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Come and See— Our New Sterling Silver Goods.

JUST RECEIVED BY EXPRESS:

Tea Sets, Cream and Sugars, Meat Carvers, Game Carvers, Tart Servers, Salad Sets, Bon Bous, Fancy Spoons, Coffee, Tea, Desert & Dinner Spoons, Dessert and Dinner Forks, Cut Glass Goods, Etc., Etc., Etc.

FOR NEW GOODS AND NEW DESIGNS SEE OUR WINDOW.

Challoner & Mitchell,

JEWELLERS, 47 GOVERNMENT STREET.

A Spring Freshet

As falls the pitying drops upon the face of sleeping Nature, Spring wakes and breaks in smiles; every tear becomes a blade of green; and behind the curtain of her clouds she works her wondrous transformation on all our woods and hills. The brooks throw off their chains and croon their songs to the budding willows along the daisy spangled banks of verdant meadows, which in turn suggest to every passer-by

Get Your New Spring Clothes,

Varied as the flowers of the field; and fresh as Nature's own virgin green are the New Spring Dress Goods displayed in the WESTSIDE. There is Newness, Novelty, freshness and brightness in the gathering. Opened out during the week: Muslins, Crepes, Ducks, Denims, Prints, Silkolines, Cretonnes, Sateens, Veilings, Embroideries, Kid Gloves.

Prices, as usual, are Right.

The Westside.

J. Hutcheson & Co.

March 21, '96.

HALL, GOEPEL & CO., 100 Government Street.

Fire Agency—
Marine Agency—
Life and Accident—
Railway Agents—
Steamship Agents—
Coal Office—

The Liverpool and London & Globe Ins. Co. Losses settled without reference to Head or other branch office.
The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Lloyd's Underwriters, London.
The Traveler's Insurance Company.
The Union Pacific Railway Co's.
Atlantic Steamship Lines. Berths reserved by wire. Orders from Europe issued at lowest rates.
THE WELLINGTON COAL YARD.
Best Wellington Household, Nut, and Co-mox Steam and Blacksmith Coal, constantly on hand, delivered in quantities to suit.

Mad as a March Hare

Are those that have been buying on credit and find what they might have saved had they bought from us for cash.

This system has many sterling qualities, and can put more silver to your pocket in a week than you think. Do you know how much money you will save? If you don't you ought to lose no time in making inquiries.

California Roll Butter, 40c.
Lemons, 15c. per doz.
Fresh Island Eggs, 15c. per doz.
Pratt's Astral Oil (not reviled) \$1.40.
English Ale (imported), 10c. bottle.

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.

STEVENS & JENKINS,

84 Douglas Street.

Spring Millinery Opening

Thursday, March 19th.

You May Rely

Upon having the exact proportions of the purest materials entered into the composition of your prescription when it is entrusted to us to prepare.

John Cochrane,
Prescription Druggist, N. W. cor. Yates and Douglas streets.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED—A nurse girl, immediately. Address V. W. P., Times office. m21-1f

PIANO, ORGAN AND RINGING lessons. German method. Vacancies for two pupils; reduced terms for an hour. Apply Mrs. Bridges, 1901 View St. m21

GO TO CASHMERE'S (late Sampson's) Book Exchange for daily and weekly papers; get a Saturday Globe and change your novels. m21-1f

WANTED—Two or three men of business experience and good address to do newspaper canvassing; fair salary to good men. Call at Room 28, Hotel Victoria, between 9 and 10 o'clock a.m., or after 6 p.m. m21

TO RENT OR FOR SALE—Eleven acres, all cleared land, with good house, barn, stable, etc., fruit bearing trees, city water laid on; selling price, \$2,500, or will rent for \$100 per month. Lee & Fraser, 11 Truncheon Ave. m21

MORE CRAWFORD BICYCLES have arrived. Prices, \$50, \$65, and \$75. Orlans & Pimley, sole agents, 42 Broad St. m21-3

WANTED—On or before April 1st, for the St. Albans, Harrison Hot Springs, one first-class chef, with references. Apply by letter, with references, to Brown Bros., Harrison Hot Springs. m21-3f

FOR SALE—A very large Taylor safe, at a bargain. Apply 74 Yates St. m20-5f

SHINGLES FOR SALE—Munn, Holland & Co., Broad Street, opposite the Drift. THE BEST HOUSEHOLD WELLINGTON COAL at lowest market prices. Full weight guaranteed. Only white labor employed. Munn, Holland & Co., Broad Street, opposite Drift. Yard at foot of Johnson Street. m21

NEW WALL PAPER—J. W. Mellor, Fort Street, above Douglas. m21

CREOSOTE OIL, for shingles; 45c. per gallon. J. W. Mellor. m21

MIXED PAINTS—\$1.50 per gallon. J. W. Mellor. m21

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS—"Changes" for standing advertisements must be handed in the office before 11 a.m. of the day the "Change" is desired to appear.

Tenders for Carbons.

Tenders sealed and addressed to the undersigned will be received up to Monday, the 20th inst., at 4 o'clock p. m., for the supply to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of:
50,000 Copper Coated Carbons, 5-8 x 12.
35,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16 x 12.
20,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16 x 8.
As per specifications and conditions which may be seen at the office of the undersigned.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. M. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C.,
March 21, 1896.

THE NEW ARMY UNIFORMS.

What Lads and Lassies of the New U. S. Army Will Wear.

New York, March 21.—Ballington Booth has decided upon the uniform for members and volunteers. Uniforms for men are to be cut much the same as the fatigue costume of the Salvation Army troops, with roll collar and brass buttons, which will be surmounted by the crest of the organization, which is yet to be chosen. The uniforms will be trimmed with braid, denoting the rank of the wearer, insignia to be the same as those of the United States army. The women's uniforms will be navy blue material, with bonnet trimmed to match. The men will wear fatigue caps.

A BAD BOY'S AWFUL DEED.

Angry at His Father, He Poisons the Family With Rough on Hats.

Jackson, Tenn., March 21.—News of a case of wholesale poisoning by a 15 year old boy comes from Henderson county, where Joe Benson and wife and Dr. Stinson, the family physician, may die. The boy, filled with the exploits of dime novels, determined to go to Texas. His father, learning his intentions, followed him to a neighboring town and brought him home. This incensed young Benson and, securing a box of Rough on Hats, he put it in the coffee. At the first meal, he and his wife drank of the deadly beverage, and was taken violently ill. Dr. Stinson was called in and while attending the father partook of the next meal, and with the boy's mother, became a victim of the poisoning. Young Benson is in jail and has confessed to the crime.

PERSONAL.

Geo. B. Ogg, London, is a guest at the Oriental.
E. V. Bodwell returned from the Sound this morning.
Miss E. M. Pemberton left this morning for Europe.
G. M. Leiseman returned from the Mainland last evening.
John Campbell, barber, of Vancouver, is at the Drift.
Charles Butler, Port Townsend, is registered at the Oriental.
W. C. Sampson and James Reid, of Vancouver, are at the Drift.
Dr. Milne and J. H. Falconer returned from Vancouver by the Charmer last evening.
Dr. Thos. McDavitt, of St. Paul, and H. C. Howers, of the "Portland" hotel, are visiting in the city.
Walter Oakes, of the N. P. R., E. E. Ellis, of the Union Pacific, and W. R. Rust, of Tacoma, are in the city.
A party of Northern Pacific railroad officials, consisting of Chas. S. Fee, general passenger and ticket agent; A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent; I. A. Nadeau, general agent at Seattle, and Alex. Thilling, general agent at Tacoma, came over today on the Victoria, and will return by the Selkome to-morrow.

