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MANITOBA'S CROPS.

Over Eight-Two Million Bushels of Grain Produced During the Year.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—During the year 1903, Manitoba produced a total crop of all grains of 82,576,519 bushels. Such is the official estimate just issued by the provincial department of agriculture. This season's crop shows a falling off in

the total production of 17,455,824 bushels, by far the larger portion of which is made up by wheat and flax. The total of each cereal is as follows: Wheat, 40,116,878 bushels; barley, 8,707,252; rye, 49,900; oats, 33,035,774; flax, 564,440; peas, 34,154; total, 82,576,519.

The condor keeps its young longer in the nest than any other bird. Fully three months elapse before the young condors can fly.

## HEARING EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE

### IN THE WILL CASE OF HOPPER V. DUNSMUIR

#### Testimony of Witnesses Taken on Commission—A San Francisco Lawyer Examined Here.

The evidence for plaintiff being all in with the exception of that of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, and possibly a couple more witnesses, the case for the defence in Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was opened, when the court reassembled yesterday afternoon.

Geo. Fritch, wholesale coal and shipping merchant in San Francisco, knew Alexander intimately and had very extensive business relations with him. Dealing with the period prior to 1898, he found him a shrewd business man. He knew Alexander took liquor, but never saw him intoxicated. In April, 1898, witness had business dealings with Alexander, and found him as any business man would find another in his talk. Later in that year he saw him ill at his room at the Grand hotel, and visited him possibly half-a-dozen times. He was weak, but witness found nothing wrong with his conversation. In 1899 he saw him from three to five times a month. Alexander seemed perfectly strong, physically, and he did not require an escort to help him. His business capacity was as good as formerly.

In cross-examination witness said he purchased from 25,000 to 30,000 tons a year from the Dunsmuir for the past 15 years. He was interested with Mr. Taylor in vessels chartered to carry coal from the Dunsmuir collieries. Taylor dealt in Dunsmuir coal at Oakland.

Mr. Duff put witness through a severe questioning, testing his memory regarding his business transactions, and a great deal of amusement was caused by the somewhat annoyed answers of witness when pressed for details of business that he had forgotten. His firm and one other were the only ones that sold Wellington coal at wholesale in San Francisco. He did not know what was the cause of Alexander's illness in 1899, and when asked whether he had formed an opinion as to the cause, witness declined to answer. Witness would not swear that he saw Alexander once from May to October, and three times in December, 1899. In October and November he seemed in fairly good condition.

Evidence taken on commission for the defendant was then read.

William Greer Harrison, of San Francisco, had met Alexander Dunsmuir frequently during the past five years. Recollecting meeting him at the club towards the end of 1898, and several times early in 1899. Saw nothing peculiar about his speech, his mental qualities seemed all right, but his physical condition not very good. Witness had first introduced Alexander Dunsmuir to Mrs. Wallace in 1897.

The court adjourned till 10.30 o'clock this morning.

## TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

When the case was called this morning Montford Wilson, of the legal firm of Wilson & Wilson, of San Francisco, solicitors for the late Mrs. Dunsmuir, took the witness stand for the defence.

In direct examination by Mr. Davis he said his firm received a request to probate Alexander Dunsmuir's will by telegram from Mrs. Dunsmuir, which had been sent by her from this province. He never acted for Jas. Dunsmuir, and never saw him until the instructions to probate the will were received. The will was admitted for probate in May, 1900. The state of California had laid a claim against the estate for the collateral inheritance tax on the ground that Alexander Dunsmuir was a resident of San Francisco. Witness contested the claim and won, establishing the fact that Mr. Dunsmuir was a resident of Victoria. Witness charged the estate \$5,000 for his services. There was nothing unusual about the fee. His firm got something like \$4,000 for services in connection with the R. Dunsmuir estate, for which they had acted. The entire estate of Alexander Dunsmuir was left to his brother, James.

Witness interviewed Mrs. Dunsmuir in February, 1900, and advised her in the event of her going north to sign nothing which would impair her rights. James Dunsmuir called on his firm in March, 1900, to see about the probate of the will.

In the following June Mrs. Dunsmuir and Mrs. Hopper came to witness's office several times. In the discussion witness suggested that the will might be laid aside, but Mrs. Dunsmuir would not consent to any litigation on respect for her husband's memory, and for the sake of her reputation. It was considered at this interview that if the insanity of Alexander Dunsmuir would invalidate the will it would invalidate the marriage.

In that interview witness told Mrs. Dunsmuir that Jas. Dunsmuir was a powerful man in this country, and will could not be set aside as easily as in California. The subject was thoroughly discussed, and Mrs. Hopper instructed witness to make the best settlement he could. Mrs. Dunsmuir was receiving \$2,000 a month. They (his firm) received James Dunsmuir to increase this amount to \$25,000 a year. They also attempted to get him to give her a lump sum of \$40,000 or \$50,000, but Mr. Dunsmuir

refused. They also sought to obtain for their client half the profits of the California business, and James Dunsmuir said he would give her this after two or three years, when the debt would be paid. Mrs. Dunsmuir was anxious to have the agreement in writing. It was ultimately signed by Mr. Dunsmuir, and Mrs. Dunsmuir understood that she was to receive none of the principal of Alexander Dunsmuir's estate.

Witness read the agreement over, and not hurriedly. James Dunsmuir would never have permitted him to read it in that way as he never saw it until then. Mrs. Dunsmuir, however, had had a copy and thoroughly understood it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bodwell, witness said that James Dunsmuir would not have permitted him to read the agreement hurriedly because he wanted to understand it—it was an important document. Witness was glad to get Jas. Dunsmuir to sign the agreement as he was afraid he might go back on his word or change his mind as an impatient man. He acted for James Dunsmuir in the latter's official capacity as executor.

Mr. Bodwell closely pressed the witness as to why he should fear that Mr. Dunsmuir would refuse to sign the document, and several little tilts between witness and counsel ensued. Witness insisted that he had been dealing with Mr. Dunsmuir for a considerable time, and had much difficulty in getting him to sign the agreement. He did not intend that Mr. Dunsmuir was dishonest in any way.

Witness could see no reason for postponing the signing of the document. Mrs. Dunsmuir considered witness and his brother as firm personal friends, but would not necessarily follow any suggestion made by them. He never attempted to influence her.

Q.—"Was she as hard to deal with as James Dunsmuir?" A.—"Mr. Dunsmuir was a hard man to deal with—the hardest I believe I ever did business with."

Mrs. Dunsmuir was always willing to sign the agreement.

In response to the question whether or not he advised Mrs. Dunsmuir to accept this agreement, the witness said he could not answer in that way.

Mr. Bodwell insisted, and Mr. Davis objected, claiming that the witness had stated under oath that he would not answer the question as it was propounded.

Asked if he advised Mrs. Dunsmuir to accept the best that he could get for her, witness said she instructed his firm to bring about a settlement. He did not advise Mrs. Dunsmuir not to accept \$24,000 a year, or to accept \$25,000. Mr. Dunsmuir accepted it herself. Witness gave her the fullest possible information as to her status.

Mr. Bodwell subjected the witness to a very stiff onslaught of cross-examination as to whether he advised Mrs. Dunsmuir to sign that agreement. The witness, however, continued to insist that he had not done so. He denied that he told Mrs. Dunsmuir that James Dunsmuir was the King's representative in this province, that he controlled the legislature, and that she wouldn't be able to beat him.

He did not remember definitely whether he had told her he could possibly or probably upset the will. He probably did when the subject first came up for discussion between him and Mrs. Dunsmuir.

The witness was cross-examined at length along this line by Mr. Bodwell, after which an adjournment was taken until Monday.

## COMMEMORATE WORK.

### The Pope Satisfied With Progress of Restoring St. John's Church.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Pope has expressed his satisfaction to Cardinal Sottili at the work now in progress of restoring the basilica of St. John Laterano, and especially the roof, which threatened to fall in. The late Pope Leo XIII. had already given a sum of money for the church's restoration, but it being insufficient he interested the Franciscans in the matter, and they made a quest throughout the world. Pope Leo requested the Franciscans to engage in this work because of the legend, painted by Giotto, according to which St. Francis, in one of his visions, saw the Lateran church falling, and that, in order of Christ, hastening to uphold the walls.

## LORD ABINGER DEAD.

### Subjuncted to Injuries Sustained in Fall Down Stairs.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 12.—Lord Abinger died in a hospital here to-day as the result of injuries sustained in falling down the stairs of a restaurant. He was born in 1871. His mother is a daughter of the late Commander Magruder, of the United States.

## STORMY SCENES IN THE CAUCUSES

### MINISTER THREATENS TO RESIGN OFFICE

#### Government Has Difficulty in Holding Conservative Party to Policy Drafted by Banks.

The House is sitting this afternoon in an effort to get the Land Act amendment through. The Premier has practically admitted that the banks insist upon the passage of this act as well as the Assessment Act, together with the Loan Bill. This admitted hold-up on the part of the bank is putting the government in a most discredited light with the business men, who now believe that a combination existed among the banks in this matter, and the government was exploited by them. This is further borne out by the preferential treatment accorded banks over individuals.

Conservative members are seriously objecting as well as those on the opposition side to the situation. The Land Act has been the cause of stormy scenes in caucus than any other question which has come up. Attempts have been made to allure some of the government supporters into remaining by the banks in the matter. When these failed the attempt was made to co-erce the members, and a cabinet minister has even gone so far as to threaten to resign. It is understood this afternoon that there is serious trouble in the government ranks, and that three Conservative members have tendered their resignations to the Premier rather than support the measure as it now stands.

All is not yet settled, and there are members on the government side who have not decided just what stand they will take on the question.

The province of British Columbia has had weak governments. It has also had ministries which bungled matters, but it is acknowledged that there never has been an aggregation performing the duties of government which possesses these qualities and combined these to such a lamentable extent as the McBeide administration. The business men now realize that it was an unfortunate day for this province when the Conservative party allowed itself to be brought under the domination of such a weakling as the present Premier. The Conservative party also realize this, but too late to rectify the injury done.

Some members of the Conservative party are arousing to the critical position in which the province is placed, and may make an effort to modify the beneficial legislation now proposed.

## WILL SUPPORT EMPEROR.

### Japs Will Stand by the Mikado's Decision Whether for Peace or War.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—S. Tamura, of San Francisco, is here seeing the minister of agriculture. He says that Japan has been expecting trouble from Russia for some time, and has been preparing for it all along. The people of Japan are very enthusiastic concerning the future of the nation, and will stand by the decision of the Emperor whether it be for war or peace. The Japanese people feel rather inclined to fight larger powers and they feel that they are in a position to look after them already. The people of Japan are thoroughly prepared to go to war, while the Russian government are not.

The purposes of S. Tamura's visit to Ottawa is to confer with Hon. S. Fisher and W. Hutchison regarding the shipping of wheat, as he says some measure must be taken to prevent Canadians shipping soft wheat flour as some of them are proposing to do.

## Reply Received.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 12.—Russia's reply has been received. The Russian minister informed President Katsura that Russia entertains Japan's proposals, probably with modifications.

The general election has been fixed for March 1st.

Sufferings of Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—According to the Novokral of Port Arthur, the Russian troops in the Far East are suffering greatly from extreme cold. Although the degree of frost were registered at Ta Lien Wan, the soldiers are still in tents and the hospital facilities are inadequate.

## TO OPEN COAL MINES.

### Company Being Formed to Develop Deposits in Crow's Nest District.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Montreal capitalists are organizing the Imperial Coal & Coke Company, with a capital of \$1,500,000, to operate deposits in the Crow's Nest district of British Columbia, situated close to those now being worked by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on Portland River. A large number of coking ovens will be erected.

## GOVERNMENT CONNIVES AT EVADING THE LAW

### Revelation of Manner in Which the So-Called Japanese "Exclusion" Act is Nullified in Administration.

The efficiency of the so-called Natal Act, which was designed to protect this province against the incursions of hordes of ignorant Japs, has been seriously called in question by an examination of the manner in which the act works out in practice, and the good faith of the government has been directly challenged by Messrs. McNiven and Oliver in the House in connection therewith. As told in another column, a select committee of the legislature has been appointed with power to summon witnesses and examine them under oath for the purpose of ascertaining the methods which have been pursued in enforcing the statute.

Mr. Oliver personally investigated the methods employed by visiting the ocean wharves and observing the procedure adopted by the officers charged with the enforcement of the act. His charges are practically to the effect that these officials instead of carrying out the spirit of the law which aims at the exclusion of Japanese, connive at their admission to this province and facilitate their entrance thereto. He stated in the House that he heard an officer instruct a Jap ticketed for Victoria, but unable to pass the educational test, how to evade the law by representing his ultimate destination as Seattle. The simple signing of a declaration to that effect and the payment of a fee of \$2 to the notary public in attendance, enabled this man to land unmolested at a British Columbia port.

It will be remembered that the act under consideration has been passed by several British Columbia governments, usually meeting a summary fate through disallowance by the Ottawa authorities, who held that it was discriminatory in its effect against an ally of the British Empire. However it has been repeatedly made law in this province, and in the intervals between disallowance, and while in active operation, is popularly supposed to afford an efficient barrier against undesirable immigrants from the land of the Crystalline.

The present being one of the "operative" intervals in question, it is generally believed that while Japanese immigration is not prohibited, those who do secure an entrance to British territory are at least able to read to a limited extent a European language, and that those who are not are barred from entry. This is not the case.

