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REDUCED GRAIN RATES.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The Central Freight Association made, at a meeting at which the Chicago-St. Paul roads were represented, have decided to reduce the rates on export grain and grain products to 16 1/2 per hundred pounds from Chicago to New York.

The employees of Quebec boat and shoe factories, after a protracted meeting, decided not to accept the offer of their employers.

AN IMPROVEMENT AND A SAFEGUARD

PROPOSED LANDING FOR RETAINING WALL

As Recommended by City Engineer—Will Firmly Secure Structure—Other Public Works.

The retaining wall has not moved in the slightest since the several hundred piles were driven in outside the middle section. There is every reason to believe that these will form a barricade strong enough to hold the wall until the new landing is constructed, when all danger of further subsidence will be forever averted. They have been deeply lodged in the mud closely together, fifty feet on either side of the centre line and ten feet from the face. The plan to be followed in the construction of the landing was outlined by the city engineer in a report to the council on Monday evening last. He recommended that the mud be dredged out in sections and hard bottom obtained a distance of thirty feet from each end and twelve feet from the face of the cluster of piles already driven in. In this area more piles are to be driven at five or six feet centres, the space between and outside of the piles to be filled in with rock up to the foundation level of the present wall. On these piles and rock filling a solid concrete platform is to be erected to high water line, or on a level with the landing at the northern end of the wall.

Before the extra piles will be driven in concrete will be placed between these now thickly in position. This was started last night at low tide and will be continued to-night. The pile drivers will resume their operations, driving the clusters of piles, not so closely, outside the bunch now fairly imbedded in the mud. Between these and for a considerable distance outside will be deposited loose rock, and on the whole foundation so formed the concrete platform will be laid. Its length will be altogether one hundred and sixty-four feet, with a width ranging from fifteen to twenty-seven feet. This means that for sixty feet or thereabouts along the centre of the landing there will be a width of twenty-seven feet, while the remaining sections on either side will be fifteen feet wide. Including the quantity of loose rock which will be deposited outside the front of the landing, there will therefore be a solid butwork of thirty feet against the middle or weakest part of the wall.

Thus will the idiosyncracies of the James Bay retaining wall be stopped, while its appearance will be wonderfully enhanced.

In his report to the council the city engineer also suggested that the courses of the middle section be removed and a balcony forty-five feet by seventeen feet be built out on a level with the wall. From this stairways would descend to the landing. This suggestion was not adopted by the council, but it is likely that something of the kind will be decided upon. The whole undertaking is considered a measure of necessity; that it will add much to the attractiveness of the waterfront which it adorns, there is no doubt. It will cost in the neighborhood of twelve thousand dollars.

In the meantime the further filling in of the space behind the middle part of the wall has been discontinued, as it would be inadvisable to subject it to unnecessary strain until the danger of any further deviation is absolutely guarded against. It was for this reason, and also because the proper material for filling was exhausted from the harbor bottom within the scope of the dredge's operations, that it was thought advisable by the city authorities to discontinue the King Edward's use until early next year, when the Mudark will have deposited sufficient nicely settling silt to complete the undertaking. The latter is now operating in these harbor areas which require deepening, and the mud scooped up will be deposited where it can be pumped by the King Edward to the flats. The big dredge could do more with this material in a month than could be accomplished in three with the heavy, clogging clay in which it has been working.

MISSION WORK.

The missionary anniversary will be held to-morrow of the Spanish mission. Rev. J. P. Westman, of Centennial church, will be the special preacher.

The first Methodist Missionary Society in Canada was organized in 1824. At that time, two or three men were trying to reach scattered bands of Indians in Ontario. The income of the society for the first year was only about \$140.

There are now about 610 persons engaged in the work of the society as missionaries, teachers, native agents, and interpreters, and the income of the society for 1902-1903 was \$299,347.05. The field of operation now includes the whole of the Dominion, Newfoundland, Bermuda, with a successful foothold in Japan, and another in West China.

Schooner Penelope, Capt. Heister, arrived from the West Coast last night, where she had been detained on her return from Behring Sea, through an accident happening to one of her masts. A new one was shipped from here to Ketchikan, where the vessel lay, and this being installed the schooner came along to port without further incident.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—Third Mate Hasketh, of the Athenian, was found dead in bed this morning from heart failure.

The Chief Justice to-day made an order setting aside the settlement of the estate of Kells, the man who was charged with the treatment of a boy at Cambridge, and left the province while at large under bail. The Chief Justice held that notice should have been given to the bondsmen before extracting the bonds. H. B. Robertson appeared for the bondsmen, and the Deputy Attorney-General contra.

LEGISLATURE WILL TAKE LONG VACATION

Government Seeks to Get Business Now in Hand Completed Before the Fifteenth.

The government intends to push forward work on the bills now before the House in order that an adjournment for the Christmas vacation may be taken by about the fifteenth of the month. Good progress has been made so far on bills, and some on the government side are sanguine enough to believe the business will be advanced sufficiently to take an adjournment by the end of the coming week.

From the government standpoint there is no reason why this should not be done. The Finance Minister insists upon the Loan bill going through as it stands, but as far as the other measures are concerned the government is manifesting a readiness to alter them in any way provided it is agreeable to the two Socialist members.

The ministry has expressed its readiness to work all manner of changes in the Assessment bill and the various industries and institutions whose taxation is affected are not manifesting any delay in making their demands known. The timber men are to go away satisfied, and the banking and similar institutions will be accorded all they ask. The wild land tax, the Finance Minister says, will be increased as demanded by the opposition, and the 2 per cent. tax will be amended to order.

This wonderfully gracious spirit manifested by the government is another reason for hastily getting through with the bills. If their passage is delayed too many will have time to enter their protest, and the government, which really admits that it knows nothing about practical legislation, will become confused in the multiplicity of its advisers.

Another danger arises from the fear that the proposals from some sources may be objectionable to the Socialist doctrines.

Therefore the order to avoid the complete humiliation of the government it is necessary that the bills now before the House should be rushed through with as little delay as possible.

When the adjournment is taken it will likely be until January 11th, thus affording the government an opportunity to get the estimates in shape.

In the meantime delegations are gathering from every quarter respecting railway aid. The Nicola, Kamloops and Shillikameen Coal & Railroad Company have been represented in asking aid in addition to that given by the Dominion government for the building of the road. This is being opposed in other quarters, and those against it have been busy in the corridors. Advocates of a Coast-Kootenay line are pressing against it. A. F. Guinn, formerly of the Quatsino Company, but now of Princeton, is in the city with a petition in favor of a line from Princeton to the coast.

The Kootenay Central Railway Company, which proposes to build from Wooded through Fort Steele to the international boundary line, also seek aid. If they can get that the promoters claim they can also get a Dominion subsidy, and on the strength of these can get sufficient capital in the East to go on with the work. The granting of aid they claim would form an immediate debt upon the provincial treasury, but would be sufficient upon which to raise the capital for construction purposes.

MAY FLOAT H.M.S. FLORA TO-MORROW

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORK ARE UNDER WAY

The Holes in Ship's Hull Have Nearly All Been Patched Preparatory for the Pumps.

In Esquimalt and throughout the city the greatest interest prevails over the position of H. M. S. Flora on the rocks of Village Point, Denman Island. By night Esquimalt harbor will be deserted of nearly all its naval craft. The Grafton, after being hurried out of dock, left for the scene of disaster at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and today it is said that the new torpedo launches Topaz and Byril, recently built in the upper harbor, will be requisitioned for service in connection with the Flora. One of the small torpedo boats will be employed as a messenger despatcher, and the steamer Maudie, belonging to the H. C. Salvage Company, of Esquimalt, will also be hastened away for the scene of disaster, she having been employed up

all day to get out the rest of the coal and supplies, which is being transferred to the barge Japan and taken to Denman Island. By to-morrow afternoon it is expected that everything movable will be taken out of the ship, and all the holes patched up. Pontoons, scows and barges are alongside ready to be chained to the stern and to-morrow the first attempt will be made to pull her off on a rising tide. The position of the vessel is about the same, but the list to port is a great deal more noticeable. The stern looks higher, the result of being pumped out. It is confidently thought no difficulty will now be experienced in floating the vessel to-morrow evening. The damage done cannot be estimated now.

Among the contingencies likely to arise from the wreck of the Flora is the detention of Rear-Admiral Bickford on this station for a longer period than was contemplated. He and his staff were to leave for England on the 14th inst., but in the event of a continental call of the navigating officer, captain and officer of the watch of the wrecked cruiser it is just possible, so it is said in Esquimalt, that the Rear-Admiral may be detained for a longer time. Commodore Goodricke was to have reached Halifax on his way to the coast yesterday. Another question discussed in the naval village is the possibility of the Flora wanting the dry dock before the Monna's repairs are completed, in which event it is stated that the merchant vessel would have to give way to the cruiser.

Until the arrival of the Grafton at the wreck last night a number of the officers were in a rather sorry plight for clothing. Many had lost nearly everything they had aboard. In consequence

MOANA IN DRYDOCK.

Ship May Require a Couple of Weeks For Repairs.

A board of survey, consisting of James Fowler, Lloyd's surveyor, Vancouver; Capt. J. H. Cox, Lloyd's local representative; J. MacGowan, chief engineer of the C. P. R. and J. A. Thomson, steamboat inspector, is to-day making an examination of the injuries to the hull of the steamer Moana in dry dock.

The ship was docked yesterday, and a casual investigation reveals more serious damage done than was expected. Several plating plates forward on the port side and in line almost directly beneath the wheelhouse have been badly dented, and at least four or five will, it is said, have to be removed and straightened. On the starboard streak many rivets have been started, and when the dock was first pumped out the ship leaked badly. One of the keelsons is twisted in one place. The rudder post is broken at the point where it joins with the projecting keel beneath the propeller, and a piece is missing, probably a couple of feet long. The huller, too, is jammed out of position, and all the points of the propeller blades are missing. An interesting fact in connection with the propeller is that pieces had previously been braised on the blades, but the break in each case occurred beyond where the welding had previously been done. New blades will now be placed in their stead, but the work requiring greatest attention will be the rudder post. Only a limited number of men can be employed in the making of these, and for this reason it is thought that the Moana will be in dock at least two weeks. The cost of repairs is roughly estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

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EVIDENCE FROM SAN FRANCISCO

WILL CASE PROCEEDS AT CIVIL ASSIZES

Reading of the Testimony of Witnesses Taken by Commission in Hopper vs. Dunsmuir.

The case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was continued at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the Civil Assizes.

Stanley Hopper, who was Mrs. Hopper's coachman in New York in 1898, gave evidence of the feeble appearance of Alexander Dunsmuir at that period. He also spoke of Mrs. Dunsmuir's visit to New York, and told of the changed disposition of Mrs. Dunsmuir in 1900 from her former cheerful demeanor.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Howe, who had been Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's maid in New York in 1898, said Alexander would sometimes drink from two to three pints of whiskey in twenty-four hours. He was very affectionate to his wife and Mrs. Hopper.

Dr. Edward Janeway and Dr. Robert Abbe gave medical testimony, the first named as to attendance on Alexander Dunsmuir in his last illness, and Dr. Abbe as to his examination of Mrs. Dunsmuir for cancer in January, 1900, and advising a speedy operation. He performed this operation on March 10th. The disease had made great progress between the time of the examination and the operation, and a secondary one, the last one was more for the purpose of relieving the patient of her feeling of depression and giving her some buoyance of mind. He expressed some doubt as to Mrs. Dunsmuir's ability to make a will after the second operation as her system was weaker and more vacillating in her mind. Had she been operated upon promptly when he first saw her there might have been a chance of curing her.