See the "Perfect" bicycle before you place your order. Shore's Hardware Store.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

GOVERNMENT IS PLEDGED.

To Remedial Legislation and Will Stick to It, Says the Finance Minister.

They Will Push It Even to the Exclusion of the Estimates.

Minor Doings in Various Parts of the Dominion Briefly Chronicled.

Ottawa, March 21.—The government are pledged to remedial legislation and will not go back a single inch, declared Mr. Foster in the commons yesterday in speaking to the motion that government business should take precedence on Monday. This motion was opposed by the Liberals, who urged the necessity of completing private legislation now on the order paper, and charged that it was contrary to the understanding between the government and the Liberals and also that the government was acting unreasonably. This led Mr. Foster to explain that as the life of parliament might not continue beyond the 25th of April, it was necessary that the government should have every hour available to push forward the remedial bill which was the most important measure before the house, and they intended to pass it, even to the exclusion of the estimates, which have also to be considered. As to the life of parliament, the government were considering the point and would let the house know their decision on Monday. The ministers finally agreed to hold the motion over till Tuesday next.

All the afternoon and evening sittings were taken up wrangling over the life of parliament, the remedial bill and Sir Donald Smith's negotiations with the Greenway government regarding the school question.

Messrs. Dickey and Desjardins are preparing to leave for Winnipeg to confer with the Manitoba government with a view to arranging a mutual settlement of the school question. It is understood that Sir Donald Smith will also be one of the government's delegates who may take their departure today.

Mr. McCarthy has issued a manifesto, as president of the Equal Rights League, asking for aid and subscriptions from the public for the general election.

Winnipeg, March 21.—Peter Harkness, a Red River pioneer, died yesterday.

Whitby, March 21.—The jury in the Alzer insurance case to-day returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to seven years in Kingston penitentiary.

St. Thomas, March 21.—A boiler in H. R. Palmerson's mill near Elmwood, exploded to-day, killing a young man named Lewis Cole and injuring others.

Bellefleur, March 21.—Maggie Deshane, aged 19, with her little brother were cutting small trees, when one falling struck her on the head, inflicting a scalp wound which caused death in a few hours.

Newcastle, Ont., March 21.—Early this morning fire broke out and almost destroyed the Chandler block, causing a loss of \$25,000. Ten businesses are burned out. This is the second disastrous fire for this town inside of two months.

OKANAGAN GOLD.

Prospectors in Vernon District Make Encouraging Reports.

Vernon News: The citizens of Vernon are, as a body, somewhat skeptical in regard to anything pertaining to mining—especially when it is suggested to them that there is a possibility of anything good in our immediate vicinity. For the most part they will say they hope it may be so, but in that tone which implies: we have our doubts.

The ease of access, the facilities for shipping and the abundant water power at points apparent to all, but the probability of mineral wealth are not so readily admitted.

The work of prospecting by local greenhorns—your old-time California miner, not finding the formation he was accustomed to in the old days, says there is nothing but miners' hardy ever do find anything—has revealed the fact that we are surrounded by large deposits of gold bearing rocks.

Whether gold exists in quantities to pay can only be ascertained by developments on a larger scale than the local capital is capable of carrying on. This development work, we are happy to state, will in all probability be entered into on one property at least by a company of Scotch capitalists within the next few weeks.

Within the past few weeks, to the west of the city, small ledges of comparatively high grade gold bearing quartz have been discovered, carrying gold from surface assays of from \$10 to \$100 per ton.

The general direction of the ledges is northeast and southwest; dip to the northwest. The formation runs northwest and southeast and dip to the northeast. To the south of the city granite is the country rock; coming north, belts of schist and slate are encountered, with blow-outs of lime formation.

The principal group of claims are the Bon Diablo, the Swan Lake, the Larkin, Camp Lefroy and Camp Morden. The Bon Diablo is situated on the

B X ranch and is owned by Messrs. Costerton and Simmons. Large blow-outs of gray quartz, mineralized with iron pyrites and carry free gold in quantities of from \$5 to \$8, are met with on all the claims of this group. Two shafts, one fifteen and the other twenty-five feet have been sunk, but the most development has been done by the B X creek in cutting through an immense ledge of gray quartz, which assays \$8 per ton.

The Swan Lake group consists of some seven claims situate to the east of Swan Lake and owned by the Swan Lake Mining and Development Company, of which Mr. W. J. Armstrong was the organizer. A large belt of gold bearing quartz, assaying from \$1 to \$15 on the surface, cuts through the group north-easterly. A shaft forty feet deep has been sunk.

The Larkin group, now being prospected by Messrs. McLellan, McArthur and Brown, is situate close to Larkin station and is similar in formation to the Larkin group. Assays from \$6 to \$8.

The Lefroy group is situate on the west side of Swan Lake. The formation is slate, the ledges small but heavily mineralized with iron and copper pyrites and carrying gold. Mr. Shook was the first locator of this group, and for the past two weeks has been in partnership with G. Milligan and G. Howard engaged in opening up the ledge. The ledge is apparently about two feet wide and assays from \$1 to 10 in gold. An assay from a large piece of float found on this claim went \$100 in gold. Whether this float came from the claim or the bill above has yet to be decided.

Camp Morden is situate on the point between Okanagan Lake and the East Arm. The first claim was located last week by Mr. Morden. The ledge is six to eight feet wide and carries Galena and gold. Assays \$10 in gold and \$54 in silver.

We have no intention of endeavoring to create a boom, but we wish to show our readers that the prospects about the city are good and fully justify development work to the utmost of your powers. One encouraging feature is that free gold up to the size of a small pea has been found on the different locations and in all cases the larger proportion of gold in assays has been free milling.

The following claims have been recorded since the first of the month:

COMMONAGE.

Aberdeen—Howard & Appleton.
Counsell—Howard & Appleton.
Mackie—J. Y. Birnie.

FOUR MILES N. E. OF VERNON.
Maid of Erin—J. E. Johnson.
Pleasant View—John Erickson.

B. X. CREEK.
Hidden Treasure—W. L. Simmons.
Alexandria—G. H. Meakin.
Star of India—Wm. C. Bate.
Cynthia—F. McGowan.

CAMP LEFROY.
Busby—F. H. Latimer.
Clarion—F. M. Kerby.
Bon-Ton—F. M. Kerby.
Babel—F. H. Latimer.
Trinity—F. H. Barnes.
Big D—H. F. Dennison.
Blue Jay—F. H. Latimer.

LARKIN.
King Bee—McLellan & McArthur.
King of the Forest—McLellan & McArthur.

CAMP MORDEN.
Morning Glory—A. E. Morden.
Seventeen miners' licences have been taken out since the first of March.

LATEST FROM LONDON

Notes From the Transvaal—Venerable Bishop Dead—Mr. Bayard's Censure.

More About Venezuela—Egyptian Debt Commissioners on the Nile Expedition.