When a trans-Pacific liner docks at Victoria with her stowage quarters full of Orientals, the immigration officers pass on board and proceed to enforce the provisions of the law. In the case of intelligent Japanese ticketed for British Columbia, compliance with the terms set forth in the schedule of the act entitles them to walk ashore. But there are as well on the same ship, perhaps, two or three scores of Japs, to whom this test is not applied, but who pass down the gang plank after observing the trifling

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## THE FLORA

### Will Sail This Afternoon for Esquimalt Where She Enters Dry Dock.

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Nanaimo, Dec. 12.—H. M. S. Flora leaves Union Bay this afternoon for Esquimalt, having taken on all guns and stores. The men and officers have gone back to their quarters. She will be conveyed to Esquimalt by the Grafton and a torpedo boat.

The dry dock at Esquimalt will be vacated for the Flora today, the *Monta* being floated for the purpose. The *Block* will be elevated a foot, and possibly by Monday the cruiser will be in shape for a survey of injuries. Until the vessel is in dock it is impossible to give any definite information as to the extent of these. They will, however, take several months to make good, and will cost possibly four or five times as much as those on the *Monta*.

## BOUNDARY OUTPUT.

### Mines Shipped Over Sixteen Thousand Tons of Ore to Smelters During Week.

Phoenix, Dec. 12.—The shipments of ore from the Boundary mines run over sixteen thousand tons for the current week, most of the mines sending out a trifle less than usual, with the exception of the Grassy group, which are maintaining their output in good shape.

The several mines shipped the following amounts of ore: Grassy mines, to Grassy smelter, 11,018 tons; Snowsaw mine, to Boundary Falls smelter, 3,500 tons; Mother Lode mine, to Greenwood smelter, 2,688 tons; Sunset, to Boundary Falls smelter, 900 tons; Emma, to Greenwood and Nelson smelters, 237 tons; Oro Denoro, to Boundary Falls smelter, 528 tons; Senator, to Grassy smelter, 33 tons; Alhambra, Jack Pot, to Boundary Falls smelter, 210 tons. Total, for the week, 19,064 tons; total for the year to date, 633,864 tons.

This week the Grassy smelter made a record run, reducing 12,443 tons of ore, making a total of 335,885 tons this year.

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THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF SONS OF ENGLAND

Enjoyable Function at the Vernon Last Night—First Event of Amalgamated Societies.

There was a large attendance last evening at the twenty-ninth annual banquet of the Sons of England, which was held at the Vernon hotel.

It was about 9 o'clock when the guests filed into the dining-room, where elaborate preparations had been made by the host and hostess.

After grace had been spoken by Rev. Baugh Allan, an excellent repast was enjoyed.

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Bro. Bull proposed "Sister Lodges," and Bro. Crowdsdale and Prior responded. "The Clergy," proposed by Bro. A. Lee, was replied to by Deputy Supreme Grand Chaplain Bro. W. Baugh Allen; Bro. T. B. F. Oliver proposed "Ladies and Visitors," and Bro. Dr. J. Gibbs responded; "The Press," proposed by Bro. Mullins, was replied to by Bro. A. Wheeler.

Unionist Electors Should Decline to Support Those Who Favor Chamberlain's Policy.

London, Dec. 11.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, speaking to his constituents at Tredgar to-night, drew a parallel between a speech delivered in Birmingham in 1885 by Joseph Chamberlain and the present policy of the former colonial secretary.

Sir William said he would leave Mr. Chamberlain with his present and his "topical conscience," and deal with that gentleman's immediate policy.

He did not think it was worth while to take up time with Mr. Balfour's plans. The government this time was nothing that could really be called a government.

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THE GOVERNMENT BILL.

To the Editor:—There is no difference of opinion as to the necessity of some legislation being provided so as to increase the revenue as suited the aims of the people who have controlled affairs in this province during the last decade or so to provide the wind, and it bigly follows that we must reap the whirlwind. Unsound principles of finance have prevailed, and there appears to be danger that we are to have applied to the conditions thus created an unsound system of taxation. The suggestion that the new assessment bill is not simply as to its principle and its machinery, but as to its application, upon which it is based, and was brought down without the ministers really knowing what its provisions were, how they would affect business, or even what amount of money would be raised under it. The difficulties surrounding the preparation of an equitable assessment law are many and great. The most ingenious draughtsman could not hope to frame one to his objection could be taken. But the bill introduced, and even as amended, is so exceedingly faulty that one can only wonder that the ministers really did not know what they were trying to do. I think these things will be admitted:

The government ought not to have introduced a measure until they had: 1st. Thoroughly acquainted themselves with its provisions.

2nd. Ascertained the nature and extent of the burdens which it would impose upon the several classes of the community.

3rd. Estimated the amount of revenue which it would yield.

The bill ought to have been in the members' hands sufficiently long to enable them to digest it.

The business community ought to have been given an opportunity to examine its provisions and suggest changes.

Neither of these things was done. The measure was brought down hastily and unadvisedly through the House, although amendments were accepted in some cases proposed by the government itself, the full effect of which could not possibly be ascertained in the hasty discussion necessary under the circumstances.

The consequence is that the new law will be an extremely burdensome one to the business community, and no one pretends to know what it will accomplish in the way of producing a revenue.

I commend the government for appreciating the necessity of getting more revenue, but they are open to severe condemnation for the manner in which they have gone about it. They ask why some one does not propose an alternative. My recollection of the debate in the House is that an alternative was proposed, namely, that the rate of taxation should be increased without any change in the incidence. This was rejected by the government, and yet it surely would have served as a temporary expedient to appease the angry feelings of the U. S. hall (sup-setting on Sunday evening at 7.30, subject to be taken from audience, Good music and singing).

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JEW IN RUSSIA. Number of Governors Ask That They Be Expelled—Commission to Deal With Laws.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times Russian correspondent says the St. Petersburg government sent a circular to the governors of provinces asking for their opinion on the laws relating to the Jews and as to what alterations should be made.

The greater number of the replies are unfavorable to the Jews, some governors even asking that the Jews be expelled from their provinces. A minority of the governors would advocate all special laws aimed at the Jews.

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CHURCH OF OUR LORD. There will be morning and evening prayers at 11 and 7, with sermons by Rev. H. J. Wood.

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. Services: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning service and litany, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. Preachers, morning, the Lord Bishop; evening, Rev. W. B. Allen.

CONGREGATIONAL. The pastor, Rev. E. E. Blyth, B. A., will preach at both services, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "The Existence of Sin"; evening subject, "The Deity of Christ." Sabbath school, 9:30 p. m. C. E. Society, 8:15 p. m.

CALVARY BAPTIST. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Vickers, M. A., will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Indifference"; evening, "Perishing Through Lack of Vision." Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p. m. P. U. Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN. Morning and evening, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will preach. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service. Sunday school, 2:30; Bible class, 3.

METROPOLITAN METHODIST. The pastor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, will preach at both services. Sabbath school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST. Rev. J. P. Westman, the pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Sabbath-keeping as a Christian Duty"; evening subject, "The Makers of Our Country." Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30.

HERALD STREET MISSION. Mr. D. Sprague will speak on Sunday evening at 8:30. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond will sing. No collection. All welcome.

PSYCHIC RESEARCH SOCIETY. A spiritual meeting will be held on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. The Victoria branch of the Theological Society, American section, meets at room 21, Five Sisters' block, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Victoria, Dec. 12-5 p.m.-An ocean storm area is slowly approaching the Vancouver island coast.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday, Victoria and vicinity-Easterly to southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports. Victoria-Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 43; minimum, 42; wind, 2 miles E; rain, .14.

New Westminster-Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops-Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville-Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 46; minimum, 2 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco-Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

Edmonton-Barometer, 30.52; temperature, 10 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

HOUSE SAT UNTIL AFTER TWELVE O'CLOCK

The Opposition Worked Untiringly to Have the Bill Amended in the Country's Interests.

Victoria, Dec. 11.

In the House this afternoon, after John Oliver had made his disclosures in connection with the Immigration Act enforcement, the great part of the time was taken up with the consideration of the Assessment Act in connection with an amendment moved by the leader of the opposition. This amendment aimed at doing away with the present bill before the House and proposing some increase in taxation under the present act.

Prayers were read by Rev. W. L. Clay.

Petition. The petition from E. P. Bremner and others, asking amendment to Land Act, re special licenses to cut timber, was received.

Report.

Mr. Houston, the chairman, presented the first report from the printing committee, as follows:

Mr. Speaker-Your select standing committee on printing beg leave to report as follows:

That the committee met on December 10th, 1903. On motion the following reports were ordered to be printed:

1. Abstract showing coal and petroleum licenses granted in East Kootenay district, outside of blocks 4,503 and 4,504, since August 1st, 1903.

2. Return showing dates of return of ballot boxes by returning officers in late election.

3. Return to an order of the House regarding coal prospecting licenses in blocks 4,503 and 4,504 since June 1st, 1903.

4. Return, re application for recount in Fernie election matter.

5. Copies of correspondence, telegrams, etc., re Fernie recount.

The report was received.

Vancouver City Police.

Mr. Garden presented a petition from S. Ireland and others, asking legislation re control of Vancouver city police. Laid on the table.

Japanese Immigration.

On the ground of urgency, the standing rules and orders were suspended to allow a motion to be moved by John Oliver without notice.

Mr. Oliver then moved, seconded by J. A. Macdonald:

"That a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Bowser, Fraser, Davidson, Henderson and Drury, be appointed to inquire into the working of the British Columbia Immigration Act, 1903, with power to call for persons, papers, documents and other documents, and to examine witnesses under oath, and report the evidence to the House."

Mr. Oliver, as reported in last night's Times, told of how he had seen a provincial police officer and a J. P. convicting at the violation of the law, with the government also a party to it, by authorizing a declaration for use which violated the law.

Premier McBride charged that the member for Delta was attempting to make political capital for Dominion elections. The member for Delta, he said, had spoken approvingly of bringing hordes of Orientals into the province. He wanted the laws lived up to. It would appear that the member had been acting as assistant inspector of immigration. He went into the charge made by disposing of the chief immigration officer for the sake of saving revenue. He had heard no complaints against the way the act was being enforced until to-day. He wanted the commission to go into this matter very fully, and if the charges were established he would see that the officers complained of would be dealt with according to the finding. The government wanted the law carried out.

J. D. McNeven, in delivering his maiden speech, was greeted with applause. He had studied the working of the act and he failed to see that the law was being carried out as intended. There was nothing, according to the way the law was being enforced, to prevent any Japs who wanted to, entering the province. If the law could not be enforced it should be repealed. He had expected the Premier to explain the declaration form which permitted anyone declaring himself a traveller entering the province. Japs who could not pass the education test might come in under this declaration by the payment of a fee of \$2.

Mr. Oliver said that the charge made by the Premier that he (Mr. Oliver) approved of hordes of Japs coming into the province came with had grace from the Premier, who, in view of the charges made, was shown to be guilty of that. He went on to charge the government with connivance in this matter in authorizing the printing of the declaration produced. These declarations were not authorized by the act. He expected that every effort would be made by the Premier to throw the responsibility upon the government authorities.

J. H. Hawthorthwaite asked if the member for Delta had seen any Japs who were not travellers sign these papers?

Mr. Oliver said he would ask in turn how he could tell a traveller from any other class of Jap. (Opposition applause.) Mr. Oliver further added that the J. P. whom he had seen in his operations had not administered the oath, but simply had him sign the paper.

W. W. B. McInnes said for the information of the member for Nanaimo, he would state that the Immigration Act made no provision for Jap travellers entering the province any more than others of that race.

The resolution carried. Dismissal of Magistrate. On the motion of J. A. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Oliver, it was resolved: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between the assessor of the city of Rosland, or the mayor or any of the aldermen thereof, and the government during the month of October, 1903, with respect to the dismissal of the police magistrate at Rosland and the appointment of his successor."

Richard Hall moved, seconded by W. G. Cameron:

"Whereas representations have been made to the House of the Dominion government for the approval of fish traps for the purpose of the salmon fishing industry;

"And whereas the passing of a regulation permitting the use of fish traps would be beneficial to the salmon canning industry of this province;

"Be it resolved, that a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia requesting him to communicate with the Federal government, urging that government to permit the use of fish traps in connection with the salmon canning industry."

Speaking to the resolution, the Premier said that it was an important resolution. He thought that members of the House who had not spoken on the subject should have some explanation from the member for Victoria. He moved the adjournment of the debate. The debate was adjourned.

Fernie Ballot Boxes. Mr. Oliver moved: "That an order of the House be granted directing the Deputy Provincial Secretary to return the ballot boxes used in the late provincial election in the electoral district of Fernie to the returning officer for that district, for the purpose of producing the said ballot boxes before the County court judge, so as to allow the recount applied for to be proceeded with."

The member for Delta outlined the reasons for moving in this direction. It was intended to have justice done in the matter. He wished only to have the recount take place and a decision arrived at.

The Attorney-General called attention to the fact that the member for Delta had a short time ago loudly denounced the government for not enforcing a law. Now the same member desired them to violate another law. The Attorney-General doubted if the House had the power by resolution to overrule the law. He asked the Speaker for a ruling.

The Speaker said that as an abstract subject he would say that the House could not overrule a statute. He would not care, however, to give a decision without reference to the sections of the act referred to.

The Attorney-General then cited the sections of the act dealing with the subject.

