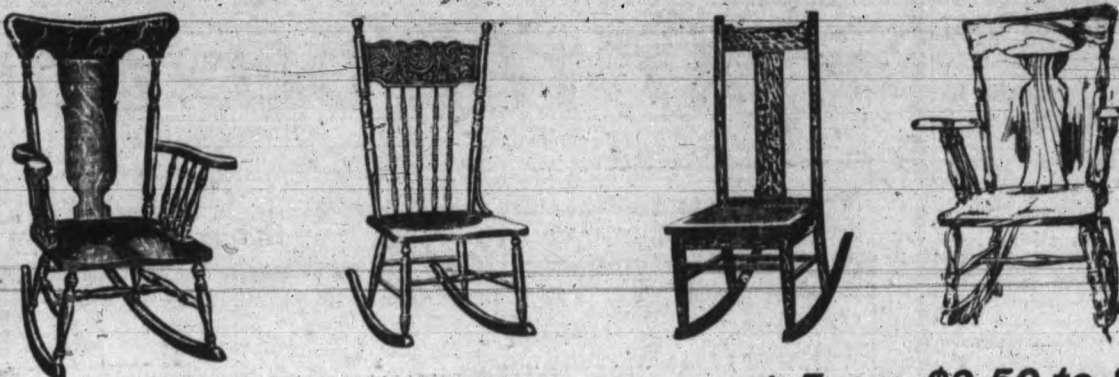
External Examination. In connection with the approaching revision of the Bank Act, the important question of the necessity for external examination of banks is discussed in a pamphlet issued by H. C. McLeod, General Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia. This is a subject which well merits the careful study of those who are interested in the stability of our banking system, either as shareholders, depositors or borrowers. Copies of the pamphlet will be supplied free by any of the Branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

NOT DEAD.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—Miss Nellie Burns, 19 years old, who was declared legally dead on Monday by the circuit court, appeared in offices of an insurance company yesterday. She was later identified by Miss Annie Bosne, her foster mother, who has not seen her since 1888 when it is declared the girl was kidnaped.

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JUST A CLEAR WEEK of shopping days left—6 short days in which to crowd your holiday shopping. As the days grow nearer the shopping crowds increase, and the choosing is made more difficult and less of a pleasure. Our advice is, "Come in to-day." There will be no better time—none better for either you or us. We can give you better service and offer you better assortments, and altogether please you better if you come in to-day. Don't miss the magnificent showing of china, cut glass and silverware—by far the finest display we have ever had.

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- Ink Stands
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- Cut Glass Decanters
- Fireplace Furniture
- Cigarettes
- Magazine Stands
- Smokers' Cabinets
- Smokers' Sets
- Shaving Mirrors
- Shaving Brushes
- Shaving Mugs
- Office Desks
- Sectional Bookcases
- Card Tables
- Willow Easy Chairs
- Foot Rests
- Morris Chairs
- Easy Chairs
- Couches
- Stools
- Corkscrews
- Manicure Pieces
- Liquor Sets
- Students' Lamps
- Electric Lamps

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- China Chocolate Sets
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- Silverware
- Silver and Oak Ware
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- Salad Sets
- Reading Lamp
- Electric Lamps
- Brass Goods
- Photo Frames
- Stationery Holders
- Writing Sets
- Jardiniere
- Book Racks
- Fern Pots
- Kettles and Stands
- Cheval Mirrors
- Ladies' Desks
- Morris Chairs
- Easy Chairs
- Couches
- Music Cabinets
- Magazine Rack
- Library Tables
- Tea Tables

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HINDU BOMB PLOT.

The Calcutta High court has given its verdict in the Alipore bomb conspiracy case. It has sentenced four of the leading conspirators to transportation for life, including Boren, brother of Arambindo Ghose, and Hem Chandra Dutt, who went to Paris to study bomb-making, and has been described as the most sinister figure in the conspiracy.

The court held that the police had no sanction from the government to prosecute under section 121 of the Penal Code, but that otherwise the case was perfectly genuine, and that the conspiracy was not a childish one.

One man was acquitted.

The Chief Justice was in favor of the acquittal of four of the prisoners, but Justice Carnduff disagreed, and the case will accordingly have to be considered by a third judge.

The incidents which gave rise to the trial came to light in the summer of last year. In the course of their raids upon supposed anarchist haunts the police visited the garden of a house at Maniktoolah, a suburb of Calcutta. They discovered a huge quantity of bombs, materials for explosives, weapons and seditious literature, and, as a consequence, over thirty men were arrested, including Arambindo Ghose.

During the proceedings one of the prisoners, Narendra Nath Gossain, turned King's evidence, and gave details of a widely-diffused conspiracy, but he was murdered in jail by two of the fellow prisoners.

SHRAPNEL AND SHELL.

The shell and ammunition works at Spandau, Prussia, are being worked to their capacity on new artillery projectiles, which combine the functions of shrapnel and shell. It is understood that the whole artillery division will be supplied as soon as practicable, in order that a uniform ammunition may displace the two varieties in use.

For half a generation the war office has been experimenting in the hope of solving the problem of a single projectile adapted for use as a shell against material resistance, and at the same time as shrapnel against a living target. Now the German ordnance engineers, it would seem, have succeeded in making such a projectile.

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LORD LANSDOWNE

By William Maxwell in the London Daily Mail.

To Lord Lansdowne is committed to-day a solemn duty, and privilege. As leader in the House of Lords he is called upon to assert the right of the nation to be master of its fate. No man has stronger claim to this privilege of responsibility, for none has served his country more faithfully or inspired his countrymen with more confidence. The man whom Gladstone and Salisbury and Granville and Jowett chose for the highest offices of state, and who during forty years of public life has given so many proofs of capacity and pledges of devotion to the interests of the country, is entitled to this privilege.

Lord Lansdowne is not one of those men who believe that their debt to their country was paid by their ancestors. Yet none had greater temptation to live on the past. Heir to great possessions and rank, he might have been content to enjoy the beauties and treasures of history—Bowood and Lansdowne House, to indulge his taste for art and his love of hunting and shooting, and to play the part of a grand seigneur. But Lord Lansdowne realized in youth that service not less than name and wealth is hereditary, and the sense of duty rather than temptation and inclination urged him to follow in the steps of the Kerrys and the Granvilles, who have bequeathed to him a long and brilliant record of public service.

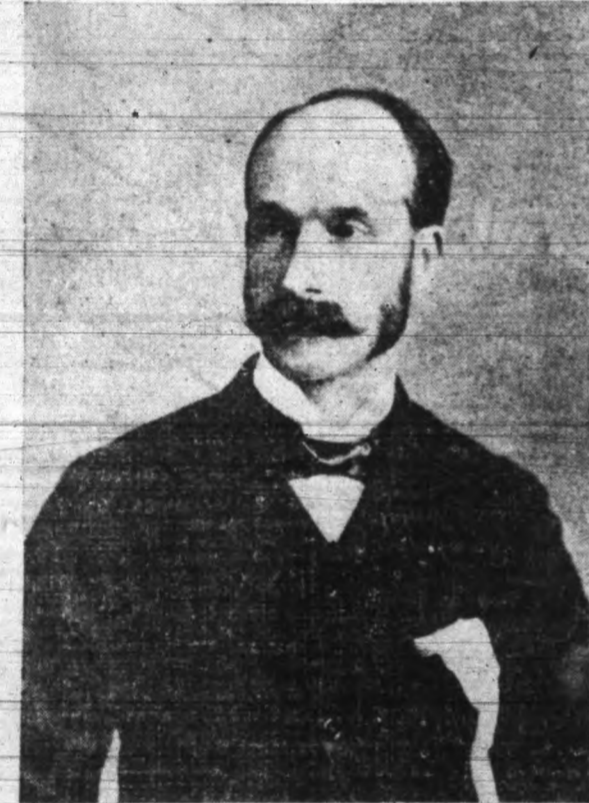
Courage and Safeness. Nature and training have endowed Lord Lansdowne with the qualities of a statesman. Though he has never striven to dazzle the multitude, his unvarying prudence, sound judgment,

saving grace of humor, without which as Lord Salisbury was wont to declare the life of a public official would be intolerable. Under this benign influence as under the pressure of great motives, vanishes all coldness of manner, and Lord Lansdowne becomes in private the gay and brilliant companion and in public the earnest apostle.