Francis W. Wiggins, room clerk of the Imperial hotel, stated a signature in the hotel register in December, 1899, was Alexander Dunsmuir's. The signature was so illegible that it could not be read by witness. When Mrs. Dunsmuir was in New York a few weeks after her operation she told him how nice James Dunsmuir had been to her when she was West, and had told her he always dealt with her and Alexander honestly. She said she had wanted to go to British Columbia to contest Alexander's will, but Mr. Wilson, her lawyer in San Francisco, had persuaded her to sign a paper which he said put the estate in trustees' hands for two years. Mr. Wilson drew up the paper and told her the clause referred to was not much liked by James Dunsmuir. Mr. Wilson said when he read the paper to her and James Dunsmuir he would hurry over that clause. This had been done, and Mrs. Dunsmuir went on to state Mr. Wilson suggested to James Dunsmuir to call in his own lawyer, but James Dunsmuir had replied that if it was satisfactory to Josephine it was also satisfactory to him.

This closed the reading of the evidence taken in New York.

Then came the evidence taken in San Francisco. The first was that of Henry Sample, a Pullman car porter, who was on the train that took Alexander and Mrs. Dunsmuir East from Oakland in December, 1899. He told of the quantity of liquor consumed during the trip, and the helpless condition of Alexander Dunsmuir.

To-day's Proceedings.

The reading of evidence taken at San Francisco was continued this morning.

Ralph Burnett in 1897 was employed as bell boy at the Grand hotel at San Francisco when Alexander and Mrs. Dunsmuir were living there. He used to answer Alexander Dunsmuir's bell, and carried whiskey there.

L. A. Folsom, another employee of the hotel, gave evidence as to whiskey and punches being taken to the Dunsmuirs, and had called upon the doctor several times to attend Mrs. Dunsmuir. Witness told up his duties about the time Burnett left.

Edward E. Kell, a member of the firm of Goldberg, Cohen & Co., had furnished wines and spirits to Alexander Dunsmuir at the Grand hotel. It was ordered by Mrs. Wallace and paid for by cheque by Mr. Dunsmuir. He had paid a visit to Mrs. Dunsmuir at her home at San Leandro in 1900, some months after Alexander's death. She seemed pleasant enough, but when a problem from her lawyer, Wilson, arrived she seemed anxious for the rest of the guests to go, and drove them to the station herself.

Frederick Baumgartner, bell boy and then porter of the Grand hotel, gave somewhat similar evidence to Folsom as to taking liquor to the room.

John B. Riley, deputy in the county clerk's office, was called to prove that the will of Alexander Dunsmuir had been probated through Wilson & Wilson, as attorneys for James Dunsmuir, executor. The date of probate was May 9th, 1900.

Mr. F. C. Jacques knew the Dunsmuirs for three years when they were living at the Grand hotel. She was employed by Mrs. Dunsmuir as seamstress from 1895 to August, 1898. Observed Alexander Dunsmuir was feeble in condition and a heavy drinker during that time.

The court adjourned at 1 o'clock till 10.30 on Monday morning.



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DEBATE BECOMES SOMEWHAT LIVELY

STORMY BREEZE ON SEALING INDUSTRY

Mr. Morley's Resolution Carries at the Board of Trade Meeting After Long and Keen Fight.

The Board of Trade meeting last night to discuss A. J. Morley's resolution on the sealing question lasted till 11 o'clock, and at times promised to become stormy, but they were only "cat-paws" that momentarily ruffled the sea of debate, and at the end there was fairly smooth weather. More than 60 members were present, and the president, C. H. Todd, presided.

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And whereas, in the opinion of the Victoria Board of Trade, such suspension, if enforced towards British subjects only, would be unjust and prejudicial to British interests, unless it shall apply to land as well as sea fishing, and to American and Japanese and all other fishermen as well as to British fishermen.

Be it therefore resolved, That, in the opinion of the board, no policy should be adopted that will lead to the permanent suspension of seal fishing or any suspension of seal fishing by British subjects unless the regulations agreed upon shall extend to and be enforced against citizens and subjects of the United States and Japan, and all other countries, and that the use of seals be suspended on land as well as sea for a period not exceeding five years.

Mr. Lugin considered the amendment in harmony with the end aimed at by Mr. Morley, that Canada's right to take seals in the open sea be not jeopardized, and if sealing were suspended it must be by all nations on land or sea. He was satisfied that the sealing owners were too patriotic to wish to sacrifice Canadian rights.

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Mr. Higgins objected that the previous question could not be put while the discussion upon it was led off by Moritz Gutman, who referred to the palmy days of the sealing industry when 50 or 60 schooners sailed out of Victoria harbor. But he believed that the natural increase of seals had never been stopped by pelagic sealing. Even if the United States carried out its threat of killing off the seals on the islands in Behring Sea, there would be still enough left on the coast to warrant a small fleet continuing in the business.

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sealing business. It was a fact that the sealing fleet might be moved to Vancouver or some other port at any time. He had an idea that if the Dominion government were approached with Mr. Morley's resolution it would do more harm than good. He was of opinion if the Japanese and other nations were allowed to go on killing seals in their present wholesale way, there must be an entire extinction of the industry in a few years. He had no reason to believe that the company had received any offer for their fleet. He moved in amendment, seconded by C. H. Lugin:

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PIONEERS AROUND FESTIVE BOARD

ANNUAL BANQUET WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Large Attendance, Excellent Speeches and Good Programme the Factors of Success.

About seventy-five guests were present at the thirty-third annual dinner of the B. C. Pioneer Society, which was held last evening at the Victoria Hotel. It was about 8:30 o'clock when those in attendance gathered around the festive board. The chair was occupied by President R. Hall, M. P. P.

Next on the list was "The President of the United States," proposed by the president and responded to by United States Consul Smith in a brief but interesting speech. He recalled the recent visit of the President of the United States to the coast. His Worship the Mayor of Victoria then had an opportunity of seeing him, and no doubt had recognized that President Roosevelt was a man of power and upright character.

He was one of the ablest rulers in the world, and Mr. Smith expressed the hope that next year he would be able to announce his re-election to the exalted office he held. Reference was then made to the phenomenal growth of the States since the Declaration of Independence. The most important historical events were touched upon including the civil war and the consequent abolition of slavery.

During the evening letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from Bishop Cridge, who was detained by a regrettable illness; Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D. O. C., Thomas Earle, M. P., Hon. Senator Tempelman, Hon. Richard McBride.

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On the right of the chairman were Mayor McCandless, C. E. Redfern, Alderman Goodacre, Barnard and Graham, and on his left were the United States Consul A. E. Smith, Charles Hayward and J. W. Carey.

The following is a complete list of those present: Ald. Goodacre, Ald. Barnard, Ald. Graham, W. S. Young, H. R. Young, Capt. J. Christensen, W. D. Carter, James W. Bland, Harry Jones, M. P. P., James Murphy, M. P. P., Dr. Geo. J. Potts, Jos. W. Carey, Chas. Hayward, Hon. Senator Macdonald, R. Hall, M. P. P., His Worship Mayor McCandless, C. E. Redfern, Edward Pearson, J. P. C. A. Gregg, Robt. Dunn, Jr., J. F. Renfree, E. Bray, Charles W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., H. D. Holmeisen, K. C., E. E. Wootton, B. S. Heisterman, Thomas Watson, W. H. Demister, W. A. Robertson, James Orr, R. F. John, Andrew Tolmie, James Bell, Allan Graham, W. Thompson, John James Downey, Wm. Harrison, F. C. Gamble, W. H. Linder, T. S. Burns.

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Victoria, Dec. 5-5 a.m.—Owing to the approach of an ocean storm area, the weather is becoming unsettled and will shortly turn milder, with rain. The winds are also increasing in force to a southerly gale on the coast.

Forecast. For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—increasing easterly to southerly winds, unsettled, with rain, and becoming milder.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 37; minimum, 36; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

GOVERNMENT BILLS ADVANCED A STAGE

The Opposition Severely Criticised "Some" of Them, Showing Measures Were Loosely Framed.

Victoria, Dec. 4th.

The legislature this afternoon was occupied largely with the consideration in committee of the Loan Bill, the Railway Assessment Bill and the amendments to the Coal Mines Act. In each of these the opposition were able to drive the government into most uncomfortable positions. Especially was this true of the railway bill, when the leader of the opposition finally reduced the members of the government to a pronounced standstill by proving that the several clauses were not consistent.

Petitions. Petitions were presented as follows: Mr. Gorden, from G. W. Holson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company, which was laid on the table.

The petition from W. F. Gurd and others, citizens of Cranbrook, asking for appropriations for a court house, government offices and streets and bridges, was ruled out of order.

A petition was also presented by Mr. Garden seeking to amend the Vancouver City Incorporation Act. A bill entitled "An Act to amend the 'Trail Incorporation Act, 1901,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Questions and Answers. John Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. What amount of money was expended for public works in Dowdney district during September and October for the present year? 2. How many pieces of work were commenced in September, 1903, in Dowdney district? 3. How many men were employed on the above works? 4. Who hired the men employed on the above works, and what was the rate per day of wages paid? 5. What position did Mr. W. J. Manson, of Mission City, hold in the government employ?

The Hon. R. F. Green replied as follows: "1. September, \$3,210; October, \$4,570; total, \$7,780. 2. 10. 3. 113. 4. Road superintendent and road foreman. Foreman, \$3 to \$4 per day; axemen, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day; laborers, \$2 to \$2.25 per day. 5. No position."

John Houston asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Did the Lieutenant-Governor in any way interfere, between June 3rd, 1903, and October 3rd, 1903, in the management and sale of the public lands belonging to the province? 2. If so, in what way? 3. Has the Lieutenant-Governor in any way interfered, since October 3rd, 1903, in the management and sale of the public lands belonging to the province? 4. If so, in what way?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows: "1. No. 2. Answered by No. 1, 3. No. 4. Answered by No. 3."

J. P. Garden asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question: How near completion is the provincial reformatory, and at what date is it expected that its intended work will be ready for its intended use?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "The main building, comprising residence, dormitories, etc., is completed, with the exception of heating apparatus, baths, wash-tubs, driers, etc., floor in basement and cementing plinth, etc. The remainder of the further works required to complete the industrial school fit for occupation are: farm buildings, drainage, water supply and fencing. If the necessary appropriation is provided the whole can be completed by the 30th June, 1904."

The Loan Bill. The House went into committee on the Loan Bill with C. W. D. Clifford in the chair.

The Finance Minister stated in reply to questions that it was not expected there would be any commissions on the sale of these.

R. L. Drury desired information on the subject of the negotiation of these securities. If they were disposed of by public competition the debentures maturing in 1905 would not compare with those maturing in 1914 in value.

Proceeding to discuss the matter the chairman of the committee called Mr. Drury to order as no amendment was introduced.

Some little discussion followed upon the ruling of the chairman, it being held by John Oliver and W. B. McInnes that Mr. Drury was in order and was entitled to an explanation.

The Finance Minister expressed readiness to answer the questions, and Mr. Drury further explained the difference in the investment in purchasing debentures extending over one year from those extending over ten years.

The Finance Minister disapproved of trying the hands of the government in this matter. The government intended to dispose of them at par.