J. A. Macdonald, going into the question, said that the provision for a recount before a County court judge was enacted long after the original act was passed. The intention was clearly to allow the recount. It was not the intention that the act should be invalidated by a dishonest returning officer, who should pack up his ballots before the ten days expired, during which a recount was allowed. The returning officer was to return his ballots immediately after the count of the ballots. Until the expiry of the ten days allowed for a recount, or until the receipt was made, the election was not complete. There was not a gentleman in the House who would deny that it was the intention of the legislature to allow of a recount being taken. The ballot boxes came into the possession of the Deputy Provincial Secretary at a time before they should have done so. They were therefore not properly in the possession of the Deputy Provincial Secretary, and should be returned.

The government should see that the ballots were returned according to the letter and the spirit of the law.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that the interpretation Act provided that the widest interpretation should be taken on the matter.

The Speaker ruled that the resolution was out of order. Once the ballots reached the department of the Deputy Provincial Secretary it was outside their power to have them delivered up except according to the statute.

Mr. Oliver stated that the decision, a vote being taken with Messrs. Clifford and Hall absent resulted in the chair being sustained by the following division:

Yeas-Messrs. Davidson, Hawthorthwaite, Williams, Tatlow, McBride, Wilson, Coston, Ellison, Bowser, Fraser, Ross, A. Macdonald, Green, Fulton, Garden, Taylor, Wright, Young, Gifford, Macgowan, Shattford, Grant-22.

Nays-Messrs. McInnes, Drury, King, Brown, McNeven, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Muir, Paterson, Wells, Cameron, Houston-17.

The Inverarity Case. A. H. B. Macgowan asked for a suspension of the rules so that he might move a resolution set down for Monday.

The leave of the House being given Mr. Macgowan moved: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence, papers, findings and other documents relating to an investigation lately held before the provincial medical board on the complaint of A. J. M. Inverarity against Dr. E. B. C. Hapington."

In moving it, Mr. Macgowan recited the charges which had been made. The case had come before the Medical Association, but nothing had been done in the way of punishment. In accordance with an amendment to the act the charges had been investigated by a committee from the medical council, and their evidence was now in the possession of the Provincial Secretary. He believed that the papers would prove that professional etiquette had more to do with the decision given than the merits of the case. He urged that there were other cases similar to this. He referred to the fact that a man at Chemainus walked about with one arm. This was due to the inactivity of a medical man who had said that the arm would have to be amputated or the man would die. The operation was performed, and the arm burned before a Victoria practitioner arrived at the place. He asked the indulgence of the House in referring to another case, that of his own son, the member for Vancouver thereupon proceeded to make the most sweeping charges against a Terminal City institution and two doctors there, claiming that his son's life had been sacrificed. He said he did not wish to say anything against the medical profession as a profession. As the son of a medical practitioner he would not do that.

Dr. Young protested in the name of the profession, which he represented, against the strictures which he put upon the practitioners. He had sympathy with the proposal to make changes in the Medical Act.

Dr. King also protested against the strictures made against the profession. The medical profession in the province stood as high as anywhere in the Dominion.

Mr. Macgowan said he did not wish to say anything against the medical profession. He charged against two medical men only. All he blamed the profession for was not dealing with these men.

The motion carried. Questions and Answers. Mr. McInnes asked the Premier the following questions: 1. How many applications have been received for coal licenses and leases in blocks Nos. 4,503 and 4,504 in Southeast Kootenay? 2. Have any of these applications been granted? 3. If so, how many, and to whom? 4. Is it the intention of the government to grant these applications? 5. If not, why not? 6. If not, why not?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows: "1. As nearly as can be ascertained, 670 coal licenses have been applied for--no leases; 2. yes; 3. 21, covering lands within lot 4,504, as follows: E. J. Johnson, John Jankov, W. S. Sabin, Daniel McKenzie, David Tracy, John Lewis, G. McCleary, S. F. Wallace, C. A. Klingensmith, John Rudolph, Peter VanDusen, August Baldau, J. D. Quail, John Derr, J. R. Stevens, W. A. Switzer, Charles J. Bulger, Charles Waide, Thomas Morrison, Francis German and Mrs. H. A. Senkble; 4. the government proposes to recognize all statutory rights which have been secured by applicants for coal and petroleum licenses in blocks 4,503 and 4,504, Southeast Kootenay. It has been deemed prudent, in order to avoid unnecessary complications, that the land be not dealt with until the expiry of the period within which disallowance might be made, about May 1st next."

James Murphy asked the Attorney-General the following questions: 1. Is it the intention of the government to proceed with the prosecution in the case of cattle stealing for which A. P. McInnes was indicted for the assizes held at Clinton in May last? If so, when? 2. If it is not the intention of the government to proceed, is it the intention of the government to recoup the cost of the expenses incurred by him attending for his defence with witnesses and counsel at said assizes? If not, why not?

Hon. C. Wilson replied as follows: "1. No; 2. the government do not pay the costs of defendants in criminal cases. Moreover, the government had nothing to do with the institution of the prosecution of A. P. McInnes. An information was sworn to on the 15th November, 1902, by Tolbert McNaie, charging that A. P. McInnes, on or about the 1st of December, 1901, stole a yearling steer, the property of William Parker, Mr. McInnes was committed for trial, the whole case practically depending upon the testimony of Mr. McNaie. When it was attempted to subpoena Mr. McNaie to appear as a witness for the crown at the Clinton spring assizes, 1903, it was found that he had fled to California and had gone as some persons asserted, to Atlin. Under these circumstances, Mr. MacIntyre, the counsel acting for the crown at the Clinton spring assizes, 1903, did not proceed further with the case."

John Oliver asked the Attorney-General the following questions: 1. Has any, and what, tangible benefit to the province been secured as a result of the visit of the Hon. C. Wilson and the Hon. R. F. Green, on or about the 1st of December, 1903, to this province? 2. Did the Hon. C. Wilson and the Hon. R. F. Green visit Montreal on provincial business? 3. If so, what was the nature of the business transacted at Montreal?

Hon. Mr. Wilson replied as follows: "1. It is undesirable, in the public interest, to definitely answer this question at present; 2. visited Montreal as the guests of the honorable commissioners, and in the public interest."

Henry Tanner asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. Is it the intention of the government to dispense with the services of a district road supervisor in the future in the Sannich electoral district? 2. If not, why not?

Hon. R. Green replied as follows: "1. It is found necessary in the public interest a district road superintendent will be appointed; 2. answered by No. 1."

T. W. Paterson asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. What proportion of the moneys appropriated for roads, streets and bridges in South Nanaimo was spent on Gabriola Island each year since 1900, inclusive? 2. What instructions were given the road superintendent and closing of work and the amount to be expended in 1903? 3. Were instructions, written or verbal, given to any one other than the authorized superintendent regarding road work on Gabriola Island in the month of September, 1903? 4. If so, by whom and to whom, and what was the nature of the instructions?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "1. 1900-1, \$456.72; 1901-2, \$563.25; 1902-3, \$5; 1903-4, \$223.35. 2. None. 3. Yes. 4. Government agent, by public works engineer, to wit, \$500 for roads on Gabriola Island, to be taken from district vote; arrangements to be made by department regarding foreman."

John Houston asked the Minister of Finance the following questions: 1. What amount was received as commissions and fees on sales for tax for the year ending June 30th, 1903? 2. What amount was expended for costs, expenses and advertising tax sales for the year ending June 30th, 1903?

Hon. Mr. Taylor replied as follows: "1. \$9,840.03, 2. \$18,501.82."

Richard Hall asked the Premier the following questions: 1. How many reports has Mr. J. H. Turner, Agent-General, submitted to the government since he was appointed? 2. What was the nature of the reports?

Hon. Mr. Taylor replied as follows: "1. One report, submitted on the 10th of November, 1903, regarding the proposed purchase of the Victoria Harbour, and the proposed purchase of the Victoria Harbour, and the proposed purchase of the Victoria Harbour."

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If you want to feel better. If you want more strength. If you lack ambition. If you can't do things like you used to. If you lack confidence in yourself. If your nerve-your courage-is leaving you.

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FINANCES.

Putting all the financial questions of the hour in British Columbia from an entirely independent standpoint, would not the government have displayed reasonable discretion if it had accepted the suggestion of Mr. Macdonald, made in the Legislature yesterday?

Victoria is not the only place that is protesting against the Assessment Bill. Every section of the province is agitated, not because the people are to be called upon to raise more money for purposes of government, but because no one knows with any degree of certainty what the effect of the measures proposed will be.

The Finance Minister has no idea what the effect of the additional burdens upon the business of the province will be. He does not know how much more revenue will be drained into the treasury under the new forms of taxation insisted upon by the money lenders into whose hands we have been delivered. Government, we admit, is not an exact science. The financier cannot tell to a dollar the amount he will realize under a given scheme of taxation. But he usually furnishes a fairly accurate forecast. The present government either will not or cannot open its mind to the representatives of the people on this matter of transcendent importance. The reasonable conclusion is that it has not studied the question as a question of such importance ought to be studied. It is groping around in the dark. It has exposed its incompetence, and rather than confess its lack of capacity it will subject the province to an experience which may prove ruinous to her trade, will promote emigration and strangle immigration.

Under the circumstances the motion proposed by the leader of the opposition should have been accepted. The taxpayers of the province understand that their obligations must be met. But they naturally object to the carriage of greater burdens than are necessary. They also desire that the weight shall be equitably distributed. It is claimed that under the scheme of assessment proposed the provisions of the law will overlap in various directions—that property may be taxed from one to three times according to the degree of conscientiousness with which the assessor carries out his duties. In order to avoid the possibility of wronging any business house or any individual and at the same time to permit of the raising of the revenue required the leader of the opposition proposed that the increases of taxation should be applied under the old Assessment Act for the present. If the suggestion had been adopted he claimed that about eight hundred thousand dollars would have been added to our revenue. In the meantime the government could have considered its ways and found out just where it stood. However, this first clear, businesslike and definite proposal was rejected. The government prefers to precipitate chaos for the sake of preserving what it no doubt calls its credit. It will discover in due time that Victoria is not the only place that is raising objections to the Assessment Bill.

In a moment of frankness the Premier enlightened the House upon the cause of his unexpected display of backbone in the matter of the Assessment Bill. He is under orders, and must obey. The bank has not only fixed the rate of taxation; it has also decreed the manner in which property of all kinds shall be assessed. As a guardian of the sacred rights of financial institutions it is going to put the ban upon borrowing. A house threatened with an assessment of its debts will be careful about plunging too deeply into business. A ban is to be put upon enterprise. Thus the financial institutions which have waxed fat upon the profligacy of governments of the province, and the speculators who

seem at present to be imbued with deep resentment against the persons they call "the middlemen," are limiting to compel the government, which is at their mercy, to crush enterprise. The situation is one which ought to compel the attention of the people. Placed between the positive force of capital and the negative force which professes to abhor capital, the result cannot but be paralysis. Providing the patriotism of all the members of the Conservative party is weaker than their partyism.

AUSTRALIA AND THE MONEY MARKET.

The Commonwealth of Australia, we understand, is about to assume a sort of guardianship over the various states. It will practically guarantee their debts, taking over taxable assets as security for the same. British Columbia is sadly in need of a mentor; one who will insist that she shall not indulge in fits of extravagance nor plunge into depths of reckless profligality. Possibly, we being the nearest British neighbors of Australia of any consequence, have been held up as a "horrible example." Whatever the reason, we learn from a British paper that the relations between Australian states and the British and foreign financiers and the holders of Australian securities are on the eve of revolution. The Commonwealth government, through its treasurer, Sir George Turner, has come forward with a scheme for the control of all future Australian borrowing, which will affect the entire position of the young federation in the London money market. Put in a sentence, the proposal resolves itself into this: The Commonwealth is to become the sole borrower for Australia, both for the six states and for the Federal government; assuming absolute control over public finance so far as loans are concerned; and exacting from the six states additional security in the way of earmarked taxation, for every fresh loan which imperils the interest upon the existing debt. One of the chief blessings which Australia hoped to derive from federation was the improvement of her credit in the money market and the consolidation of her loans—followed by the gradual conversion of her debt on cheap terms. She, therefore, gave the Commonwealth parliament power to take over a large proportion of the debts of the states as they existed at the time of federation. As the first two years of federation (1901-2) were practically given up to the institution of Commonwealth official machinery and the tariff struggle, it was not till the end of 1902 that the Federal government was able to apply itself seriously to the great debt problem. The government then saw clearly that it could not take over the debts if the six states were to go on borrowing as before; the lenders would have no additional security and the net effect would be that there would merely be a seventh borrowing power whose loans would have no more consideration than those of the six other borrowing governments. Sir George Turner, the Federal treasurer, accordingly sought in December last year to bring the states into line so that they would accept control, and thus enable the Commonwealth to give financiers the guarantees necessary to secure favorable interest terms. But at the Premier's conference in Sydney a resolution was passed calling upon the federation to take over the debts, but making no concession towards the Commonwealth standpoint. There the matter stood until the publication of the humiliating terms of the flotation of the Victorian loan aroused public opinion to such a pitch that there is at last a chance that the unreasonable position taken up by the states' parliaments and governments may be modified. Sir George Turner, the federal treasurer says:

"Our federal control must be sufficient to enable us to say to the states that, if they are determined to embark on this additional unproductive expenditure (construction of state railways), they must earmark to us their income tax or some other taxation. We should require all the revenue I have mentioned as a set-off to our indebtedness, so that, if the states desire to borrow more, they must give extra security."

