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Botha and Kitchener

Letter to British Commander Written Before the Recent Peace Meeting.

Boer Leader Wrote That He Was Anxious to Discuss Terms.

Kruger Thinks Occupation of Zoutspansberg Will Break Down Boer Defence.

(Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—The letter of Gen. Botha to Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in Africa, preliminary to the recent peace meeting, casually referred to in Lieut-General Kitchener's report of the negotiations, and from which the opponents of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hope to obtain some clue of the reason of the failure of the conference, was published as a parliamentary paper this morning.
The letter is dated at the commandant-general's camp, February 13th, and commences "with a reference to the verbal message from your excellency." Continuing, the letter, says:
"I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that no one desires more than I to bring this bloody strife to an end. I would also very much like to meet Your Excellency for the purpose of mutual discussion, to see if it is not possible to discover terms under which this can be done."
The remainder of the letter of General Botha is of no importance; it merely suggests a place of meeting and arrangements for the guarantee of safe conduct.

Zoutspansberg in Danger.

(Associated Press.)
New York, April 4.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent the news comes from Brussels that Kruger thinks that the occupation of Zoutspansberg will finally break down the Boer defence. Zoutspansberg is the Boer seat of government and contains supplies of stores and ammunition, and it is understood to be in danger as a result of Kitchener's northern campaign. But prisoners who have recently arrived at Pretoria are, however, said to have expressed opinions that the war will last for three years longer.

Anti-British Scenes.

(Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—Dispatches received here from Paris reiterate the stories of affronts to Lord Curzon, and this suite while returning from Lisbon after announcing King Edward's accession to King Charles of Portugal.
It seems that the train on which the mission travelled conveyed a number of nurses returning from the Boer army. The report says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris, was that at every station there were violent anti-British scenes. Lord Curzon and his suite were openly insulted, while the nurses were greeted with loud cheers. The situation became so intolerable that the British mission finally changed trains.

LARGEST VESSEL AFOLOAT.

(Associated Press.)
White Star Line Celtic Launched Today—Steamer With Nine Decks.

Belfast, April 4.—The new White Star line steamer Celtic, the largest vessel ever built, was successfully launched this morning in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

The christening was performed by the Marchioness of Dufferin. Among the prominent persons who participated in the ceremony were the Countess Cadogan, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury.

The arrangements for the launching were similar to those of the Oceanic, and the new vessel glided from the ways and was pulled up within her own length by dropping three pairs of anchors.

The launching occurred amidst enthusiastic cheers of the people and the blowing of horns and foghorns.

The Celtic has nine decks and capacity for 2,850 passengers. She will carry a crew of 335 men. Her tonnage is 3,600 greater than that of the Oceanic and twice that of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, and her displacement is 12,500 greater than that of the latter vessel, while her displacement and tonnage are 10,500 over that of the Great Eastern.

W. B. WARNER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, April 4.—William B. Warner, a widely known manufacturing chemist, died in this city yesterday. Mr. Warner was the first man to manufacture sugar coated pills and to introduce licorice tablets. He was a distant relative to George Washington, and his art collection included over 100 portraits of Washington.

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NEW CIVIL LIST.

Recommendation By the Committee Which Has Been Considering the Changes.
(Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—The report of the committee appointed to consider changes in the civil list recommend that the new civil list be fixed at about £470,000 as follows: Privy purse, £110,000; salaries of household and retired allowances, £125,000; expenses of household £193,000; works, £10,000; royal bounty, alms and special services, £15,000, and sundries, £8,000.
The report recommends an annuity of £20,000 to the Duke of Cornwall and York, £10,000 to the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and £50,000 to each of the King's daughters. The Queen's annuity in event of her surviving the King is increased to £70,000, and an annuity of £20,000 is provided for the Duchess of Cornwall and York in the event of her surviving the Duke.
The proposals for the civil lists has a net increase of £67,000.
Mr. Henry Labouchere (advanced Liberal), the sole signatory of the minority report, thinks that no increase is necessary. In a piquant paragraph, he says: "The committee did not deem it within the scope of their inquiry to consider whether a continuance of the pomp of pride and ceremony of the court is desirable. Suggestions have been received that the cost of living has gone up among the wealthier classes since Her late Majesty ascended the throne. This idea seems to be due to present ostentatious expenditure of some of those who have suddenly acquired larger fortunes. But your committee does not believe the sovereign would desire to enter into monetary competition with such persons or encourage by his example such vain glory prodigality on the part of his subjects."

THE INDEMNITY QUESTION.

Ministers Are Considering Proposals for Raising Money.
(Associated Press.)
Peking, April 4.—The ministers are considering the proposals submitted by financial experts for the raising of a sufficient sum for the payment of the Chinese indemnity. It is probable that some arrangements will be arrived at on the basis of the scheme of Sir Robert Hart, director of the Imperial maritime customs, which provides for the handing of the salt and liquor taxes over to the maritime customs administration and the levying of an annual house tax equal to one-half a month's rent, which is calculated will provide 20,000,000 taels yearly, sufficient to pay five per cent interest on 200,000,000 taels and clear the whole of the principal in less than forty years. The sum of 250,000,000 taels is equivalent, roughly estimated £39,000,000, but the total amount of the indemnity is likely to be much more. Some of the porters are greatly averse to compelling the Chinese to contract a loan for the payment of the indemnity. It is thought that the increased cost of raising the money required in that way is likely to hamper the commercial development of China, and it is therefore believed to be desirable to have the money raised internally in China.

BOAT CAPSIZED.

(Associated Press.)
Murray Bay, Que., April 4.—The wife and five children of Alexander Terrien, of Tadoussac, were drowned in the Saguenay river yesterday. They were coming in a boat from above the Saguenay, where they had been all winter, when the boat capsized.

ECUADOR GOLD FIELDS.

(Associated Press.)
Mining Machinery to Be Shipped From the United States—Building the Railway.
New York, April 4.—Dr. Jos. E. Maria Barza, ex-convict general and acting minister to the United States from Ecuador, who has been here for some time, has started for home. Before leaving he said:
"I have been in this country making arrangements for the shipment of machinery for the better development of our gold fields. In a few months we shall have more than 300 dredges there worked by electricity. Orders have been placed with the American Bridge Co. for more than \$2,000,000 worth of bridge material to be used in the completion of the Guayaquil & Quito railway, a very necessary adjunct to the successful working of the mines. We consider our gold fields when fully operated will prove the richest in the world."

