

LEGISLATURE OPENED TO-DAY

THE SPEECH OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Legislation Which Is Fore- casted in the Address From His Honor.

Every encouragement was offered the social turn out which accompanied the opening of parliament at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The weather was ideal and the temperature sufficiently summer-like to permit a generous display of costume, and to attract a large attendance of the fair sex. The demand for tickets of admission was exhausted early in the day and a great many refusals had to be made to prevent overcrowding. As it was, all the available seating capacity was taken and standing-room was at a premium. Over 250 seats on the floor of the House were occupied.

As in past years the guard of honor was furnished by the Fifth regiment. The detachment, which made a very creditable appearance, was commanded by Capt. J. C. Harris and Lieutenants R. Prior and P. T. Stern.

The Lieut.-Governor was attended by a brilliant show of uniform, his staff consisting of officers from the Fifth regiment and other corps stationed at Work Point, with a representation of officers from the Shearwater and Egeria.

The following ladies and gentlemen were those invited to seats on the floor of the House:

Mrs. Dunsmuir and party, Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter, Hon. E. Dewdney, Col. E. G. Prior and Mrs. Prior, Mr. Justice Irving, Mrs. Irving and Miss Irving, Mr. Justice Morrison, Mr. Justice Clement, Senator and Mrs. McDonald, Monsieur and Madame Duchastel de Martrouge, French consul at Vancouver; C. Loewenberg, German consul; Thomas R. Smith, Swedish and Norwegian consul; Mrs. Smith, Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Young, R. P. Rihet and Mrs. Rihet, Mrs. Tatlow, Mrs. Bowser, Miss Eberts, Judge Cornwall and Mrs. Cornwall, A. S. Gray and Miss Gray, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. Elliston, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Muspratt, Williams, G. E. Baldwin, city controller of Vancouver, and Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. (Col.) Wolfenden, Judge and Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. Musket, H. D. Helmecken and Mrs. Helmecken, Admiral Fleet (retired) and Mrs. Fleet, Mrs. (Col.) Hall, Mrs. Allgood, wife of Commander Allgood; Hon. Robert Beaven and Mrs. Beaven, Judge Young and Mrs. Young, Hon. J. S. Helmecken, Mrs. Higgins, Fred Peters, K. C., and Mrs. Peters, Mrs. K. Simpson Hayes, ex-president of Canadian Women's Press Club, Canon and Mrs. Beauland, Mrs. Fell, Miss Fell, Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. H. C. Brewster, Mrs. O. H. Adams, Mrs. G. K. E. and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. George-Fraser, Rev. Wesley Clay and Mrs. Clay, R. E. Gosnell, Miss Gosnell, John Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, C. H. Lugin and Mrs. Lugin.

Following the usual formalities of assembling, His Honor was pleased to open the second session of the eleventh parliament of British Columbia, with the following speech:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In meeting you again at the opening of another session, it is my privilege to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity which, during the past year, has prevailed in nearly all lines of trade and industry.

The commission on irrigation, the appointment of which you authorized last session, has entered on its duties, and its report and recommendations will be submitted to you. In accordance with those recommendations, legislation will be introduced to secure a more equitable and efficient system of distribution of water for irrigation purposes.

The large increase in immigration, with the consequent demand for land under pre-emption, warrants my government in asking you to place a larger sum in the estimates for an extension of the provincial surveys.

A measure will be laid before you with a view to the restriction of immigration of undesirable persons.

With the aim of encouraging and expediting railway construction, it is proposed to exempt from taxation, for a period of ten years from time of completion, certain railways already authorized. To do this you will be asked to pass an act, empowering the government to grant such exemptions.

In accordance with your recommendation that a representative of the government should be sent to London to lay before the imperial government the fact of the refusal of the federal government to entertain British Columbia's claim for more adequate and equitable treatment in the matter of provincial subsidies, the honorable the first minister was assigned to undertake the duty, and his report of his mission and its results will be laid before you.

In order to secure a more efficient service in the conduct of the public business, it has been thought desirable to regulate the civil service, and a measure for effecting that and creating a superannuation fund will be submitted for your approval.