Would it not be an outrageous thing for the Legislature which makes laws to guard the privileges and rights of voters to interfere with the villainies of a government which has violated the provisions of the statute? The majority so declared by its vote on the Parnis outrage yesterday. The explanations of the independent members to their constituents will make interesting reading.

The rulings of many Speakers in the British Columbia Legislature have been received with wonder and amazement. Many of them have exercised extraordinary powers for the purpose of protecting the governments they served. Mr. Pooley is a zealous official.

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The Mayoralty. To the Electors of the City of Victoria. Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election. CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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A Few Suggestions for Gift Givers. Scarfs, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, House Coats, Suspensorys, Sleeve Links, Cigar Holders, Cigar Cases, Pocket Knives, Razors, Collar Boxes, Fans, Perfumes, Ties, Neckwear, Neck Chains, Hand Bags, Purses, Toilet Sets, Shell Combs, Fancy Boxes, Umbrellas, Silk Hosiery, Manicure Sets, Chartraines, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Slippers, Stationery, Pictures, Dolls, Mechanical Toys, Card Tables, Odd Pieces of Furniture. Dainty Fans. You'll be delighted with them, and buy them eagerly as gifts, that will equally delight their recipients. \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.75 to \$10.00 each. Real Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs. With Pure Irish Linen Centers, with one-inch of real lace border. Special, 1.25. With Fine Linen Center, two-inch border of real lace. Special, \$2.00. Special at \$3.00. Real Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs, round center of fine linen with four inches of real lace at corners and two at side. Ask to See the Real Lace Handkerchiefs.

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City News in Brief.

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Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day.

Steamer Oscar left port yesterday, having had a couple of planks removed and substituted as a result of her contact with the rocks on Macaulay Point.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will address a meeting for men only to-morrow at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. hall.

Another enjoyable performance of "The Vagabonds" was given in Semple's hall last evening by the Victoria West amateurs.

The C. P. R. steamer Athenian will leave for the Orient on Monday, carrying 2,000 tons of cargo, of which 1,415 tons are flour.

The prevailing wages of labor on the new post office extension which will be completed at Nanaimo next summer will be the subject of inquiry by Dan, J. O'Donoghue, fair wage officer for the Dominion government, who is expected to arrive in a few days.

There is now building in Japan for the Asiatic-British Columbia and Puget Sound trade another of those large freighters operated by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company.

HE DESERVED PITY His suffering from Sciatica was so great, but thanks to Nerviline he was cured.

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Gift things of the choicest, most exclusive sort, at Weller Bros.

Have you seen Weller Bros.' Little Christmas folder, it is full of suggestions for that gift. Get one.

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If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Lowe studio.

A special showing of Liberty novelties, including cushion tops, tea cozies, table cloths, art curblin curtains, etc., all of which are acceptable as Xmas gifts.

A public meeting will be held in Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, on Tuesday evening, to discuss municipal matters and possibly to select a candidate to represent the suburb in the forthcoming civic election.

WHEN YOUR APPETITE FAILS And it makes you dizzy to even think of eating, you need Ferronze, the greatest of appetizing tonics.

FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER You cannot get a better whiskey than Black and White, the popular drink in London to-day.

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Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarish—but won't wash clothes.

The Victoria West Methodist Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas entertainment on Monday, 21st inst., at Semple's hall.

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Everything the finest, bought for cash, and sold at very lowest prices, at Erskine's grocery; telephone 108. Make no mistake of the number.

The sternwheeler Strathcona, which has been tied up at Sidney during the last several months, has been hauled out on Turpe's ways, where some work will be done on her.

A largely attended meeting of Vancouver Lodge, No. 5, A. O. U. W., was held last evening, when business of importance was discussed.

To-night at the Fifth Regiment band promenade concert, at the drill hall, the second game in the senior league series of basketball will be played between the Fernwood and James Bay teams.

The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women will be held on Monday at the city hall.

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Those members and friends of the Women's Auxiliary Society, Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, who are willing to assist with the annual ball to take place on December 30th, are asked to meet in special committee at the residence of the president, Mrs. Rocka Robertson, Carberry Gardens, on Monday next, at 2.30 p.m.

At a meeting of the officers of the Victoria Poultry Association, preparations for the annual show, which will be held on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of January, were considered.

The resignation of J. T. Little, who has acted as secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association for several months, is in the hands of the board of directors.

There will be a more limited number of sealskins on the London market for disposal at the big fur sale on the 17th inst. than anticipated.

A class in singing is to be opened by Hugh Kennedy, of No. 12 Caledonia avenue.

A bazaar and sale-of-work, under the auspices of the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday school, and the 2nd Victoria Company, Boys' Brigade, will be held in the St. James' hall, James Bay, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th.

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eral for the province of British Columbia in London, made to the government since his appointment? 2. How many clerks has he in his employ? Their names, together with the date of their appointment and the salaries paid.

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. Two. 2. Two. J. A. Turner appointed secretary on 1st April, 1902, at a salary of £400 per annum, and L. B. Flumby, clerk, on 30th September, 1902; present salary at the rate of £39 per annum."

Stuart Henderson asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Did the Premier, or any member of his government, or any one who has been a member of his government while he was in office, write a letter of which the following is a copy, or of which the following is a copy of a portion thereof: "The lots 4,563 and 4,564. Dear Sir:—The policy of the present government with regard to the disposition of the lands is to secure to all present legal holders of any claims thereon their statutory rights. We deem it advisable not to take immediate action along these lines, as we wish to avoid any complications which might arise by alleged claims that may be made on behalf of the C. P. R., which we do not recognize. We do not anticipate that the Dominion government will attempt to disallow chapter 8, statutes 1903, but it is thought advisable to defer action until the disallowance period shall have elapsed, which will be about May 1st, 1904. Immediately after this last mentioned date we propose to deal with the lands in question as though the same had always been vacant crown lands, and will then recognize all valid legal locations according to their priority, including those now in existence. We will not, however, assume the responsibility of deciding conflicting claims." 2. If the answer to No. 1 is affirmative, who wrote it? 3. If the answer to No. 1 is affirmative, to whom was it written? 4. If the answer to No. 1 is affirmative, when was it written? 5. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, was a copy or original sent to any member of the legislature, and, if so, to whom? 6. If the answer to No. 1 is in the negative, did the Premier write such a letter to any person or persons to a similar purpose, and when?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. The letter in question was a personal letter written by the Premier to the hon. member for Grand Forks on the 2nd of December, and is in line with what has been stated verbally as being the policy of the government on the question of Southeast Kootenay lands. Questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are answered by the answer to question No. 1."

Third Reading.  
The bill to assess, levy, and collect taxes on railway property passed its third reading.

Assessment Bill.  
Upon the report of the Assessment Bill, J. A. Macdonald moved that the bill be referred back to committee for the purpose of considering the following amendment:

"That all the words after the word 'follows,' in the enacting clause, be struck out, and the following inserted: "Short Title.

"1. This act may be cited as the 'Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1903.' 2. Section 6 of the 'Assessment Act,' as amended by chapter 28 of the acts of the legislature of the province of British Columbia, 1900, is hereby amended, by— (a.) Striking out the words 'four-fifths of the fifth line; (b.) Striking out the word 'three,' in the eighth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'five'; (c.) Striking out the words 'three-quarters of,' in the tenth line; (d.) Inserting after the word 'two,' in the twelfth line, the words 'and one-half,' and inserting after the word 'three,' in the twenty-first line, the words 'and one-half'; (e.) Striking out all the words in said section (f) after the word 'to,' in the thirtieth line, and substituting therefor the words 'allow to every taxpayer a discount at the rate of ten per centum upon the amount or paid by him for the current year's taxes only.'"

"3. Section 7 of the 'Assessment Act' is hereby amended by—(a.) Striking out the words 'twenty-five cents,' in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the words 'one dollar'; (b.) Inserting before the word 'five,' in the said fourth line, the word 'twenty.'"

"4. Section 14 of the said act, as amended by chapter 38, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following: (b) The amount expended in wages in the operation of the mine during the period covered by said statement.

"And in arriving at the assessed value of the ores the assessor shall deduct the cost of transportation, treatment and wages, as set forth in the said statement or as otherwise truly ascertained."

In moving the amendments referred to Mr. Macdonald said that he did so be-

cause it was perfectly clear that the bill had not been clearly thought out by the government, who were unable to say just what the measure would do.

The original intention of the act was to tax personal property without exemption. Now it is altered so as to exclude all upon which no income was derived. This was but one example of ill-considered sections. It was also pointed out that the mineral taxation was shown to have been so little considered that it was necessary to withdraw all this for further consideration.

It was quite evident that the government had not given the attention to the act, which should attend such an important matter as this. The act made no provision in taxing the stock of a merchant for the exclusion of the amount due on that stock. Mr. Macdonald said that a wholesale merchant would find it impossible to carry a sufficient stock. Merchants had pointed out that it would increase their taxation to four or five times what it now was. Merchants were ready to pay a tax of their property, but not upon their debts. The government should have ascertained by commission just what the taxes should be.

The government had had time to do this, but had not taken advantage of it. He, therefore, proposed to leave the act as it was before in a general way, and increase the rates somewhat on the present assessments. By this means persons would know just what the increases would be. He had calculated the increase in revenue from this, and found that it would equal just about what the Finance Minister claimed to be his changes in the bill. Taking these up he said that he had estimated them as follows: On real estate under the old act the taxes were \$128,722; under his proposed rate it would be \$109,151. On wild lands it was \$65,025; under his proposed rate it would be \$118,125. On personal property it was \$88,350, and under the rate he proposed it would be \$159,075. The increases would amount to \$187,011. With the gain of income, the gain from insurance companies and others and other increases the revenue would be brought up to what the Minister of Finance expected to get. On the mineral taxation a compromise had been arranged, which he thought would work out well, and would be agreeable to the mining men. By adopting these amendments, the taxes would be increased and the Minister of Finance would be given an opportunity to acquaint himself with the conditions of which he was not now aware.

The Minister of Finance said the amendments of the leader of the opposition really meant going back to the old bill. The intention of the bill was to tax property found in the province, and which was given protection. It was the intention to tax that property whether 90 per cent. of it was owned elsewhere or not. He contended that the agitation of the Victoria merchants against the bill was largely for a political purpose. He said that the Vancouver Board of Trade refused to join in this, and read a message in which it was declared that it was considered unnecessary to take this subject of a protest up.

Mr. Macdonald asked who signed it? The Minister of Finance read the names of the president and secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

The leader of the opposition thereupon called his attention to the fact that there was nothing to show that the board of trade had not taken any action, but that the president and secretary had alone taken upon themselves to answer.

The Minister of Finance said he had a message in favor of the act from a wholesale merchant.

The name was demanded, and amid laughter the Finance Minister announced that it was Fred Buscombe.

The Finance Minister proceeded, said that the government intended to deal properly with the mineral industry.

R. L. Drury attacked the bill. It had not received careful consideration. He referred to many instances bearing this out. The result of the bill would be that the measure would be repealed. It was detrimental to the province to have a bill repealed at the next sitting of the legislature. The bill had been put through with the Premier absent during nearly all the time that it was under discussion. It was put through by the assistance of the member for Nanaimo, who took occasion to say that he did not care how the taxes were raised, and who appeared as the champion of certain theories. The old Assessment Act was not perfect, but it would be wisdom to retain it with slight alterations, rather than bring in a measure so ill considered as this one.

W. G. Cameron asked concerning certain documents which had been referred to this legislature, but which had not been delivered to the members. He wished to know what was the rule with regard to these.

The Speaker said that he had objected to the documents being circulated. Proceeding to the bill itself, Mr. Cameron said that the measure had been rushed through. He thought that business men should have been heard regarding the bill. Other interests had been heard, but the representatives of the Victoria Board of Trade had been referred to the members for Victoria, and then not heard. The bill would have the effect of driving trade out of the country. Wholesale stocks would not be kept in the province as a result of this. Mer-

chants would have to deal with Eastern houses, and the business would be done by samples instead of wholesale houses carrying a stock. Different corporations got different treatment. The system laid down was a bad one. He opposed the bill in detail, especially as it affected the mercantile and manufacturing interests.

Mr. Drury explained that the Minister of Finance, in correcting him before as to book debts being excluded from taxation, had not really stated the position correctly, as he found his had been right in the first instance.

Mr. McEwen believed that the Finance Minister really thought that book debts were excluded from taxation when he made the statement he did. He did not think the Minister knew what was in the bill. But now that it was announced that the Vancouver Board of Trade was asleep on the matter the bill would go through, but in a year that board of trade would wake up and there would be trouble. He contended that the excessive taxing of the merchants and other classes would result in it coming back to the workingman, who would have to pay higher rates for his goods in consequence. He believed the workingmen would prefer to pay the taxes directly rather than through others. It would have been better to have made necessary changes in the old act rather than pass this bill.

Mr. Hall also protested against the act, which was a sort of "socialistic rush act" for the purpose of pacifying the banks in their demands. The opposition would have joined in any fairly adjusted tax to increase the revenue. He protested against the attitude of the Premier towards the representatives of the merchants and business men of the city of Victoria. Those from other places met Victoria representatives in a political spirit. He doubted whether some of the provisions would stand, as they bordered on direct taxation.

Stuart Henderson pointed out that inaccuracies still existed in the act. Changes which were to have been made were not made. He moved the adjournment of the debate.

A vote being taken the motion was lost by 22 to 18. Mr. Davidson and John Holroyd voting with the opposition, and the Socialist members with the government.