London, March 21.—The Evening Standard publishes a dispatch from Johannesburg saying that the Diggers' News, of that place, announces that Mr. John Hays Hammond, an American engineer and member of the Reform committee, and how on trial, repudiates the letter which appeared in some American newspapers purporting to have emanated from him. A fresh outcry is being raised against the alleged Americanizing of the Rand, and mining magnates, who, it appears, have adopted the method of placing machinery orders in the United States instead of England. It was pointed out that the directors of English companies are also directors of American companies.

Venerable George Anthony Decision, archdeacon of Tunton, is dead, aged 91.

The United States ambassador, Mr. Thomas Bayard, received no special cable messages yesterday regarding the adoption by the house of representatives of the resolution reported by the committee for foreign affairs concerning him for expressions used in speeches delivered by him.

Regarding the direct negotiations on the Venezuelan question, which are now said to be in progress, it is stated here that the government is endeavoring to ascertain the exact legal definition of the settlers' rights, apart from the merits of mere squatters.

Constantinople, March 21.—Mr. Fitzmaurice, British vice-consul, has returned from Erza, and reports that about 8000 people were massacred during the recent disturbances there.

Cairo, March 21.—The Egyptian debt commissioners met to-day and considered the question of the withdrawal of £1,000,000 from the reserve in order to meet the expenses of the expedition up the Nile, but adjourned without coming to any decision.

DICKEY AND DESJARDINS

Will Proceed to Winnipeg With the Savior of the Conservative Party.

It Will be Similar to the Farce of the Famous Reciprocity Hunt.

They Hope Mr. Greenway Will Give Them Some Pretext to Abuse Him.

Ottawa, March 21.—There was a meeting of the cabinet this forenoon, when the question of sending delegates to Winnipeg was up for consideration. Premier Bowell, who has been ill, was present at the meeting. While it is expected that the delegates will leave on Monday, it is not yet definitely settled. Messrs. Dickey and Desjardins will likely be the delegates. If full arrangements are not made for their going on Monday, Mr. Desjardins will go ahead of Mr. Dickey and prepare the way for him, as Archbishop Langevin is said to be opposed to the conference. It is thought that Mr. Desjardins may succeed in having him converted to their idea before Mr. Dickey reaches Winnipeg.

It is not known yet who of the Liberals, if any, will go. The whole affair is viewed here as a farce. What the government is in hope of doing is the same as when they went to Vancouver in regard to obtaining reciprocity. They are hopeful of picking something out of Mr. Greenway which will assist them in coming back here and abusing him so as to call upon their forces to put through the coercion bill. Mr. Greenway ought to be as careful of them as he would be of political burglars.

Later—Lord Aberdeen this afternoon signed a commission appointing Messrs. Dickey, Desjardins and Sir Donald Smith commissioners to go to Winnipeg to meet Mr. Greenway's government in regard to the school question. They will report to the cabinet on their return. They leave on Monday.

THE DIVIDED BOOTHS.

The Departure of the Booth-Tuckers From London for New York to-day.

The General Confident That Ballington Booth Will Return to the Fold.

London, March 21.—There was a large gathering of members of the Salvation Army at the Waterloo railway station to-day to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, who sail for New York from Southampton in order to assume command of the "forces" there. At nine o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, their two children and Major Milan, Sister Felice of the Italian Salvation Army, who is accompanying the Booth-Tuckers to the United States, arrived at the railroad station and were greeted warmly by their fellow workers. Booth-Tucker, in an interview at the station, said: "Our plan, primarily, is this: We hope to induce Ballington to return to the fold and will make him most liberal offers. Failing this, we have great belief in the efficacy of prayer and shall labor with him in a prayerful spirit. We have great hopes of his sister's influence, as he is very fond of her, and this may prevail with him and induce him to come back to the General's side. Should he continue obstinate, I do not believe it will greatly effect the army." Mrs. Booth-Tucker, who is a tall, attractive woman, with large grey eyes and who speaks in a softly modulated voice, said: "I shall try to induce my brother and sister to remain with the rest of the family. I have great hopes of being able to accomplish this, both by persuasion and prayer."

Shortly before the train left the Waterloo station, General Booth arrived and entered the carriage in which Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker were seated. He conversed with his daughter. As the train steamed out all the Salvationists removed their hats and shouted: "Victory! Victory!" The General kissed both his son and daughter and sprang upon the platform; there he formed his hands into a trumpet and shouted: "Remember my message to America."

The General, during the course of an interview after the departure of the Booth-Tuckers for Southampton, remarked: "My message to America is simply peace and good will." When asked if he thought Ballington Booth would return to the army headed by himself, the General replied: "Absolutely confident he will." The General was then asked why he was confident. He answered: "On account of my prayers."

"Will the spirit affect your plans?" was the next question. "No," replied the General. "My army is constantly increasing in power. America is a great country, but there are many heathens, would-be souls there, whom we hope to see converted to America's path."

"Will you believe my minister's efforts will be crowned with success. I believe my army is to be the red cross army for the whole world. It affords relief to the wounded and will even extend aid to wounded prisoners."

METCHOSIN'S MESSAGE.

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also considered their ways and means and the increased revenue which the railway would unquestionably bring to the province.

He believed the government should have renewed the policy of selling public lands, not by warrants (applause)—but as was done in past years. They should also cut down the cost of government to the lowest point consistent with good service and efficiency.

Mr. Helmecken would not object to paying increased taxes if he were going to get some benefit from the increased taxation, and he believed the farmers were of the same mind.

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Mr. Helmecken read the hope expressed in the Queen's speech to the imperial parliament on the occasion of the confederation.

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In each section of the province doing the other all the good it can, and above all, supporting any proposition that had for its object the general benefit of the province.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. George Brown, and carried, only one vote being cast against it.

HOOD'S PILLS become the favorite emollient with all who use them.

In moving the resolution, Mr. Hayward spoke of Mr. Rithet's success as a business man.

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How Wise Women Economise in Hard Times.

A Ten Cent Investment Saves Dollars.

When business men, farmers and mechanics complain of hard times, the women of the country realize the fact as quickly as the men.

Instead of buying a new dress for herself and new clothing for the children, the thrifty and economizing woman uses the Diamond Dyes to re-color old and faded dresses and suits, which are made to look as good as new.

The Diamond Dyes are true aids to economy; they are especially prepared for home use and are guaranteed the strongest and fastest of all known dyes.

See that your dealer sells you the Diamond Dyes; refuse all imitations and crude dyes, and so avoid having your materials and garments ruined.

—People of good taste use Odonora for their teeth—Do you?

—Garden tools at cut prices at Shore's Hardware store, 57 Johnson street.

A MANITOULIN ADVENTURE.

The following thrilling story is from the latest number of the Manitoulin Herald. Many are the dangers to which travelers on the ice are exposed, but never is such a thrilling experience as Robert McFarlane's.

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Iron Pills.

OVERWORKED HIS HEART

And Would Have Been a Dead Man but for Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart.

The whole trend of present day living is in the direction of the grave. Where our fathers lived so that they might prolong life, the people of the present day live so that they may shorten it.

AUCTION SALES.

JOSHUA DAVIES AUCTIONEER.

Will Sell by Public Auction on Saturday, April 11th, 1896.

At his Salesroom, Bastion Square, at 12 o'clock noon, all the property and franchises as a going concern of the

Victoria Electric Ry & Lighting Company, LIMITED.

For full particulars apply to MESSRS. McPHILLIPS, WOOLTON & HARNARD, SOLICITORS, Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria.