THE NEW SENATOR.

(Special to the Times.)
Joseph Godbout Will Probably Take Place of Late J. A. Paquet.
Ottawa, April 4.—It is reported today that Joseph Godbout, member for Beauport, will get the senatorship in Quebec, which has become vacant through the death of Senator J. A. Paquet. It is said that this may be settled at today's cabinet meeting.
A writ will be issued at once for an election of a member in West Hastings in the place of Henry Corby, who resigned.
Judge Forin, British Columbia, has got two months' leave of absence. His father died and he is taking the remains to Belleville, Ont.

NANAIMO NOTES.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, April 4.—The richest strike so far recorded in Tuxada Island, has just been made by Walter Plante. It is free milling gold quartz in great quantities. The location is near Tuxada lake. Frank Simpson, the prospector reported last near Nanaimo lake while staking claims, was seen in Seattle last week.

Tried to Kill Czar

Dispatch From Vienna Tells of an Attempt to Murder Emperor Nicholas.
(Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—A special dispatch from Vienna says a report is published there that an officer of the guards entered the Czar's study yesterday and fired at him with a revolver.
His Majesty was not hit, the dispatch adds, and the officer committed suicide. The story is doubted.

UNLESS RANSOM IS PAID

"Kidnapper" Threatens to Burn Out Eyes of Young McCormick.
(Associated Press.)
New York, April 4.—Three more threatening letters were received last night by the father of William McCormick, the ten-year-old boy of Highbridge, who, since last Wednesday, has been missing from his home.
The letters were much the same tenor as those received previously, which a person signing himself "Kidnapper" threatened to burn out the boy's eyes unless a ransom of \$200 was forthcoming. The McCormick family declined to make public the contents of the letters, and turned them over to the police. The police hold to the belief that the boy was not kidnapped, and that the letters contain threats to burn his eyes as a fabrication of an April fool joke. The offer of \$1,000 reward by Oscar Wilgrot, a neighbor, is made on the condition that the boy was kidnapped. Mrs. Wilgrot denied that the reward was offered because her husband believed that their son was the intended victim of the kidnapper, as has been reported. The two boys do not in any way resemble each other.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH.

(Associated Press.)
Recent Rumors of Mysterious Ailment Pronounced to Be Groundless.
New York, April 4.—The latest reports about King Edward's health are reassuring, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. His throat has been examined by Sir Felix Semon, and the recent disturbing rumors have been pronounced to be groundless. Felix is the German throat specialist who has been appointed physician extraordinary to the King and has been naturalized as a British subject. The King's general health is good. He has not suffered from the pressure of public business. Recent rumors about a mysterious ailment in his throat have caused uneasiness in high circles, on account of the fatal malady of the King's brother, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

BODIES OF CHINAMEN FOUND.

(Special to the Times.)
Cumberland, April 4.—About 2:30 yesterday the bodies of five Chinamen were brought up from the mine, most of them very much bruised, one being disemboweled.
The coffin containing the remains of W. B. Walker was taken to the Orangemen's lodge room yesterday morning, and at 1 o'clock a procession of Orangemen, the city council and church elders conveyed the body to the Presbyterian church. In reverent services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Duddy.

THE RICE MURDER.

(Associated Press.)
Testimony of Jones Not Sufficient Upon Which to Hold Patrick.
New York, April 4.—At the Patrick hearing today, Mr. Moore, one of Patrick's attorneys, said that he would like to have the hearing adjourned to to-night until next Tuesday.
Justice Jerome said that if this were agreed to he thought there should be some understanding that the hearing be finished by the following Saturday.
"It is necessary," Justice Jerome said, "that Jones's testimony as to this murder should be corroborated. He being a self-confessed accomplice, his testimony alone is not enough upon which to hold Patrick."

AMERICAN HANDICAP.

(Associated Press.)
Interstate Park, Queens, Is 1, April 4.—Shooting in the Grand American Handicap at live birds was begun here this morning in a dazzling rain.
The conditions of the Grand American Handicap are: 25 birds, \$25 entrance, birds extra, high gun, not class shooting, \$1,500 guaranteed, \$500 to first and a silver cup, \$500 to second, and \$500 to third, all extra prizes to be divided on a percentage basis to the next 51 highest scores.
The list closed with 222 names, but there probably will be nearly a score of absentees.
At the end of the first round of the four sets of traps, 122 men had straight scores of four kills each. Twenty-one men had forfeits, so that there were exactly 291 contestants. The time of the first round was 1 hour and 29 minutes.
Among the most prominent in the list of names who scored 4 kills, when they had finished their second round were: Hines, Crosby, Nanman, Phil. Daly, Jr., Fox, Tod Sloan, Dr. Knowlton, Banks, Gilbert and Marshall. Fanning, Heikes, and Elliott were among those who missed one out of the eight.

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Business Men Object

Property Owners Express Their Views Regarding Paving of Government Street.

Want Block Pavement, But Side-walk Not Widened or Poles Altered.

A large deputation of Government street property owners were, by invitation of the council, present at the special deliberations of the aldermanic board last night.

By way of explanation Mr. Topp said the present curb on Government is by no means in a straight line, and he suggested that the sidewalk be extended. He believed that it would be well worth the extra cost.

Ex-Mayor Redfern, in addressing the council, said that he thought that all were in favor of having the street paved, providing such work is done on equitable and economical lines.

THE FAMOUS SINGER. Madame Albani Here—Good Friday Night's Sacred Concert.

Madame Albani, together with her company of London artists, servants, luggage and endless paraphernalia, arrived in the city last night to be in readiness for the sacred concert to be given in the theatre to-morrow (Good Friday) evening.

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proceeded with, Ald. Stewart moving for the reconsideration of the motion regarding the paving of Government street.

The mayor believed that if the poles were removed four or five inches the work could be done at a very small cost, and the improvement would be considerable.

Ald. Beckwith drew attention to the present nuisance of horses being allowed to stand on Government street for indefinite times.

Ald. Williams urged the immediate giving out of the order for the necessary blocks, pointing out the necessity for using dry blocks free from sap as the best means to save expense of replacing at an early date.

Ald. Brydon said there was no necessity for any such precaution, as wet block wood answered just as well, as he had had many years experience in wood and had found unseasoned lumber to be more suitable under certain conditions.

A motion was finally put and carried, that the council rescind a previous motion pertaining to the paving of the street, and that the city engineer and city assessor be instructed to prepare another report on the work to be presented at the next regular meeting.