A Great Career. Of Lord Lansdowne's service at home and abroad history must be the judge. Contemporaries can only record his achievements. That he was a great administrator India and Canada testify. Despite differences of opinion, which Mr. Gladstone was not always ready to overlook, Lord Lansdowne was appointed governor-general of Canada in 1883, and justified this confidence by his wisdom in dealing with the fisheries rebellion and in removing the diplomatic question from the list of diplomatic disputes with the United States. If Lord Lansdowne was no "evanescent eidolon" in the Dominion, neither was he "a fleeting shadow" in India. No Viceroy was ever more popular, and few did more to promote the welfare and security of the Empire. He established our relations with Afghanistan, strengthened our frontiers, regulated the employment of children, restricted child-marriages, and saved India from bankruptcy by closing the mints for the free coinage of silver and giving to the rupee an approach to a standard value.

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LORD LANSDOWNE.

clear apprehension, and honesty of purpose have compelled his confidence. Brought up in the Whig faith, and enlisted in its service at an early age, he has allowed experience to correct his impressions. Cautious in disposition, his changes of opinion have been slow and deliberate; they have broken "no promise, served no private end." He has betrayed no man and no cause; yet when he has obtained enlightenment on a great truth he has embraced it without counting the sacrifices. "Courage and safeness," according to Lord Roberts, were the distinguishing qualities of Lord Lansdowne as governor-general of India and viceroy of the Cape. His courage have been the qualities of his official life in Canada, at the war office, at the foreign office, and in the House of Lords.

But those who know Lord Lansdowne only from his record of public service know only half the man. The spare, alert figure, well groomed and debonair—a contrast with the late Lord Salisbury, whose devotion and qualities he shares—the well-bred air and the courteous reserve of speech and manner—these outward manifestations of race and character are familiar to the public. But beneath the polished and silent exterior are qualities of heart as well as of mind that have attached to him with bonds stronger than steel the affection of kindred and of friends. Like his great predecessor at the foreign office he has also the

this successful governor. The veil has not yet been drawn aside that covers the period of the Boer war, but enough has been revealed to show that Lord Lansdowne did not merit all the condemnation of those early days of alarm. If he turned a deaf ear to the warnings of Lord Wolseley, it was because the government wished to avoid even the appearance of seeking a conflict with the Transvaal. To have resigned office at that moment would have been to precipitate a quarrel not in South Africa alone but on the continent. When the die was cast Lord Lansdowne showed that he could be resolute. The removal of the ordnance factories from the control of the Finance department to that of the Inspector-general of Ordnance was wrung from the defence committee of the cabinet in spite of opposition. The grant of £11,500,000 for the automatic replacement of stores and ammunition was wrested from the Chancellor of the Exchequer—whose strong personality dominated members of the government—after a stormy scene. The service that Lord Lansdowne rendered to his country in those days has yet to be recorded.

At the Foreign Office. That Lord Salisbury knew and approved was manifest when Lord Lansdowne succeeded to the foreign office. No department of the state demands from its chief so many qualities of judgment, tact, and knowledge of men

ONE DOSE WILL RELIEVE INDIGESTION, STOMACH ACHE, HEARTBURN OR HEADACHE

A Little Diapepsin Regulates Out-of-order Stomachs in Five Minutes.

Every family here ought to keep some Diapepsin in the house, as any one of you may have an attack of indigestion or stomach trouble at any time, day or night.

This harmless preparation will direct anything you eat and overcome a distressed, out-of-order stomach five minutes afterwards. If your meals don't tempt you, or what little you do eat seems to fill you, or lays like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion. Ask your Pharmacist for a 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a

little just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, Nausea, Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it prevents fermentation and takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there. Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is at any drug store, waiting for you. These large, 50-cent cases contain more than sufficient to cure almost any chronic case of Diapepsin. Indigestion or any other stomach trouble.

STORES HERALD CHRISTMASTIDE

Fletcher Brothers. Yuletide is the season of gaiety, and gaiety finds always its best expression in music. The anthem, the carol, or the organ fugue were once the chief media of expression for the joyous spirit of Christmas; but to-day that spirit is voiced in all the hundred different ways which science has so freely placed at the disposal of the musically meditated. If the total result is less devotional than of old, it is at least more cheerful. Whatever means of musical expression may appeal to the Victorian, his taste may be gratified at the music house of Fletcher Brothers. If he yearns for the higher delights of the art, he may choose one of the beautiful Gerhard Heilmann pianos by means of which the firm has built up its solid piano reputation; or, if his skill lies in another direction, he may select a melo-toned cello or violin. If he has no mastery of any instrument, he is no whit at a loss. The Behning player piano will interpret for any place any music that can be written on the whole range of piano literature, without regard to its compass or its difficulty, and play it with all the brilliancy of a master. The graphophone, too, and among talking machines none stands higher than the Columbia—will perform its part in making Christmas merry. A novelty in this field is the wonderful new hornless Phonola—just a good-looking music cabinet, of all appearance, but it is really an entertainer endowed with powers of speech and song that know no limitation. And so along the musical line one might travel, bringing up at last with the humble mouth organ or Jew's harp, the finest of the stock of Fletcher Brothers, the means of filling every want. Musical gift books in special bindings are well represented. The stock of sheet music is a feature of special pride to the firm. If you think of anything musical as part of your Christmas giving, you will be able to find that something in its best development at Fletcher's.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN BEHRING SEA

Captain Curry in Gasoline Schooner Had Narrow Escape.

To chop away the masts and booms of a ship that was beam ends down, and washed by terrific waves, and chilling Behring Sea, and that save the lives of himself and his crew of three men was the feat performed by Capt. Charles Curry, of the Arctic Trading Company's gasoline schooner Sea Wolf, who arrived in Seattle from Alaska on the Yucatan.

The most serious feature of a journey that was a thrilling one from start to finish occurred November 3, on a point 150 miles to the westward of the Fribuff Islands. The vessel was then leaking badly from being buffeted by high seas for many days, and sea anchors had been resorted to many times. For two days not a man on the vessel had slept, and for ten days every stitch of clothing on the boat had been drenched with icy water. The little craft was running under a slow bell, with just sufficient speed to give her way, just as a tremendous sea which threw the vessel on her beam ends was encountered.

Curry had foreseen something of the kind, and kept an axe in the pilot house. Clambering along the rail, and working hard for twenty minutes, he finally chopped away the masts and booms, and the vessel slowly righted herself.

The schooner left Nome on October 5th for Seattle via Siberia, and from that time till she was landed on the beach at Kodiak Island in a badly leaking condition November 15th, the journey was one in which the lives of the captain and crew were ever in imminent danger.

A few hours after leaving Nome, the Sea Wolf struck the big storm which wrecked the whaler Olga and several of the vessels in the coastwise trade at Nome. She found refuge—during the storm in the lee of Sledge Island. Her next thrilling experience was at Anadir Siberia, where, on October 17th she was carried on the beach—by the incoming ice borne shoreward on the seven-mile tide.

She left Anadir on October 19th, and when 200 miles out encountered a storm which carried her 150 miles out of her course. It was at this point she was thrown on her beam ends, and when she was righted, it was found that the seams had sprung and she was leaking badly. The small gasoline motor was applied to the pumps, and with her decks awash, she limped into Dutch harbor on November 10th.

Here the ship was beached on the beach and her seams caulked but misfortune seemed to follow in her wake, for no sooner was she safely out of the harbor when she encountered another storm, and was compelled to anchor under the lee of Chitina Island. Leaking badly, she again put to sea, and finally reached Pirate Cove, Popoff Island, where Captain Curry obtained the assistance of some more the help of the fishing station on Ungas Island.