F. Carter-Cotton could see no difficulty in the matter. He thought that the present arrangement would pave the way for floating a permanent loan if considered necessary.

John Oliver thought this showed that a three-year loan could have been obtained on just as good terms as this. He objected to any other than the Finance Minister being the agent in negotiating the loan.

Mr. Drury introduced an amendment for striking out of clause 5 the words providing for any other person being appointed to act as agent of the government in negotiating the loan, except the Minister of Finance. It was clearly, he said, the intention of the government to dispose of these debentures in a block to one institution. It was opposed to any commission, therefore being obtained under these circumstances.

The Finance Minister could not accept the amendment. He believed he could dispose of these debentures to a financial institution. He wanted, however, to have the government given a free hand in the disposal of these. Large insurance companies and other financial institutions outside of British Columbia had been given notice that the debentures would be for sale, and he thought that it was possible that better than par value might be got for these, though he was not very hopeful of it.

Mr. Drury could not reconcile this statement of the Finance Minister with that of the Premier the day before, when the latter said that the money markets all over the world had been sought for and that it had been found impossible to get money anywhere else but in this city.

F. Carter-Cotton did not understand this to mean that a broker would be employed. This form was in keeping with the wording of other loan bills, and provided also for the removal of a difficulty in case of the death of a Finance Minister.

Mr. Drury withdrew his amendment, relying upon the assurances of the Finance Minister that there would be no commissions in the sale of these debentures.

On clause 3, providing for the rate of interest at 3 per cent, Mr. Drury protested against this feature. It would interfere against the borrowing credit of the province. If after three years it was desired to effect a loan these debentures could not be taken up without a premium being paid by the government.

Mr. Carter-Cotton held that those wishing to take debentures did not look at the preceding one. All these men asked was the total indebtedness and the security offered by revenue.

With an amendment providing for the setting aside of the sinking fund for the repayment of the loan commencing 1st of March, 1905, the bill passed committee and was reported to the House.

Railway Assessment. The House then went into committee on the bill introduced by C. W. D. Clifford in the chair on the bill entitled "An Act to assess, levy and collect taxes on the property of railway companies."

Mr. Oliver moved to strike out the clause forbidding municipalities incorporated since 1895 assessing all railways for taxation. He showed that this clause worked an injustice. While the city of Vancouver, which owed its existence to the building of the C.P.R., was allowed to tax railway companies, yet the city of Rossland, incorporated later, was forbidden that privilege.

He favored putting all municipalities on the same standing. This was apparently hasty legislation. Municipalities needed all the revenue possible.

Chas. Wilson said that municipalities since 1894 had been incorporated under the direct knowledge that they were debared from taxing railways.

Mr. Oliver contended that municipalities had either to accept the alternative specified by the Attorney-General or not get incorporated. But if in the interests of the revenue of the province it was necessary to prevent municipalities from assessing railway companies, then let them all have this privilege taken from them. He did not see why Vancouver, with the great C.P.R. interests there represented, should be given an advantage over other cities.

dollars per mile of track, including sidings of the railway company situated within the province, and without the limits of any incorporated municipality."

J. A. Macdonald called attention to the fact that it was not made clear in this as to the distinction between municipalities incorporated before and after 1895 as provided for in the first part of the bill.

The Attorney-General and Mr. Fulton took a part in the discussion, attempting to prove that the bill was all right.

Mr. Macdonald described it as showing bad statesmanship.

Starting out very sure of their ground the bill was consistent, the members of the government under the interrogation of the leader of the opposition, were finally forced to remain perfectly still, tacitly admitting that the sections were inconsistent.

Mr. Oliver also called attention to the fact that narrow gauge lines like the Lenora & Mt. Sicker railway would be pressed upon most heavily.

Mr. Oliver said this was clearly class legislation.

Mr. Paterson showed that lumber companies were already taxed, and if their railway lines were so taxed it would press very heavily on the industry.

The Attorney-General thought that probably in the administration of the law these lumber companies' lines would be exempted, as he saw that it would be a hardship.

Hon. J. J. Fulton thought the reference in the other sections to "railway company" would exclude the lines operated by lumber companies.

Mr. Paterson held that the present assessment proposed was an absurd one and would work an injustice to many lines.

Parker Williams said that the Cheamains Logging Company had been assessed \$3,000 a mile on its line as a railway. An appeal was taken, and it was maintained it was not a railway in the ordinary sense, but kept the assessment at the same figure as personal property.

The Finance Minister, in order to overcome the difficulty, proposed to insert that the section should not apply to roads carrying exclusively logs, ores or coal.

The bill as amended passed the committee and was reported.

Coal Mines Act Amendment. On the adjourned debate on this bill, W. W. B. McInnes urged that the license fee had been largely increased.

There seemed to be a tendency on the part of the government to heavily bear upon the industries of the province. There was a time when the Conservative party favored the industries, but at the present time this had passed away.

It was apparent that this was due to the fact that the Conservative government had lost the province to the Socialists for continuance in power. The latter party was opposed to capital and industries and this seemed to be the price of the support of that party.

He appealed to the Conservative party to assert itself in this matter.

He also noticed that whereas the old act provided for the issuance of coal leases by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the amendment provided that it should be given into the hands of the Chief Commissioner. The change was not made in connection with the issuing of timber leases.

He saw perhaps an explanation of this departure. The leases to be issued for coal mines pertained largely to Southeast Kootenay. The Premier, in reply to the member for Nelson this afternoon had stated that the Lieutenant-Governor had not interfered with the issuing of leases in that part of the country. But there was a well established rumor in Victoria that His Honor had something to do with the withholding of these leases.

This bill tended to prompt a suspicion that there was something in the rumor. This amendment seemed to be framed with the intention of taking the power out of the hands of His Honor to sign the grants and confine it to the Chief Commissioner.

questions. While he agreed that it might lessen work to have the Chief Commissioner alone sign the leases, yet in the face of past events he thought it would be more satisfactory to have it placed in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

He hoped that it was the intention of the government to issue licenses only to bona fide prospectors and not to all classes of men and women whose names were used for the purpose.

In the oil industry a large amount of capital was required to sink and prove the presence of oil. In view of that he thought the oil prospector should be given the fullest opportunity of proving this ground. The benefit would then be derived from the surrounding lands.

J. A. Macdonald referred to the care taken to retain possession of blocks 4,500 and 4,504 in Southeast Kootenay. Lectors had gone in in good faith and sought leases there. Up to the present these had not had their leases issued. He did not object to this so much as to the law which allowed of a man or company going in and by issuing other names acquired these coal and oil lands, which were intended for the general good.

He objected to lands being monopolized by men, often foreigners.

The changes proposed were against the interests of the prospector, and bore lightly against the men who acquired the properties out of which millions were made. If the act needed amendment why was provision not made to prevent milliners, merchants, pop-orn vendors and others from obtaining prospecting licenses for the benefit of some one else and thus acquiring the lands?

The law should be amended in that particular. It had been discussed everywhere during the last election. The government should take the opportunity to get any doubt as to these people having the right to get possession of the lands of the province at rest.

The bill passed its second reading.

New Assessment Act. The Finance Minister in moving the second reading of the new Assessment Act, explained that the finances of the province were such as to leave a deficit under the present conditions, that therefore it was necessary to increase the revenue in addition to affecting a loan.

He hoped to raise an increased revenue of \$200,000 by the new bill. The four great heads of taxation were real estate, wild land, personal property and income. The real estate was raised from 4-6 of 1 per cent. to 1 per cent.; the wild lands was left at 3 per cent., but it was the intention of the government to increase it to about 5 per cent.; that on personal property was raised from 3-4 of 1 per cent. to 1 per cent.; while some alterations were made in the income tax.

One of the amendments would be in personal property. He proposed to amend the act so that a merchant would not be assessed on his stock and also on personal property.

He intended also to exempt personal property from taxation, where the income of the individual was also taxed, the latter being derived from personal property.

It was the intention to get at the gross incomes of private individuals and also of institutions like banks.

In reply to the objection of the member for Ashcroft that provision was not made for assessors doing their work under oath, he pointed to sections wherein it was provided that the assessor should make declaration as to the correctness of his rolls.

The discounts in the new act were made uniform.

While annual tax sales were maintained as in last year's bill, it was provided that the rate of interest chargeable for the tax sale should be 6 per cent, instead of 12 per cent.

An attempt had been made by the government to get a substitute for the 2 per cent. tax. He had thought of conducting the pay sheet, as well as the cost of transportation and treatment before levying the tax. He had had considerable correspondence on the matter, but decided to leave it open until the legislature gathered. In committee the act could be amended along that line, or if a satisfactory solution could not then be offered it might be left over until later in the session.

The Conservative party had not been false in the matter, but he had done his best, to substitute something less objectionable.

The second reading carried.

Coal Tax Act. On the second reading of the amendment to the Coal Tax Act, the Finance Minister explained that the object of the bill was to settle the question of exemption from land taxes under the coal tax.

The bill passed its second reading.

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The Conservatives are urged to organize because the day of a Dominion general election is at hand.

Let the organization meeting be called without delay, let the electors of Victoria know whether the party is still opposed to the British preference.

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Second of Series at St. John's Church To-Morrow Evening.

of Victoria think? Do they not in their hearts feel that they would be foolish to put up a candidate in the event of the Dominion Parliament being dissolved shortly?

"MANIFEST DESTINY."

A few months ago a gentleman named Sartoris—Captain Sartoris, if you please—a son-in-law or some relative of the late General Grant, U. S. A., while visiting in Canada became offended at some of the remarks of Canadian newspapers upon the boundary award.

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—T. M. Cameron, local organizer of the American Labor Union, will address the regular meeting of the Socialist party in Labor hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Subject: "The Evolution of Society."

—The Cindarella dance given by Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dicklason in Assembly hall last night went off very well. The hall was handsomely decorated, the Scheidt-Banty orchestra played delightfully, and the dancing was thoroughly enjoyable.

—The Daughters of Ruth wish to inform their many friends that notwithstanding rumors to the contrary they are still in a flourishing condition. They will hold a social dance on Monday, December 7th, at Sir William Wallace hall. Refreshments will be served.

—Among the novelties in the way of seasonal greeting cards to be found at Hibben's, are those of a local artist, who has faithfully and artistically reproduced in water colors some of the beautiful wild flowers to be found in and around the city. These cards are well worth the inspection of the Christmas shopper.

—The Nordheimer Piano & Music Company, Ltd., Toronto, has published in neat style a number of G. Jennings Burnett's compositions, including "Sun of My Son," "Amid the Shadows," "Abide With Me," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Gavotte Canadienne." The sacred songs are being advertised in the Toronto Globe with very complimentary references. They are on sale in Victoria at Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co's.

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—On Monday a provincial league hockey match will be played between Vancouver and the Garrison teams on the Work Point grounds. Play will commence at 3 o'clock. The teams will line up as follows: Garrison—Goal, Gr. Kellett; full-backs, Taylor and Crump; half-backs, DeCoursey, Vickers, Gilligan; forwards, Thomas, West, Mills, Riffers and Promiss. Vancouver—Goal, E. H. Deane; backs, P. G. Shallock and T. D. Stevens; half-backs, W. E. Burns, E. G. Crickman and G. W. Melhuish; forwards, F. J. Bayfield, C. W. Ponsford, R. S. Faulder, J. B. Farquhar and H. Margatroyd; substitute, J. P. Nicols. D. M. Rogers, of Victoria, has consented to referee the match.