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AGRICULTURAL LECTURES.

Messrs. Drummond and Raynor, of the Farmers' Institute, Arrive.

D. Drummond, of Brooklin, Ontario, and T. G. Raynor, of Rose Hall, Ontario, members of the Farmers' Institute, arrived in the city yesterday and are at the Victoria hotel.

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Declined To Sign

Chinese Government's Formal Notification to Russia Regarding Manchurian Convention

Indemnity Claims Are Not Yet Ready—The Punishment of Officials.

Peking, April 3.—The Chinese government has formally notified Russia that China, owing to the attitude of the powers, is not able to sign the Manchurian convention.

"It is China's desire," says the formal notification, "to keep on friendly terms with all nations. At present she is going through a period which is the most perilous in the empire's history, and it is necessary that she should have the friendship of all. However much she might be willing to grant any special privilege to one power, when others object, it is impossible that for the sake of making one nation friendly she should alienate the sympathies of all others.

Li Hung Chang says the letter settles the matter definitely, and that Russia was informally notified to the same effect on March 29th. Prince Ching asserts that every Chinese local authority has been notified to refuse to sign the convention.

As soon as the generals of the powers notify the ministers as to what his position is desired of articles VIII and IX of the protocol, everything will be practically concluded except the indemnities, the only claims not ready being the British, German and Japanese. The Germans say they can be ready in two days and the Japanese assert that they can be ready at a moment's warning. Private claims, however, cannot be filed until May 14th.

A majority of the ministers are in favor of making a general claim so soon as the government claims are in, making allowances for a few thousands for possible future claims.

Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent to the court for approval a list of names presented by the ministers for punishment. The list has been approved by the court for degradation, and to 91 for loss of office. No objection is anticipated as the men are only prominent in local commands.

"A Direct Challenge." London, April 3.—The Japanese press continues very bellicose as to what his position is desired of articles VIII and IX of the protocol, everything will be practically concluded except the indemnities, the only claims not ready being the British, German and Japanese.

St. Petersburg, April 3.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed by a trustworthy authority that the Manchurian convention has not yet been signed.

Robbers Defeated. Berlin, April 3.—The war office has received a dispatch from Count von Waldsee, formerly reporting the defeat on March 31st of a thousand Chinese robbers by a company of Germans, seven miles north of Tien Tsin. He adds that the robbers are being pursued, and also that a detachment of infantry at the request of the Chinese local authorities has been sent from Tien Tsin to Hwang Sun and Liu Ting Kan, to protect the inhabitants from robbery.

Is Far Li in Disfavor? Washington, April 3.—Although no official notice has been received of the reported departure of Prince Li Hung Chang from Peking for Shanghai, the officials are inclined to believe it is true.

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Was reduced in flesh from 184 pounds to about 100 pounds in eighteen months. I had no appetite, and became so weak and nervous I could scarcely sit up. I doctored with our home physicians for two years with no benefit. I was finally induced to try Dr. Pierce's medicine.

I wrote to Doctor Pierce regarding my case, and received a prompt reply, free, advising the proper medicines for my case. After taking four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and four of his 'Golden Medical Discovery,' three doses each day, also taking one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Compound Extract of Smart-Weed and some of his 'Palleto,' I ceased coughing, and am now enjoying splendid health and have gained thirty-five pounds in weight. I again feel like my former self, thanks to Dr. Pierce and his great medicines."

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Provincial Parliament

Attorney-General Submits Amendments, Involving Government Control, to Railway Bills.

The House Takes a Long Recess Until the 16th of April.

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Prayers were read by Rev. Baugh Allen.

Cauceryman's Memorial.

Mr. Helmecken moved: "Be it resolved, that a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the memorial presented by the committee of the salmon canning industry of British Columbia to the government."

He said that as this memorial related to a very important industry, it should be submitted to the House.

The resolution carried.

First Readings.

Hon. Mr. Eberts introduced an act to amend the Companies Act, 1887. It received its first reading. The same course was taken with his bill amending the "Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act," and the "Poison Act."

Motion Withdrawn.

Mr. Fulton withdrew his resolution regarding irrigation in the dry belt on the request of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, who wished to consider the matter.

Mr. Helmecken asked that two resolutions standing in his name be allowed to stand over. This privilege the leader of the opposition said should not be extended to one member and denied to another. The resolutions stood over.

Half Yearly Return.

Mr. Curtis moved: "That an order be made that the accounts for the half year ending 31st December, 1900, be laid before the House."

He said that this information would be very useful when the debate on the budget took place.

Hon. Mr. Turner said such a return would show the principal part of the year's expenditure, whereas it would show little revenue. This would give the half yearly report a bad appearance to the world, and very little argument could be founded on it or the budget speech.

He had no objection to furnishing a few copies to the members, but he did not want it to go out to the world.

Mr. Martin did not think such a return would impair the credit of the province, and would be useful as showing the expenditure.

The resolution carried.

Correspondence Asked For.

Mr. Taylor moved his resolution asking for all the correspondence arising out of litigation in connection with the "Pack Train" and other claims. The matter, he said, had been the subject of much discussion, and he went into the circumstances.

The Attorney-General said he had no idea the hon. member was going to read a treatise on the subject, or he would have been prepared to reply to him. The government had no objection to producing the papers, and if necessary to appoint a commission of the House to go into the whole question.

The resolution carried.

Questions and Answers.

Mr. Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Was Mr. Hill, C. E., employed to make a survey in connection with proposed government work on Salmon River Flats (Langley municipality)?
2. Did Mr. Hill make a second or additional survey for the purposes of the said proposed work?
3. If so, was such second or additional survey necessary?
4. What was the cost of the second or additional survey?
5. What was the total cost of these surveys?

Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows: "1. Yes; 2. No; 3. Answered in reply to question 2 and 4; 4. Answered in reply to questions 2 and 3; 5. \$85.25."

Mr. Gilmour asked the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. What was the total amount of personal property tax collected in 1900?
2. What was the amount of personal property tax collected in different cities?
3. What was the amount of personal property tax collected in rural districts?

Hon. Mr. Turner replied as follows: "1. \$73,442.70. 2. Victoria, \$20,063.25; Vancouver, \$13,175.21; Nanaimo, \$3,773.89; New Westminster, \$2,672.15. Total, \$40,585.11."

Note—The amount of personal property tax collected in other cities is not given, as the collections are included in and cannot be separated from those of the electoral districts.