Curry said that two-thirds of a valuable cargo of furs obtained at Anadir bay, were lost but feels glad, under the circumstances, to escape without a more serious loss. He declared that every American prospector was driven out of Siberia by the Cossacks last summer, but that Americans are still allowed to trade with the Siberian natives under the supervision of the Russian authorities.

PREMIER'S WIFE Gets Salary for Reporting Husband's Speeches. Mrs. Zahle, the wife of the Danish Premier, is still continuing the work of parliamentary reporting on which she has been engaged for several years. She was not in the lobby of the Folketing as she was on her way to the chamber to take down her husband's speech on the budget. She was dressed plainly in dark gray and looked very businesslike.

The diamond, to shine with its full lustre, demands an appropriate setting. Similarly, to appeal at their true worth, the valuable articles that comprise the stock of a high-class jewelry demand a store interior that provides them a harmonious background. Such an interior is that of "The House of Quality," where the J. M. Whitney Company display a tempting assortment of precious stones, watches, clocks, gold and silver ornaments, brass and copper art ware, and all that is comprised in a first class stock of jewelry.

A favorite gift article in the experience of this store is the Whitney special watch, which combines the accuracy of a Swiss movement with the moderate price of a plain but durable and handsome case. Gold-headed umbrellas and canes form another line deservedly popular. Then brooches, bracelets, earrings and necklaces evoke admiring murmurs. Especially for diamonds, set in styles of infinite variety, is this store noteworthy. The lover of jewelry—who does not love jewelry—should complete his Christmas purchasing without a visit to the J. M. Whitney Company.

Dixie H. Ross & Co. Throughout its long history the name of the "Dixie Ross" Company has been associated in the public mind with all that is superlative in the line of grocery excellence. No such reputation could have been built up and maintained without that eternal vigilance which is the price of victory, and it may be taken as proved that the Ross reputation rests on a foundation of the most solid kind of merit. One feature, however, of the firm's publicity methods, accounting in no small degree for its success, is to-day, as it has long been, the decoration of its show windows. Especially at a Christmas time, a notable effort made in this direction, and although the unprecedented rush of trade has this year kept every member of the sales force tied to the counter, a Dixie Ross window up to the usual high standard may be expected. A catalogue of the store's Christmas offerings would be merely tedious to write, but to eat it up, Dixie H. Ross & Company have it, and have it in its most palatable and nutritious form.

Drake & Horn. "No triffling for Christmas," say Drake & Horn, the States street hardware merchants. "Let gifts be useful, practical, durable." And where can one procure durable things better than in a hardware store, and where is there better hardware than that in the stock of Drake & Horn? Pocket knives for the boy; cutlery for the housewife; a safety razor for dad; sewing cases for sister—these are some of the little things that will brighten this Christmas and carry their message of love and goodwill on to many a succeeding Christmas. There are the bigger things—stoves, ranges, kitchen utensils, silverware—that may express no greater affection, but draw more heavily on the purse. They are all here, and courteous salesmen are daily showing them to practical, hardheaded shoppers, who want full value for their money.

Victoria is growing, her general trade is growing, her Christmas trade is especially growing, and Drake & Horn, the hardware merchant, and their business expanding apace.

Cyrus H. Bowes. "You have shaved this morning by a northeast light, before a mirror facing south," was the stern greeting of Sherlock Holmes one morning to Doctor Watson. The simple doctor, quite unaware that the southwest portion of his otherwise blameless face was only partially shaved, could only murmur, "At the great detective's acumen. Had he possessed one of the ingenious portable mirrors sold by Cyrus H. Bowes, the Government street chemist, he would have been so perfectly groomed as to lead to the deduction that he had shaved by the aid of a searchlight."

The mirror, resting all the time on his shoulders, would have done its work perfectly at every conceivable angle. Better see this mirror if you shave yourself. Think, too, what a boon to the woman who wants to use both hands in dressing her hair, but can't

Asphalt and Road OILS

British Columbia Refining COMPANY

W. J. McKeon, Agent - 1210 Douglas Street

because with one hand she must hold a mirror to catch the best light. If you want to please her with a Christmas gift, you'll know what to do. Bows has other gift articles, too—ebony goods, military brushes, shaving sets—but you'll see them all after you've bought one of these portable adjustable mirrors.

"The Ladies' Store," as its name implies, has always been a favorite shopping place for women who are particular. This year, owing to increased floor space, improved arrangement, heavier stock and an augmented staff, the Angus Campbell Company is prepared as never before to welcome the Christmas shopper. The new wing, perfectly lighted and conveniently arranged, has the stamp of modernity. It is devoted to suits and cloaks. Its "French Room," for the trying on of evening gowns and opera cloaks, evokes rapturous comments from visitors. The main floor, as of old, carries the smaller articles of women's apparel, and is daily thronged with eager customers. Blouses, gloves, neckwear are under constant inspection, and it is only a deserved tribute to the staff to say that for smoothness and promptness of service, tact and trained judgment in helping to the right decision, this store stands high in the regard, amounting to loyal customers. The question of apparel is one in which every woman's happiness is to some extent bound up, and for the solution of this ever recurring question no house in the city furnishes more tasteful and authoritative suggestions than does "The Fashion Centre" of Angus Campbell & Company.

Weller Brothers. The month of April is a time of the year in which the average person devotes more thought to seedling onions than to mistletoe. Yet it is in April that the buyer for a big house like that of Weller Brothers has to make his preparations for the season of mistletoe and merriment. The casual shopper, examining at leisure the truly magnificent array of everything that goes to the furnishing of the home—an array which makes the name of Weller Canada—has little idea of the months of careful planning required to gather so immense and full a stock. The result, however, is completely satisfactory. Everything in home furnishing is here. Kitchen, dining-room, library—no room in the house but can be furnished in any degree of simplicity or of magnificence, or in accordance with any preconceived scheme of color or design. What a place for gifts! If something both durable and useful is desired, here is the whole range of household requisites from which to choose. If something elegant and precious is the choice, satisfaction is equally assured. Cut glass unrivaled elsewhere for quantity and brilliance; china in a showing which outdoes even the high standards hitherto set in this store; celebrated artists' pottery; embracing the most artistic achievements of the craft—these are a few of the suggestions that crowd on the gift seeker in this store. It is noteworthy that the great majority of the offerings mentioned cannot be duplicated in the West for by heavy buying early in the buying season, the bulk of the firm was able to secure exclusive control of many lines representing the pick of the products of the leading makers of the world. Already the Christmas decorations in the show windows have given the house the true holiday air, and from this time till the night of the 24th the big building of Weller Brothers is sure to be thronged on every floor.

Wilkinson. A mellow, subdued murmur greets the ear as one enters the store of Wilkinson, the jeweler. The murmur arises from the combined efforts of a hundred mission clocks to tick off the passing of time with some degree of unanimity. At the hour, they join in a chorus that has not a strident note—a chorus that has not a strident note—a chorus that has not a strident note—a chorus that has not a strident note.

In smaller things, things for the adornment of the person, Wilkinson's display is the final word. If Wilkinson hasn't it, don't look for it in the West. Jet ornaments—earrings, necklaces, bracelets, French art jewelry, showing diamond-set pendants and brooches; Oriental pearls, amethysts and garnet settings of necklaces—such are a few random hints for this kind of Christmas gift.

Silver Deposit ware is represented by many beautiful examples. Vases, perfume bottles, ten sets are some of these.

Ship Your Christmas Presents BY DOMINION EXPRESS CO.

CHEAPEST, SAFEST, QUICKEST

Means of Forwarding Packages of Merchandise, Valuables and Jewelry to all parts of the world. It is strongly recommended that shipments be sent so as to arrive at destination some days in advance, thus avoiding the rush and ensuring most casual handling. Arrangements can be made for delivery the day before Christmas when desired. Money orders issued at lowest rates, payable everywhere. For further information apply to

Company's Office at 1001 Government St. Phone 89
J. H. Young, Agent.