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—A quiet wedding took place, last evening at the Victoria hotel, when Mr. James Littlejohn and Emma B. Shaw, both of Olympia, Wn., were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. H. J. Wood, of the Reformed Episcopal church.

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—On Wednesday next a sale-of-work will be held under the auspices of the Christ church auxiliary at the cathedral. It will open at 2:30 o'clock. At 8 p.m. a concert will be given, for which an excellent programme has been prepared. This will include vocal and instrumental selections. Among those who have promised to contribute are: the following: Mrs. Moresby, Mrs. Russell Boulton, Miss Cobbett, W. Warlock, Rev. W. B. Allen and Miss Winifred Windle.

—The Dominion Co-operative Home Building Association, which was organized here, has effected a consolidation of interests with the Sterling Home Buyers' Union and the People's Loan & Deposit Company of Toronto, under a charter of the Dominion, with a capital of \$600,000. The charter dates back to 1875, and gives the newly consolidated companies all the right powers and privileges of any loan company. The headquarters are at Toronto. Bodwell & Duff are solicitors for British Columbia and the western division.

—On account of the regrettable accident to H. M. S. Flora, which has necessitated the departure of H. M. S. Grafton and Eberia, the concert and comedy, which was to have been given on Monday next by a company of Victoria amateurs, has been postponed. The date for this entertainment, which is being given for the benefit of St. Joseph's R. C. church at Esquimalt, of which Rev. Father Nicolay is pastor, will be announced later. Tickets already sold will be honored on the date of the production.

—Special services will be held to-morrow in the James Bay Methodist church. The event is the celebration of the Epworth League anniversary, and the pastor, Rev. S. P. Connor, will deliver, both morning and evening, sermons for the young people. The church is being appropriately decorated, and special music will be rendered by the choir and organists. On Monday evening a mass-meeting of the leagues of the city will be held in the church. A good programme consisting of addresses, readings and music will be rendered, with refreshments at the close. The young people are looking forward to making this rally one long to be remembered.

—Much comment has been made at various times regarding the similarity in the countenances of Denman Thompson, Reverend Robert Collyer, the eminent Unitarian divine, and the late Robert Ingersoll and Henry Ward Beecher. These distinguished gentlemen, although at wide variance in their professions, creeds and politics, have always been warm personal friends, and always agreed on the good influence brought about by plays in which the moral tone predominated, as it does in Denman Thompson's excellent play, "The Two Sisters," which, by the way, is announced for this city at the Victoria theatre on Monday, December 7th. Plays like this have lasting qualities, they are built on the proper foundation—the one that will live as long as civilization observes its present code of right and wrong.

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—A denizen of lower Chatham street was summoned for being an inmate of a house of ill-fame. She was fined \$20 in the police court today, and paid the fine.

—Ad. Stewart has given notice that at the next meeting of the council he will move for leave to introduce a by-law amending the "Sewers By-Law" in certain matters and to incorporate therein a new general specification for houses and building connections with the sewers.

—The vacancy in the local staff of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co., caused by the resignation of T. W. Martindale, has been filled by the appointment of W. M. Ritchie as agent and collector. Mr. Ritchie will have charge of the district, which has been formerly under Mr. Martindale's charge.

—Owing to the pressure on space induced by the holiday advertising the Times will discontinue the Canadian historical puzzle series until after New Year. Those who sent in correct answers to last week's puzzle were Pearl Roper, Edith Maltravers (Victoria West) and Elizabeth E. Farrand (Victoria West).

—Save money by patronizing home companies. The premium rates of the Mutual Life of Canada (one of the oldest and strongest companies) are considerably lower than the rates of American companies. A comparison of the rates and policies will be of interest to intending insurers. Apply to R. L. Drury, Manager, 34 Broad street.

—A. G. Thynne, representing the Vancouver Gun Club, is in town discussing the proposed changes in the Game Act with the Victoria Gun Club. He was at their meeting last night, and is going further into the subject with the committee to-day. At last night's meeting Edward Musgrave reported the recent meeting held at Duncan, where it was decided to organize a branch club.

—The remains of the late Mrs. Geo. Sluggert were laid at rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, First street. Religious services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller, assisted by Rev. J. F. Vickers. A large number of sympathizing friends were in attendance, and many beautiful floral tributes were presented. The following acted as pall-bearers: A. Taylor, R. Sluggert, E. H. Griffiths, G. P. Tanner, C. H. French and F. J. Sluggert.

—The Y. M. C. A. Literary and Debating Society will hold their adjourned debate and organization meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. The question debated will be: "Resolved, that it would be detrimental to the interests of this province for the Dominion government to permit the use of fish traps." The affirmative side will be led by Messrs. A. B. McNeill and Fisher, and the negative by Messrs. W. F. Best and Dunn. The organization of the society on a permanent basis will follow the debate.

—There was a large attendance at the Philharmonic hall yesterday afternoon and evening, the occasion being the closing day of the annual bazaar under the auspices of the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church. Last evening the opera, "A Dairy Maid's Festival," was repeated and thoroughly appreciated. The winners of the various raffles follow: Baby's cradle, Mrs. R. Jones; doll, Mrs. M. L. Marshall; lace counterpane, Mrs. E. Schoer; and doll, Miss Ethel Holmcken. Prizes may be obtained from Mrs. McTavish on application.

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—A very successful and enjoyable masquerade ball was held at Victoria hall on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Victoria Dancing Club, about seventy-five couples being present. The committee in charge deserve considerable credit for the manner in which the affair was conducted. Supper was served at midnight under the special supervision of A. H. Maynard. The orchestra, under the leadership of Mrs. Pleus, gave perfect satisfaction. It is the intention to hold a leap year dance on New Year's eve, for which invitations will be issued.

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—The regular meeting of the Ministerial Association will be held on Monday in the hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 10:30 a. m. Important business will be brought up for discussion, and a paper will be read by Rev. J. P. Westman on the pastor's relation to the Sabbath school. All resident and visiting ministers are cordially invited.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday.

Notices of Motion.

By J. N. Evans on Monday next: That an order of the House be granted for a return showing what lands in Cowichan district were assessed as wild land for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts paid.

W. W. B. McInnes to move, in committee of the whole on bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes and Property and Income," that the following be added as a subsection to section 4: "All permanent improvements up to the value of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) made on land used for agricultural purposes."

J. A. Macdonald to move, upon consideration of the report on bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," the following amendment: To strike out the words of section 5, after the word "track," in the seventh line, and insert the following: "including sidings of railway company situated within the province and without the limits of any municipality incorporated since the 21st February, 1865."

By John Oliver on Monday next: To add as subsection (a) to section 5 of the following words: "The provisions of this section should not apply to the property of the railway companies situated between the limits of any incorporated municipality, but such incorporated municipalities shall have the right to assess the property of the railway company situated between the municipalities at the rate of \$10,000 per mile of track, including sidings."

By John Oliver, to move upon consideration of the report on bill No. 5, to amend section 5 by striking out the words "and without the limits of any incorporated municipality" where they occur in the last line of the section.

By W. G. Cameron, on Monday next, to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act."

By Mr. King, on Monday next: "That an order of the House be granted for returns of copies of instructions given to Bullock Webster re investigation of East Kootenay hotel license; also copies of all correspondence in respect to this matter; also copies of Mr. Webster's report."

Questions.

Mr. McInnes on Monday will ask the Premier: 1. Has the government received any communications from the Federal authorities relating to the acts passed by this legislature last session? If so, what is their purport? 2. Has the government any reason to believe that chapter 8 of the British Columbia Statutes, 1903, being an act affecting the cancellation of certain Columbia & Western railway land grants, will be disallowed by the Federal authorities? If so, what is it?

Mr. McInnes on Monday next will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. Were any lands granted by the crown during the period commencing on the 7th day of April, A.D. 1887, and ending on the 28th day of April, A.D. 1888? 2. If so, what lands, and to whom?

Mr. Oliver on Monday next will ask the Premier: 1. How many temporary assistants (and the names of each) were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903? 2. How many permanent civil servants were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903, and the names of such civil servants?

Mr. Oliver on Monday next will ask the Minister of Finance: For what particular journeys did the Hon. R. McBride, the Hon. C. Wilson, the Hon. R. F. Green and the Hon. A. E. McPhillips receive travelling expenses, and what amount did each of those gentlemen receive on account of each particular journey since June 1st, 1903?

Mr. Evans on Monday next will ask the Provincial Secretary: Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates this session for a school house at Crofton?

MR. UNIVERSITY: Mr. University: Is it to establish a department of railroading. The course will probably be much the same as that of Purdue University, which has brought about very good results.

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VICTORIA WEST METHODIST. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Sweet, will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Talents"; evening subject, "The Shortcomings of a Millionaire." Sunday school at usual hour. Epworth League on Wednesday, and prayer meeting on Thursday.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST. Rev. J. P. Westman, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., conducted by Rev. T. H. Wright. An interesting programme of music will be rendered by the choir at the evening service. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30.

METROPOLITAN METHODIST. The pastor, Rev. Elliott S. Row, will preach at both services. Sabbath school and Bible classes will be held at 2.30 p. m. Strangers cordially invited to all services.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN. The pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will preach both morning and evening. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; Bible class at 3.

CALVARY BAPTIST. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Vickers, M. A., will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Ordinal service, and Rev. J. H. S. Street at evening. Sunday school and Bible class, 2.30 p. m. R. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST. Rev. Mr. Raymond, of Olympia, will preach in the morning, and Rev. G. W. Dean in the evening.

GERMAN LUTHERAN. There will be services at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, at 11 a. m. Sunday school commences at 10 o'clock.

VICTORIA HARBOR MISSION. Evening prayer, with mission address, will be held in the Seaman's Institute, Store street, at 7.30 p. m. Missioner, J. S. Bailey, P. S. S. M.

THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. The Victoria branch meets at room 21, Five Sisters' block, on Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock. Visitors are welcome.

SPIRITUALISM. R. H. Keeshaw will speak in the A. O. U. W. hall, upstairs, on Sunday evening at 7.30, on subjects to be taken from the audience. Clairvoyant readings at close.

PSYCHIC RESEARCH SOCIETY. Meeting in the Caledonia hall, Blanchard street, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

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ST. JAMES'S. Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Matins and sermon at 11, holy communion at 12, children's service at 2, evening and sermon at 7. Evening preacher, the Bishop of the diocese.

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Proposal That Plan Resembling That in Operation in Crete Be Adopted in Macedonia.

London, Dec. 4.—The Associated Press learns that in order to prevent another Macedonian uprising in the spring, extended by unpalatable rumors and the danger of a war between Turkey and Bulgaria as a consequence, Russia and Austria have proposed that immediate steps be taken to put into operation a plan which, in its general outline resembles that now enforced in Crete. This proposal is the result of the acceptance by the Sultan three days ago of the Russo-Austrian note concerning reforms in Macedonia, which was submitted to the Porte after the recent conference between Czar Nicholas and Emperor Francis Joseph. To what extent each power will participate in the organization of an international gendarmerie to be formed for the preservation of order, and which power will be placed in its prime command, the gendarmerie as well as other details, must be settled by the negotiations before the powers. This proposal of the two powers dissipates the apprehension which has prevailed in diplomatic circles on the continent that Russia and Austria were arranging a settlement of the Macedonian question in a way to assure their interests.