AMUSEMENTS

VICTORIA THEATRE.

ONE NIGHT.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21.

The Twentieth Century Comedians.

MURRAY and MACK

Presenting that Whirlwind of Irish Fun.

Finnigan's Ball.

The Barium of All Farce Comedies.

A bewitching show of Penmanship! A Coterie of Clever Comedians! A Contingent of Dazzling Dancers! A Bunch of Jolly Songstresses! And Fun from Start to Finish.

Prices as usual. Seats now on sale at Junctions.

--GRAND--

Concert.

GIVEN BY

LADIES' AUXILIARY

For the benefit of the Jubilee Hospital, under the patronage of Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, at

Institute Hall, Tuesday, March 24th,

at 8 p.m.

TICKETS, 50 CENTS.

Gentlemen, open your eyes and examine this School candidly. We think it excellent for our Province, but we don't claim that it is perfect. If you can show us where it can be improved we are proud to make the improvements, but we won't submit to blind dictation!



BLIND DICTATION WON'T WORK!

ing. (Cheers.) If this guarantee of \$6,000,000 is too much, how much will the government give?

Mr. H. Hayward moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this meeting the unequalled rejection of the proposals lately made by the promoters of the British Pacific railway to the government was not in accordance with the pronounced position which the government assumed before the last general elections, and this meeting requests the representatives of Esquimalt district in the local house to use their best endeavors to obtain such public aid as may be necessary to secure the early completion of the British Pacific railway."

These Three Ecclesiastics Have Each Spoken Cordial Words in Favor of Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder.

One of the most cordial endorsements of the curative powers of Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder has come from the Bishop of Toronto.

BISHOP, RECTOR AND CURATE.

Discussing abroad the features of respective armies with a foreign officer, who owed in some measure his confidential intimacy to the effects of champagne, I inquired: "Are those who hold the grade of sergeant as 'gentlemen' in your service?"

A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring may be the means of keeping you well and hearty all summer.

WHO ARE GENTLEMEN?

A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring may be the means of keeping you well and hearty all summer.

MARCH. Table with columns S, M, T, W, T, F, S and rows 1-31.

JOSHUA DAVIES AUCTIONEER, Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

THE PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

It is pleasant to be able to commend the provincial government for making at least some attempt at economy in the administration of the public funds.

THROWING OFF DISGUISE.

A mistake seems to have been made in respect of Sir Charles Tupper's remedial bill tactics. It was reported that he would be content for the moment with crowding the bill through its second reading, thereafter allowing some interval for the negotiations with the Greenway government.

"How very absurd it is for the Dominion government to continue its ridiculous course with regard to the remedial bill. What is the object of forcing the bill through its second reading, and according to all parliamentary precedent committing the house to the principle of the bill, and still continue to talk about reaching a compromise or settlement of the question with Mr. Greenway? What can be the possible object of getting the Ontario members whose constituents distinctly disapprove of the remedial bill, to vote their acquiescence in the objectionable measure, and thereby ruin their chances of reelection, if the government has the slightest hope that anything will come of the proposed conference with Mr. Greenway?"

"Taking all the circumstances into consideration, the conclusion is irresistible that the proposed conference with Mr. Greenway is a will-o'-the-wisp to lure Conservative members representing Protestant constituencies to support the remedial bill. It seems to be little concern to the government whether or not the members whom it is trying to induce to support coercion, should be forced as a result of their betrayal of their constituents, to disappear altogether from the political stage. Members who vote against their conscience in favor of this unholy proposal to coerce an autonomous province, are committing a crime against their country."

Sir Charles has taken pains to show that coercion, not conciliation, is the real desire of the government. From a party point of view the Liberals could have asked nothing better, but as patriots they must deeply regret that the country should be rent by the raising of creed and sectarian strife to further the ends of the desperate gang of "political cracksmen" now in power.

There may be some doubt still lingering in the minds of Victorians regarding Col. Prior's position in the ministry but none can exist as to his position on the coercion bill. He supported that, as Sir Hibbert would say, "up to the hilt."

Voting "aye" on a bill to coerce a small province is a quick way to earn \$5000, isn't it?

Premier Bowell may take it into his head to discharge our "cabinet minister," now that the dirty trick has been accomplished.

Truth, justice, honor, manhood are as chaff when weighed with \$5000 per annum, as some individuals see things.

The Colonel will probably not return home by way of Manitoba. The thermometer there now registers one hundred degrees in the shade.

Col. Prior may not be a statesman, but he is certainly somewhat of a prophet. He dubbed the British Pacific railway project a "cock and bull story" and said Manitoba would be forced to restore separate schools. It looks as if he knew what he was talking about.

What a blessing it would be for Canada if Tupper the Elder had, like President Cleveland, a penchant for duck-hunting! Popular subscription would then provide a multitude of ducks that he might be kept everlastingly at it.

The division bell awakened Mr. Earle, it is said, just in time for him to get in and coerce.

The "old flag" has been somewhat neglected of late. Probably because "old flag" and "coercion" don't rhyme well.

The house was in session thirty-six hours before a vote was reached on the second reading of the coercion bill. A little reflection leads us to believe that no doubt it is worth \$5000 to keep awake that length of time.

The history of the Tupper family ought never to be published. The morals of future generations must be protected in some slight degree, surely.

And in a few days we shall be told that the great Conservative party is the party of progress, of liberty, of justice!

If the coercion bill finally passes the house Tupper, Bowell & Co. should be asked to proceed to Manitoba and see to its enforcement. The deputations would certainly be warmly received.

President Kruger of the Transvaal is said to get £400 annually from the public treasury for "coffee money," which means for the entertainment of distinguished guests. In that respect Oom Paul is "better fixed" than our own Col. Baker, who gets only \$6.50 for a similar purpose. Perhaps "coffee" is more expensive in the Transvaal than it is in Victoria.

Says the Columbian: "The Conservative convention in nominating Mr. T. C. Atkinson as their standard-bearer in the forthcoming general election, have followed suit to the Liberal convention, by putting another legal luminary in the field, and have thereby emphasized the contradiction that the farmers of the district have an antipathy to lawyers as representatives. This nomination puts the two parties on an equal footing so far as this point is concerned. Personally, we do not think the Liberals have anything to fear in a comparison of the two candidates; and as to the policy and principles of the contending parties—on which it is now assured the election in this district will be chiefly fought—the advantage is undoubtedly with the Liberals."

MUNICIPAL FIRE INSURANCE.

Various attempts have been made in different European countries to establish a system of state or municipal fire insurance, and the most successful examples are to be found in that nursery of European Democracy—Switzerland. In Zurich and several other cantons, fire insurance is made a part of cantonal government. One of the best laws on the subject is in operation in Basel-Stadt, one of the smallest of Swiss cantons, containing only 23,000 people—less than the population of a small London local government district. The town of Basel has a population of 90,000, so that the community is largely an urban one. The fire insurance law is administered by the "General Obligatory Mutual Fire Insurance Institution," operating under the department of finance. The law is not only compulsory, but the system is a monopoly, as buildings insured by it are not allowed to carry additional insurance. Several classes of buildings are excluded from the operation of the law, including churches which belong to the state, buildings of less value than 2000, when situated some distance from towns or villages, as they perhaps run little or no risk, and buildings which are of too hazardous a nature, such as theatres and powder mills.