The Great West Permanent Loan Company

DIVIDEND No 14.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND AT THE RATE OF 9 Per Cent.

Per annum has been declared on the fully-paid permanent stock of the Company for the half-year ending Dec. 31st, 1909, and the same will be payable at the Head Office of the Company, Bank of British North America Building, 48 Main Street, Winnipeg, on and after Jan. 2nd, 1910. The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 25th of December, inclusive. By Order of the Board, W. T. ALEXANDER, General Manager.

For the convenience of Victoria stockholders the above dividend will be payable at the company's branch office, 1204 Government Street, on and after Jan. 6th, 1910.

SO HOP & CO.

639 Fort Street

SILK SHAWLS, \$11 to	\$1.10
SCARVES, \$3.00 to	75c
INITIALED HANDKERCHIEFS, gents' size	35c
INITIALED HANDKERCHIEFS, ladies', up from	20c
CHILD'S FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS	10c
LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, gents', best quality, 45c and 35c	
LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, ladies', 30c to	12 1/2c
LINEN TABLE COVERS, up from	85c
DOYLIES, 50c to	2 1/2c
SILK KIMONAS, up from	\$1.75
SILK STOCKINGS, per pair	\$1.10
GENTS' SILK SOCKS	90c
GENTS' SILK SHIRTS, \$2.50 and	\$2.00

EMBROIDERED TABLE COVERS

Satin or Linen, All Qualities and Prices

LADIES' PURE SILK VESTS, \$3.00 to	\$2.00
SILK OPERA CLOAKS, up from	\$7.50
SILK OPERA SHAWLS, \$11 to	\$8.00
COTTON CREPE KIMONAS	\$1.00

Sandalwood Fans, Ivory Fans, also Imitation Ivory.

The most beautiful stock of Table Covers, Silk Shawls and Silk Kimonos ever shown in the Dominion can be seen here. This is no exaggeration, but a fact.

FASHION COVERS, up from \$1.00 |

EMBROIDERED WALL PICTURES, up from \$4.00 |

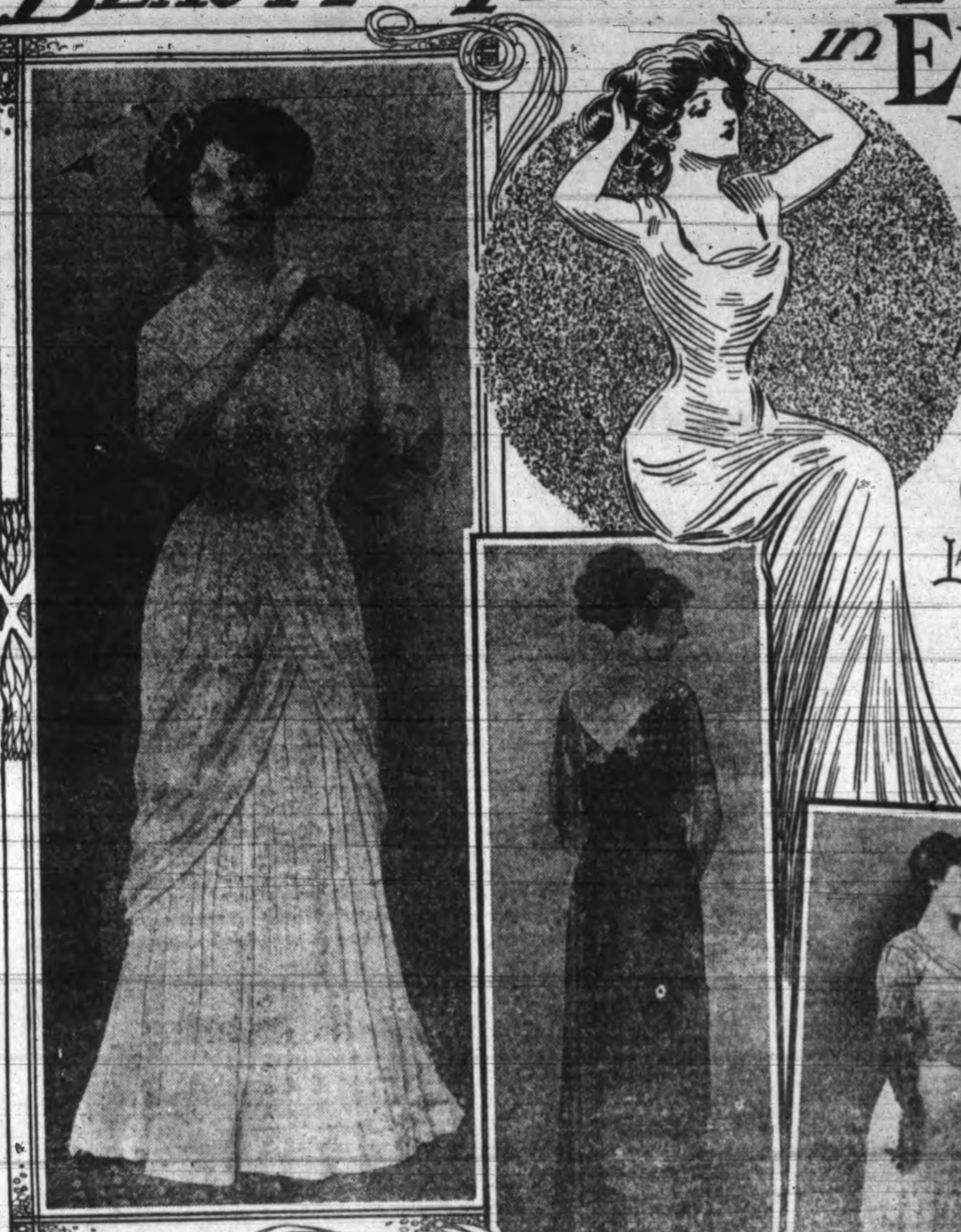
A trim looking novelty, in keeping with the prevailing modes, is the director's umbrella, which, when tightly rolled and enclosed in a sheath worn made to measure, should add the last touch to a perfect street costume. Leather goods there are, of course, in profusion. The fact that Mr. Wilkinson is just rounding out his second year in business in his present location, and that—this year's returns are already double the size of last year's, emphasize the lesson that an aggressive policy will meet as sure and speedy a reward in Victoria as elsewhere.

The Hinton Electric Company. Remodelled and enlarged so as to display its immense stock of electric fixtures to better advantage, the showrooms of the Hinton Electric Company are this year a delight to the person of artistic bent. Electric lamps, lamp shades, drops and electroliers are varied in design as they are beautiful in effect. Hold one in admiration. What more appropriate gift for father or mother or married sister than that of a reading lamp? Or if a shade is the choice, the best thought of the skilled designer is here exemplified. Then, again, the preference may be for something more practical, utilitarian. An electric iron, saving time, fuel and temper, will meet that want. Electric heaters, electric kettles, electric charging dishes are only a few of the suggestions in this line of labor-savers. The shopper who wants modern things, displayed in a modern store by people of modern ideas will feel at home at Hinton's.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH POWDER 25c.

In each jar, in the glass jar, is the Improved Blower. Holds the powder, cleans the jar, and prevents the powder from getting into the eyes. Also contains a small mirror, electric fan, lamp shades, drops and electroliers as varied in design as they are beautiful in effect. Hold one in admiration. What

BEAUTY of FABRIC and FASHIONING in EVENING FROCKS



A Charming Marie Antoinette Dancing Frock



Black Satin Ball Gown by Doeuillet



The Glint of Metallic Embroidery on Most Delicate Gowns

Gorgeous and Extravagant Stuffs the Rule—From Russia Comes the Tunic—Startling Decollete Effects—Fur With Chiffon a Winter Fad.