"3. \$33,158.50."

Mr. Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Was Mr. Robert Green, C. E., employed by the government in surveying for dyking purposes at or near Glenvalley, New Westminster district?
2. If Mr. Green was so employed, for what length of time was Mr. Green employed?
3. What is the total amount paid for to be paid to Mr. Green for services rendered in connection with these surveys?
4. What has been the total cost of surveys made in connection with these proposed dyking works?
5. How many acres of land are included in this dyking area?

Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows: "1. Yes; 2. Five months and twenty-two days; 3. \$749.00; 4. \$1,511.77; 5. 2,500 acres."

Midway & Vernon Railway.

On the motion for a third reading of

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Interesting Evidence From Prominent Clergymen and Police Magistrate Yesterday.

Chinese in Large Numbers Not Considered Desirable—This Morning's Proceedings.

Dr. O. M. Jones was the first witness at the Royal Commission yesterday afternoon, and said the sanitary conditions of Chinatown had been improved with the erection of new buildings. Before that Chinatown was very unsanitary, alley ways with pools of water being much in evidence. Speaking of the coolie class of Chinese, they would not observe the laws of sanitation as well as the white people. It was difficult to enforce the regulations among them, although a great improvement had been effected by the health and sanitary inspectors. It gave him an entrance here, Chinatown would perhaps be a menace. As to smallpox, he did not think that the Chinese in themselves would introduce it into the country; as they were all vaccinated before coming here, and their goods disinfected.

He had examined five cases of leprosy among them, the last one being about a year or eighteen months ago. That case was found in Saanich, and the victim had since died. He was detected working there. Leprosy was not contagious, unless people lived under the same conditions. In London hospital, it was common to have cases for clinical purposes, generally children of European parents from the West Indies.

In the Chinese cases which came under his observation, the disease probably developed here, or it would have been detected at quarantine. He attributed an outbreak of mumps in one of the banks here to Chinese notes. There were several cases of mumps in Chinatown at the time. Typhoid fever was seldom seen among them in this city. An occasional case was treated among Chinese from the Fraser river.

He did not know of any industry which would its existence to the presence of the Chinese here, and did not regard them as being a race likely to assimilate with the people. He did not deem such assimilation desirable. He did not believe they would ever conduce to the building up of the country.

In some branches of labor, he believed they retarded advancement.

If further immigration was prohibited, he thought it would be beneficial to the country. He would diminish the number coming in, but had not considered the extent to which the restriction should be made.

The doctor then described quarters in Chinatown he had visited, which were in anything but sanitary condition. Their overcrowding and the various trades and callings would cause a deterioration. He believed that if they were permitted to come in here, they should be compelled to live in sanitary places under vigilant supervision. They should be compelled to observe the sanitary regulations.

He had been called to attend Chinese, principally the merchant class, but also from the laborers. They had a hospital here, but he thought their knowledge of medicine very imperfect. They never attempted surgery, and in cases of injury, they came to white physicians.

In reply to Commissioner Munn, he said that in reference to the Chinese hospital, he did not think it would be advisable to enforce white supervision. Periodic visits made by the health and sanitary inspectors to see if there were any cases of contagious diseases there would be all that was necessary. The case of leprosy he last observed was of a very marked character. There was an element of danger in their habits far greater than leprosy and that was their method of manuring their vegetables. He also stated that at one time they gathered water cress from the James Bay flats and sold it.

He included the Indians, Chinese and Japanese in the same class as regards uncleanness, although he thought the Chinese were more uncleanly when congregated together. The Chinese merchants were very cleanly, and this he attributed to their following the manner of the white people. As regards Domestic Employment,

if the Chinese were excluded, there might be some difficulty in replacing them; at first.

There had not been, he understood, any organized effort to bring serfdom into here. If there was an organized society here, he believed that possibly the places of the Chinese would be filled. He did not think there was any local means of filling them.

To Mr. Foley, he said that disease had been propagated through unclean vegetables. Unless they were fully cooked, they were extremely liable to spread disease.

In reply to Mr. Potts, he said, he did not know of any girls going over to Seattle, because they could secure higher wages there. He could not definitely say that any disease which occurred here was traced to impure vegetables. They considered vegetables as a possible cause.

In reply to the president of the commission, he stated that what he had said applied to Japanese. In fact he preferred Chinese to them.

To Mr. Munn, he said he did not think the Japanese coolies more desirable than the Chinese. He also referred to the competition of Polish Jews in London, which was driving many of the people out of the various trades and callings.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the next witness, said that during his residence here of nearly seven years, he had opportunity of observing the Chinese. Speaking of the Presbyterian church, he said that about ten years ago they began work among the Chinese, which was carried on under a definite plan. About nine

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years ago the church inaugurated a mission, three whites and two Chinese.

Working Among the Chinese

in the province. Rev. A. H. Winchester, superintendent of Chinese missions throughout the province had recently resigned, and a successor had not yet been appointed. In 1899 he reported 36 Chinese as members of the Presbyterian church in British Columbia. This did not, he pointed out, comprise the entire extent of the influence of the missions among them. The Chinese were averse to adopting Christianity, chiefly through dissatisfaction with their own religion, and contempt for anything Western. As a race, he did not think they would conform to our way of thinking. He had been told by Mr. Winchester that the obstacles to contend with here were greater than in China. Some Chinese had embraced Christianity here and returned to become missionaries among their own people. Those who were reached here were principally laymen and laborers. Those who had adopted Christianity, he was informed by Mr. Winchester, were regarded with antipathy by their countrymen, and subjected to various modes of persecution.

The presence of Chinese in any large numbers was not desirable. It was not to the best interests of the country that they should be here. These here were quite sufficient.

He thought that Canada was a strong, robust nation, and her vast resources could afford ample scope for the energies of our people. The Chinese showed no indications of assimilation with us, and the non-assimilative coolie class were like a "tangle-mass of undigested food in one's stomach." If they did assimilate, he did not think it would be desirable.

Asked by Mr. Clute on what ground he would exclude any people from any part of the earth, he replied that such would be justifiable on the ground of self-protection. He did not favor a head tax, but favored the suggestion of W. H. Ellis, that the province and Canadian petition the Imperial authorities to arrange a treaty with China by which the immigration should be restricted.

Should Be Mutually Restricted

to about 100 a year. Their presence he believed retarded the immigration of our own people. He then stated that he frequently had appeals for assistance from men who were unable to gain employment here, because it was being done by Chinese and Japanese.