A valuation commission, appointed by the government council, values the buildings in the presence of the owner or his agents. The value is determined "by the amount which at the time of valuation the buildings in their then existing construction would cost for material and labor, with deductions for age, use, poor state of repairs, etc." Local advantages or site value does not influence the valuation, and movable objects, such as machines or parts of machinery, are excluded. Buildings are divided into four classes according to the nature of the risk, and the premiums are graduated accordingly. Dwelling houses in the presence of not used for manufacturing purposes pay a premium of 6c. per 1000. Factories or workshops pay 10c. per 1000. Places of greater hazard, such as breweries, distilleries, gas works, tobacco factories, pay 12c. per 1000, while class four, including chemical factories, dyeing works, and a few more places where the risk is still greater, pay at the rate of 12c. When the hazard is exceptional, and in the case of buildings which must never exceed 2c. on each 1000, it is made—Contemporary Review.

—Good digestion means good appetite, but what's the use without good teeth—Use Odolona for your teeth; it not only prevents decay, but preserves them permanently.

—"Tell your troubles to a policeman," then go and see Murray & Macy in "Pinnigan's Hall."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, March 20.—At a mass meeting called by petition to the mayor to-night the following resolution was passed, moved by Colonel Faulk Warren, seconded by J. C. McLagan:

"Resolved, that we, the citizens of Vancouver assembled, express approbation of the policy adopted by Hon. J. H. Turner and his colleagues in declining the proposals made by the promoters of the British Pacific railway, as embodied in the correspondence recently laid before the house, which, if accepted, must have ended in financial disaster to the province.

"Further, this meeting desires to impress upon the government its belief that British Columbia is not in a position to bear increased financial burdens in the way of taxation and any attempt made to enlarge the burdens already being carried by the taxpayers will prove to be detrimental to the interests of the province.

"That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor, a member of the executive council, the speaker and each member of the legislative assembly."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, March 27.—Chas. Warwick came before the court yesterday. Mr. Justice Walken presiding. He elected to be tried speedily. After the indictment was read the prisoner pleaded "guilty of the shortage." Permission was then given Warwick to make a short statement, in the course of which he said he was very sorry that he had done wrong; that he had no intention of committing any crime; that he had tried hard to make amends and was at present trying to do so, and still had hope of making restitution; and that he had already been punished several times over by remorse and an accusing conscience. His Lordship said he was puzzled to know how the auditor had arrived at the conclusion that the books had not been falsified, and took occasion to remark that he knew as much about books as the auditor, and that was not saying much for himself. In the course of the discussion it was admitted that the auditor had not examined the bank pass book, which was, apparently, the only solution of the problem of how the shortages were covered. His Lordship then asked if the Crown wished to press the case to the full extent of the law. Mr. McColl explained that, in the absence of instructions on the point, he most certainly would not and was glad of the opportunity to first suggest certain extenuating circumstances. Mr. Morrison, for the defence also emphasized these points, even suggesting that the sentence be suspended to give the defendant an opportunity to perfect his plans for restitution. His Lordship, however, would not hear of this, and went on to charge the prisoner. He said he had very reluctantly acceded to the requests of Mr. Justice McCraith and Mr. Justice Bole to try the case. He admitted the whole community could be brought to testify to the good character of the defendant, but instanced the case of the directors of the Glasgow Bank. He inclined to the view, in such cases, that the swiftness of justice was preferable to severity, and considering the penalty had been incurred in a cool systematic system of wrongdoing, the sentence of four years in the penitentiary might be considered a light one.

Four names were before the Conservative convention, viz.: W. B. Townsend, Capt. L. Thompson, E. Hutchinson and T. C. Atkinson. After the test ballots Messrs. Townsend and Thompson withdrew, the contest virtually remaining between the city and district votes. On the fourth ballot T. C. Atkinson was elected by a majority of 12 votes over E. Hutchinson, who thereupon moved that the nomination be made unanimous. It is stated that every one in the convention was satisfied with the result. On the "outside," however, there is talk of an independent "dark horse" coming out.

More About the Great Remedy Which Relieves Rheumatism in a Few Hours and Cures in One to Three Days.

William McKenzie, Esq., of the G. T. R., Thamesville, Ont., writes: "About two years ago I was completely laid up with the rheumatism and called in our family physician who attended me for weeks without benefit. At last I secured a bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure, and obtained relief in a few hours. Two bottles enabled me to resume work. It is the quickest acting remedy in the market, as one dose convinces of its great worth." Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Miss Jane Douglas Haley recently died at Swanssea, Wales, at the age of ninety-six. Her father served with Lord Nelson on board the Victory, and among the deceased lady's possessions were the trousseau worn by Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar.

—Simson S. Hartman, of Tunnelton, West Va., has been subject to attacks of colic about once a year, and would have to call a doctor and then suffer for about twelve hours as much as some do when they die. He was taken recently just the same as at other times, and concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says: "I took one dose of it and it gave me relief in five minutes. That is more than anything has ever done for me." For sale by all druggists; Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

Recent sales of autographs in London show that Mark Twain's signature is worth twelve shillings and sixpence, Bret Harte's eight, Andrew Lang's six, and Rider Haggard's three. For some inscrutable reason Mrs. Humphry Ward's autograph is considered worth six shillings, while Southey's is only fifteen.

—Truly astonishing—Miss Annette N. Moen, Fountain, Minn., says: "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has had a wonderful effect in curing my brother's children of a severe and dangerous cold. It was truly astonishing how speedily they found relief after taking this preparation."

—Spring consignments of Crossley's carpets at Weiler Bros.

WE announce further startling reductions in Furniture and Furnishing Goods in order to make room for a large lot of new Goods soon to arrive. B. C. Furniture Co., JACOB SEHL, Manager. Government Street.

THE GREAT Mortgage Sale Manchester House Will be continued for a short time longer, but the mortgagees, to effect a speedy clearance of the stock, have decided to make a further reduction in the already Low Prices. Store Will be Closed on Friday, March 20th, to Re-Mark Stock. Re-Open on Saturday Morning. J. H. WARK, Manager.

Grogan—And what d'ye think ay the law they have been makin' in New York, that a saloon cannot be widin 200 feet ay a church? Hogan—Sure, an' it is a good thing. After the man comes out ay the saloon it gives him a good 200 foot walk for him to find out do he need another drink before he goes into the church.

M. M. Baudry and Benjamin Constant are preparing plans for the mosque that is to be erected in Paris. It will probably stand on the Quai d'Orsay, near the Chamber of Deputies.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

"Finnigan's Ball"

The opposition central committee rooms are now located in the Balmora Block, Douglas Street.

Robert McDonald was this morning sentenced to two months with hard labor for stealing a dozen jumpers from M. Marks.

Another large audience attended the weekly promenade band concert given in the drill hall last evening by the Fifth Regiment Band.

Donations to the Refuge Home are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Flett, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. D. Spencer, A. Friend.

Mrs. Spotts, wife of Fielding Spotts, of South Saanich, died this morning. Deceased was a native of St. Louis, Missouri, aged 64 years.

Ladies are respectfully invited to inspect the latest novelties in millinery, personally selected by Miss E. J. Duffie. Opening day to-morrow, Thursday, March 19th, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates Street.

The Friendly Help association would greatly appreciate donations of men's outer and under clothing. Anyone desiring to contribute such for the benefit of the needy may leave the same at No. 40, Market building.