With the opera premiere night only two weeks away and a two-column list of coming social festivities in every journal that chronicles the doings of the fashionable set, evening frocks, wraps and accessories have foremost place in woman's interest just now.

Jetted Costumes in Black the Paris Craze

Whatever their morals might have been, were outrageously offended in their sense of the conventions by the use of lingerie stuffs for anything beside intimate garments of the boudoir and the Austrian who assumed babyish white muslins and blue ribbons at her pretty play in Little Tristram, incurred their uncompromising displeasure.

The Niagara Maid's Gown are also Embroidered

The tunic of transparent net or chiffon is hung over a satin frock of some deep shade, like emerald green or the vivid royal blue so fashionable this year, and often between this deep colored slip and the sheer tunic is a transparent fall of metallic gauze, lending a gleaming tint of sumptuous beauty to the finished costume.

Miles of Chiffon Being Sold

Chiffon is the fetish of fashion just now. It is used under and over fabrics of equal richness, and when pater families complain that "it does beat all how expensive a simple looking little dress can be," ten to one chiffon is the mischief-maker—chiffon in layers of delicate cloudiness over the glint of satin, and softening the deceptively simple skirts of debutante frocks.

Draped Evening Gowns of Rare Grace

The fortunate ones who witnessed the opening exhibition at Callot Souers were struck with the celebrity with which Carlotta, the famous Callot mannequin, got into and out of the apparently intricately draped costumes. The Callots adore draperies and their looped and festooned skirts of soft chiffon and tulle are, even in the most delicate of styles, made of materials that can be draped, draped, even stiff brocades and heavy embroideries, by some necromancy of silk are made to fall in lovely, flowing lines.

LIFE OF WOODSMEN IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Industry of Paper-Making in Forests of Ancient Colony.

Paper-making is one of those rare trades which keep alive the romance of elemental life and are curiously beneficent to the long chain of their workers. I write with the smell of fir and pine in my nostrils, and through the trunks gleams a spacious river, cold with the sunlight of Newfoundland's sunny autumn. The great plains of Alberta and the Northwest of Canada loom spacious and ample in the imagination of Europe, but they lack the supreme charm of Newfoundland, the wide rivers sweeping between woods to the netted coast, writes W. Beach Thomas in Montreal Standard.

woodman, whether he cuts for paper-making or for shipbuilding, feels trees with as good a motive and as great a precision as the gardener clips twigs and boughs. While he cuts for present use his eye is on a distant future, and I must believe that some of the choicest of character in the Newfoundland woodman acter in the Newfoundland woodman comes from this habit of regard for the days to come. Let no one deny the impressive marvel of an untouched forest, but it is melancholy as well as splendid. It is propped by decaying pillars, and beams of dead wood lie aslant or rot among the mosses, like such a wood before and behind the march of the woodman, and you will never again think of him as a devastator. He is compelled by his art and his contract to the negative duty of cutting the dead away, just as he is compelled, like the fisherman, to take out only trees of the greater girth. In the primal fir forest thin and weak trunks strive vainly, like a child in crowded slums, to achieve robust form. The life of these weaklings is saved by the forester, and behind his advance growth begins at a healthy rate new to the forest nursery in its primal days.

have noticed that the denuders and "commercial devastators" had finished with the one piece and left the other. From the one taller spruce and pine—none less than eight inches in diameter—have been cleared, and the birches—which hold their golden leaves till November—have been left. The woodland is clean of rotting timber, and the sun of a very sunny climate dapple the mossy floor.

FOR MAYOR To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. A will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are: The securing of Sooke as a water supply. The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department. The stricter guarding of public morals. A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.

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"NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT."

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But for the color, you would hardly

deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice. Dated this 8th day of December, 1909. CREASE & CREASE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the estate of John William Laing, M. A., late of the Collegiate School, Victoria, B. C., who died on the 23rd October, 1909, and whose will was proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia on the 24th November, 1909, by the executor, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned solicitors for the executor, on or before the 15th February, 1910, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the

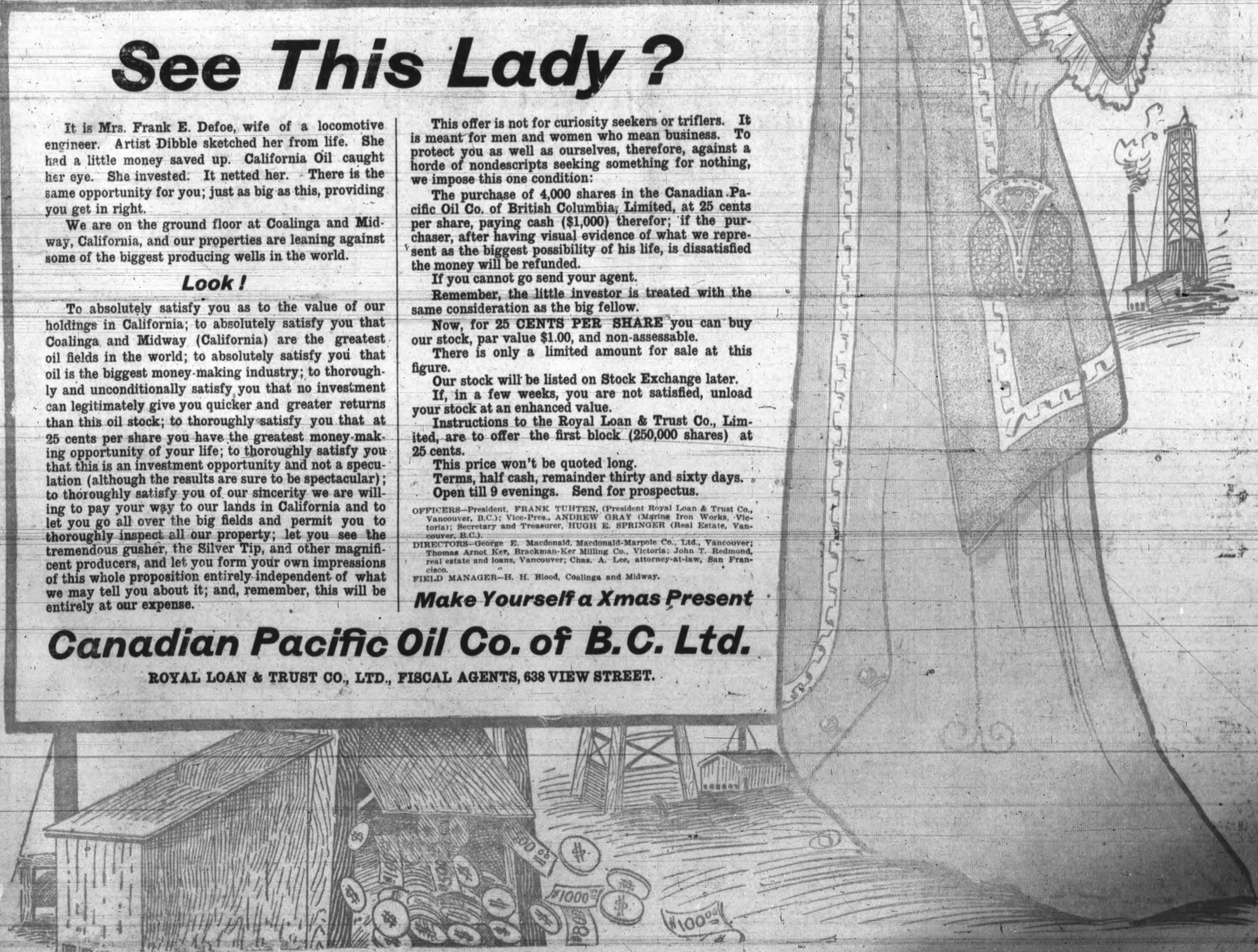
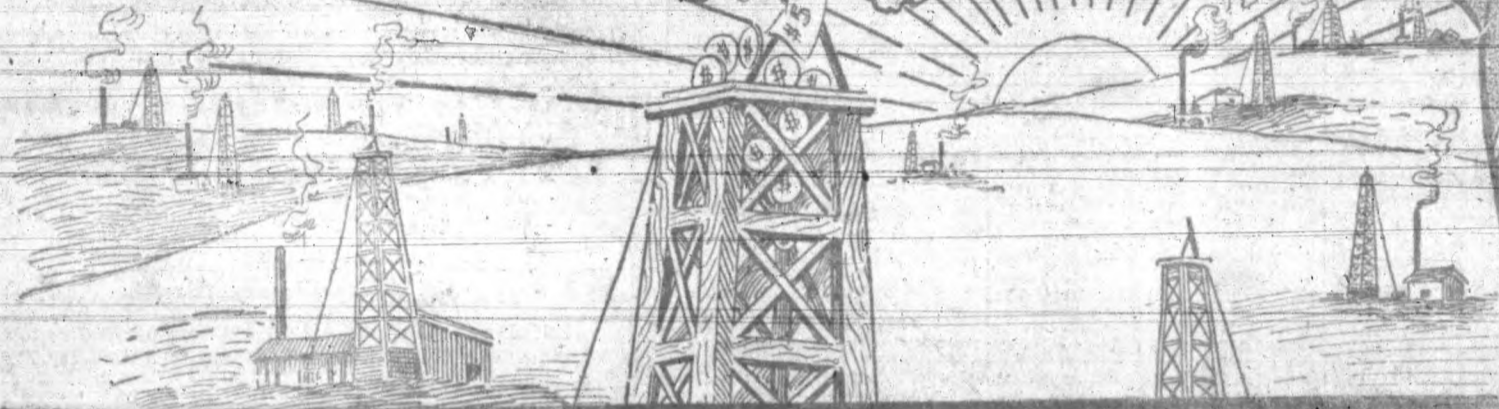
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Put Your MONEY IN OIL