As to the latter, he placed them in the same category, but they were possibly even more dangerous than the Chinese, as their competition would be more intense and general. If they were excluded, he thought it would be unfair to naturalize them, and then withhold from them any right which a British subject enjoyed. He believed that those who lived here appeared more intelligent than those who just arrived from China.

He did not think that the treatment of the white people in China would be justification for the deportation of Chinese by our own people. They should avoid coming from coming into this country when we desired to go into their dominion. That was why he suggested the treaty. The powers to regulate the immigration on both sides, Canada

Should Be Kept for Her People

and for those who would assimilate with them and assist in building up the nation.

In reply to Mr. Foley, he said he could not say whether those Chinamen born in the country were more susceptible of the teachings of Christianity than native born Chinese. From a Christian standpoint, under present conditions, he could not justify their exclusion unless our people were content to remain away from China.

To Mr. Wilson, witness said the presence of Orientals here had given an opportunity to the gambling instinct a new field. Morally, he had observed no other injurious effect.

To Mr. Bradburn, he would not say the work of the Presbyterian mission was unsuccess. He believed the Chinese were sincere Christians. The 36 represented the total of the entire province—there were 13 in the city. The average attendance was 47 and 48 at the week night schools. There were Methodist and Church of England missions in Chinatown, and he presumed they had fair sized congregations. It was possible to convert many more Chinese; if a Chinese accepted the Christian religion he would be a better member of society than if he remained in his former ways. But when a body politic remained so specially distinct as were the Chinese, he did not think they were desirable members of society.

The next witness was Elliot S. Rowe, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, who stated that there was a

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observed since his residence here, and believed the problem a complicated one. As a class he did not think they took any interest in the institutions of this country, but as to whether such was ever likely he could not say, as all questions concerning China and the Chinese were in a state of transition.

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The effect of the presence of 5,000 or 6,000 Chinese upon the Dominion as a whole, he explained, would not be detrimental, but it would upon the population of this province. It had a tendency to degrade certain callings and create the impression that some classes of labor were objectionable because Chinese were engaged in it.

From a national and business standpoint, having in view the material prosperity of the province, he would consider the exclusion of the Chinese beneficial. Asked as to whether the Chinese in this province were more susceptible of the teachings of Christianity than those in their native land, he said that apparently their close inspection of Christianity did not improve their opinion of it. He believed that there was as much chance of converting them in Peking as in Victoria.

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They Supplanted White Labor

and homes that would otherwise be established here. They did not, consequently, strengthen the nation, for he did not believe that the influx of a race which did not promote home building would be of any advantage to a country. Possibly their competition brought about a condition he had never seen in the East of single white men living in cabins in order to be in a better position to compete with them.

He considered it humiliating for a superior race, as we called ourselves, to confess that it was impossible to compete with an inferior race.

As to a remedy he believed that the institution of a minimum wage law, the enforcement of adequate sanitary regulations, the regulation of the manner of living and the nature of the habitations, would be more effective than exclusion.

The Chinese should be debarr'd citizenship if they would not conform to the ways of this country, but this, he admitted, would be a dangerous procedure, he explained, would not be detrimental, but it would upon the population of this province. It had a tendency to degrade certain callings and create the impression that some classes of labor were objectionable because Chinese were engaged in it.

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Why I am Well

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE

Mrs. Frank Evans, 133 Frontenac Street, Montreal, says:—"I feel that I ought to say a good word for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, in the hope that my experience may be of benefit to some other suffering woman. I am now twenty-three years of age, and since my eleventh year I have suffered far more than my share of agony from the ailments that afflict my sex. At the age of sixteen the trouble had grown so bad that I had to undergo an operation in the Montreal General Hospital. This did not cure me and a little later I underwent another operation. From this I received some benefit but was not wholly cured, and I continued to suffer from pains in the abdomen and bilious headache. A few years later, having with my husband removed to Halifax, I was again suffering terribly and was taken to the general hospital where another operation was performed. This gave me relief for two or three months, and again the old trouble came on, and I would suffer for days at a time and nothing seemed to relieve the pain. In February, 1899, I was again obliged to go to the hospital and underwent a fourth operation. Even this did not help me and as the chloroform administered during the operation affected my heart, I would not permit a further operation, and was taken home still a great sufferer. In August, 1899, I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and decided to do so. I have used the pills for several months, and have found more relief from them than from the four operations which I passed through, and I warmly recommend them to all women suffering from the ailments which afflict so many of my sex."

Pink colored pills in glass jars, or in any loose form, or in boxes that do not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are NOT Dr. Williams."

The genuine are put up in packages, with wrapper printed in red.

Sold by all dealers or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

mission conducted by his denomination in this city, but complete information regarding the work could be obtained from the superintendent, Rev. Mr. Whittington, on the Mainland. He had

observed since his residence here, and believed the problem a complicated one. As a class he did not think they took any interest in the institutions of this country, but as to whether such was ever likely he could not say, as all questions concerning China and the Chinese were in a state of transition.

There must be a thrifty, intelligent and moral class here for the performance of the common labor, whose members must desire to become permanent residents and hope to attain a higher status. The Chinese, he did not believe, would assimilate the ways of this country within the reach of interest, and he thought it injurious to have any class in the community who had no aspirations to social and political status.

The effect of the presence of 5,000 or 6,000 Chinese upon the Dominion as a whole, he explained, would not be detrimental, but it would upon the population of this province. It had a tendency to degrade certain callings and create the impression that some classes of labor were objectionable because Chinese were engaged in it.

From a national and business standpoint, having in view the material prosperity of the province, he would consider the exclusion of the Chinese beneficial. Asked as to whether the Chinese in this province were more susceptible of the teachings of Christianity than those in their native land, he said that apparently their close inspection of Christianity did not improve their opinion of it. He believed that there was as much chance of converting them in Peking as in Victoria.

His presence, he believed, had acted as a deterrent on white immigration. His principal objections, to them were that they reduced wages, tending to lower the standard of living of the laboring people of the country; were not purifiers, and by their competition reduced the purchasing power of white laborers. The social evil was likely to be increased in this community in which they lived in large numbers. They did not spend anything, and were consequently unable to compete in the labor market under circumstances impossible for the white laborer. They did not intermarry, and even if they did he would not consider it desirable, as an alliance of the coolie class would only be with those lacking in self-respect and race

pride, and their offspring would be lower than themselves.