Continuing the debate, Mr. Henderson said that the interests concerned had not had an opportunity to make their representations in this matter.

J. H. Macpherson contended that Mr. McEwen did not understand the labor question, except from the standpoint of the Liberal party. The wage earners whom he represented did not care what commercial class bore the burden of the taxation. The government had promised not to increase the burdens upon the wage earners. It had kept its promise in that particular. If the wage earners were to have the burden thrown upon them, then why should they oppose the bill? The Liberal party was pursuing a consistent course in looking to the interests of the middle classes. This tax pressed upon individual members on the government side, and yet they did not say anything. But the Liberal members, as soon as it affected them, cried out against it.

Mr. Oliver protested against the stand taken by the member for Nanaimo. He threw off his responsibility for certain classes of the country. That was a stand which did not reflect credit upon the member. The member for Nanaimo said he did not care how the tax was placed, and therefore how it affected the people. This was a time when all should realize that they had an interest in the whole of the province.

Mr. Davidson saw no very great difference between the bill and the amendment introduced by the leader of the opposition. This bill rose above party interests. On the floor of the House he had noticed too much attention to party interests and not enough to the country's welfare. He thought they should take more time and get this bill adjusted on a more equitable principle.

W. W. B. McInnes said that members on the government side had said that Victoria alone had protested, but he found, according to the Times, that Grand Forks, Kaslo and Nelson cities had all protested. It was but natural that Victoria should look into the bill first, as they had the access to it earlier than the others. Other cities would do likewise. He asked for an adjournment of the debate.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. McInnes was lost.

The House then adjourned until the evening.

EVENING SESSION.  
Upon the resuming of the House last evening the Speaker ruled that W. W. B. McInnes should not be allowed to speak to the motion, inasmuch as he in moving the adjournment of the debate had forfeited his right to continue.

Parker Williams spoke against Mr. Macdonald's amendment.

T. W. Paterson held that the taxes should press evenly, and therefore supported Mr. Macdonald's amendment. He went very fully into the subject of taxation, and the question of obtaining labor for the timber industry, showing that there was a great difficulty in the province in securing a necessary supply as there was not work the whole year round. His own view, and he was not speaking for the Liberal party, was that the revenue tax ought to be increased as it bore on all alike. He instance the agricultural interest, who having had their taxes increased 50 per cent. by the new Assessment Bill. He deprecated the bids being made for labor votes instead of working in the interest of the province. He believed that half the time of the legislature in late years had been devoted to labor questions, not by men who had any interest in the working men, but who sought to make capital out of it. He held it was an unfair bill aimed against the men who were making the province. Practically all the men in the province were working men.

J. R. Brown also entered his protest against the Assessment Bill, which pressed unfairly on many interests.

Chas. Munro moved the adjournment of the debate. The motion was lost.

A vote on the amendment being taken it also was defeated.

On motion that the bill be reported, Mr. Macdonald moved the following amendment:

"To add at the end of sub-section (Continued on page 7).

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Col. Park Warren nominated R. G. Macpherson, their present member. The speaker referred to the good work done for the constituency by Mr. Macpherson. The nomination was seconded by G. W. Grant, who said he had been an opponent of Mr. Macpherson's at the last election, but had been entirely won over by the good work done by Mr. Macpherson.

The chairman then asked repeatedly for further nominations, but it was apparent that the meeting was determined to make the nomination unanimous. This was done by a standing vote, every body present raising and cheering.

Mr. Macpherson was then sent for, and on his arrival in the hall was enthusiastically received. The chairman, having informed him that he had been unanimously selected as the Liberal candidate, requested his decision.

Mr. Macpherson, in a very happy address, accepted the nomination, thanking his friends present for their expression of confidence. He then gave a short resume of the work of the last session, dwelling in particular on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, which would open up an undeveloped but promising section of the country. The meeting then closed with cheers for the King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the candidate.

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(13) of section 4, relating to exemptions, the following words: "And so much of the personal property of any person as is equal to the just debts owed by him on account of such personal property."

A discussion arose as to the motion of the leader of the opposition being in order, but that gentleman showed that he had carefully considered the point, and was able to show the Speaker that he was in order.

In support of the motion, Mr. Macdonald made reference to the protest raised by the Board of Trade of Victoria against the Assessment bill. He said that the Minister of Finance seemed to think that, because a Vancouver merchant was satisfied that it was all right, the Minister of Finance did not seem to be able to see beyond the horizon of Vancouver. He wanted an explanation of that statement of the Minister of Finance made in the afternoon, that no other places but Victoria were protesting against the bill. The Times, received a few minutes afterwards, showed that the Chief Commissioner had received a protest from Kaslo. He could not understand such a statement made by the Finance Minister in the face of that. He spoke strongly in favor of his amendment, as intended to concurre wholly business in the province, and not drive it out as the government aimed to do.

For an hour or two after that Mr. McInnes and Mr. Hawthorthwaite engaged in a wordy battle. The member for Alberni gave the House and the galleries infinite amusement by his skill in introducing the arguments he did on the subject under discussion. He contended that the Conservative party seemed becoming impregnated with the doctrine of Socialists, as they do not care upon whom the burden of taxation pressed. Mr. Hawthorthwaite went into his own life and attacked Mr. McInnes for having wanted at one time to join the Socialists, but they would not have him. Messrs. Cameron, Drury and others spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was lost. Mr. McInnes then moved that improvements to the amount of \$1,500 upon agricultural lands should be exempt from taxation.

Hon. F. J. Fulton said the government could not accept the amendment, but intended to move that farmers paying their taxes before June 30th should have a rebate of 40 per cent., instead of 10 per cent., as applied to other classes.

The amendment of Mr. McInnes was lost, and a lengthy debate arose on the amendment offered by Hon. Mr. Fulton, which was continued until after midnight.

Messrs. Tanner, Evans, Munro, Oliver, Paterson and others argued the case of the farmers. The amount of exemption under the amendment of Mr. McInnes would not be large they said, and would not affect the revenue to any very great extent. It would be a source of redress to these small farmers.

Government members held they had done as much as they could for the farmers. A new feature was introduced to the debate by the Premier, who awakened the echoes of the chamber near the hour of midnight with what was supposed to be a deciding argument. He contended that the farmers of Dewdney would stand by the other interests in the hour of need through which the province was passing, and would cheerfully bear their part in the increased taxation. Then, probably, owing to the lateness of the hour, the Premier became too communicative. He held that there was need for this bill going through with all haste. He practically admitted it should go through with the Loan bill.

Mr. Drury said he did not know that when the opposition helped to put the Loan bill through that they were also to be forced by the bank to put this measure through also. He referred to the lamentable condition of affairs when the bank held the government up, and that the government then placed these institutions, whose servant the government was, in a better position than others in the province. No such govern-

ment could commend the respect of British Columbia.

Mr. McInnes was astonished to learn that the banks were forcing this bill through also. It was now well-known why the Assessment bill was being railroad through the legislature. It was a sorry sight to see the government delegate its functions to the bank and bank manager to be the ultimate judge of legislation. He was not prepared to take his oath. He was not prepared to take his oath. He was not prepared to take his oath.

After some slight changes in the bill it passed committee. The vote was a party one, with the Socialists and the Labor member voting with the government. John Houston was absent from the House.

The House adjourned at 12:29 until 2 o'clock to-day.

### Notice of Motion.

Mr. Oliver to move, in committee, of the whole on the bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" the following amendments: Section 9, sub-section (4), line 4, to add, after the word "cordwood," the following words: "Shingle bolts, or bolts of cedar, spruce or fir."

To insert the following sub-section to section 9: "(5.) All rubber, logs, piles, bolts of cedar, fir or spruce, shingle bolts, railway ties, mining props and cordwood-cut upon lands held as homesteads within the Dominion government, railway belt in the British Columbia, shall not be subject to the taxes imposed by this act."

Section 8. To strike out all the words of the section after the word "years," in the 3rd line, and insert the following words in lieu thereof: "On payment, in advance, of an annual license fee of \$100, or such other license fee as may be provided for by any statute in force at the time of payment of such annual license fee."

### Questions.

Mr. Oliver, on Monday next, will ask the Minister of Finance: 1. Did Justin Gilbert act as stenographer in the Columbia and Western inquiry? 2. Will the government make a thorough inquiry into the justice of the claims of A. M. Jones before making any additional payment? 3. Is it the intention of the government to pay salaries to officials whilst engaged in other than government work?

Mr. Oliver, on Monday next, will ask the Premier: 1. What was the particular public business which necessitated the visit of the Premier as well as the Attorney-General to Cassiar and Atlin? 2. Did Mr. McNeill accompany the Premier to Cassiar and Atlin? 3. If so, for what purpose? 4. Did Mr. McNeill take any part in addressing any public meetings? 5. What was the cost of Mr. McNeill's trip to Cassiar and Atlin?

By Mr. Brown, on Monday next, will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. Were any applications for coal and petroleum licenses in blocks 4,593 and 4,594, Southeast Kootenay, made in July and August, 1903? 2. The names of the applicants? 3. Did the required fees accompany the applications?

### A WINTER RESORT.

Tourist Association Preparing Circular to Attract Visitors to Victoria.

For the first time in the history of Victoria there is the chance of the city becoming the vacation resort in winter for Manitoba and the Northwest. Every year about seven thousand people leave the Northwest for Eastern Canada and the Old Country. The Tourist Association has for nearly two years urged the C. P. R. to give Victoria a chance at this winter business, and at last the company has been able to see its way clear to do this, and as a start in this direction has made a special rate of one fare for a round-trip ticket to Victoria, good for three months.

No sooner was this announcement made than the association set about making the full advantage of it. The executive authorized Secretary Culbert to prepare a circular immediately, to distribute throughout Manitoba and the Northwest, from Winnipeg West, calling attention to these special rates, and within twenty-four hours of such instructions the circular was written, illustrated and printed, and is now on its way to every place of any note in that section of Canada. In addition to this over one hundred individual letters have been written, and our merchants doing business throughout that country have been supplied with these circulars for their customers. The main idea of the circular is that the people should get away from the hard winters to Victoria, the Evergreen City of Canada, and as the secretary realizes from his trips through that country that notwithstanding the fact that over seven thousand "Picturesque Victorians" have been mailed from time to time into seven thousand individual homes to addresses selected with such care that not one out of the seven thousand has ever been returned through the dead-letter office, the people have no adequate idea of the importance of Victoria as a place to buy supplies, and that many people would not come out unless they could combine business with pleasure, the advantages of the city in this respect has been dealt with as the extracts from the circular will demonstrate.

The circular is artistic as well as useful, the printing being by the Colonist Press, and the fine half-tone engravings of two views of the park and one of a group of sheep under a splendid oak are from the B. C. Photo-Engraving Co. The following are extracts from the circular: "The beautiful city of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, the naval station of H. M. British fleet, and the garden city of the Dominion, has a winter climate that is unique in Canada. It is similar to that of the south of England. The average lowest temperature in winter is 40 degrees (above). It is difficult for people living to the east of the Rocky Mountains to realize that in December the lovely gardens surrounding the cozy cottages or stately mansions of the citizens are as green as in summer, and that bouquets of roses

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Then follows comparative tables of the rainfall of the cities of the coast, etc.

### SPORTING ITEMS.

#### THE HUNT.

REGULAR RUN. The regular weekly run of the Victoria Hunt Club is being held this afternoon from the Royal-Oaks.

#### HOCKEY.

##### MATCH TO-DAY.

At Oak Bay this afternoon a match is being played between the Victoria intermediates and the High school teams. Play started at 2 o'clock.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

##### VICTORIA V. NANAIMO.

A senior provincial league match is in progress this afternoon between the Victoria and Nanaimo teams at the Caledonia grounds. The kick off took place at 3 o'clock. The teams were published in these columns yesterday.

#### PRACTICING TO-DAY.

A practice game is being played this afternoon between the juniors and intermediates.

#### THE RING.

##### ABE ATTELL AND FORBES.

Abe Attell, brother of Caesar Attell, and Harry Forbes have been matched to meet in a contest which will be billed as the legitimate featherweight championship. They will meet on Thursday next before the West End Athletic Club, of St. Louis, and will contest twenty rounds for a purse of \$1,000.

#### CLASS OPENED.

Caesar Attell and C. H. Campbell have opened a school for instruction in boxing. They have engaged apartments at the Wilson and will give lessons at regular hours. Should the outlook be promising enough they will ultimately inaugurate a gymnasium. Attell is well known as a clever boxer, as his many contests in this city have shown. Campbell is also a scientific exponent, having made this and other branches of gymnasium work a specialty in the Sound cities. He is also a baseball player of considerable ability. He was second baseman on the Puyallup team when that aggregation essayed conclusions with the Victoria a year or two ago.

#### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

##### TWO MATCHES.

Two games are being contested this afternoon at Beacon Hill. On the upper grounds the Victoria and Garrison teams are playing a game, the result of which will mean the winning of the championship of 1903-04 to either one or the other. The kick off took place at 3 o'clock. Fred Richardson is acting as referee. On the lower grounds a friendly match is taking place between the Y. M. C. A. team and an eleven picked from the crew of the R. M. S. Moana. Play started at 3 o'clock.

#### BASKETBALL.

##### J. B. A. V. F. Y. M. A.

What promises to be an interesting match will take place this evening between the J. B. A. and F. Y. M. A. teams. This game will be contested in both the city and inter-city leagues. Four points will therefore be awarded the victorious team. On this account the match is expected to be warmly contested. Play will commence at about 8:30 o'clock. The teams were published yesterday.