A meeting is to be held at Duncan's this evening to discuss the British Pacific railway proposition. Messrs. Mutter and Huff, members for Cowichan, went up this afternoon.

The members of the Sir William Wallace Society, held their regular weekly entertainment last evening, those contributing to the programme being: Messrs. Gillies, Brownlie, Munro, Bell, Muir, and Jameson. The "Red o' Tulloch" and "Auld Lang Syne" brought the proceedings to a close.

A good programme has been prepared for the popular entertainment of the Y. M. C. A. to-night. There will be club singing by Miss Purdy, professor in callisthenics and a stereopticon exhibition by Mr. Ball, showing a complete series of slides on "Uncle Tom's Cabin," besides comic pictures.

"Get off the corner," and let the crowd go by to see Murray & Mack in "Finnigan's Ball."

Murray and Mack, the Irish stars, in their latest vehicle of fun, "Finnigan's Ball," appear at the Victoria theatre to-night. "Finnigan's Ball" has been partly re-written, and is strictly up to date. The action is brisk, the dialogue is sparkling with fun, and the surprises are many. The specialties are all new and novel and the supporting company is exceptionally strong.

We received our first shipment of superb Czar bicycles this morning, and will be pleased to show them to our many friends. They are beyond doubt the handsomest high grade bicycles ever shown in Victoria, with every improvement up to date, the most notable being their wonderful narrow tread, but 3 1/2 inches from outside to outside of crank, the narrowest tread ever constructed, fully covered by patents, and manufactured only by the Czar Bicycle Co. of Chicago. Cameron's Clothing Store, 55 Johnson Street.

A jury was empaneled by Coroner Crompton this afternoon to enquire into the death of Nellie Davis, an eighteen year old girl who has been living in a cabin on Discovery Street with George Bowen, alias Swensen, for several years. Bowen and the girl were on a spree yesterday and were taken home helplessly drunk. During the evening Bowen woke up to find the girl dying. Her mother was summoned, but before she arrived Nellie was dead. She was lying on her face and it was believed she was suffocated. Bowen was retained at the police station pending the result of the inquest.

And the parrot said "let's go" and see Murray & Mack in "Finnigan's Ball" to-night.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria held yesterday afternoon, it was decided that the Central Presbyterian church should be dis-organized, this being in accordance with the wishes of the congregation. The session was authorized to grant certificates of church membership to all in good standing on the church's communion roll. The Sabbath school and week night services will be placed under the care of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Winchester presented an encouraging report on Chinese mission work. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held on the first

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"Tell your troubles to a policeman," then go and see Murray & Mack in "Finnigan's Ball" to-night.

Colfax Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., meets as usual on Tuesday evening. There will be an initiation.

Grand millinery opening at the Lansdowne House to-morrow, Thursday, March 19th, and following days.

The Juvenile Opera Company will hold the first full rehearsal of "Olivette" Tuesday afternoon after school, in the theatre.

The monthly meeting of members of the G. W. C. A. will be held on Monday, March 23rd, at 3 o'clock at the association rooms on Johnson Street.

To-morrow, Thursday, March 19th, and following days, Miss E. J. Duffie will be pleased to show the ladies of the city up-to-date styles in millinery, hats and bonnets. Show room upstairs, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates Street.

The weather man appears to be a trifle confused in his dates; but no matter what the weather may be, don't mistake the date of Partridge's millinery opening, to-morrow, Thursday, 19th March, and following days, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates Street.

We have just received a nice line of Tapestry Stair Carpets. We advise an early selection by our patrons who have been waiting for these goods. Welser Bros.

The Companions of the Forest have decided to make their annual Primrose Ball a grand success. There will be prizes for the best set of Saratoga Lancers and also a prize minstrel. A fine supper will be spread, and Richardson's orchestra will provide the music.

It is understood that the schedule between Victoria and Kootenay by the N. P. R. and Spokane Falls railway, is to be shortly changed so that passengers can reach Nelson 26 hours after leaving here. The service would be a daily one. The N. P. R. is now running a daily freight service to Kootenay.

The case of J. C. McClure vs. James McCurdy was thrown out of the Post Towns court on Thursday. The suit was for slander and \$5000 damages. McClure charging McCurdy with being responsible for statements made about him at the time he went to the Sound after his children who had been taken away by Mrs. McClure. The alleged false statements were to the effect that McClure had ill-treated his wife.

All last winter Mr. George A. Mills of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies without receiving relief," he says, "until about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since." For sale by all druggists; Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

Fernwood lodge, C. O. O. F., held its quarterly meeting on Friday evening and a large attendance of members were present. Two propositions for membership were received and invitations will take place at the next meeting of the lodge. Two candidates were initiated into the scarlet and gold degrees. Dauntless lodge will meet on Tuesday evening, when two candidates will be initiated into the order. Victoria Purple Encampment meets on Saturday evening next, when initiation will be held.

The council of the board of trade decided not to take any action in regard to the malignant resolution offered in Vancouver city council by Ald. Scott condemnatory of the British Pacific and warning British investors against the project. The antidote, it was believed, would be the result of an agreement was obviously the result of an unworthy sectionalism. A question as to trading in our own territory on the Yukon, and the action of the Dominion government in giving the only two liquor permits issued to large American companies, was freely criticized, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with Hon. Mr. Prior in respect to the matter.

"If Casey dances, I'll blow out the gas," however, secure your seats to see Murray & Mack in "Finnigan's Ball."

While sitting in the Dominion Hotel last evening just after dinner John Joshua Russel, the well known cab driver was attacked by heart ailment and died in a few minutes, and before a medical man who had been summoned could arrive. The deceased arrived in Victoria in 1862 and was almost continuously engaged in the hack driving business. About ten years ago he made considerable money by lucky speculations and selling his hack purchased the Strawberry Vale farm where he resided until a few years ago. Last year he again purchased a hack which he drove up to the time of his death. "Lord John" as he was known to a large majority of the residents of Victoria, had a rather checkered career. He was twice married and twice separated. It was through his last legal separation that he commenced his campaign against Sir H. P. P. Croome, who he alleged, had not acted fairly when the case was before him in the courts. He had been worrying over this a great deal lately, having been unable to have a petition laid before the legislature. This worry, with some trouble he had with a few hackdrivers yesterday, is believed to have hastened his death. Deceased was 55 years of age. He had been complaining for some time of heart trouble.

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STORY OF THE WRECK

Capt. Sears Sends a Report of the St. Pierre Disaster to Capt. John Irving.