They Supplanted White Labor

and homes that would otherwise be established here. They did not, consequently, strengthen the nation, for he did not believe that the influx of a race which did not promote home building would be of any advantage to a country. Possibly their competition brought about a condition he had never seen in the East of single white men living in cabins in order to be in a better position to compete with them.

He considered it humiliating for a superior race, as we called ourselves, to confess that it was impossible to compete with an inferior race.

As to a remedy he believed that the institution of a minimum wage law, the enforcement of adequate sanitary regulations, the regulation of the manner of living and the nature of the habitations, would be more effective than exclusion.

The Chinese should be debarr'd citizenship if they would not conform to the ways of this country, but this, he admitted, would be a dangerous procedure, he explained, would not be detrimental, but it would upon the population of this province. It had a tendency to degrade certain callings and create the impression that some classes of labor were objectionable because Chinese were engaged in it.

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reply to a question, he believed that as witnesses the merchant Chinese

Were Fairly Reliable,

but his impression of the coolie class was that they placed no value on an oath. The Chinese never came up for drunkenness, or crimes arising therefrom. He directed attention to the existence of traffic in Chinese women for immoral purposes, and told of several cases that had come under observation. As to the Japanese, their evidence was more reliable than that of the Chinese, but they were more disorderly and malicious than the former.

The commission then adjourned until this morning.

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According to advices from Colon, Colombia, the rebels continue to hold strong positions in the neighborhood of the city of Panama. The attempts of the government troops to drive them out have signally failed.

All Ready

The new wheels are here. Are you ready for them? The season is just ahead, when wheeling is the greatest delight. We know you'll like the movement and finish of the IVER JOHNSON, TRIRUNE. OR GENDRON, 1901 MOUNTS, and you should be ready for the season when it opens—the greatest delight. We know we also have the largest line of sundries and best repair shop in the city. B.C. Cycle and Supply Co. 96 GOVERNMENT STREET.

The New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co. Limited. Supply from their Nanaimo, South Island and Protection Island Collieries. Steam, Gas, Coal. House.

The Daily Times. Published every day (except Sunday) by the Times Printing & Publishing Co. W. Templeman, Manager.

Advertisements for various businesses including CASHMERE'S BOOK EXCHANGE, EMERY'S CIGAR STAND, and VICTORIA NEWS CO., LTD.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

We have so long contended for greater protection on the part of the government in granting charters to railway companies, and for the regulation of freight and passenger rates by the representatives of the people, that at first sight we were inclined to applaud the Attorney-General for some evidence of an intention to meet the popular demand in this direction.

The company shall, before the railway is opened for the carriage of freight and passengers, give security to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

"(1) That the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall have the absolute control of the rates for freight and passenger traffic."

The submission of these amendments yesterday did not evoke any protest from the government side of the House, a fact which might excite some suspicion.

It is unfortunate that a step otherwise so commendable should have been introduced by the Attorney-General in such a form and at a time when its motive is open to some question.

build through to the Coast. An application was made to the Dominion House for an extension of time for the completion of their work for five years.

The time at which the suggested amendment was introduced only strengthens this suspicion. Why was it kept in reserve until the third reading of these bills, when promoters had incurred all the expense of forwarding their charters and had reached a point where they could not withdraw?

Unless we are mistaken, the Comox & Cape Scott Bill will enjoy the same immunity from the operation of this amendment as the Columbia & Western.

In writing this we have no desire to impugn unnecessarily the good faith of the Attorney-General. His course may be capable of explanation, and if a reasonable and satisfactory one is forthcoming, none will accept it more gladly than the Times.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

The suppression of disorders in China was an easy matter for the powers of the earth in comparison with the task which now confronts them of creating harmony among themselves over the division of the spoils.

Japan is the power chiefly interested, and as a nation Japan is in some respects very young. She has not yet learned the real meaning of war as her elder brethren have.

The ordinary opinion seems to be that the Japs are outclassed by the Russians as fighting men. That has yet to be demonstrated. Judging by the specimens of the Oriental race we see in this country, they are higher spirited and more enterprising than the Slavs.

great advantage in that respect. But it is extremely doubtful whether any of these questions will ever be put to the test. Russia has never been particularly desirous for war.

DUTY OF VICTORIANS.

What is the use of our esteemed morning contemporary getting cross and saying the Times is not capable of originating anything anyway and "we shall not speak to it any more, see there?" because we do not throw up our hat and shout for a scheme which has no more substantial foundation than a dream or a vision of the night.

But perhaps we may be allowed to plead that we did not suggest that as the people of Victoria have been so often diverted from the straight path which promised to lead somewhere by intangible creations that slowly dissolved in the air as soon as the genuine enterprise of a week will be devoted to the study of the coal mines near Nanaimo.

A celebrated scientific man has unearthed in Egypt an arm in a good state of preservation, the ornaments upon which contained inscriptions proving that between six and seven thousand years ago the hand upon that arm had been given to a king in marriage.

There had no railroads in those days to clinch the people, but it is said they had lawyers, and that they practically had the field all to themselves. There never was an age when there was not a scourge of some kind providing for the back of mankind!

A doctor in St. Thomas, Ontario, has been bequeathed \$75,000 by a lady whom he in a moment of weakness attended without demanding his fee in advance, although she was at the time in a low state financially as well as physically.

The Dawson Nugget remarks: "We should very much like to record the fact that the royalty has been cut in two. When that has been done the government will have redeemed nearly all of its promises."

Another largest ship that was ever built has just been launched. The Americans claim to have larger ones on the stocks for Jim Hill, the covetous man who wants to coral all the coal in British Columbia to feed his bunkers.

No paper to-morrow. A statutory holiday and an ecclesiastical holy day, therefore we rest.

NATIONAL TELEGRAPHERS. Hamilton Herald. We are pleased to notice that the Canadian Press Association has adopted a resolution in favor of the nationalization of the telegraph system.

Walter S. Fraser & Co., Ltd. DEALERS IN HARDWARE. Iron, Steel, Pipe, Fittings, and Brass Goods. Building, Mining and Logging Supplies a Specialty. Lawn Mowers, Hose and Garden Tools.

SAVE MONEY The Victoria College Of Music. 248 COOK STREET. Opposite St. Barnabas Church.

MCGILL STUDENTS COMING. Summer Mining School To Be Conducted in British Columbia This Year. The province of British Columbia is to be visited this summer by a party of students in mining from McGill University.