With a view to obviate the necessity

of our youth going abroad to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences, an act to establish a provincial university will be introduced during the session.

For the more convenient prosecution of public works under appropriations by the legislature, and with the object of securing uniformity between the federal and provincial systems in the method of accounting and the collection of statistics, it is deemed advisable to change the commencement of the financial year from July to April. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the finances of the province are in excellent condition. This has enabled my government to effect a large reduction in the public debt, while still able to show a substantial surplus over the actual expenditure.

Measures will be submitted to you designed to secure to the province the full benefits that should accrue to the treasury from the utilization of its resources.

The public accounts for the past financial year, and the estimates for the ensuing similar period, will be laid before you. The estimates have been framed with due regard to economy, while providing for the outlay necessary to meet the requirements of the public service in a province the scene of important industrial development.

On account of the increase in the demands for public works and buildings, and the development taking place in the northern parts of the province, it is deemed advisable to create the office of minister of public works, and you will be asked to approve of an amendment to the Constitution Act to effect that.

I now commend these various measures to your attention, believing that their adoption will be to the advantage of the province and the welfare of the people.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON STEPS OF CHURCH

Theatrical Effort of Parisian to End His Life in Mon- treal.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Yesterday afternoon an actor named R. Laurette, of the Theatre Francaise, made a theatrical attempt to end his life. He had been on a visit to the church of the Immaculate Conception, and while ascending the steps with Father Lalonde suddenly drew a revolver and shot himself in the right lung. The attempt at suicide caused a lot of excitement, and the injured man was hastily removed to the Hotel Dieu, where the bullet was extracted, and it is thought the actor, who comes from Paris, will recover.

Father Lalonde declined to make any statement as to the probable cause of the shooting, but it is supposed a love affair of some kind is at the bottom of it, and that the actor had become so dependent as to desire to end it so, which he nearly succeeded in doing, and in fact his recovery is not by any means certain.

TRESTLE INCIDENT, Conductor on Electric Car Seriously Injured Near Paris, Ont.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 16.—A Grand Valley Railway electric car dropped about 20 feet over a trestle bridge near Paris last night and Conductor Deacon, of Brantford, may die from injuries which he received.

Motorman Longhurst, also of Brantford, was seriously injured, and seven or eight passengers sustained painful bruises.



HON. JAMES DUNSMUIR
Lieut.-Governor of the Province, Who Opened the Legislature This Afternoon.

TWO VILLAGES SUBMERGED.

Ykaternodar, Russia, Jan. 16.—The formation of a heavy ice-dam on the Kuban-river has resulted in the inundation of the two villages and the submerging of a large area of land. It is feared that there has been serious loss of life.

DEATH OF RUSSIAN PRINCE.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The death is announced of Prince Edward Zunnhausen Und Kniphausen, president of the Prussian House of Lords. He was born in 1827.

SOUTH HURON NOMINEES.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—M. Y. MacLean, Liberal, and Mr. Horton, Conservative, were nominated at South Huron yesterday for the vacancy caused by the death of B. B. Gunn.

TOWN MAY SINK TO DESTRUCTION

Inhabitants of Spanish City
Flee From Houses—Gaps
in Streets.

Minas de Rio Tinto, Spain, Jan. 16.—This town is threatened with complete destruction owing to the subsidence of the ground.

Large gaps are visible in the principal streets and four hundred houses have been hastily evacuated.

HOUSES DESTROYED BY QUAKE.

Gonalves, a Town in Hayti, Visited by Prolonged Shock.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Jan. 16.—An earthquake has occurred at Gonalves, 55 miles west of this city. A few houses have been destroyed and others damaged. No news of loss of life reported.

Communication is broken. The shocks continue. The first was followed by a tidal wave. Gonalves is one of the most thriving towns in the Haytian republic. Gonalves has a population of about 18,000.

STOESSEL TRIAL.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The trial by court-martial of Lieut.-General Stoessel for having surrendered the Port Arthur fortress to the Japanese, is nearing its end, and a verdict is expected early next week.

BOARD OF CONTROL, Much Opposition Expected to Scheme For Civic Administration.