#### VICTORIAS V. CAPITALS.

Next Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets, an exhibition match will be played between the Victoria and Capital young ladies' teams. The game will start about 8 o'clock. The costumes of the Victoria players will be blue and gold, and those of the Capitals blue and white.

#### JUNIORS WILL PLAY.

Immediately after the ladies' game a junior league match will be played between the Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. This game will start at 9 o'clock.

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## ARTISTIC NOVELTIES

For holiday gifts for men, as well as for the ladies, such as a profusion of Smokers' Requisites, Tobacco Jars, Ash-Trays, Cigarette Cases, Match-Boxes, Shaving Sets, Cloth Brushes, Inkstands, and Metal-Goods in great variety; and dozens of other useful articles. For the ladies the choice is simply fascinating. In no other section of this great store are there more Xmas-Gift suggestions presented than in this magnificent showing of

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The splendid array of very brilliant and deeply Cut Glass, in elaborately designed patterns, forms a rich source of selection for very practical and useful gifts.

### ART WARE



A beautiful collection of Vases in all the leading makes, Royal Worcester, Hadley's Worcester, Denon, Royal Vienna, Austrian, Salicre, Alverale, Brevly, and many others, all of which have arrived in the last few weeks. Prices range from 25c. to \$25.00 each.

### CHINA



China Tea Sets, comprising Teapot, Sugar and Cream, 6 Cups and Saucers, from \$2.00 set. English China Tea Sets, 40 pieces, for 12 persons, new shapes, dainty colorings, from \$6.00 set. Tea Services, 40 pieces, latest shapes, delicately enamelled and gilt designs, from \$7.50 set. Tea Cups and Saucers, English China, new designs, from \$3.50 dozen. Dainty After Dinner Coffee Cups and Saucers, Rose Garland, \$4.00 dozen. Bread and Butter Plates to match above, small size, \$2.50 dozen. Linoges Afternoon Tea Cups and Saucers, delicate patterns, \$6.00 dozen. Bread and Butter Plates to match above, 7 1/2 inch, \$4.00 dozen. Bread and Butter Plates, dainty designs, from \$1.50 dozen.

### CUT GLASS



Bon Bon Dishes, from \$3.50 each. Olive Dishes, from \$4.00 each. Oil Bottles, from \$5.00 each. Celery Dishes, from \$10.00 each. Flower Vases, from \$4.00 each. Cream Jugs, from \$7.50 each. Preserve Dishes, from \$8.00 each. Salad Bowls, from \$7.50 each.

### EPERGNES



Flower Stands, with Single Centre and Dish, various tints, from 90c. to \$1.50 each. Epergnes, with Dish, 3 Branches and Centre, assorted colors, \$3.00 each. Epergnes, with Mirror Bottom, 3 Branches and Centre, from \$4.00 each.

### DESSERT PLATES



Dessert Plates in a great variety of designs and pretty shapes, from 25c. each. Cake Plates, fancy shapes, newest patterns, tinted edges and centres, from 25c. each. Very handsome Cake Plates, rich designs, new shapes, 90c. to \$1.75 each.

### SHAVING MUGS



China Shaving Mugs, assorted decorations, gold edge, 25c. each. Pretty White and Gold Shaving Mugs, good shapes, 35c. each. China Shaving Mugs, new decorations, heavily gilt, 50c. to 75c. each. Children's Mugs, various decorations, 10c. each. Very prettily decorated and tinted Children's Mugs, 25c. each. Mustache Cups and Saucers, tinted edges, 25c. each. Richly decorated China Mustache Cups and Saucers, 35c. to 50c. each. China Cruets, white and gold and decorated, from 35c. each. Pretty China Egg Stands, white and gold and decorated, from 40c. each.

### JARDINIERS

#### New Styles and Shapes



Jardiniere, new National shape, various colors, 35c. and 50c. each. Imperial Jardiniere, Empire shape, striking decorations, 90c. to \$1.50 each. Venus Plant Pots, Cyprian and Oxford designs, 75c. to \$2.00 each. Pedestals and Jardiniere to match, new shapes, from \$4.00 each. Brethly Plant Pots, Grecian shapes and decorations, from 50c. each. Brethly Pots and Pedestals, newest styles, beautiful colorings, from \$12.00 each. Brethly Novelties, Ash Trays, Tobacco Jars and Vases, from 50c. each.

### FLOWER VASES



Flower Vases, pressed glass, have a brilliancy of cut patterns, 15c., 25c., 30c., 50c. each. Cut Glass Flower Vases, Trumpet and other shapes, 50c. to \$1.00, \$1.50 each. Plain Glass Flower Tubes, 25c., 30c., 50c. each. Lemon Opalescent Flower Vases, 25c. to 75c. each. Flower Vases, in new green decorations, from 50c. each. Rustic Flower Vases, lemon tinted, from 25c. each. Very pretty Bohemian Glass Flower Holders, 25c. each.

### CHEESE STANDS



Cheese Stands, new decorations, from \$1.50 each. Richly decorated Cheese Stands, newest shapes, \$1.75 to \$3.00 each.

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Fruit Dishes, with one, two or three divisions, in the latest shapes and daintiest of decorations. Fruit Cabarets, single, handled, from \$1.50 each. Double Trays, newest decorations, from \$1.50 each. Triple Trays, richly decorated, from \$1.50 each. Orange Bowls, Austrian China, from \$1.75 each. Card Trays, latest shapes, from \$1.50 each. Nut Bowls, dainty Lorraine China, \$1.50 each. Salad Bowls, new shapes, beautifully decorated, from \$1.00 each. Olive Dishes, Austrian and Lorraine China, from 40c. each. Oatmeal Bowls, dainty shapes, from 40c. each. Celery Trays, latest patterns, new shapes, from \$1.00 each.

### WHITE CHINA



Rustic Fern Pots, 25c. each. Horse Shoe Vases, 30c. each. Cupid Bowls, 35c. each. Figure Vases, 40c. each. Swags, 35c., 50c. each. Fisher Boy Shell, 75c. each. Merald Shells, \$1.25 each.

### TOILET SERVICES



10-Piece Toilet Sets, new shapes, in Sage Green, Pale Blue, Pink, \$3.00 set. 10-Piece Toilet Sets, prettily decorated designs, richly gilt, from \$3.50 set. 12-Piece Toilet Sets, including Soap Jar, in latest shapes, from \$7.50 set. A very large choice of the newest styles and decorations up to \$10.00 set.

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**CRUISER'S OFFICERS.**

Those Who Have Been Listed Among  
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Men.

A London despatch says: "Paymaster Percy J. Ling, from the cruiser Medusa, joins H. M. S. Bonaventure now being gotten ready at Devonport to replace H. M. S. Amphion on the Pacific station. Mr. Ling was assistant paymaster in charge of H. M. S. Shearwater last year, and from her was promoted. "Lieut. H. B. Gellibrand is the first and gunnery officer. He was last employed with the sloop Phoenix on the China station, and whilst there earned a medal with clasping officer's Boxer troubles. The navigating officer is Lieut. G. D. Ward, late in charge of the cruiser Pelorus undergoing refit on the Clyde. The other lieutenants are Lieutenants H. D. Murray and E. L. Wharton, the former from the Medusa and the latter from the Minerva. Amongst the engine room appointments are: Engineer Lieutenant W. H. Meadus, Engineer Sub-Lieutenant R. H. G. Boddy (and for Amphion home) and E. Cole, who is serving on the latter and Artificer Engineer A. J. Lambert."

**ORGAN RECITAL**

Will Be Given in St. John's Church To-morrow Evening.

After evening at St. John's church tomorrow evening, the third of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given. The programme follows:

- Organ Solo—Grand Chorus to D. Guilman A. Longfield.
- Tenor Solo—The Better Land..... Carver Mr. Gibson.
- Organ Solo—Hymn of Adoration..... N. Richmond.
- Soprano Solo—Angels Ever Bright and Fair..... Miss McKenzie.
- Bass Solo—Abide With Me..... Liddell J. G. Brown.
- Soprano Solo—The Song of Ruth, Gounod Miss E. Scott.
- Viola Solo—Reverie in G..... E. Green Jesse Longfield.
- Vocal Duet—O, Divine Redeemer, Gounod The Misses E. and D. Scott.
- Organ Solo—Prelude in D Minor..... J. L. Renner A. and J. Longfield.

Mr. Gibson (Tiffinensis) has introduced a resolution in the United States House of Representatives, directed toward the reduction of the naval armaments of the maritime nations of the world.

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**RAID ON A DEN.**

Alleged Gambling Chinese Gathered in by the Police.

When the police court proceedings opened this morning the room was crowded with Chinese who had evidently come to ascertain what would be done with Chung Yung and Tong You, who were last evening arrested at a Chinese gambling den at 40 Cornmarket street. They were charged with operating a gambling house. Alexis Martin appeared for the prosecution, and W. Welby Solomon for the defence. Both elected to be tried before a jury. The preliminary hearing will be held on Tuesday. Bail was applied for and was granted, being fixed at \$250 with two sureties of \$125 in each case.

**PERSONAL.**

Stephen Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, has returned after an absence of three months. Mr. Jones visited the principal cities of Eastern Canada and the United States. After over a month on the Atlantic coast, he came West by the Southern Pacific, touching at Mexico. The trip from Southern California to Victoria was made by easy stages.

Dr. C. T. Macdonald, of New York, is here in the city last evening. He is here as one of the witnesses in the Hopper vs. Dunsen case. Dr. Macdonald is registered at the Driad.

Capt. Macdonald, son of Senator and Mrs. Macdonald, left the city last evening for England after an extended stay here. He was accompanied by Mrs. Macdonald.

Capt. John Irving and W. K. Houston were among those who returned from the Mainland yesterday's Charmer. E. S. H. Winn, of Rossland; H. W. Sharp, of Sandon; and W. J. Young and wife, of Seattle, are at the Vernon hotel. J. A. Humbird, of St. Paul, and B. Rosenfeld, of San Francisco, Cal., are at the Driad.

W. J. Leary, a canning man of Ladner, is at the Dominion.

A very rare coin, the fifty-shilling piece of Oliver Cromwell, by Simon, 1656, has been sold in London for £140.

**MINING IN SIMILKAMEEN.**

Company Operating at Aspen Grove Will Increase Force if Railway is Built.

Mr. Bates, managing director of the Portland Mining Company, of Terre Haute, Indiana, which is operating on an extensive scale at Aspen Grove, in the Similkameen country, is visiting Vancouver.

The News-Advertiser says: "Mr. Bates has unlimited faith in the possibilities of that district, and that this faith is shared by his countrymen is proved by the fact that on December 3rd last, they put 100,000 shares on the market at 50 cents each, and by the 15th of that month all were subscribed for by people in the vicinity of Terre Haute."

The company owns altogether eight groups of claims in the district of Aspen Grove. In one of these it has sunk a shaft 113 feet, with 100 feet more cut, and a lead 200 feet wide; and it expects to have the machinery in very shortly. Besides the shaft already referred to, the company has, in what is called the Chiquiquit group, a tunnel 378 feet long with a depth of 137 feet. Lying on the dump at its different claims are 7,000 tons of ore in all, which should average from \$30 to \$60 per ton, the copper values of these ores running very high.

The scene of the company's operations is about 27 miles from Nicola Lake. At present it is greatly hampered by want of railway facilities, the nearest station, Spence's Bridge, being some 60 miles from the mines. If the Nicola & Similkameen Coal Company's railway project goes through, as there seemed to be every possibility, the Portland Company would commence operations on a much larger scale and would probably put on a force of some 200 men.

Besides its mineral resources the Aspen Grove district contains a large area of pastoral and agricultural land which only needs railway communication for its settlement.

**MISSING SEALERS.**

Japanese Schooner, Commanded by Victorian, Has Disappeared—News Received by Letter.

A letter has just been received from Japan referring to what is considered to be another fatality of the sea. One of the Japanese fleet, which cruised in Northern Pacific waters this year, has disappeared, as did the Hatsue a few years ago. She was commanded by Wm. Farley, who a number of years ago made Victoria his home, then as a seal hunter. By strange coincidence he seems to have met the same fate as his brother Pat, who had shipped as mate on the ill-fated voyage of the Hatsue. Two or three more Victorians are known to have been on the Jap service, among them being a man named Gilley. The schooner was thought to have been in March, and it is thought in Japan that she has either capsized or that her powder exploded.

Menthol police and detectives have been dispatched in all directions in search of Campbell, the murderer, who escaped from the police guard-house at Calgary. He is well armed, having taken several revolvers with him.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
**Auction Sale**

I am instructed by the Landlord and the Mortgagee to cause to be sold at Public Auction, on the premises known as the Pacific Grocery, corner Douglas and Discovery streets, Victoria, on Monday, the 14th day of December, 1903, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the following: Stock of groceries, one pair computing scales, coffee mill, stove, fixtures, two wagons, one road cart, three horses and two sets of harness. Terms cash. Inquire of HINKSON SIDBALL, 14 CHANCERY LANE, VICTORIA, B. C.