Victoria Liberal Association Annual Meeting PIONEER HALL. Friday 6th, 8 p.m. Nominations of officers and important business. Sojourning Liberals cordially invited.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. Victoria Meteorological Office, March 27th to April 2nd, 1901. The week opened with a rising barometer over British Columbia, and unsettled and showery mild weather generally over the North Pacific slope.

Don't Allow Operation For Cancer. There is a Simpler, Safer and More Effective Method of Treatment. Dr. J. C. Oliver, of Cincinnati, Ohio, U. S. A., in a paper he read before the Ohio State Medical Society, May, 1895, said: "I have operated in a considerable number of cases of Cancer recently, and with one exception all have died within fourteen months after the operation."

2 Star Flour PER SACK, 90C. "As good as whole wheat Flour," so say those who have used it. Hardsess Clarke, 86 Douglas Street.

The Victoria College Of Music. 248 COOK STREET. Opposite St. Barnabas Church. Terms for Lessons on application to the Principal.

VICTORIA THEATRE. TWO GRAND CONCERTS. Under the Direction of Mr. Charles Harris. ON GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT Grand Sacred Concert. ON SATURDAY NIGHT Grand Miscellaneous Concert.

Madame Albani. Together with Madame Albani's own party of Distinguished Artists direct from London, consisting of: MISS MURIEL POSTER, Contralto; MR. DOUGLAS POWELL, Baritone; M. TIVADOL NACHEZ, Solo Violoncello; MONS. BROSSA, Solo Flute; MR. FRANK T. WATKINS, Pianist-Accompanist.

Victoria Liberal Association Annual Meeting PIONEER HALL. Friday 6th, 8 p.m. Cascades. On Saturday an ocean area of low pressure appeared, and the northward and passed over the upper part of the province, the barometer still continuing high over the western portion of the continent.

At Victoria 10 hours and 30 minutes of bright sunshine was recorded, and 1.65 inches of rain; the highest temperature was 42.7 on the 28th, and the lowest 34 on the 30th. At New Westminster the rainfall was 1.63 inches, the highest temperature, 54, occurred on the 28th, and the lowest 34, on the 2nd.

The Ontario government proposes to grant \$6,000 yearly to the Kingston School of Mines to aid in the erection of new buildings. Carpet cleaning by machine, which extracts all the dust and does not injure your carpets, Weller Bros. Telephone 103.

SPENCER'S Boys' Clothing Sale SATURDAY. Suits advertised are marked at prices that should make Saturday the busiest day yet experienced in the clothing department.

Boys' 2-Piece Suits. BOYS' 3-PIECE SUITS, dark brown, fawn and all wool mixed, colored, tweed suits. Saturday \$2.50 suit.

Boys' Brownie Suits With Vests. For Boys from 2 to 8 years. BOYS' ALL WOOL NAVY SERGE SUITS, trimmed with braid. Saturday \$2.45.

New Collars For Boys. ALL THE NEW SHAPES FOR BOYS. 10c. each. ALL LINEN COLLARS, BEST GRADE. 20c. each.

Men's Pants Special. MEN'S FINE ENGLISH WORSTED PANTS, SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY. 18 PAIR \$2.50. 35 PAIR \$2.90.

New Ties. A SPECIAL SHOW OF NEW TIES at centre table at main entrance. Step in and see them. 50c. each.

New Hats. BOYS' FEDORA HATS \$1.00. MEN'S FEDORA HATS and artistic Stiff Hats \$1.50 and \$2.50.

New Goods For Easter. NEW LACE TIES, Brussels Patterns, narrow widths now so fashionable, at 50c, 75c, and upwards.

Millinery. Since the opening new things have been arriving almost every day, and our milliners are continually sending new styles into the showrooms.

A DROP
You May Consider Our
Tonic Hypophosphites
As "only a drop in the bucket," yet it may prove the "ounce of prevention" that is better than the "pound of cure."
Try it as a Spring Tonic
\$1.00 PER BOTTLE.
Cyrus H. Bowes,
CHEMIST
98 GOVERNMENT ST. NEAR YATES ST.
OPEN ALL THE TIME.



"THE STERLING"
HAS REMOVED TO
39 GOVERNMENT STREET
WITH A COMPLETE LINE OF
Dry Goods.

FREE
It costs you nothing to see the new styles in Hats at Phillips'. A large assortment of men's All Wool Underwear, unshrinkable, in light weights for spring; also a large assortment of Sox, White Shirts with short bosoms, Collars, Ties and everything in Men's Furnishings and Hats. Have you seen these Bar Coats, very swell, the best goods at the lowest prices.
PHILLIPS'
OPPOSITE B. C. MARKET. 104 GOVERNMENT ST., ADELPHI BLOCK.

WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 4.—5 a.m.—Bala has fallen during the last 24 hours over the Pacific Northwest from upper California to the Straits, the heaviest fall being on the Washington coast. These conditions are the result of a disturbance which is hovering off the coast of Vancouver Island. From Kamloops eastward to Manitoba the weather is fair with lower temperatures in the western section. The barometer is rising over California, and heavy frost is reported from that state as well as from the higher levels of Oregon.

Forecast.
For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.
Lower Mainland—Light or moderate southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.71; temperature, 40; minimum, 39; wind, 16 miles S. E.; rain, .15; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 16 miles S. E.; rain, .24; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 38; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, fair.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.08; temperature, 20; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS.
Laxative Bromo-Quinine restores the cause.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Try new White Label Blue Ribbon Tea.
The Sterling Dry Goods House has removed to 39 Government Street.
—Fresh oysters daily, per gallon, \$3; qts., 70c. Apply New England Hotel.
—Martindale's Studio, 50 1/2 Government street, Pupils' exhibition of work Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2.30 to 6, 7.30 to 9 p. m. All interested in art invited.
—A Heintzman piano has been sent to the Driard by Waitt & Co. for the use of Madame Albani during her stay in Victoria. This is her favorite Canadian instrument, and is used by her in her concerts.
—The marriage of Dr. Foster, of the United States quarantine service, and Miss S. Griffith, took place at Fort Townsend last evening. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. J. H. Griffith, formerly a resident of Victoria.
—The funeral of the late Geo. Mitchell took place from the family residence, Richmond road, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fraser, who was assisted by Rev. Dr. Reid and Rev. Mr. Bryant. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Alexander Vye, Walter Walker, W. Clarke, A. Campbell, F. Sears and J. Deans.