Calgary, Jan. 16.—The committee appointed by the city council to draft a new form of executive has decided upon a board of control to consist of the Mayor and four controllers, to be elected from the city at large, to hold office for two years, unless their resignation is demanded sooner by a two-thirds vote of the council. Controllers must have had one or more years' experience in the city council, and have a salary of not more than \$1,000 a year, except the mayor, who may have more.

Much opposition to this scheme is feared, and it may not pass the provincial legislature.

V. I. & E. RAILWAY.

W. Sloan Presents Petition in the House of Commons.

(Special to the Times).
Ottawa, Jan. 16.—W. Sloan presented a petition in the House to-day of the Vancouver Island & Eastern Railway Company for the building of a railway from the city of Victoria to the Narrows, and the Yellow Head Pass to Edmonton.

T. W. Paterson, of Victoria, and W. J. Haney, of Toronto, are among the incorporators.

CALGARY PRESBYTERIANS.

Calgary, Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the Knox church was held last night. During the past three years the membership has more than doubled, and two new congregations have been formed. The church is considering the proposition of adding two more congregations in the city.

EXPLOSION CAUSED BY "BLACK HAND"

Front of New York Tenement Building Shattered—Panic in Hospital.

New York, Jan. 16.—An explosion, which the police attribute to the Black Hand, occurred early to-day in a tenement house in East 29th street, shattering the front of the building, breaking windows in nearby buildings, and causing a panic in the wards of Bellevue hospital, which are located on that side of the hospital towards the building where the explosion occurred. No one in the building was seriously injured.

The explosion seems to have been directed toward the family of Piero Onarato, a coal and wood dealer, whose wife and three children were in the building.

Onarato states that on December 5th he received a letter signed "Black Hand," in which he was directed to place \$1,000 on the grave of a certain Italian in a Brooklyn cemetery within a month, on penalty of being killed with all his family.

67 YEARS IN NANAIMO.

Aged Resident Goes to His Long Home—Death of James McAloney.

Nanaimo, Jan. 15.—James Stove, aged 67, who came to Nanaimo in 1841, and was the oldest pioneer of this city, died last night.

Internal Revenue Officer Joe. McAloney, aged 33, died this morning of heart disease, after a year's illness.



Members of the Legislature of B. C., Who Entered Upon the Duties of the Present Session This Afternoon

PROTECTION OF CANADA'S TOBACCO

B. C. GROWERS NOT SATISFIED WITH LAW

New Bill Will Amend Inland Revenue Act, Says Hon. W. Templeman.

(Special Correspondence).

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—A discussion took place in the House yesterday in which the merits of Canadian tobacco played a part. As splendid tobacco is grown in British Columbia, particularly in the Okanagan valley, the discussion is of especial interest to the people of the Pacific province. It arose from a motion calling for copies of documents, correspondence, etc., received by the government since 1904 relative to the encouragement and protection of the Canadian tobacco industry.

Duncan Ross, M. P., referred to the excellent tobacco grown in his constituency, from which, according to the report of the expert of the department of agriculture, cigars almost equal to the best Havana product, could be manufactured.

"I am very glad," Mr. Ross said, "that my hon. friend from Joliette (Mr. Dubeau) has introduced this resolution, and before the hon. minister of inland revenue (Mr. Templeman) replies, I wish to say that the tobacco-growers in my constituency are not satisfied with the present regulations. They believe that they are handicapped by these regulations. They are anxious that the numerous stamps that are now being used in connection with the inland revenue department should be abolished and that only one stamp should be used for all cigars manufactured in Canada. They are also anxious that the regulations should be so amended as to absolutely abolish the system of rebates on clippings which has been in force under the present regulations for some time back. Tobacco growing is a very important industry, in so far as British Columbia is concerned, it is becoming more important every year, and I hope that the minister of inland revenue, in the legislation, which I understand, he is about to introduce into the House, will so amend the present regulations as to give greater encouragement to tobacco growers."