All the powers concerned are anxious to settle the difficulties in the Balkans, so that they can no longer menace the peace of Europe. It is believed that results identical with those obtained in Crete are likely to follow from the enforcement of a similar policy in Macedonia. At first a large force was sent to Crete, but at present there are not more than 16,000 men there, and represent the governments of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy. The Russo-Austrian proposal will be received by the powers is not known, as its presentation only occurred to-day. It is believed, however, that it will be acceptable to France, Italy and Great Britain, but that it is likely to be opposed by Germany.

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The Robinson Bank of Randfontein, Transvaal, was attacked on Friday by a gang of masked men, who, after gagging the manager and his assistants, secured \$15,000. The robbery occurred during the debate on the budget in the second chamber of the States-General, Netherlands. The Premier announced that it was the intention of the government to impose a new customs tariff beginning January 1st. The Premier gave no details, but it is believed that the new duties will have a protectionist tendency.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

QUIGG.

Wm. Quigg has passed away from the effects of an injury received accidentally on Nov. 4th. The deceased leaves a widow and a family of thirteen children. The accident which resulted in the death of Mr. Quigg occurred in No. 1 mine, Coal Creek. The deceased had assisted an injured comrade to the entrance of the mine and was returning to his work again when he was struck by a motor.

VERNON.

"Johnny" Martin, a swash, was arrested on Monday night by Constable Simmons, on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. It is reported that Martin and another Indian named Alec Simla, were drunk in Simla's house, and the latter was amusing himself firing through the ceiling with a forty-four revolver, when Marcelle, between whom and "Johnny" a long feud had existed, entered. Some words ensued between the two, whereupon "Johnny" snatched the revolver from Alec's hands and fired three times at Marcelle, one of the bullets grazing the latter's head. At the hearing before Magistrate Norris on Wednesday Martin was committed for trial.

VANCOUVER.

The loss by fire last month was very light, being but a trifle over \$100. The vital statistics for November were as follows: Births, 37; deaths, 34 (24 whites, 10 Orientals); marriages, 20.

The police court records show about the usual number of cases this month, the total being 221.

The increase of pupils attending the city schools has been so great during the past four months that several of the schools are now in an overcrowded state and arrangements will soon have to be made to put in additional rooms.

Sergeant Harris, of the city police force, has been acquitted on a charge of perjury by ex-Sergeant Butler. The trial took place before His Honor Judge Henderson.

YMIR.

Closely following the announcement of the important strike on the Fyghorn mine, comes another similar announcement from the Atlin mine. The vein here has been encountered in the cross-cut tunnel at a distance of 275 feet from the portal and about 200 feet below the surface. On the surface the Atlin mine has an exceptionally fine showing. A shaft has been sunk on the vein to a depth of 70 feet. From this shaft 80 tons of ore was shipped, averaging \$27.50 per ton. It was taken from a paystreak three feet wide on the footwall side. A

crosscut has been driven from the bottom of the shaft cutting what was supposed to be the hanging wall, exposing on the further side of this supposed wall a further width of lead matter consisting of good values. This crosscut has been driven about 15 feet, and is still in ore. Altogether the vein at this point is proved to be at least 17 or 18 feet wide, the hanging wall still being unreached. As these workings were very wet and expensive to work the Atlin company has recently confined its attention to the lower workings. At present two shifts are at work drifting on the hanging wall of the vein from the end of the crosscut tunnel, the face of the drift being in quartz and mixed iron sulphides from which a sample assayed 1.15 oz. in gold and 2.1 oz. in silver, a total of \$24.48 per ton. In addition to this, two other shifts are driving ahead crosscutting the vein so as to ascertain its full width as soon as possible. Another lead, which is blind to the surface, was also encountered in the tunnel at a distance of 180 feet, and shows six feet of quartz mixed with galena and iron. Drifting has been started on this vein, which, it is believed, will contain good bodies of pay ore.

A shipment of exceptionally high grade ore will shortly be made from the Bonanza group owned by Rowley and Anderson on the north fork of Wild Horse creek. The owners have now got 80 feet of depth on a paystreak which varies from four to fourteen inches of solid, high grade ore, consisting chiefly of steel galena and grey copper. They are now sacking up a shipment which will bring large returns.

KAMLOOPS.

A banquet was given by the local Mining Association and citizens of Kamloops to the executive committee of the Provincial Mining Association in the K. M. & A. A. hall last week. President John Keen, responding to the toast of the Provincial Mining Association, pointed out that the object of the association was to promote the mining industry and secure amendments to the mining laws which were far from satisfactory. The need for their revision had called the association into existence. All other industries depended so intimately upon the success of mining that its interests should be carefully protected. It was not a question of politics, and it made no matter what government was in power so long as they carried out the needed reforms. J. B. Hobson knew the Pacific slope from Peru to British Columbia, and this province contained the greatest areas of gold-bearing alluvial deposits he had ever seen. Proper laws were required to promote their development, to encourage both prospector and investor. Hence the existence of the association. Dr. Wade proposed "Mining and Allied Industries," which was responded to by E. C. Kirby, who said that while British Columbia had the best mineral resources in the world, it had the worst mining laws. This should be remedied. A. C. Galt, also responded to the same toast. The attempts made to belittle the efforts of the Mining Association were unwarranted, and showed a lack of appreciation of the value of the suggestions the association had made to the government. It might be said the association was no good because it had accomplished nothing, but this year had not been a favorable one to secure their object owing to political upheavals. They might hope for better things now as they had friends on both sides of the House. He took occasion to compliment the opposition upon their selection of a leader. J. A. Macdonald was one of the brightest legal minds in the province, and if he was promoted to the bench he would be an ornament to it. He as a Conservative was pleased to pay this tribute to so capable a man.

Thos. Kelly, president of the Manitoba Construction Company, says he will be a candidate at the next general election for the constituency of Winnipeg in the Dominion House. He says he will run in the Liberal interest.

SUPERIOR LIARS.

What's journalism coming to! Mrs. Dowie says she only met one reporter who spoke the truth—and he did so by accident. All the prayers of Zion City will certainly be required to save the "fourth estate" from the wrath to come. Yet journalists have not even the satisfaction of being the downright worst class in the community. "A minister of religion," quoth the wife of the champion Charlottan, "can be better than any reporter." But what about Mrs. Dowie herself—and where does she place Elijah the Third, who, in the matter of lying, gets first past the post every time? Dublin News.

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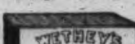


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Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903, of the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B.C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1903," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Lot	Block	Section	Lands and Improvements	Assessed Owner	Registered Owner	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs
115	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	128.62	12.35	21.15
116	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	129.10	12.37	21.16
117	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	129.58	12.38	21.17
118	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	130.06	12.39	21.18
119	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	130.54	12.40	21.19
120	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	131.02	12.41	21.20
121	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	131.50	12.42	21.21
122	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	131.98	12.43	21.22
123	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	132.46	12.44	21.23
124	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	132.94	12.45	21.24
125	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	133.42	12.46	21.25
126	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	133.90	12.47	21.26
127	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	134.38	12.48	21.27
128	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	134.86	12.49	21.28
129	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	135.34	12.50	21.29
130	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	135.82	12.51	21.30
131	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	136.30	12.52	21.31
132	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	136.78	12.53	21.32
133	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	137.26	12.54	21.33
134	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	137.74	12.55	21.34
135	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	138.22	12.56	21.35
136	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	138.70	12.57	21.36
137	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	139.18	12.58	21.37
138	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	139.66	12.59	21.38
139	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	140.14	12.60	21.39
140	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	140.62	12.61	21.40
141	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	141.10	12.62	21.41
142	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	141.58	12.63	21.42
143	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	142.06	12.64	21.43
144	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	142.54	12.65	21.44
145	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	143.02	12.66	21.45
146	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	143.50	12.67	21.46
147	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	143.98	12.68	21.47
148	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	144.46	12.69	21.48
149	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	144.94	12.70	21.49
150	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	145.42	12.71	21.50
151	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	145.90	12.72	21.51
152	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	146.38	12.73	21.52
153	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	146.86	12.74	21.53
154	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	147.34	12.75	21.54
155	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	147.82	12.76	21.55
156	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	148.30	12.77	21.56
157	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	148.78	12.78	21.57
158	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	149.26	12.79	21.58
159	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	149.74	12.80	21.59
160	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	150.22	12.81	21.60
161	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	150.70	12.82	21.61
162	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	151.18	12.83	21.62
163	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	151.66	12.84	21.63
164	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	152.14	12.85	21.64
165	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	152.62	12.86	21.65
166	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	153.10	12.87	21.66
167	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	153.58	12.88	21.67
168	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	154.06	12.89	21.68
169	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	154.54	12.90	21.69
170	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	155.02	12.91	21.70
171	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	155.50	12.92	21.71
172	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	155.98	12.93	21.72
173	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	156.46	12.94	21.73
174	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	156.94	12.95	21.74
175	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	157.42	12.96	21.75
176	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	157.90	12.97	21.76
177	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	158.38	12.98	21.77
178	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	158.86	12.99	21.78
179	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	159.34	13.00	21.79
180	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	159.82	13.01	21.80
181	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	160.30	13.02	21.81
182	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	160.78	13.03	21.82
183	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	161.26	13.04	21.83
184	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	161.74	13.05	21.84
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186	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	162.70	13.07	21.86
187	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	163.18	13.08	21.87
188	B	19	L & C. J. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	James Douglas	163.66	13.09	21.88
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Oak Uph. Morris Chair, Rockers, Rattan Chairs, Bed Lounges, Book Shelves, Bamboo Chaises, Easy Arm Chair, Brass Clock, Portieres, Vases, Lamps, Dining Table, Dining Chair, Glassware, China, Dressing Mirror, Screens, Bureaus, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Occasional Tables, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Blankets, Bed and Table Linen, Feather Pillows, Camp Beds, Child's cot, Wire and Top Mattresses, Carpets, Rugs, Washstands, Air-Tight Hesters, Meat Safe, Cooking Utensils, Gent's Saddle, Lady's Saddle, Bridles and Bits, Single English Silver Mounted Harness complete, Buggy, New Carriage Lamps, Child's Cart, Campers' Outfit, GOLF STICKS, Field Glasses, Surveyors' Pocket Sextant, Camera, etc.

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer

Tenders are to be called for the repairs to the steamer Moana.

The secretary of the school trustees requests that all outstanding accounts against the board be sent to the office not later than Tuesday, 8th inst.

Officers of the tug Albion, which arrived here from Chemainus early this morning, report that it was rammed at Okefen last night that the tug Escort is ashore. The report could not be verified this afternoon.

The Christmas number of the Ladies' Field contains a very interesting article entitled "The Gay Little Boys of the Yukon," by Mrs. E. B. Shaw (N. de Bertrand Laurin). It gives a graphic picture of out-of-door winter life of the children of the northern metropolis.

The management of the Victoria and Puget Sound steamer service has decided on another change in their schedule. The Clallam will hereafter lay over on Thursdays instead of Sundays, and the day she is off the route the Rosalie will make the run. Victoria will thus be given a seven-day instead of a six-day service.

Basketball will be the extra attraction at the 19th Regiment band promenade concert to be given at the drill hall this evening. An excellent musical programme will be rendered by the Regimental band. The game, which is to be between the Y. M. C. A. and Victoria West teams, will start at 8:40 promptly.