N. P. R. Liner Victoria, Loaded to the Water's Edge, Leaves for the Orient.

Captain John Irving, manager of the C. P. N. Company, received a letter yesterday from Captain Sears in which are given the details of the incidents which led to the abandoning of the St. Pierre. This letter was written on board the steamer Normania on the 27th ult. The St. Pierre left Halifax on the 13th of February and on the following day the engines had to be stopped to repair the feed pipe. On the 15th a storm sprang up, which increased in fury until the 17th. The steamer rolled heavily and shipped considerable water. In the afternoon of the 17th, when very high seas were running, the boiler shifted, breaking the feed pipe close off. All the water above the pipe came pouring out of the boiler and drove everybody from the stoke room. The steamer was now at the mercy of the waves and began to take in water. The engineer immediately got steam on the donkey boiler but as the water had got in among the coal, the pipes were clogged and refused to work. All hands were then kept busy bailing, but the water increased. Officers and crew worked day and night without food or sleep until the 20th, when the full-rigged ship Fidello, bound for Bremen, hove in sight. Captain Sears had still hopes of saving the St. Pierre as the weather had moderated. After consulting with the mate and engineer, he decided to stay with the steamer. The crew who were completely fagged wished to abandon the steamer but were persuaded to remain. By continuous bailing they succeeded in getting the water below the boiler when it was found that the blocks on which it rested were all adrift and it was simply resting on the bilge stay on which it swung from side to side. It was impossible to make the boiler solid. On the 22nd a breeze sprang up and the steamer rolled heavily and again made a great deal of water. At 3:30 p.m. the passenger steamer Normania, bound for Gibraltar, hove in sight. The distress signals were hoisted, the Normania lowered a boat and all were taken aboard. Captain Sears wished the Normania to tow the St. Pierre into the nearest port, but as the chief engineer of the Normania gave it as his opinion that she could not be kept afloat, she was abandoned.

The Northern Pacific liner Victoria arrived from Tacoma this morning and left for the Orient at two o'clock this afternoon. She carries all the freight that could be crowded beneath her hatches. Several consignments ready for shipment at Tacoma could not be taken. Her cargo includes 200,000 feet of lumber from the Sound mills, 1,000 tons of flour, 1,000 bales of cotton dolls, 665 cases condensed milk, 50 tons of machinery and several hundred tons of assorted merchandise, which includes a lot of staves for making sugar barrels. Among her passengers to board here were Capt. Saultre, E. N. J. K. Lee Dye, of Wah Yuen & Co., who is going to China on a business trip, and several Chinese and Japanese in the steerage.

A large consignment of lumber for Charles Spratt's new steamer arrived from Shawinigan Lake to-day. Work on the new vessel will begin on Monday.

Steamer Schome did not arrive from the Sound until late this morning, having waited at Seattle for the Murray &

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Mack company. She brought over a lot of wheat for the Victoria Flour Company.

The steamer Aiki has taken a haul in the cut rate to points in Alaska. She is advertised to sail from Seattle to Juneau and Dyea at 9 a.m. on the 28th and the rates will not exceed \$5 for first class and \$2.50 for steerage.

At low tide this morning the N. P. R. steamer Victoria came alongside the outer wharf drawing 25 feet forward and 27 feet aft. The Empresses seldom draw more than this.

TO-MORROW'S SERVICES. When and Where Victorians Will Worship on Sunday.

St. James' church—8 a.m., Holy Communion 11 a.m., Morning prayer, Litany, and sermon by His Lordship, the Bishop of Columbia; 7 p.m., Evening prayer and sermon by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, who will take as his subject the question, "What think ye of Christ?"

James Bay Methodist church—The pastor Rev. T. J. McCrossan, B. D., will conduct both services. Morning subject, "The Parable of the Draw Net." Evening subject, "Paul at Athens."

Central Presbyterian church, James Bay—Services both morning and evening. Preaching by P. C. L. Harris. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Congregational church, Pandora Avenue—Services to-morrow at the usual hours. The pastor will conduct both services. Morning subject, "The Greatness of Faith." Evening subject, "The Riches of God." Sunday school at 2:30 p.m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, cor. Douglas and Broughton streets, pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A.—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sabbath school and Bible class at 2:30 p.m. The pastor will preach at both services to-morrow.

Reformed Episcopal—Dr. Wilson will preach in the morning on "Thou Shalt Not Kill" and in the evening on the fifth word from the cross, "I thirst."

Emmanuel Baptist church—Anniversary services. Rev. R. W. Trotter will preach at 11 a.m., and Rev. J. F. Betts at 7 p.m. Sunday school and pastor's Bible class at 2:30 p.m. On Monday evening the usual congregational social will be held. Metropolitan Methodist church—Anniversary missionary services will be conducted both morning and evening by Rev. Dr. Simpson, of the First Methodist church, Seattle. Appropriate music by the choir.

St. Barnabas church—Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m.; Matins, Litany, and sermon, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. J. E. Haslam, Sunday school, 2 p.m.; Evensong, sermon and Litany, 7 p.m.; preacher, Rev. J. W. Flinton.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will occupy the pulpit of First Presbyterian church to-morrow at both services. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p.m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

St. John's church—5th Sunday in Lent.—(Preceded Sunday)—11 a.m., Matins, Litany and sermon; 7 p.m., Evensong and sermon by the pastor.

Centennial Methodist church, Rev. J. P. Betts, pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p.m. Subject of morning sermon, "The Unknown God Revealed." In the evening Rev. C. Bryant will preach. Service at Holyoke road at 7 p.m., conducted by Bro. Morris.

Theological Society, 28 Broad Street, Williams Block. Public meeting at 8:15 p.m. Subject, "Theosophical Ideals."

DIED. SPOTTS—At South Saanich, on the 21st inst. Julia, beloved wife of Fielding Spotts, aged 64 years, a native of St. Louis, Missouri.

MILLER—At No. 46 Bae Street, Victoria, on the 18th inst. Ann Miller, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, aged 73 years.

The funeral will take place on Monday, March 23rd, at 2 p.m., from the residence as above, and at Church Cathedral, a few minutes later. Friends are invited to attend.

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"Don't be a chump," but get in line to see Murray & Mack in "Finnigan's Ball" to-night.

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as it was in England. They had tried free trade once, and so long as the Liberal policy was one of free trade as it is in England they would never win the confidence of the Canadian electorate. This is a sample of the arguments which are being advanced against the tariff for revenue—only policy of the Liberal regime, but which existed prior to the advent of power of Alexander Mackenzie, and was then approved of by Sir John Macdonald. Tories may talk as they like about the British policy bringing blue ruin and the Yankee policy being so advantageous to the Dominion, but the great mass of the people have formed their own conclusions and few doubt what the result will be when the electorate have spoken. SLABTOWN.

JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

Select Committee on the Plans for the Operating Theatre Present Report. The report of the select committee on the plans for the operating theatre presented their report to the directors of the Jubilee Hospital. The contract was awarded to Mr. Thomas Catterall. A supplementary donation of \$114 from Mrs. Pemberton was acknowledged in the following resolution: "That the hearty thanks of the board be tendered to Mrs. Pemberton for her generous gift to supplement her previous substantial donation, which enables the board to complete the operating theatre so necessary to carry on the work of the hospital; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Pemberton."

SENATOR BOULTON'S PLAN.