See This Lady?

It is Mrs. Frank E. Defoe, wife of a locomotive engineer. Artist Dibble sketched her from life. She had a little money saved up. California Oil caught her eye. She invested. It netted her. There is the same opportunity for you; just as big as this, providing you get in right.

We are on the ground floor at Coalinga and Midway, California, and our properties are leaning against some of the biggest producing wells in the world.

Look!

To absolutely satisfy you as to the value of our holdings in California; to absolutely satisfy you that Coalinga and Midway (California) are the greatest oil fields in the world; to absolutely satisfy you that oil is the biggest money-making industry; to thoroughly and unconditionally satisfy you that no investment can legitimately give you quicker and greater returns than this oil stock; to thoroughly satisfy you that at 25 cents per share you have the greatest money-making opportunity of your life; to thoroughly satisfy you that this is an investment opportunity and not a speculation (although the results are sure to be spectacular); to thoroughly satisfy you of our sincerity we are willing to pay your way to our lands in California and to let you go all over the big fields and permit you to thoroughly inspect all our property; let you see the tremendous gusher, the Silver Tip, and other magnificent producers, and let you form your own impressions of this whole proposition entirely independent of what we may tell you about it; and, remember, this will be entirely at our expense.

This offer is not for curiosity seekers or triflers. It is meant for men and women who mean business. To protect you as well as ourselves, therefore, against a horde of nondescripts seeking something for nothing, we impose this one condition:

The purchase of 4,000 shares in the Canadian Pacific Oil Co. of British Columbia, Limited, at 25 cents per share, paying cash (\$1,000) therefor; if the purchaser, after having visual evidence of what we represent as the biggest possibility of his life, is dissatisfied the money will be refunded.

If you cannot go send your agent.

Remember, the little investor is treated with the same consideration as the big fellow.

Now, for 25 CENTS PER SHARE you can buy our stock, par value \$1.00, and non-assessable.

There is only a limited amount for sale at this figure.

Our stock will be listed on Stock Exchange later.

If, in a few weeks, you are not satisfied, unload your stock at an enhanced value.

Instructions to the Royal Loan & Trust Co., Limited, are to offer the first block (250,000 shares) at 25 cents.

This price won't be quoted long.

Terms, half cash, remainder thirty and sixty days.

Open till 9 evenings. Send for prospectus.

OFFICERS—President, FRANK TUHTEN, (President Royal Loan & Trust Co., Vancouver, B.C.); Vice-Pres., ANDREW GRAY (Mgrs Iron Works, Victoria); Secretary and Treasurer, HUGH E. SPRINGER (Real Estate, Vancouver, B.C.).

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Make Yourself a Xmas Present

Canadian Pacific Oil Co. of B.C. Ltd.

ROYAL LOAN & TRUST CO., LTD., FISCAL AGENTS, 638 VIEW STREET.



The Gift of Gifts For a Young Man

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NEW GRAND THEATRE.

Three packed houses again patronized the New Grand yesterday to see the crocodile and frog contortionist act put on by the Brothers Whitman, and the three houses were all alike in that they gave hearty support to the two performers. The act is weird and is set exceptionally well with scenery of the jungle. The contortionist work of the men surpasses belief.

Gertrude Van Dyke, a pretty singer with a wide repertoire, appears in several changes of costumes, all of which are made on the stage in front of the audience. Her singing is delightful as she sings both in a masculine and feminine voice.

Robisch and Miss Childress present a good singing turn in "A Strenuous Pupil," that goes right to the heart of the listener. Their music is delightful while humorous words are set to it, and the scenes between the teacher and the pupil are full of funny situations. The act is well dressed and well put on.

A thorough and entertaining act is the horizontal bar performance of the McLinn brothers, one a humorist and the other a gymnast, but both doing clever feats on the double bars. The gymnast swings into the air and turns a double somersault from the bar before touching the ground.

Ray Fern gives three lively songs, and has been doing quite a little encore work during the week here. Thomas J. Price sings the illustrated song, "The Preacher and the Bear," and gets a good reception. Moving pictures and orchestral selections are the other numbers.

Don't miss the inaugural ball, given at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, Christmas eve, December 24th. Tickets, \$1.50 a couple, including supper, good music and a splendid enjoyable evening insured. Tickets can be secured at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, or Elite, 1314 Douglas. Undesirable characters not admitted.

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There are in use some delicious forms of hot cakes and scones which should serve very hot in a respective district in which they belong. Each district in the old land seems to have its own peculiar form of hot cakes, the preparation of some of them being given below.

Leicestershire Pikelets.—In Leicestershire the farmers' wives in bygone days used to vie with each other in their skill in pikelet baking. A cake of this description—to the uninitiated—may seem but a short distance removed from some of the Scotch hot tea cakes; but neither a Lowlander nor a Highlander—in the eyes of a Melton Mowbray housewife—would be deemed capable of rising to the excellence of a girdle baked pikelet. According to the old formula, the cakes were made as follows:—

Beat up four eggs to a froth. Measure a pint of flour. Place the latter in a bowl, make a well in the centre, and stir in sufficient milk to form a thick batter. Then add the eggs, a table-spoonful of fresh yeast, a pinch of nutmeg, and a little salt. Beat for ten minutes without intermission. Then set on one side for two hours to leave the dough time to rise. Last of all, divide into small portions and bake on a hot girdle stone. Butter while hot, lay three or four pikelets, one on the top of the other, like crumpets, and let them be eaten the next day they should be separately on a cloth as they are baked, and toasted and buttered on the following afternoon.

Old-fashioned Solly Lunn.—Rub a piece of butter the size of a walnut into a pint of flour. Add a pinch of salt and a little yeast. Allow it to rise by placing for half an hour before the fire. Then work in two eggs, and if not sufficiently moist pour in a little milk. Knead the mixture well, and then stand before the fire for a few minutes. Divide into five portions and have them slack-baked. Warm them before the fire before toasting and buttering them for tea.