The special committee of the Board of Trade, appointed to consider matters relating to the proposed all-Canadian railway to the Yukon, met this morning to consider a circular letter that is to be sent out to public bodies and others interested. The general scope of the circular was approved of, and after being considered at another meeting of the committee to be held next week will be sent out.

DYSPEPSIA ACTS IN MANY WAYS

All of Them Are Painful or Disagreeable—Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Will Surely Banish Them All.

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E. J. WALL. A CHANCE FOR CHRISTMAS

FIVE \$1.00 BILLS GIVEN AWAY. ZEBRA PASTE STOVE POLISH IN TINS.

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J. A. Shanks, Prop.

A special Christmas number of the Weekly Enterprise of Danvers has made its appearance. It is a very creditable edition of four pages, and contains a great deal of interesting reading on matters of local and general interest. Harry Smith is the editor and owner. The printing was done by T. R. Casack.

"ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE"—If the thousands of people who wish to see worthy a remedy as South American Nervine as a last resort would get it as a first resort, how much misery and suffering would be spared. If you have any nerve disorder you need not suffer a minute longer. A thousand testimonies to prove it. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—36.

The committee appointed by the fruit growers of this district met in the office of R. M. Palmer, the freight commissioner on Friday and drafted a constitution and by-laws. This will be submitted to a general meeting to be held in the freight commissioner's office on Friday of next week at 1:30 in the afternoon. The meeting is open to all in the district of which Victoria is the market centre, and all fruit growers are invited to attend.

The regular meeting of Court Vancouver, Ancient Order of Foresters, to be held on Monday evening in K. of P. hall, will be a very busy and important one, as there will be initiations, and also nominations of officers for the ensuing term. The second game of the regular winter wheat tournament will also take place, to which all members of the order are cordially invited. Two prizes are given away each evening to the one having the highest and lowest number of points in his credit.

Under the present regulations applications must be made to the city superintendent for the admission of all new pupils into any of the schools of the city. In order that the necessary seating accommodation may be provided in advance, Mr. Eaton particularly requests that parents intending to send at the beginning of next term, children of any age that have not been in attendance during the coming week. The application, if by letter, should give the name, date of birth and exact address of the child.

SPORTING ITEMS.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. INTERMEDIATES AT VANCOUVER.

The Victoria intermediates left last night for Vancouver, where they are playing a game with the Terminal City aggregation this afternoon. The names of the players have already been announced by the Times.

FOOTBALL PLAY. The Oak Bay and Central are hard at it at the Caledonia grounds this afternoon as the Times goes to press.

BASKETBALL. TO-NIGHT'S GAME.

The following teams will provide entertainment at the drill hall to-night in connection with the band concert: Victoria West—Guards, W. Russell and W. Bloomfield; centre, P. Baker; forwards, C. and W. Fairall. Reserves, Cessford and Crocker.

Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Northcott and McCracken; centre, Whyte; forwards, Lovelidge and Hato.

The game will start at 8:40 promptly.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. TO-DAY'S GAME.

Several Association matches are in progress this afternoon. The North Ward and Capitals and the Victoria West Intermediates and an aggregation representing the Capitals are struggling for supremacy. The match between the Victorias and Grafton team has been postponed owing to the falling of the flagpole to H. M. S. Flora's assistance.

GAME AT CANTREY GROUNDS. A match is in progress this afternoon at the Cantrey grounds between the Royal Engineers and an eleven selected from the crew of the B. M. S. Moana.

LEAGUE MEETING. A meeting of the Victoria District Association Football League was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Rev. W. W. Bolton presided, and delegates were present from the Capital Athletic Club, the North Ward team, the Columbia team and the Work Point Garrison. There were a number of protests to do.

A protest from W. A. Lorimer against the playing on the Central team of a boy named Campbell, who is said to be about three days over sixteen years, the age limit for junior players, in a game against the Capitals, was first considered. This resulted in some interesting discussion, in which Messrs. Gillis, of the Central school

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team, and T. G. of North Ward, took part. The latter wanted the Central team punished for an infringement of the rules by giving the Capitals the two points to which they would have been entitled had they won the game. To this Mr. Gillis strenuously objected. Rev. W. W. Bolton proposed a compromise, the Central being deprived of one point and the Capitals given one point, making the result the same as if the match had been a draw. This was finally agreed upon.

Sergt. Wood, of the Garrison team, took occasion to deny the charges made against the Barracks team by the Colonel in an account of a recent match between the Garrison and Columbia. The part of the report he objected to read: "Both teams now went at it hammer and tongs, the result being a draw, of the Columbia was, in the last appearance kicked deliberately in the chest, putting out two of his ribs."

It is a pity that this sort of rough play cannot be stopped, as it is evidently having a bad effect. These statements Sergt. Wood objected to. They were not true, and he hoped some method could be adopted whereby the impression created by that report would be eradicated. The referee, J. G. Brown, asked whether, in his opinion, the game was rough, replied that although the playing was fast and checking hard it was not a rough match. This, Sergt. Wood thought, was sufficient proof of his assertions. It was finally decided to leave the matter in the hands of the chairman.

The last part of the matter between the Central and Capital teams which was postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather will be played next Saturday at Beacon Hill.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION, Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., Wednesday, December 10th, at 7:30 p.m. R. B. McMillan, Secy.

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The funeral will take place from the family residence, Craigflower road, on Sunday at 2 p. m., and at St. Saviour's church at 2:30 p. m.

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GENTS' CLOTHES cleaned, pressed, repaired or altered, at 150 Yates street, opposite Dominion Hotel; all work guaranteed. James Dupes.

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CHRISTMAS CAKES, Christmas puddings, best quality, 25c. per lb.; orders now taken. London & Vancouver Bakeries, 25 Government street and 73 Fort street.

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School Accounts

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F. H. EATON, Secretary.

PRIVATE SCHOOL. PRIVATE TUITION.

DR. S. D. POPE

Will establish a private school in the north end of the city at an early date in January, 1904. The course of study will be the same as that prescribed for the public schools. Pupils received in all grades. Arrangements can be made for private tuition.

For terms, etc., address 78 Rock Bay Ave.

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In introducing ourselves to the public of Victoria, we beg to announce that we have purchased the tailoring business of Wm. Stewart, 47 Fort street, and are now ready to receive orders, and solicit a continuance of the patronage of the late firm.

We have a fine stock of the latest patterns in Worsteds, Serges, Overcoatings and Tweeds, etc., etc.

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Tenders Wanted.

Tenders are invited for repairs to SS. Moana, now in dry dock at Esquimalt.

Specifications may be seen at Can. Pacific Ry. offices, at 3 p. m., December 6th.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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London and Vancouver Bakeries 25 Government Street and 73 Fort Street. Under New Management. Bread! Bread! Bread! Try it; it will please you; the quality is splendid; it is always sweet. CAKES! CAKES! CAKES! PUDDINGS! PUDDINGS! PUDDINGS! Christmas is coming, and everybody wants one. We are giving the best value in town or out of town. Best quality 25c. per lb. Genuine Scotch Short-Bread, 25c. per 1 lb. cake. Van delivery to all parts of City and Suburbs daily. D. W. HANBURY, Prop.

Useful Xmas Presents Morris Reclining Chairs, from \$8.50 up Sleepy Hollow Chairs, from \$5.50 up Fancy Oak Rockers (upholstered), from \$7.50 These goods are all extra good value, and make very acceptable Xmas presents. Call and see them.

SMITH & CHAMPION, 100 DOUGLAS STREET. PHONE 718. Now is the Right Time to Choose Your Xmas Gifts. Our stock in all its branches is well assorted and up-to-date. Watches, Chains, Lockets, Brooches, Bracelets, Necklets, Rings, Scarf Pins, Links, Toilet Pieces and Sets, Brushes, Mirrors, Sterling Silver Table Ware, Clocks, Opera Glasses, of all styles. Any article selected now will be laid aside. EVERY ARTICLE GUARANTEED. J. WENGER, - Jeweler, 90-GOVERNMENT ST.-90.

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Regimental Band Drill Hall Concert BASKETBALL VICTORIA WEST VS. Y. M. C. A. TO-NIGHT. Municipal Elections To the Electors of North Ward.

Municipal Election 1904. Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Justice of the Peace or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, G. M. C. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 3rd, 1903.

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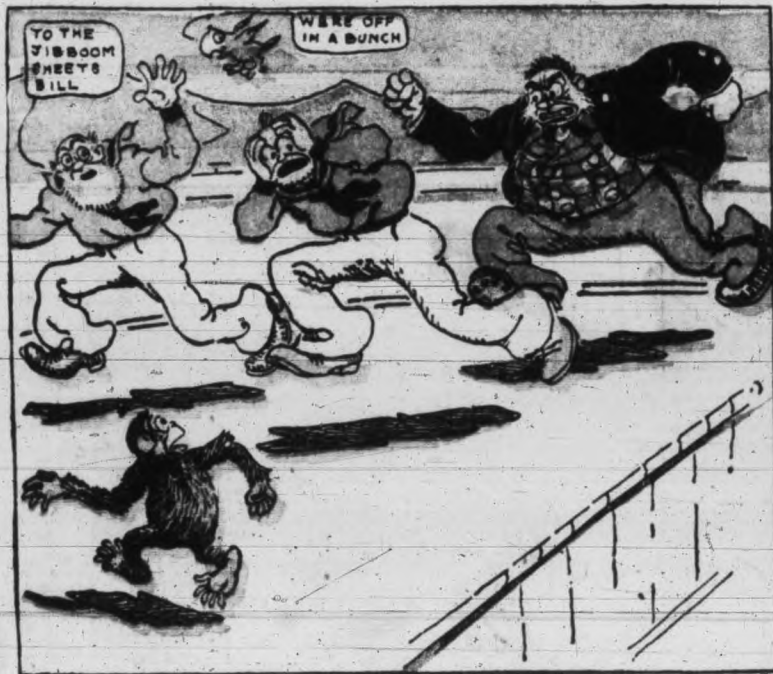
1. "Referrin' t' grub, my lad, reminds me o' a fracas that took place on the 'Lottie Grey' that resulted in puttin' my right clipper out o' commission. The lookout for'd spied weavel in th' biscuit, an' arter consid'able discussion pro an' con Bill an' me wuz appointed a committee to wait on th' skipper."



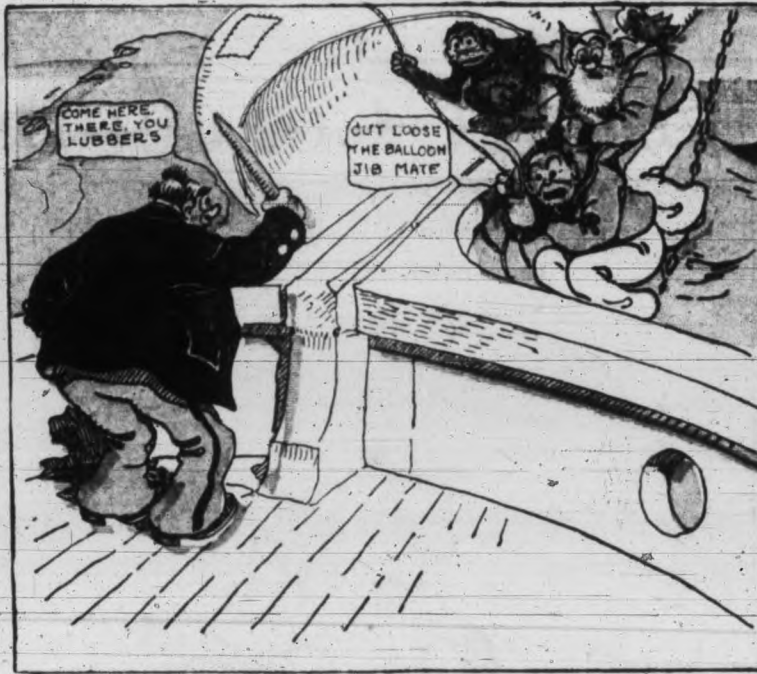
2. "Now it wuzn't doin' Bill an' me no speshul favor, this appointment, fer th' Cap'n was a most cruel man t' deal with, an' I mind th' crew staid below durin' th' interview, but Bill an' me, knowin' our duty, spoke up free, like honest seamen that we wuz."