How Closer Commercial Relations with Britain Can Be Secured. Ottawa, March 14.—There was an interesting debate in the senate last night on the motion of Senator Boulton to the effect that the national prosperity of Canada was not being maintained under protection, and that a closer union of the British empire could be more successfully effected by the adoption of the present commercial policy of the United Kingdom as a basis, insuring greater prosperity to its component parts, greater freedom of action and strength than by the imposition of any form of a protective tariff upon the necessities of life. He spoke at great length to his motion, arguing in reply to Sir Charles Tupper's address before the Board of Trade of Montreal that preferential trade within the empire meant freedom of trade in its component parts with a protection tax against the rest of the world and that such a tax involved the necessity for representation in the imperial parliament, because taxation without representation was a fatal defect in national life. He emphasized the further fact that any restriction of the necessities of life would restrict the producing power of the British people and consequently reduce their purchasing power for the commodities which we had to sell. The people of Great Britain possessed the greatest purchasing power for the surplus products of the world, due to the fact that there was no taxation on the necessities of industrial enterprise. If the component parts of the empire were to trade under the commercial policy of Great Britain which had brought to the British people their great prosperity, prestige and physical power, that some prosperity would be transferred to the empire at large. In conclusion, he hoped that a basis of union which would increase the power for good in the world could be decided upon between Great Britain and the outlying portions of the empire, without protective restrictions. Senator Macdonald, Victoria, made a lengthy reply, in which he spoke of the exceptional position occupied by Great Britain as a commercial power, which enabled her to open her markets to the world. Eight hundred years of trade development had enabled England not only to reach the position of the sovereign of the trading nations of the world but her people had become to a large extent the bankers for the world and the interest on her loans alone gave her a large import trade. There could be said, he no fair comparison made between England and a new country like Canada in the matter of trade. A fiscal policy which England might endure for a time would bring speedy ruin to Canada. The iron trade of England, he mentioned, had fallen off one hundred per cent in ten years under free trade, and Germany was to-day actually importing English pig iron and underselling British iron manufacturers in the markets of the world. So far as preferential trade was concerned, he thought Lord Salisbury's utterances on that subject made it very evident that the question in England was simply one of pounds, shillings and pence. In conclusion he showed that Canadian trade had increased three hundred and sixty-four millions during the past ten years under protection over what it was during the last ten years of the existence of a revenue tariff. Senator McCallum maintained that Canada was better off to-day than any five millions of people upon God's footstool. Canadians wanted no free trade

CAME HOME A CRIPPLE. THE SWORN STATEMENT OF A "BIG FOUR" RAILWAY MAN. After Trying Mud Baths and Mineral Springs Unsuccessfully, He Gained Twenty-Five Pounds in Six Months After Taking "Kootenay."

County of Wentworth, to Wit: I, Thomas Warren, of the City of Hamilton, county of Wentworth, province of Ontario, residence, 134 Strachan street, a machinist, do solemnly declare that in January, 1895, I was attacked with rheumatism, which in a week after confined me to my bed. I was compelled to give up work in the shops of the "Big Four R. R." For three months I was confined to the house and treated by three different physicians of Champlain, Ill. I also tried the mineral mud baths under the supervision of a physician. The benefit was so slight that I came home a cripple. On my return I commenced taking "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure," on the recommendation of Mr. John Watt, 154 West avenue north, and soon noticed an improvement. I have now taken four bottles of the medicine and with the exception of a slight soreness in my ankles, feel that I am cured. In six months I have gained twenty-five pounds and am now thoroughly fit for work and consider myself greatly benefited in every way by the use of the Remedy. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canadian Evidence Act. (Signed.) THOMAS WARREN. Taken and acknowledged before me in the City of Hamilton, county of Wentworth, this 18th day of February, 1896. (Signed.) W. FRED WALKER. Notary Public.

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BANK OF B. N. A. Chairman Farrer's Statement at the Annual Meeting.

The yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of British North America was held at the office of the corporation, 8 Clement Lane, Lombard street, E. C. Mr. Henry R. Farrer presided, and the other directors present were Messrs. J. H. Brodie, J. J. Cater, Gaspard Farrer, Richard H. Glyn, E. A. Hoare, Henry J. K. Scudell, J. J. Kingsford, Frederick Lubbock and J. J. Wattman. The attendance of shareholders was small. The secretary (Mr. A. G. Wallis) having read the notices concerning the meeting, the report was taken as read, and the Chairman said: "It now becomes my duty to move the adoption of the report which you hold in your hands. I do not mean to weary you by going through the account book, as I do not think there is anything of any special interest in them to call attention to, but of course, I must account upon the dividend, which, I have no doubt, is disappointing to some of you here. Well, it is a poor dividend. I have looked in a number of this court for a great many years, and am sorry to say that we have now to declare a dividend at a rate of 4 per cent. per annum, which is the lowest rate that has been declared since I joined the bank. The reasons for it are not far to seek. You all know what a deep depression and what a bad state of affairs has existed in North America for the past two years. The depression has, indeed, spread almost equal over the world, and rates for money have been so exorbitantly low that we really have not been able to carry out our policy. The depression came that unfortunate scare with the United States about Venezuela. That, I am sorry to say, had a most serious effect, and it had not been for the scare we should have been able to give you a better dividend. Some of you might say, 'Well, but in spite of that you might have done better; for, see, you keep your consols at 100, and you have got a reserve fund of £2,000,000. You could have done better, say £5,000,000 from the reserve and give us a better dividend?' There is something to be said for that, but you must remember that we, as directors, are equally concerned in the dividend as you as shareholders. We are shareholders as well as directors, and we, as a board, have decided that it is better not to touch that reserve fund, but to use it for a very long time. Of course we would much rather have paid a better dividend, both for your sakes and for our own. Now that we have had the whole time, I have summed up the last eleven years, including these two, and find we have paid just under 7 per cent. during the whole time; the exact figure is 68.188.24 per cent. (Hear, hear.) That is not such a very bad return, after all. (Hear, hear.) We always do our best, and provision for our bad debts, and it is satisfactory now to be able to state—and during these last six months we have had to set aside a smaller sum for these debts which we have had to do for a very long time. (Hear, hear.) Now as to the future, I do not like to prophesy unless I know, as that is the thing, but I have read through the reports of the managers of our branches, and all of them take a decidedly more cheerful view than they did at the last year. (Hear, hear.) I am glad to say, and I cannot help thinking and hoping that we are going to see an improvement in all the branches of trade upon which our prosperity depends. I hope that any sort of disagreement with the United States, which has passed away or will shortly pass entirely away (hear, hear), and I cannot help looking for better things at the time to come. I do not like to do more than that. The chairman at the last two meetings that we have held certainly did not give you anything at all of a very encouraging report, and they were quite right not to do so, for events have fully justified them. I hope still that we may do better things next year. One last thing I would add, and that is that you must recollect that capital all over the world is so abundant, so ample, that nobody who is content with good sound securities can obtain a rate of interest that is really good securities must be somewhat lower now. I do not think I need detain you any longer, and will, therefore, formally move that the report and accounts be received and adopted, and that you be given any shareholders any information in my power as to the state of the bank. (Dr. Mrs. A. Vickery asked what liability there was on the shares of the bank. The chairman showed that there were 20,000 shares of £50 each fully paid.) The chairman—At present there is no liability at all. A Shareholder asked if there was any particular meaning in the words "at present." The chairman—Our charter lasts until July 1st, 1901, and what may be the state of things then is not for me to prophesy. I can say no more. The chairman, again rising, proposed the re-election, as directors, of Mr. Gaspard Farrer, Mr. E. A. Hoare, and Mr. J. J. Kingsford, who retire by rotation. The re-election of these gentlemen was unanimously agreed to. Admiral H. J. Carr proposed the re-election of Messrs. Edwin Waterhouse and George Smeath as auditors, at a fee of 150 guineas. General R. W. Lowry seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the business of the meeting was thus concluded. General Lowry proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and directors for their good work in a very trying time in the commercial world. (Hear, hear.) Mr. J. D. Heath seconded the motion, which was cordially agreed to, and with a brief reply from the chairman the meeting separated. 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