In the course of his remarks in reply to the various speakers, the minister of inland revenue (Hon. Mr. Templeman) said:

"This is an age of advancement and improvement, and even in the question of tobacco and its growth in Canada, the conditions and opportunities are receiving, and have been for a considerable time receiving the very serious attention of the department of inland revenue. I have been a smoker of cigars for many years, and I know that the numerous labels put on cigar boxes are a detriment to some extent to the native-grower article. If the adoption of one uniform label will place the tobacco growers of Canada in a better position than that which they occupy, for my part I know of no good reason why we should not have one uniform label. I agree also with the remarks of the hon. member for South Essex (Mr. Clarke) and the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Henderson) that much may be done in instructing the tobacco growers of Canada in the best methods of growing and curing tobacco. I feel sure that Canada, particularly my own province of British Columbia, can grow a good tobacco as may be grown on the continent of America, excepting, possibly, the island of Cuba. I believe my hon. friend the minister of marine and fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) has already intimated that this question was receiving the attention of the department and that we hoped before the present session is over, to introduce a measure amending the inland revenue act along the line proposed in the discussion here to-day. Just what that bill will be it is premature for me to say; but I hope that, before many weeks have passed, we shall be in a position to announce to the House a measure that will, to a considerable extent at any rate, remove the difficulties under which the tobacco growers of Canada are said now to be laboring. There can be no objection, I take it, to the motion."

ARMORED CRUISER AGROUND.

German Warship Met With Bad Accident While Engaged in Evolutions.

Kiel, Jan. 16.—The new German armored cruiser Scharnhorst ran aground near Buell last night while engaged in evolutions. It is reported that a hole one hundred feet long was torn in her double bottom. Three of the cruiser's stoke holds immediately filled with water, and it was necessary to close the collision bulkheads in order to prevent her from sinking.

Under her own steam the cruiser entered the Imperial dock yard here, where she will undergo repairs.

BIG OAKLAND FIRE.

Pacific Press Building Destroyed—Old Man Dropped Dead From Fright.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 15.—Fire last night destroyed the Pacific Press building at Twelfth and Casside streets.

During the progress of the fire W. K. Colman, 61 years of age, a mining broker, dropped dead from fright. A fireman was seriously injured.

The Pacific Press building was one of the oldest in the city. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000.

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SCHEME OF LAWS FOR ALBERTA

MATERIAL PROSPERITY OF THE PROVINCE

Speech From Throne Delivered at Opening of Session To-Day.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 15.—The third session of the first legislature of Alberta was opened to-day, the following being the speech from the throne: "Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—I feel every assurance that these and other measures brought to your attention will receive the most careful consideration, and that the same will result in the advancement, welfare and prosperity of the province."

JAPAN'S OPPORTUNITY.
 Now is the Time to Go to War With America Says Italian Paper.

Rome, Jan. 15.—The Corriere D'Italia, an organ of the Vatican, in an article on the Japanese-American situation says that war between these two countries would be fatal and inevitable. It expresses the opinion that the present moment is the most favorable for Japan.

WEST COAST SHIPPING REPORT

Tatoosh, Jan. 15, (9 a. m.)—Rain, wind south 25 miles. Barometer 29.75, temp. 47. South-east storm warning.

Estoway, Jan. 15, (2 p. m.)—Misty, light rain, wind south 35 miles. Barometer 29.81, temp. 46. Steamer Chilian passing in at 2 p. m., lumber laden.

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The populace at Rabat is greatly excited over the news from Fez that Mulai Hadid had been declared Sultan, and that a holy war is to be inaugurated. The members of the governing board of Morocco are extremely perturbed, as they have been notified that unless they declare for Mulai Hadid all their property at Fez will be forfeited.

ANOTHER IRRIGATION SCHEME IN PROVINCE

Proposition to Carry Out an Undertaking Near Ashcroft by London Company.