3. "Well, sir, you'd be surprised t' know w'at a 'ot tempered man that sea cap'n wuz, an' afore poor Bill 'ad stated th' case complete, you can string me to a yardarm if we wuzn't both in the scupperns an' that same skipper layin' it on like he wuz swabbin' down decks."



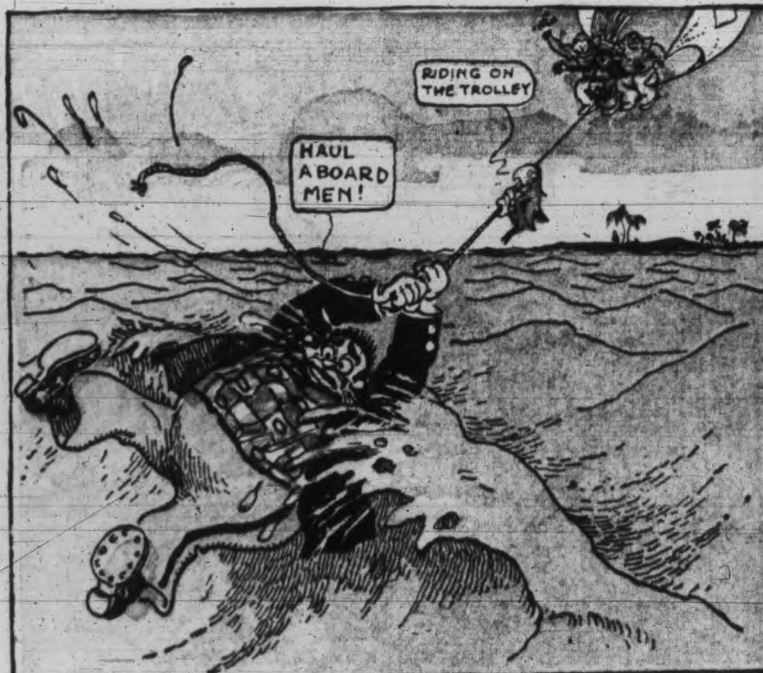
4. "Bill an' me didn't show th' white feather not us; but we didn't stand no manner o' show whatsoever, an' arter fussin' some about th' deck, I suggested t' Bill 'at we come out on th' jibboom till th' ol' feller cooled down a bit."



5. "It wuz soon evident 'at there wuzn't no room f'r Bill an' me on that yessel; for w'at did 'e do but start arter us with a marlin-spike. Well, sonny, jest as things wuz lookin' most desprit, Bill, who wuz good at idees, appened to think o' th' balloon jib, an' cut 'er loose in no time."



6. "They wuz a stiffish breeze blowin', an' up we went like circus fellers, but jest to show how vicious some folks is, w'en th' Cap'n see we wuz escapin', w'at does 'e do but hitch onder one o' th' lines an' hang on; an' away we went, all t'gether."



7. "It wuzn't long afore we lost sight o' th' ship. Bill wuz first in fer cuttin' th' skipper adrift as extry balloon ballast; but w'ile we wuz a-discussin' th' matter, that parrot o' mine sung out 'Land!' An' sure nuff there wuz one o' th' purtiest islands you want to see."



8. "Now, 'ere's th' most interestin' part o' th' yarn. Th' natives wuz waitin' t' receive us, an' as they wuz cannibals we natcherly thought our bacon wuz cooked, but if you will believe 'it, th' old chief turned out t' be a partic'lar good friend o' mine, whose life I'd saved once."

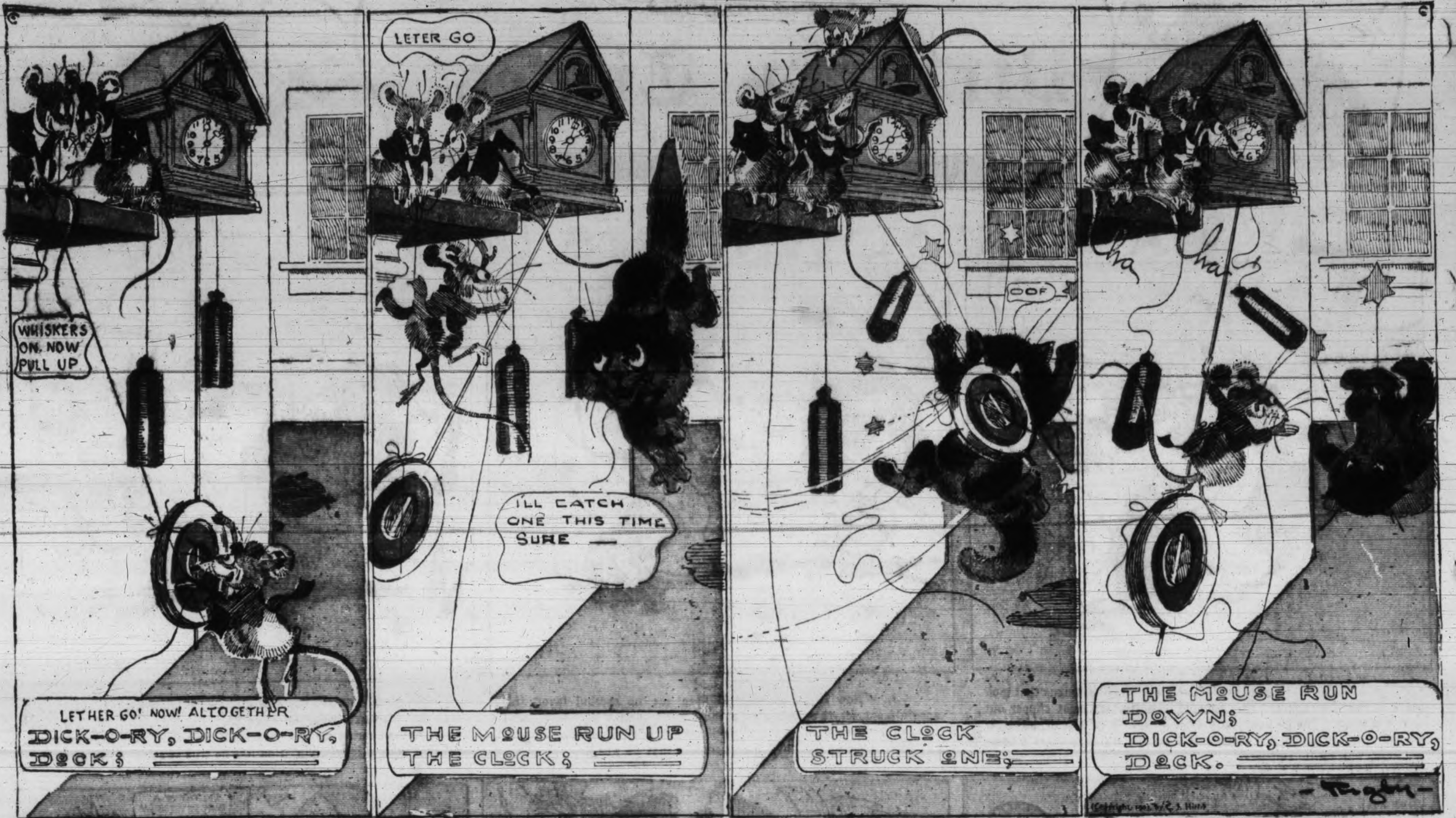


9. "Natcherly they wuzn't nothin' too good fer old Jim an' Bill on th' island. Arter keepin' th' Cap'n on short rations fer a spell, Bill an' me left with th' best wishes o' all concerned, except th' skipper, who wuz kept in captivity. Oh, yes, I started in t' tell you 'ow I lost my leg, but this wuzn't th' time."

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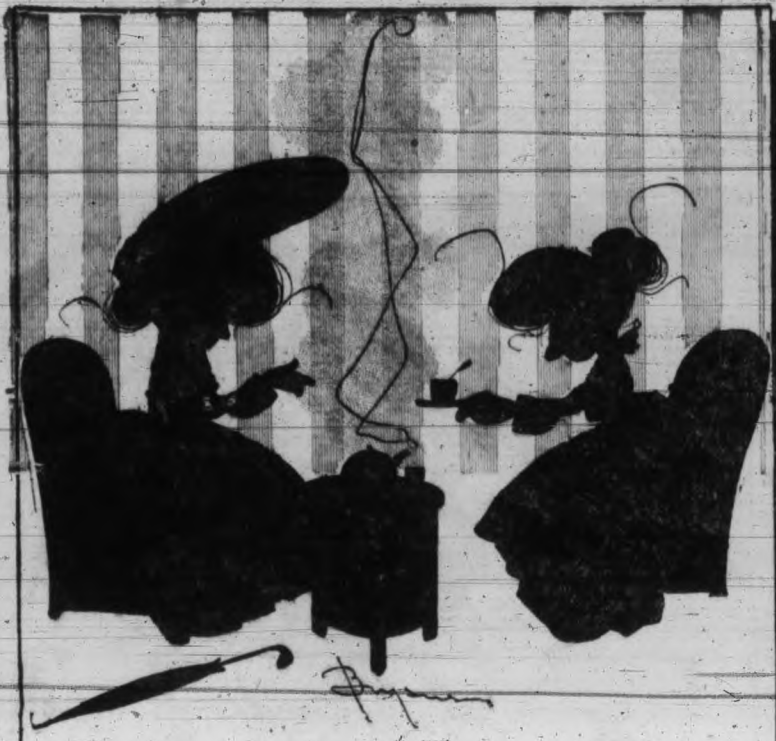
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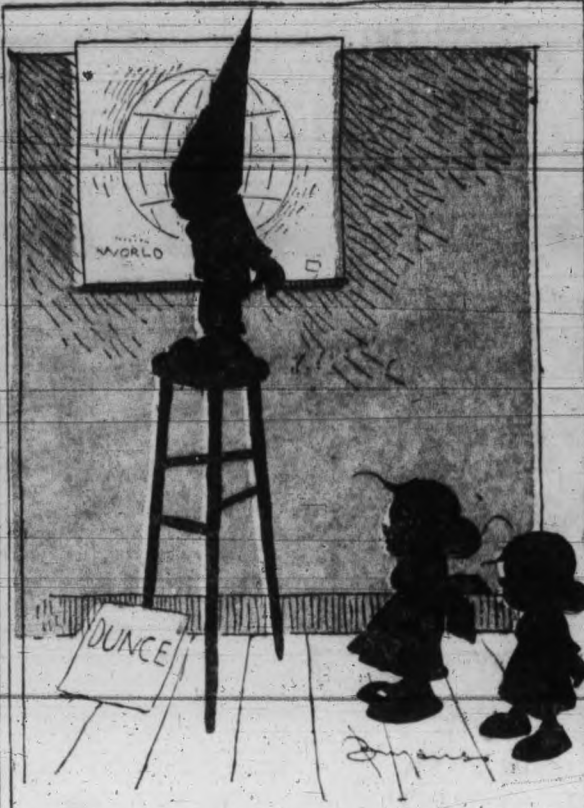


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"I hear the new minister has made a hit with you."
MISS THIRTY-FIVE: "Yes, but it was a much harder blow when I found he was married."