Shrewbury Buckwheat Cakes.—The buckwheat cake, which is a Shropshire delicacy, is not unlike the American buckwheat pancake, which is eaten on this side of the Atlantic with maple syrup. A Shrewbury dame of the old school would probably, however, scorn any such relationship, although it is not improbable that a Shropshire housewife in the days of the Mayflower may have migrated to the New World, carrying her bakery secrets with her. According to the original recipe, a pint and a half of lukewarm water should be put into an earthenware jar with a little salt and half a tea-cupful of fresh yeast. Sufficient buckwheat flour is stirred in to make a thick batter. Then cover it and set it aside to rise. After about three hours, when the batter has risen and is perfectly light, rub a frying pan with good lard, drop in several spoonfuls at a time, and cook like pancakes, tossing each one in turn when one side becomes brown. Butter them while still hot and serve at once in a covered dish.

Border Cream Scones.—Delicious afternoon tea scones can be made with cream, necessary depending, however, very much on the dryness of the flour. To half a pound of flour about a gill of cream would be necessary, the former having been previously dried on a sieve in a cool oven. Rub an ounce of butter into the half-pound of flour, and add a pinch of salt and a tea-spoonful of baking powder. Beat one egg to a froth, instead of milk, the amount of cream necessary depending, however, very much on the dryness of the flour. Mix into a stiff paste with the rest of the ingredients. Have ready a floured board and turn the dough out on it. Then roll it out once, and press into rounds with a sharp cutter. Prick once or twice on the top, and lay them in a floured tin. Bake in a quick oven. When ready, split them, and butter them liberally. Reheat once more and they are ready to serve.

Highland Girdle Scones.—Clean and then warm the girdle in the first instance so that no time may be lost in baking the scones whenever the dough is made. Place a pound of flour in a bowl with half an ounce of sugar, and rub in 2 oz. of butter. Then add a little salt, one tea-spoonful of carbonate of soda, and a tea-spoonful of a half of cream of tartar. Work in sufficient milk to convert it into dough, taking care not to work it too much. When ready, roll out once, divide into scones with a round cutter, flour the girdle, and bake the scones until they have risen well. Turn once, and then split open and butter.

Pancake Scones.—Beat an egg to a froth, and work in two table-spoonfuls of sugar. Beat to a cream. Then work in a tea-spoonful of melted butter. Dissolve a tea-spoonful of baking soda in a tea-cupful of milk. Add this to the other mixture. Stir a tea-spoonful of cream of tartar with two tea-cupfuls of flour. Make a hole in the centre of the flour and work in the liquid ingredients. Beat well, and then pour in large spoonfuls on a hot girdle. Turn the pancakes once.

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SUNLIGHT SOAP



Social and Personal

Mrs. Wilson is on a visit to Seattle.
Miss Sweet is visiting friends in Vancouver.
J. Glendonning called last night for the mainland.
Hon. W. J. Bowser returned to Vancouver last night.
Dr. Fagan went over to Vancouver last night on business.

R. F. Green is spending several days in Vancouver on business.
J. Wilson was among last night's passengers for Vancouver.
G. Langley was among the passengers from Seattle yesterday.
C. C. McInerney returned from a business trip to Seattle yesterday.

Thos. Hooper went over to Vancouver on a business trip last night.
J. Sweeney arrived from the Sound yesterday on the Princess Victoria.
Maxwell Smith, who spent yesterday in this city, returned to Vancouver last night.

W. A. Gibson crossed over to the mainland last night on the Princess Victoria.
W. T. Fox was a passenger for Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

A. A. McPhail, after spending a few days in this city, left last night for the Terminal city.
R. J. Deachman, of Vancouver, spent several days in this city, returning to the former city last night.

H. J. Cambie, after spending a short time here on business, left last night on his return to the Terminal city.
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wills, of Vancouver, after spending a short time in this city, left last night for the mainland.

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Vancouver, Dec. 16.—A verdict for the defendant was rendered in the case of Elmer Hunter against the Anderson Logging Company, which was heard before Mr. Justice Morrison and a special jury of eight.

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CRESTON BOARD OF
TRADE TO ENTERTAIN
Smoker Decided on to Open New Year—Logger Injured.
Creston, Dec. 16.—There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Creston Board of Trade held in the Mercantile hall, President E. Mallandaine occupied the chair.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS
GO AHEAD IN FERNIE
Electric Lighting and Water Supply—Output of Mines Increasing.
Fernie, Dec. 16.—Judge P. E. Wilson held a sitting of the county court the first case on the docket being that of C. A. Quintard, the manager of a theatrical company, who was charged with having given a cheque for \$18 drawn on a bank in Cranbrook, to the proprietors of a hotel in Moyle, not having any funds to his credit at that institution.

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NEW MISSION BOAT.
Vessel Under Construction for Anglean Church.
New Westminster, Dec. 16.—The keel of the new mission steamer for the Anglean church was laid at the ways of the Westminster Marine Railway company on Lulu Island, under a shed that has been specially erected to protect the vessel and workmen from the weather while under construction.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
hereby give notice that, one month from date hereof, they will apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of their license as selling intoxicating liquors at the premises known as "The Hudson's Bay House," situated at Telegraph Creek, in the District of Cassiar, to commence the 1st day of January, 1910.

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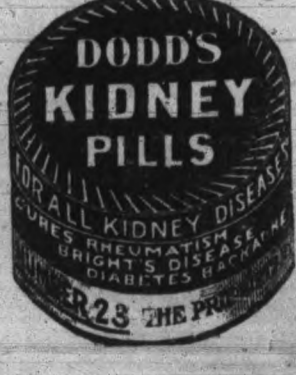
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LEAGUE FORMED at Fernie Promises Good Sport.
Fernie, Dec. 16.—The Crews Nest Hockey League has been formed, W. R. Ross M.P.P. and W. B. Buchanan M.P. were elected as patrons, G. E. S. Whitesides President, and O. Dobson, Whitesides of Fernie, secretary.

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TARIFF REFORM AND THE CRISIS

AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS AT HACKNEY

Eager Crowd Listened to His Exposition of the Issues.

Austen Chamberlain, M. P., was the chief speaker at a Tariff Reform demonstration the other evening at the Hackney Baths, London, before the doors were opened several hundreds of ticket holders, eager to secure seats, assembled in a queue. The galleries around the spacious hall were set apart for ladies, who followed the proceedings with keen interest. Hanging from the rails were many banners bearing well-known sentences from speeches of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. "I propose to meet the forger with his own weapons" was displayed immediately behind the speaker. "I want to bring about a closer intercourse between our Colonies and ourselves" were the words on a banner to one side, and as if to emphasize the Imperial character of the policy, the table from which Mr. Chamberlain spoke was draped with a Union Jack.

Mr. Chamberlain, who was received with prolonged cheering—cheering also being given by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain—said he had difficulty in finding words to express his appreciation for the welcome accorded to Mrs. Chamberlain and to himself, and of the warmth of affection extended to his father, who, though absent in body, was present in spirit, and full of hope, full of confidence that the great issues upon which the country would be decided upon right, and full of confidence that the party which advocated the policy for which he had worked and striven would be returned to power, able to pass the great measures to which they were pledged. They were met primarily as a Tariff Reform demonstration, but he desired to say a few words on the general situation. The fact of the matter was that Tariff Reform was a fragment of a policy. It was a great whole which would permeate our national, international, and Imperial life, and which went to the root of all problems. It was, indeed, like Aaron's rod, and swallowed up all the other rods. They were met in a momentary lull in the storm which had raged for many months at Westminster, which was now drawing to a climax, and which, when it burst, would, like other storms when they burst, clear the air and sweep aside a great deal of nonsense and wild rant, leaving clear the great issues upon which a decision was to be given.

Who was to govern this country? Who had ever thought that the House of Lords was going to govern the country? Some people would like to persuade the country that this was the danger which confronted it, but they did not think it any more than he did. They used to be an old Radical tag which said that the Radical policy was "government of the people, by the people, for the people." He would admit that the Radical policy was still government by the people?