At a general meeting of the B. C. Development Association held recently in London, the chairman's report referred to the acquisition of a tract of 5,000 acres in the Thompson valley near Ashcroft, and from that report it is evident that the irrigation scheme involved will be carried through to a successful issue. The report stated: "Having come to this conclusion, we looked around to see what other property we could get which was suitable for us to take up, and we had offers of properties, several of which we have taken options on, including one of about 5,000 acres of fruit land on the Thompson river. We have not bought this fruit land with our eyes shut. We have taken the best advice we could get, and engaged Mr. Palmer, the fruit expert for the British Columbia government, and also one of Lord Aberdeen's experts, and Mr. Ashcroft, who is Lord Aberdeen's engineer, has advised us on the questions of water rights and irrigation; so that we may say that we have absolutely reliable reports from these gentlemen, and we feel that we have taken every step we can to protect your interests before taking on these properties. We shall have a considerable outlay to make on these properties in the near future. We are having surveys made for water and making every preparation so that we can start. These things require, of course, a considerable sum of money. As regards the experts, I am sorry that Mr. Hamilton Hoare is not here to-day, but he is one of the guarantors of whom I will speak directly; but in order to satisfy himself, and knowing Lord Aberdeen, he wrote a letter to his lordship asking him if he thought these gentlemen were reliable, and the following reply came: "Dear Mr. Hamilton Hoare—I have pleasure in saying that Mr. Palmer and Mr. Ashcroft are both well known to me, and I doubt whether in the whole of Canada you could find two men on whom you could more confidently rely for an opinion on the subject referred to. I think that coming from Lord Aberdeen is a very satisfactory reply. (Hear, hear.) I am sure we are very much obliged to Mr. Hamilton Hoare for having obtained that opinion from Lord Aberdeen."

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A. E. McPHILLIPS AND THE CABINET

Member for Islands Spoken of if New Portfolio is Created.

There is a suggestion that an additional portfolio may be created out of that now embracing the lands and works department.

The chief commissioner of lands and works when questioned on the subject this morning intimated that the idea of making another department had not yet definitely developed.

Occasion had been found, he said, in the growing works of the department, for considering the propriety of making such a change, but it was not likely that any appointment would be made for some time. Nothing would be done during the present session of the House beyond seeking an amendment to the constitution to authorize the creation of the new department, so that the step might be taken when the pressure of work most warranted the move.

As a salary must be created for the new portfolio, it would be practically impossible, the minister said, that the appointment should take place at any early date, and aside from this there would be inconvenience in the way of filling such a portfolio during the session. In any case, the chief commissioner says, immediate action in connection with the division of the departments is not contemplated.

The probabilities are, however, that there will be another name added to the executive list before the summer is over, and the name of A. E. McPhillips, member for the Islands, is mentioned in connection with the portfolio.

The trip of Mr. McPhillips through his constituency in company with the premier is taken by many as an indication that the way is being paved for a bye-election there.

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THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

We gather from a digest of the Speech from the Throne which will be delivered by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor this afternoon on the opening of the Legislature that it is the intention of the government to submit a very extensive programme for the consideration of the members.

Probably the most important matter foreshadowed in the speech has reference to the irrigation of the rich lands of the dry belt in the great interior of the province. With the principle of such a measure the opposition must be fully in accord, because the leader of the opposition was the first member of the House to point out the certain effects of such a scheme upon the most important of British Columbia's industries, agriculture and horticulture.

It is hinted that something will be done to provide for surveys of provincial lands available for settlement. This is another subject which has been frequently forced upon the attention of the government by the opposition. A cry has been raised occasionally that British Columbia has been discriminated against as compared with the other provinces in the matter of immigration.

Various other measures are promised, all tending to create an impression that the McBride government is at last going to revise its policy of simply increasing taxes, sitting tight and calling attention to the progress of the province and the swelling revenue. It seems to have made up its mind at last to attempt something of a really constructive character.

The most interesting number on the seasonal programme will not be alluded to in the Speech from the Throne, it will not constitute a number at all if Premier McBride can find any rule or order under which it can be shelved. That is the interesting point as to the responsibility of the chief adviser of the Lieutenant-Governor for the disallowance of Mr. Bowser's so-called Natal Act.

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Good News From the Men's Store Men's Sample Overcoats, Made to Sell at \$25 Your Choice To-morrow \$13.75

To-morrow we are placing on sale a special purchase of MEN'S HIGH-GRADE SAMPLE OVERCOATS. These are exceptionally fine garments, and are the cream of the market.