"De teacher said she put him up dar as an example, but I can't figure out de answer. Can youse?"



"Willie Jones if you don't give me dot doll I'll punch yer face."
WILLIE: "Aw, you needn't get mad about it; can't you see I was only kidding you?"



"Ain't he awful sorrowful lookin'."
"Yes, I guess he's been disappointed in love."

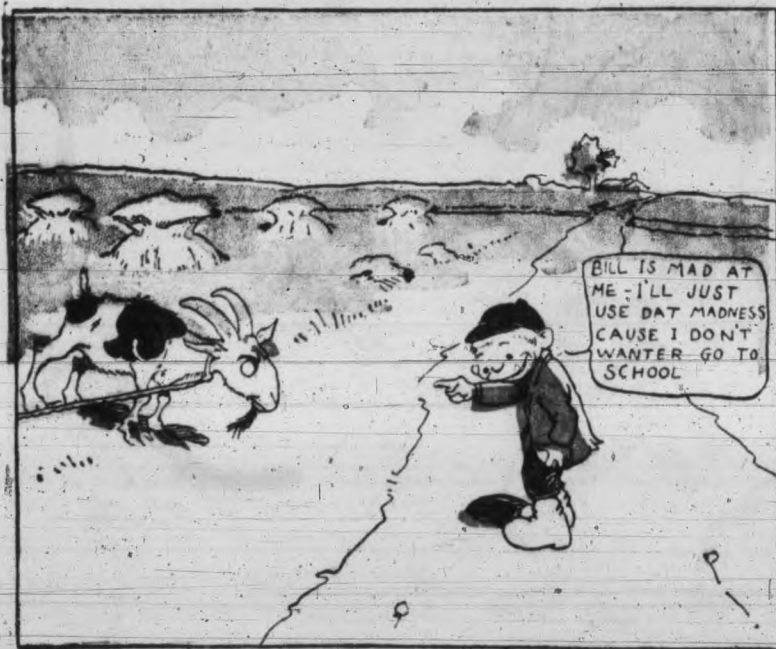


"Well, old man, what message shall I give your wife when I get back to Cohoes?"
"Just tell her I looked a little down, but was trying to keep my spirits up."

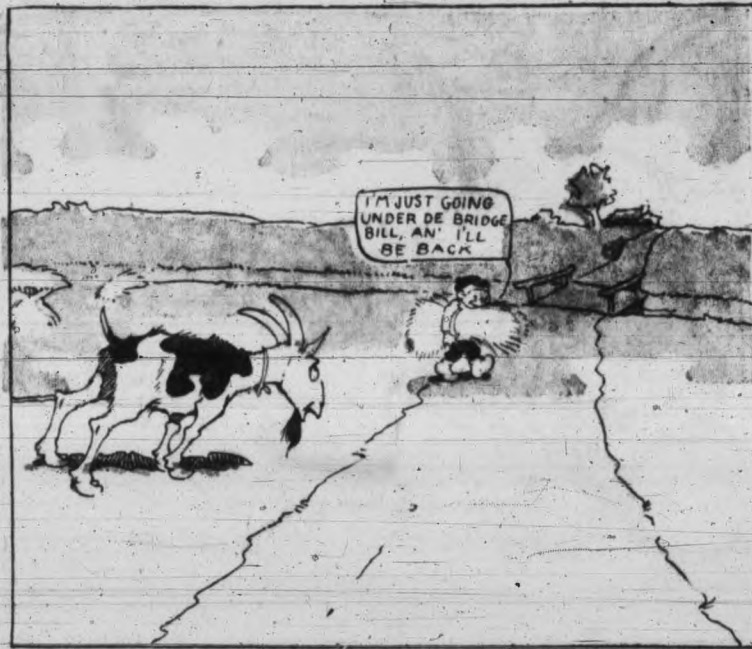


MRS. OATCAKE: "Hiram, if you and Kitty don't brace up and do the kangaroo walk like me, people will know we're from the country."
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LITTLE ABE GETS THREE DAYS VACATION THIS TIME.



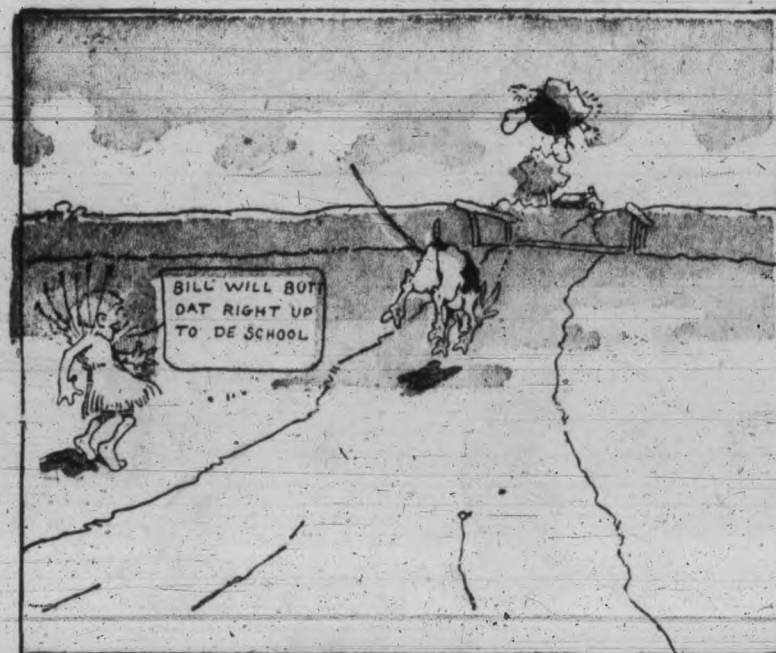
BILL IS MAD AT ME - I'LL JUST USE DAT MADNESS CAUSE I DON'T WANTER GO TO SCHOOL



I'M JUST GOING UNDER DE BRIDGE BILL, AN' I'LL BE BACK



DAR HE TINKS DATS ME SO I'LL UNTIE DE ROPE



BILL WILL BUT DAT RIGHT UP TO DE SCHOOL



POOR ABE, I'D GO AND HELP HIM BUT I'M AFRAID OF DE GOAT

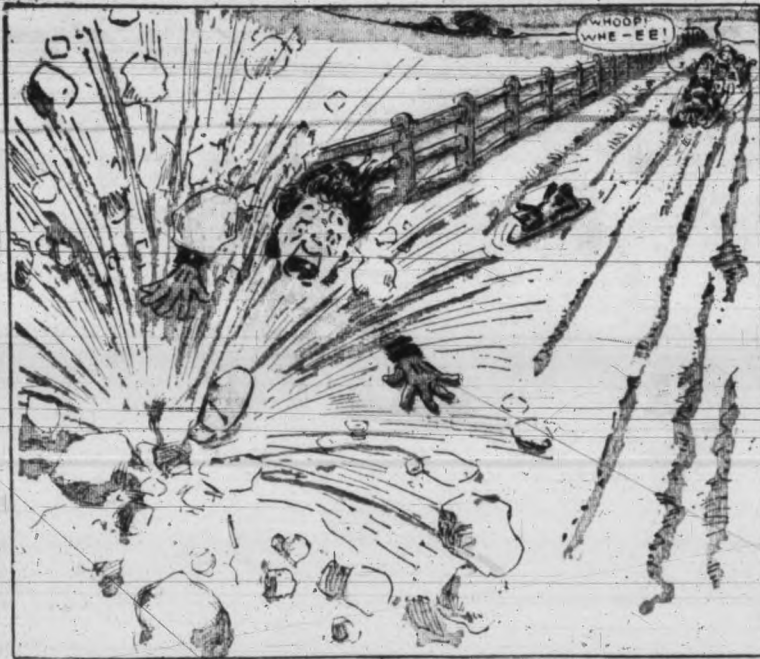
WHEN IT FALLS AN' I'LL RUN OFF WITH IT



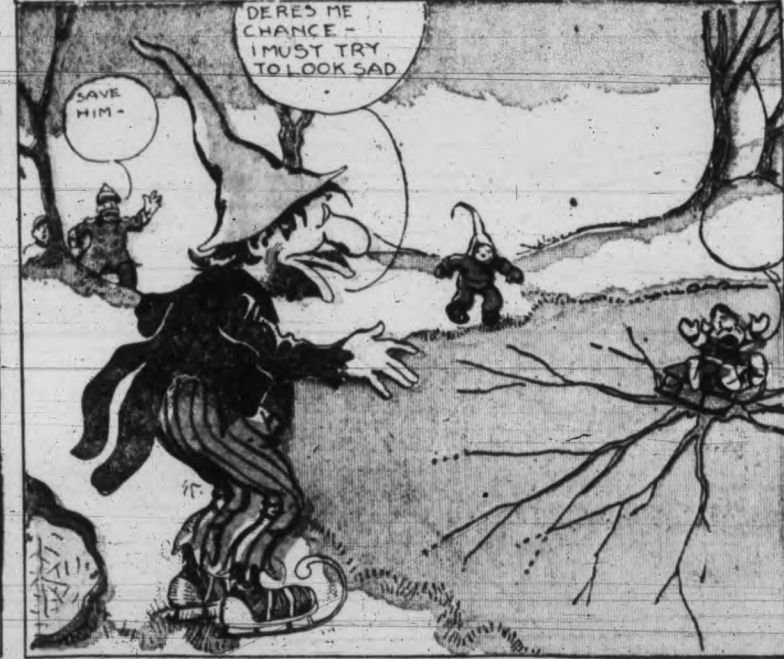
GEE! IT WORKED FINE I'LL TAKE THREE DAYS OFF CAUSE DE TEACHER COULDN'T EXPECT A FELLOW DAT WAS BUTTED DAT WAY TO RECOVER SOONER

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WILLIE CUTE OBEYS ORDERS.



BRAINY BOWERS COMES TO THE RESCUE.



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The Gunnery of the British Navy

The retired admirals who claim to form public opinion will deny the necessity for the appointment of any commission. Recourse to a royal commission will be denounced as needless. Still, if the reader has the patience to read to the end of this article, the necessity for appointing an independent tribunal for the purpose of ascertaining the real position of the fleet in regard to the question of straight shooting and quick hitting will be established.

trials of the Donegal, the sights were found to be so incorrect that the officer conducting the trial could not carry out the programme. The admiralty reply on the subject was not a reply to the question. Who was responsible for the supply of defective apparatus? They buried the question.

Some Stories of "Dizzy's" Secretary

The first meeting between Disraeli and Montagu Corry (the late Lord Rowton) is characteristic of the two men. It was at Raby, where they were fellow guests of the late Duke of Cleveland. "I had a great respect for your father," was Disraeli's comment on being made acquainted with the young man. On the second day there was rain, and the girl of the house-party insisted on being amused by Montagu Corry, who was to organize dances and to dance a break-down, and to sing a comic song to the rattle of his heels upon the floor.

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