Was a single Chamber—the House of Commons—alone and uncontrolled, once elected to power, to be supreme without appeal, without control, without check by the people from whom its authority was derived? He thought not. The new Radical cry of the autonomy of a government was not a very good democratic appeal to a democratic people. It was a curious comment on the inversion of the roles which had taken place, and on the change of party principles which afflicted their opponents that their first cry when they went to the elections now had to be that on a great issue, a new issue, on a choice between two great and two new alternatives, they, and not the people, had the right to decide.

The claim of the Radical party and of the present government was not confined to finance bills. There was a great deal of constitutional refinement talked by high authorities, from the Lord Chancellor downwards. When the Lord Chancellor was bound to explain that the law was one thing but the constitution was another, that the House of Lords was keeping the law but was breaking the constitution, that the House of Lords had, as he (the Lord Chancellor) told them last year, an undoubted right to reject a money bill but had no right to reject the Finance Bill—when lawyers of high constitutional authority had to spin their webs so fine, had to distinguish and divide so nicely, he confessed their arguments left him cold.

The Radical government claimed that they should be supreme until parliament had run its course, no matter what change of feeling had taken place in the country or among themselves, no matter that gentlemen who were

the fifth wheel of the coach when the government was formed were now the driving power, and were sending it along at a pace and in a direction which surprised everybody, but must surprise and disconcert the Prime Minister most of all.

Appeal to the People.
This quarrel between the new autonomy of the government and the privileges of the people was not a new one, it had been hatching for twenty years or more. It began when the House of Lords threw out the Home Rule Bill. (A Voice: "Why don't they throw out Conservative bills?") He would promise his friend that when a Conservative government brought in a Home Rule Bill the House of Lords would throw it out. The rejection of the Home Rule Bill was to be the end of the House of Lords. But the House of Lords was the stronger, because they had rightly interpreted the feelings of the people and it was the Home Rule Bill that died. And so it had gone on. There had been two licensing bills rejected. Why did the Radicals not go to the country then? They said the quarrel was engaged, and they were going to fight, but at what time? Why was he ever their own time? Why did they not go to the country when the Education Bill and the Land Values Bill were thrown out? Because they knew they had not the country behind them. They were brave, no doubt, but they thought discretion the better part of valor.

Unionists said that having before the country at the present time two great new policies, both going to the root of our social, industrial, and commercial system, both fundamentally affecting our finances, one or other of which was necessary in view of the state which that finance had reached, it was for the people, and they alone, to decide which policy should prevail, which way the face of the country should be set, and on which line we should march in the years to come. Why should not there be an appeal to the people? He had seen two objections urged by members of the government. In the first place, it was said that to reject a Finance Bill meant to produce chaotic confusion in our financial system, to saddle the country with a vast deficit which might seriously embarrass the finance not merely of this year, but of future years, and which might have a most disturbing effect on the money market and on the trade and commerce of the country.

He spoke with the sense of responsibility that must attach in a matter of this kind to anyone who had held the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer, and he said that talk of that kind proceeded either from ignorance or from worse. No doubt it was inconvenient that a budget should not be decided by the month of November. No doubt it was still more inconvenient that in the month of November it should be rejected, and they should have to begin again, but the inconvenience had been grossly, altogether absurdly, exaggerated. The measure of inconvenience to administration itself, still more the measure of inconvenience or loss to the country, would be just what the present government choose to make it.

If they wished to make the disturbance as little as possible, the government could, with the full assent of their opponents, reduce the loss to such limits as would make it a matter of no serious consequence to anyone in the nation, and would enable the question to be referred to the people without any of the serious results which were predicted. If the government did not choose to take that course, if they preferred to make the disturbance as great as possible, the loss as large as possible and the inconvenience of the Ministers of next year as far-reaching as possible what was the inference to be drawn? It was that they did not expect to be the Ministers of next year. The disturbance of finance could be reduced to quite manageable proportions, and therefore the objection which was raised was not sound.

What was the second objection? Truth was found among Under-Secretaries and one of them said the other day that it was a monstrous thing to refer the budget to the people, because he did not suppose that more than 200 or 300 people really understood it in all its bearings. What a confession that was of the Under-Secretary for War! The great heart of the people was beating with indignation; their blood was rising to fever heat. The Lords had ventured to interfere with the budget of the year! No wonder the people were angry. It is true that out of forty millions not 250 understood what the budget was—but they knew it was the budget.

Ministers and the Budget.
He was not quite certain that the government themselves knew what the budget was in all its bearings. At any rate they spoke with two voices upon it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, who ought to know, and the president of the board of trade said that it was a great revolution, the opening of a new era, a new way of dealing with everything. Then the secretary for war came forward and assured his audience that he, the most moderate of men, found nothing to object to in the budget. The moderate man had his use in

politics, his greatest use being to reassure the anxious mind, to satisfy the scrupulous conscience, to lull the fears of timid people, and to persuade men that all was right and normal, that no change was being made when, in fact, a revolution was being entered upon.

The budget was bad finance. It was bad finance because it was vindictive finance, because many of its provisions were dictated, not by a desire to raise money, but by a desire to punish those who have incurred the displeasure of the party in power. It was bad finance because it was unfair as between man and man. Let the rich man pay more than the poor man, but let there be fairness as between men and men. That was what the budget was not. It singled out a particular form of investment, a peculiar form of property, and penalized the owners—irrespective of whether they were rich or poor. They were told that this was a poor man's budget and only directed against the Dukes. How many Dukes were there? About twenty; and how many owners of land were there? A million at least, including many of those societies which represent thousands and tens of thousands of poor, thrifty subscribers.

The Alternative of the Budget.
He would pass from the budget to what was almost more interesting, their alternative to the budget. Their alternative was Tariff Reform. They were told that Tariff Reform would not find the money. The members of the government, who had been making the calculation, were almost as inaccurate about the yield of tariffs as about the yield of the budget taxes. It was suggested by the Lord Advocate that tariff reform would not bring in more than £5,000,000 and Mr. Churchill had put his estimate at £2,500,000. But the Lord Advocate was not often outside, and while Mr. Churchill had estimated the cost of collecting this revenue at £750,000, Mr. Ure had suggested £2,000,000. Tariff Reform would do something more than bring in revenue. We alone amongst commercial nations kept our fiscal policy. Tariff Reform would give to British trade and British industry a term in the markets at home and in the British Dominions beyond the seas. It would give us the power to negotiate with foreign countries, it would give that security of outlook and that confidence which is the life-blood of all industry. It would do more, it would help to bind the Dominions beyond the seas to the Mother Country. How, it was asked, could this be done without a tax on food? His answer was that he was unrepentant. He was a food taxer. The present government were food taxers. The Prime Minister himself had admitted that they were taxing food. He, personally, was in favor of a two-shilling tax on foreign corn and a preference to our kinsmen. This would not, he thought, raise the price of food. But, suppose it did, was that an unanswerable argument against the tax? Would it prove a crushing, fatal blow to the people of this country? The price of bread varied from day to day, and it was getting cheaper under the Liberal government. Had anyone ever heard of a workman going home to his wife and saying, "Mother, we've got to

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shift. True I've employment here, and wages are good; but a loaf is a half-penny cheaper over there." But they had all heard of men who had said, "Mother, we must shift. True, bread is cheap; but there is no employment. Better go where bread is a little dearer, and where there is employment." He had recently read in a Radical paper that a foreign match manufacturing company was coming here because of the Patents Act passed by Mr. Lloyd George. That was Tariff Reform in a nutshell, and he was envious of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who had passed the first Tariff Reform Act.

NEW BRIDGE AT NIAGARA.
Parties Interested Object to Decision of United States War Department.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The decision by engineering officials of the war department that the suspension type of bridge shall be the only one used at Niagara Falls, has resulted in a request from persons interested in the construction of a new bridge that a hearing be granted by the senate committee of the interests in opposition to that decision. The committee has consented to listen to the views of the probable builders of a new bridge at the falls and will meet some time in the near future.

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