Men's Overcoats, Reg. \$10, \$12.50 and \$15 Extra Special To-morrow \$5.00

Just think of it, getting an overcoat for \$5.00! Why, the price we are selling them at would not pay for the material, not counting labor, etc., but owing to each lot being of a small number we have decided to clear them out regardless of what they cost.

Seven Big Sale Leaders Are These: Ladies' Hip-Length Coat

These hip length coats are made of very fine quality broadcloths, in the very latest styles, including tight and semi-fitting, in colors of red and black, and will undoubtedly leave the store in a rush to-morrow at this price.

Ladies' Carcul and Broadcloth Coats

Another exceptional offering for the ladies. This lot includes Ladies' Black Carcul Coats (imitation fur) and trimmed with stitched straps of broadcloth, also some black broadcloths in tight-fitting styles in seven-eighth lengths.

Ladies' 3-4 and 7-8 Coats at Half and Less

This lot includes a splendid assortment of Ladies' Three-quarter and 7/8 length Coats, made of extra good quality shadow plaids and broadcloths, in colors of black, blue and brown.

Ladies' High-Grade Carcul & Broadcloth Coats

These are all strictly high grade coats, in chiffon finished broadcloths and carcul, in three-quarter and seven-eighth lengths, lined throughout with satin, box and semi-fitting backs.

Ladies' Walking Skirts

These are in tweed mixtures and plain colors. All the very latest styles of pleated skirts included in this lot.

Ladies' Fine Walking Skirts at Half Price

These are splendid skirts, are made of extra good quality material, and are splendid bargains. They come in shades of fawn, grey, and black and white mixtures, full pleated with trimmings of stitched straps.

OTHER BARGAINS FOR TO-MORROW

- MEN'S COLORED AND WHITE SHIRTS; regular values \$1.00 to \$1.50. To-morrow... 50c
MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS; regular values \$1.25 to \$1.75. To-morrow... 75c
MEN'S FINE LINEN COLLARS; regular price \$1.50 and \$2.00 doz. To-morrow... 50c
MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS; regular per dozen \$4.00. To-morrow... \$2.00
MEN'S SUSPENDERS; regular values \$1. To-morrow... 50c
MEN'S WORKING BRACES, 25c, for 15c
MEN'S STRIPE UNDERWEAR; values 35c, for... 15c
MEN'S NATURAL WOOL UNDERWEAR; regular 50c, for... 35c
MEN'S NATURAL WOOL UNDERWEAR; regular 75c, for... 50c
MEN'S ELASTIC RIB UNDERWEAR; regular value \$1.25. To-morrow... \$1.00
MEN'S WOOL UNDERWEAR; regular value \$2.00. To-morrow... \$1.35
MEN'S WORSTED SOCKS; regular 25c. To-morrow... 12 1/2c
BOYS' NEGLIGEE SHIRTS; regular value 50c. To-morrow... 25c
MEN'S UNLAUNDERED WHITE SHIRTS; regular 50c... 25c
CHILDREN'S UNDERVESTS, wool lamb; regular values 35c and 40c. To-morrow... 15c
CHILDREN'S UNDERVESTS, sizes 47; regular value 45c to 60c. To-morrow... 25c
LADIES' VESTS AND DRAWERS; regular values 75c. To-morrow... 35c
SPECIAL BARGAINS IN NEW FICTION; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50, for... 75c
BOYS' AND GIRLS' BOOKS; regular \$1.50, for... 75c

Special Sale of Beautiful Laces To-morrow ALL OVER LACES GO DOWN

To-morrow offers rare opportunities to get beautiful laces at a great saving; regular values were 15c to 75c per yard. To-morrow 10c, 15c, 25c and 35c. The regular value of these lovely laces were from 75c up to \$4.50 per yard, but for to-morrow we have reduced them down to prices ranging from \$2.50 to 50c.

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Suits, - - \$5.95
Raincoats, \$6.95
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FANCY VESTS, Half Price
AT THE
TRAVELING RUGS, Half Price

Big
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LIPTON'S LIMERICKS
Several friends who do not drink very much TEA or COFFEE have asked us to include our TABLE JELLY TABLETS. They are included in this competition.
\$800.00
TO 128 WINNERS
First Prize - \$250
Second - 50
Third - 25
50 PRIZES AT \$5 EACH.
75 PRIZES AT \$3 EACH.