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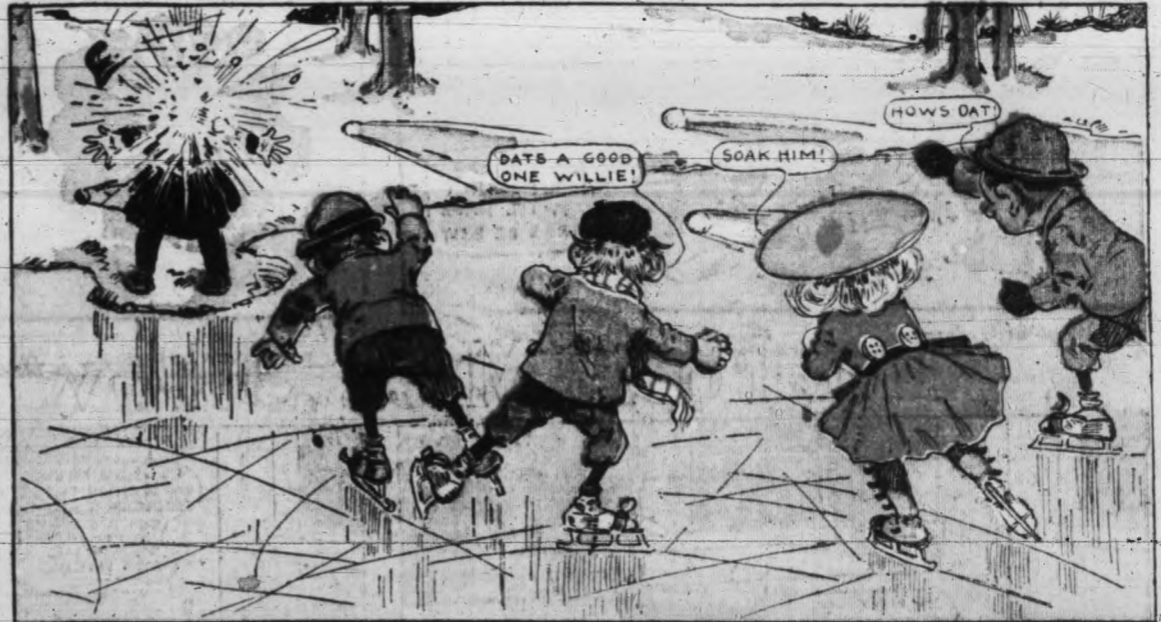
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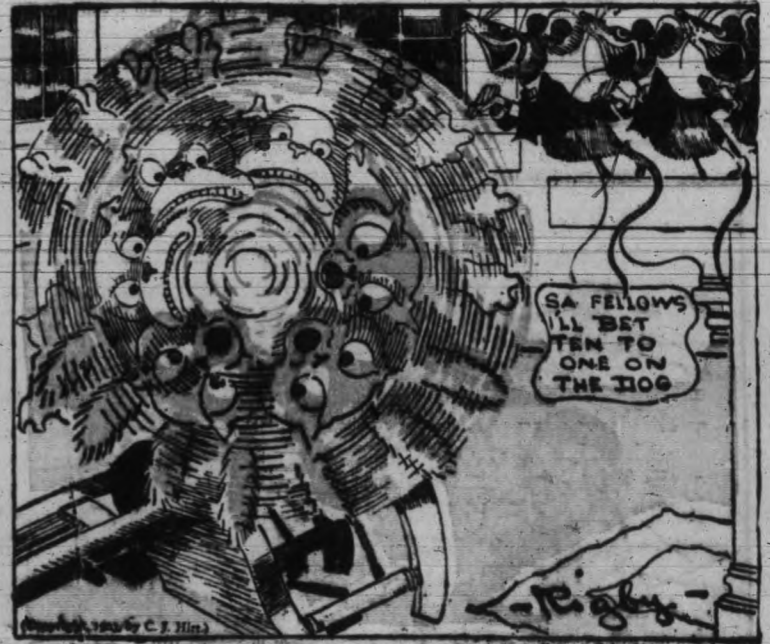




# JOHNNY ON THE SPOT RETURNS TO WORK.



# THE FOXY MICE SHOW PUSS ANOTHER STUNT.

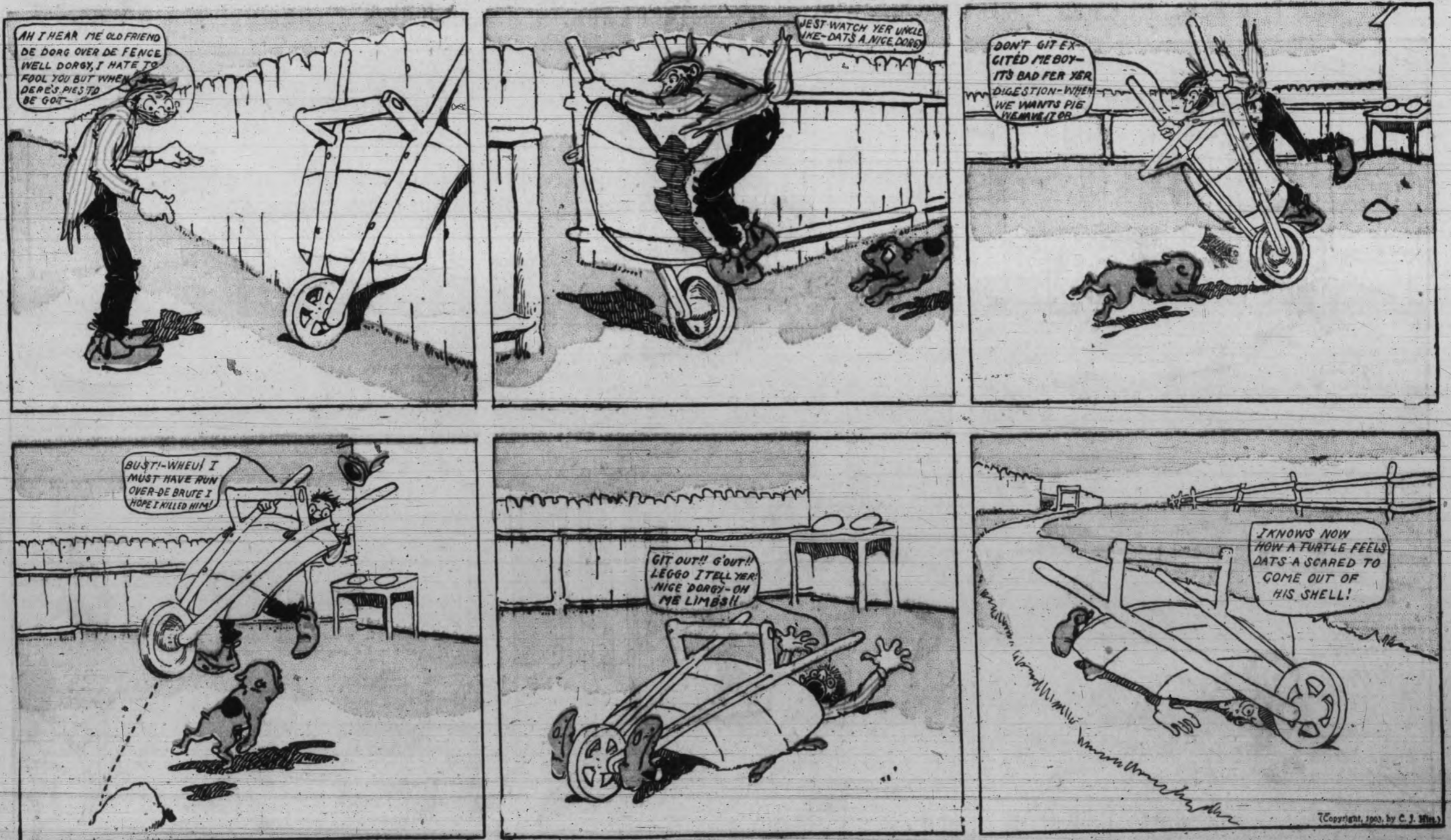




# HI AND SI HELP PA SHOW HOW FLY HE IS WITH A LASSO.



# GAZABOO IKE TRIES ANOTHER STUNT ON THE DOG.

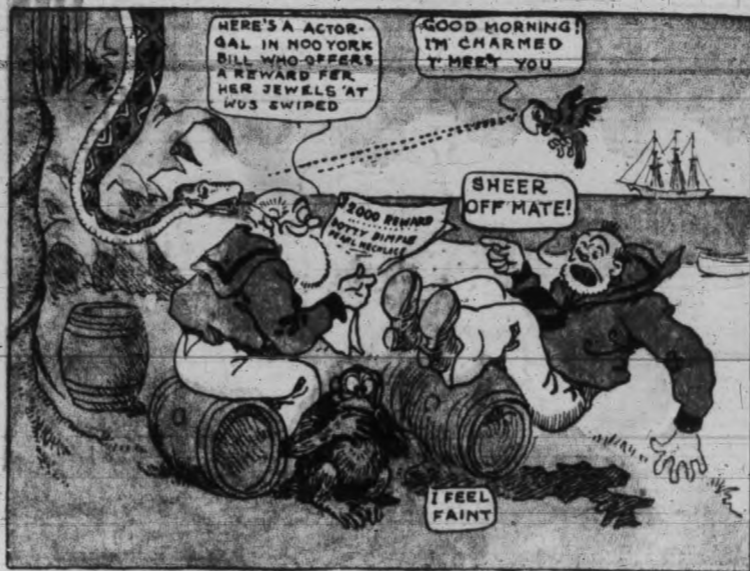




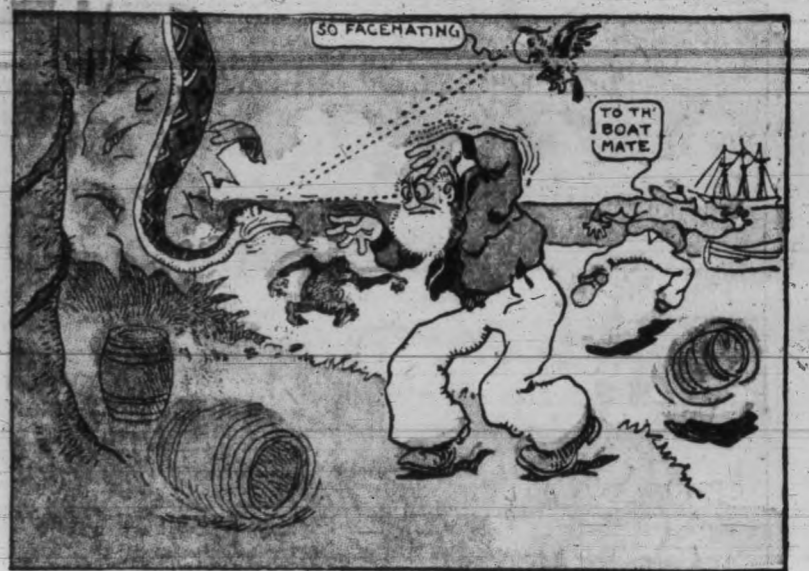
# Binnicle Jim Weaves A Snake Yarn.



1. "Speak-in' o' snakes, they're a rum lot. I've seen snakes in my time 'at were too big t' ever have been raised in a grog bar'. I mind onst off Cubee the cap'n sot Bill an' me 'shore arter a few casks o' water, when th' most surpris-in' thing happened."



2. "While I 'us sittin' on th' shore drinking in o' some news out o' a paper I picked up from a passin' vessel, I 'us partic'lar took 'ith a re-ward offered for missin' jules, 'an jest at th' inter-estin' part somp-in tick-led my starboard ear, an' Bill let out'a yell 'at shook th' island."



3. "Douce my glim if ther' wusn't a' ol' boa-con-struct-or hangin' by his tail. Bill an' th' ape put on all sail for th' boat, but th' parrot an' me, bein' more plucky, stood by our guns, an' right here's where I want t' explain th' power o' the hu-man eye over wild crit-ter."



4. "I'd had some ex-per-i-ence 'ith sirpents afore's I sed, speakin' pro an' con, an' when I fixed my side-lights on that varmint he 'us helpless as a babe. Arter doin' some motions 'at I learned out o' a book, I made signs for Bill t' fetch th' ship's ax t' dispatch th' crit-ter."