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NO PACKAGE GENUINE WITHOUT THIS SIGNATURE
PACKED ONLY IN AIRTIGHT TINS
LIMERICK
Said a lady who's quite up-to-date,
'You will have the best nineteen-naught-eight,
For if you drink Lipton's Tea
You will readily see

WORTH TAKING
One ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion;
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Four ounces Compound Syrup
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Mixed and taken in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime, is pronounced by a prominent physician to be the best mixture for the cure of the kidney, bladder, and all urinary troubles.
EXPLOSION, MYSTERIES.
Monongah Jury Recommends U. S. Bureau of Investigation-Exonerates Company.

Sporting
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL
PEOPLE'S SHIELD.
Vancouver, Jan. 15.-Rugby has been banished from Recreation park, but soccer, the scintillating game, the pastime in which open play, speed, combination, foot defence and vigor are featured, will occupy the bill there for a short period.
RUGBY FOOTBALL.
SCREWING THE SCRUM.
It is said that J. C. Barnacle is being blamed for penalizing the Vancouver men for "screwing the scrum."
BASKETBALL
SHAMROCKS AGAIN.
The Shamrock junior basketball team is still leading in the city league and the lead has been accentuated by the victory of last night when they beat Emmanuel Baptist Juniors by a score of 8 to 6.

WRESTLING.
"TERIBLE TURK" BEATEN.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 16.-Chas. Hackenschmidt, of Iowa, defeated Al Manogoff, the "Terrible Turk," in two straight falls here before a large crowd at the Olympic-Athletic Club last night.
SWIMMING.
SUBMERGED 3 MINUTES.
Chicago, Jan. 16.-Frank Sullivan, swimming director of the Illinois Athletic Club, last night established a new professional record for remaining under water, staying on the bottom of the tank for three minutes.

appearances only. He is very thick through the shoulders, with thin, tapering legs that look like speed, but did not show any particular ability in that line. And he was good-natured about it, and congratulated Day on his good work.
GENERAL NOTES.
It is with regret that the sporting editor of the Times has to announce that he was not present at either of the short bouts at the city hall last night. He is not sure whether the Marquis of Queensbury rules were adopted or not. The contestants for floric honors had to do without the formality of a ring, except such as was formed by the surging crowd that surrounded them.

U. S. CENTRAL BANK.
Outcome of Financial Debate May be Bank of America.
Washington, Jan. 15.—The establishment of the United States Bank of America is provided for in a bill introduced in the House to-day by Mr. Furness, Democratic member of congress, of New York.
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Relieve FEVERISH HEAT.
Prevent FITS, CONVULSIONS, etc.
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Please observe the EE IN STEEDMAN'S
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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the PACIFIC WHALING CO. LTD. will be held on FRIDAY, JAN. 24TH, at 3 p. m., in the Board of Trade rooms, Board of Trade building, Victoria.
A. E. LANGLEY, Secretary.
CIVIC NOTICE.
TENDERS will be received at the office of the undersigned till Monday, the 20th inst., at 4 p.m., for printing and binding the annual report of the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
FOR REEVE
To the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich.
Ladies and Gentlemen,
At the request of a number of electors I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for Reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and solicit your votes and influence.

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.
Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 28, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 21 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.
Session of the Legislative Assembly, 1908.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.
NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for a private Bill to re-enact, ratify and confirm the Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Amendment Act, Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1902, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act, and to consolidate the same with the following amendments:

CREOSOTE
Tenders are invited for sale to the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C. of creosote in drums or barrels and not exceeding in quantity 750 drums of 90 gallons each; said creosote to be delivered not later than May 1, 1908.
CIVIC NOTICE
Persons wishing to engage help of any description are hereby requested to state their requirements in writing in as few words as possible, and address the same to the "Employment Bureau," City Hall.
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PARTLY FURNISHED. FOUL BAY ROAD. COSY COTTAGE and two lots, \$300.

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