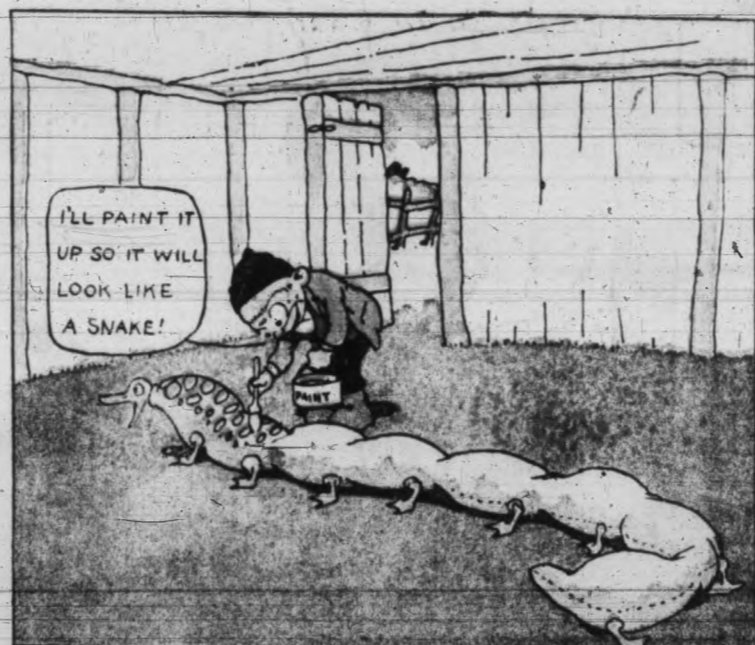
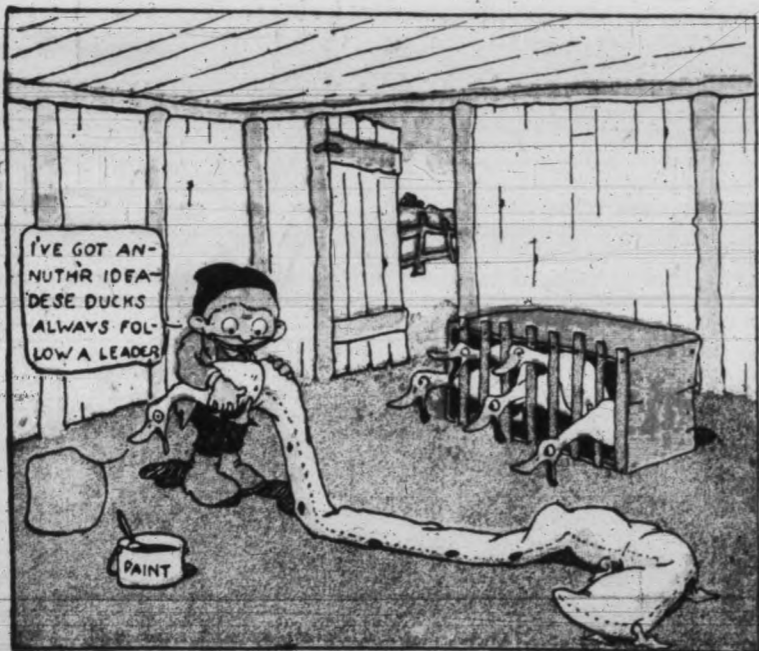


5. "Well, sir, m'lud if you believe it, at th' furst whack wot d' s'pose dropped out but that pearl hand-led neck-lace 'at we'd read about. Pro-vi-dence I call it, but Bill 'lowed 'at th' varmint had traveled 'ith ther actress in a circus show at sometime an' had snaked off 'ith th' rope o' brilliants."



6. "Bein' honest seamen, Bill an' me sot sail an' 'ith a fair wind soon made th' port 'at ther actress lady hailed from 'at had lost th' neck-lace. Arter receivin' th' reward an' th' thanks o' the purtiest mermaid I'd ever seed, it took Bill an' me a month afore we got th' idea out o' our heads 'at that 'er boa hadn't sot all th' tother snakes in th' world arter us."

# LITTLE ABE CORNCOB ADDS ANOTHER HOLIDAY TO HIS LIST.









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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, at 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 amount 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.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Total Amount of Taxes and Interest, and Interest. Lists various lots and their respective owners and tax amounts.

N. B.—In column numbered 4-6 above the letter "L" means Land, and "L" and "I" mean Land and Improvements. Dated this 27th day of November, A. D. 1903, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C. CHARLES E. BENT, Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

The Question of the Persian Gulf

It is, perhaps, a gratifying sign of the times that French newspapers can discuss with a phlegmatic calm what they describe as the "little influence" between England and Russia in the Persian Gulf. It is a great tribute to the energy and many-sidedness of "the veiled prophet" of Petersburg that they can at a period like the present, when apparently peace or war hangs trembling in the balance in the Far East, spare the time to attend to what passes for "commercial development" in the empire of the Tsar. But there can be no doubt whatever that both in commerce and diplomacy the game is played in the Persian Gulf is probably both directly and indirectly to the Northern Colossus. She has begun by opening markets in Northern Persia, and by a sure and steady method of infiltration, so well understood by her in dealing with weak and corrupt Oriental states, has made good her footing and thus facilitated the building of railways and the laying of telegraph wires. "Thanks to the 'Trans-Caspian,'" she has made great advances in trade in Persia, the station of Askabad being a bare 150 miles from Meshed. In 1890 Russian imports were of the value of £110,000. English £10,120. In 1901-1902 the commerce of Khorassan with Russia was £900,000, that of England only £140,000. But it is not alone the more or less arid frontiers of Persia which have attracted the gaze of Russia, drawn as by a magnet, her eyes seem ever on the sea, and she seeks here, as she has sought in the Far East, and as in the future she may west of the Baltic, to plant her standard on the shore of a sea unhampered by ice. For a hundred years the "Empire of the North" has spread its wings over the humid waters of the Persian Gulf, and British blood and British treasure have been poured out with no niggard hand to smoke the pirate from his lair, and to deal a rough-and-ready justice among the wild dwellers on its littoral. The pearl fisheries of Bahrain, the driers of sharks' fins in Muscat, the salt-makers, the rice-growers, the date-gatherers and the cattlemen of the Shatt-al-Arab have, all unknown to themselves, benefited both directly and indirectly for past generations by the fact of their being British residents at Bushire, Bussorah and Muscat.

Some years ago France also established consular agents at the former and latter places. They were intelligent and amiable gentlemen, but the Gulf at large had not the least idea from whence they came, or what their business was; it is more than probable that the consuls themselves would have been at a loss to answer the latter question. And now Holy Russia has appeared, upon the scene, and is endeavoring to the best of her ability to demonstrate to all and sundry in these regions that "Collin," as represented by herself, is really the friend, not "Short," which is England. In pursuance of this amiable plan, "La Compagnie Russe de Navigation a Vapeur et de Commerce" established a service of steamers between Odessa and the Gulf ports. Quite recently the Russian government has granted a subvention of a generous character to this company with the understanding that they establish a regular and more frequent service than has been run heretofore. The company, on their side, have issued an official circular to Russian traders and merchants setting forth that the voyages which have already been accomplished have shown that they need have no fear of entering into competition with English firms in the region, where "up to the present date" they have not only had the pre-eminence but also the virtual monopoly. The company have therefore decided to establish at Bushire and Bussorah, the two principal ports in the Gulf, a permanent exhibition of Russian goods and manufactures. These exhibitions will be known as the "Russian museums," and will be filled with samples and patterns. Each sample will be marked with the name of the exhibitor and the price, and great results are looked for. But, although Russia is active, England is not lagging behind, as we are promised in the near future a new road from Quetta to Meshed, by Seistan, joining up India with the very heart of Khorassan. This is said to be merely the prelude to a railway running the whole way. Not only this, but England, finding that Persia had gained from Persia a remembrance of customs dues which acted prejudicially to her interests, has demanded and obtained the alteration of the treaty of 1828, thus placing herself once more on an equality, commercially with all comers. The tour of the viceroys of India in the Persian Gulf, which began today, and on which he will be suitably escorted, will, no doubt, have a very beneficial effect upon the Oriental mind, and there is probably no man who understands better how such a progress should be undertaken than Lord Curzon. That

he studied the subject for himself at first-hand is known to all men, and is instanced in his standard work "Persia," which is a monument of painstaking industry. It is a somewhat remarkable fact that the inception of this tour should synchronise with the fall of the Grand Vizier Atabek-Atam, who was wholeheartedly devoted to forwarding Russian interests in his own country, and to whom the latter power owes nearly all the concessions which have been made in recent times, and also the grasp which they have obtained upon Persian finance, railways and other means of communication. Lord Lansdowne's manly and straightforward declaration to the secretary that England would consider it an unfriendly act for any power to attempt to establish itself on the shores of the Persian Gulf has done much to clear the air. Foreign powers cannot complain of any ambiguity in language of this sort, and it may save considerable trouble in the future. At present, no doubt, there is in the Persian Gulf a very considerable volume, but we live in rapidly shifting times, and should the valley of the Tigris and Euphrates ever come to be opened up there might come a change of a most surprising character. Till then the Russian Steamship Company is not likely to make very large profits, and the Russian "museums" will probably remain veritable storehouses of foreign curiosities to be gazed at by the slippers of Bussorah and Bushire. Freight rates low in the Persian Gulf, and any one who projects competition with the Parsee merchants of Bombay is likely to burn his fingers badly. The old sailing clippers, sold as they are, are British ships, and for forty years ago, are sailed by Arab crews from Bombay to Muscat, mostly with rice. When they arrive they are anchored and left with literally not a soul on board, as the crews are discharged at once. Here they wait, in that leisurely fashion so dear to the Eastern mind, until their agents can collect by sailing hundreds sufficient salt or dates to load them up again, when this is accomplished, the crew is shipped again, the vessel navigated to Bombay, where she lays up for another year. European methods cannot compete with this and make large profits, and it speaks well for the enterprise of British lines trading to the Gulf that they manage to get on and to make a living. With a state subvention, of course, anything is possible, and no doubt this unfair competition will further reduce British profits. Beyond this, what the Russians seek to gain is hard to understand, but Petersburg thinks in decades, and it is possible in the dim future they see their way somewhere! But wherever that destination may be, the preliminary expenses will be most remarkably heavy.—Commander Curry, R. N.

AN UNLucky MARRIAGE.

A tragic interest attaches to the death of the Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-Darmstadt, the only child of the Grand Duke by his wife and cousin, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, better known as the daughter of our own Duke of Edinburgh. It will be remembered that the union of the two cousins, who were married on April 19th, 1864, in presence of their Royal grandmother Queen Victoria, proved a very unhappy one, being finally dissolved towards the end of 1901. On certain conditions the custody of the only child of the marriage was given to the father, who was devoted to her—so much so that he could scarcely bear parting from his little daughter even on his journeys. It was thus that he took the little Princess with him when accompanying his sister, the Tsarina, and the Tsar as far towards home as Skierkewice, near Warsaw, famous for its meeting between the three Emperors in the early eighties. Over 300 different kinds of birds have been seen in Britain, but only 140 of these are residents all the year round.

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USE OF TURBINES FOR DESTROYERS.

From recent experiments there seems little doubt that the coming engine for torpedo-boat destroyers, in which speed is a paramount necessity, is the turbine. During the trial of the engine for the torpedo-boat destroyer, the turbine engine was run at full speed for 100 hours in six runs over the measured mile her mean speed was 25.04 knots, with 7,173 indicated horse-power and 347.4 revolutions per minute. This is eminently satisfactory, as the conditions of the contract were for 25.25 knots the first hour with 7,000 h.p., and 25.5 knots the remaining three hours, the lightness of the ship as the coal is consumed being taken into account. The latter speed was exceeded, 25.568 knots being got out of her, with 248.75 revolutions and 7,125 h.p. She has undergone her circle, steering, and stopping and starting tests, and is now being prepared for a twelve hours' coal consumption trial at 15 knots to ascertain her radius of action at the most economical speed. The trial was also taken out for trials, but at the end of the second hour the test had to be abandoned in consequence of the overheating of the port low-pressure cylinder crank. This was so bad that the brasses cracked and the engine had to be stopped to prevent a serious accident. So far as the trial went, which was so much by Palmer's Shipbuilding Company are to have their system of forced lubrication improved to prevent such accidents as that referred to. The Admiralty are apparently determined to provide, as far as possible, their own artificers for the fleet. Already a number of boys are under training for this branch, and more are to be entered. When their Lordships decided to try and put out the very much attenuated shipwright rating by taking in shipwright-apprentices for the navy they offered such small inducements that very few boys would join. A more liberal policy was adopted in regard to the boy artificers, with the result that plenty of candidates are to be entered. As matters now stand, the Admiralty is under the thumb of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, but with the present rate of expansion in the boy artificers' schools this drawback will be removed. CREATES A PRECEDENT. Lord Stanley is rapidly ingratiating himself at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, and following the example of his progressive predecessor, he is patronizing the luncheon club of the headquarters staff in the north building. Indeed, we learn that he has gone one better than the chancellor of the exchequer, since he has presented the club with a red deer, which is being partaken of today by his appreciative subordinates, gratis, with a small charge for red currant jelly to accompany it. Thus early in his career, Lord Stanley has done that which is the ambition of all P. M. G.'s—he has "created a precedent." But it was the lot of Mr. Austen Chamberlain to endeavor himself to the staff by adopting the unusual habit of chamberlains of the eating of snuff, his colleagues as a matter of course, and not as an occasional concession, and there is an obvious gap at the long table where the earnest figure with the searching monocle would sit eagerly conversing between mouthfuls with the permanent of snuff.

KITCHENER'S FRONTIER TOUR.

Lord Kitchener's adventurous frontier tour, which concluded on October 21st, was not without its moments of danger. He visited all the more important passes and strategic positions in the Gilgit and Chitral agencies, and inspected all the garrisons. After entering the hills the Commander-in-Chief covered some 1,450 miles of road, in many places of exceptional difficulty, on horse and foot. Like every task Lord Kitchener undertakes, the tour was conducted with strict regard to its purpose, and invaluable information was obtained of the strength and position of many of the seldom visited frontier posts. The tunnel where Lord Kitchener has met with an accident is the only outlet from Sindh into the interior of the Himalayas, and is situated just beyond the little village of Sanjowl, on the road that leads to Mashobra and thence to Tibet. It is cut clean through the heart of the hill, and is dark as pitch inside. It has long needed lighting, and probably the Sindh municipality will wake up to its dangers now that it has been the cause of serious injury to the Commander-in-Chief. John Morley is very fond of music, and may often be seen in company with his friend, Arthur Balfour, who shares his taste in this particular direction, at the best concerts given during the season. A Christian's wanderer, who occasionally contributes to the Swedish Academy of Science, recently provided himself with a pedometer to measure the distance he covered while serving customers. He now announces that from 8 a. m. till 12.30 midnight he took 90,190 steps backward and forward, equivalent to nearly eight miles a day.

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