Do You Bake Good Bread

If not, it might be the fault of the flour. Excellent Hungarian is pronounced the best bread flour on the market by expert bakers. Sold only by us. We have a few tons of Ashcroft Rose Seed Potatoes from Ashcroft left. Secure what you want before they are all gone.

JOHNS BROS.
259 Douglas Street.
Bargain
Two six roomed houses in James Bay, near car line, \$1,500 each. Apply to
SWINERTON & ODDY,
109 GOVERNMENT STREET.

—You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.
—The Sterling Dry Goods House has removed to 39 Government Street.
—English Kensington Art Squares (made to wear), for which reason they are highly spoken of, are to be seen at headquarters. Welles Street.

—The prize committee of the Agricultural Association will meet at the city hall this evening, when the question of rules and regulations will also come up for discussion.

—Good Friday services will be held in St. James' church at 10 a.m. and 7.45 p.m. The evening service will be a special service of preparation for the Easter communion.

—The new Victoria city directory is expected by the publishers to be ready by April 15th. The delay has been caused by the extra work thrown upon the publishing houses of the city through the session of the legislature.

—James Cannon, boatswain of the Drumraig, was fined \$15 or one month's imprisonment for assaulting Dan Tuohy, mate of the same ship, in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon. Cannon took the month's imprisonment.

—A Stewart, having recently purchased at a sacrifice the immense stock of Thos. Bargain, is now prepared to give bargains in monumental work never before heard of in Victoria. Intending buyers should not delay, but take advantage of this rare opportunity.

EASTER PERFUMES, EGG DYES.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY.
We carry a full line of the very best Perfumes. All the latest odors in stock. TRY THEM, fragrant, delicate and lasting.
F. W. FAWCETT & CO.,
49 GOVERNMENT ST.

—The audience at the Victoria theatre last evening, was treated to a lot of grotesque comedy. The sole excuse for the "County Fair" existence doubtless being to provoke mirth, the performance was probably a successful one. But remove Neil Burgess as Abigail Prue from the cast and an effort to locate anything worth enjoying with a microscope would have resulted in lamentable failure.

EASTER SPECIALTIES

We have the finest line of Chocolates and Fancy Candies in the City. The celebrated "G. B.'s" and other numerous lines. Everything of the freshest. Call and see our corner.

ERSKINE, WALL & CO.,
Leading Grocers.

WE WANT

To fill your prescriptions. Our dispensing department is complete, our drugs pure and fresh.
HALL & CO.,
DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

—Steamer Chatter left Vancouver at 1.25, after collecting with the Eastern train.

—Special services will be held to-morrow morning at the Metropolitan Methodist church at 11 a.m. W. M. Oatts will preach.

—The Rosalie is handling large crowds to and from Seattle. A particularly large crowd will go out on her to-night to spend to-morrow at Seattle.

—Next Tuesday the Ladies' Aid of St. James' church will hold a sale of work at the residence of Mrs. McB. Smith, which has been placed at the disposal of the society by that lady.

—A refreshment booth, "The Little Arctic," has been erected on a lot facing Beacon Hill park, near the tram terminus. It will be presided over by Caterer Smith, late of the C. P. N. boats.

—In the Provincial Police court this afternoon Fred Forrest, is being tried upon the charge of stealing tools to the value of about \$10 belonging to George Mitchell, from a sloop near Rock Bay bridge.

—In the County court this morning before Mr. Justice Martin but one case came up, Brown v. Jennings. The action arose out of a disputed account involving \$28.00. Judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff.

—On Sunday next at St. John's church, after the evensong, an organ recital will be given. The following will assist: Mrs. Janlon, Mrs. Morohy, Miss Lugin, Miss Nellie Lugin, Mr. Crane and Ernest Powell.

—The organ recital to be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening next will be one of exceptional merit. Mr. Burnett will be assisted by Misses Lugin, Mrs. E. G. Burnett and Mr. Benedict Bantly.

—To-morrow being Good Friday there will be a special service for children at Christ Church cathedral, commencing at 9.30 a.m. At 3.30 p.m. on Easter Day there will also be children's services. An address will be given and a procession will take place.

—Steamer Dolphin, of the Alaska fleet, reached Port Townsend yesterday morning from Skagway, after a very quick passage. She will sail from here on her regular trip, April 13th, as she is to be laid up for a general overhauling until that time.

—The new rifle range road is now receiving a good rolling by "Jumbo," and when completed will be one of the best bicycles tracks in the city. Want of rain prevented the work being executed sooner. All the park roads will also be rolled ready for the advent of the summer "scorchers."

—The Pacific Clipper Line of Seattle will dispatch their fine steamship Nona City from Seattle on April 27th, for Cape Nome. The vessel is new, and will be sheathed with Australian iron bark, and equipped with special appliances for getting through the ice.

—The C. P. N. Co. is advertising extensively in England a "personally conducted" tour west over the main line this summer. The party will leave Quebec on Thursday, June 20th, and will come right through to Victoria and return for E.T. There is every indication that a big crowd of British tourists, who usually spend the summer on the continent, will visit Canada in consequence.

—The death took place this morning of Miss Beatrice Mary Kate Pearce, the only daughter of B. W. Pearce. Deceased was born in this city, and had been an invalid for some years. She was 24 years of age. Mrs. Pearce is at present in California on a trip for the benefit of her health. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon from the Reformed Episcopal church.

—Acting under instructions from Ottawa, Wm. Humphrey, inspector of works under the Dominion government, has taken over the new rifle range at Clover Point. The work will be passed upon by a board appointed for the purpose before being formally taken over by the Dominion authorities. There will be a team match at the new range to-morrow, commencing at 1.30 p. m., weather permitting. All those wishing to take part are requested to be on time.

—The D. G. S. Quadra arrived in port this afternoon from a cruise as far as the Sisters Rocks in the Gulf of Georgia. The new lightkeeper relieving Mr. Higgins is now in residence, having commenced his duties on the 1st of April. From the Sisters the Quadra visited the Ballinal Islands Light station and Burdard Inlet. Off Point Grey the Fairway buoy was re-moored in position, a boom of logs having pulled the old one from its moorings. It being found by Captain Walbran on Sturgeon Bank. The weather during the cruise has been fine with S. E. to S. W. winds. Before the Quadra sails again, the usual monthly overhauling of the boiler will take place.

A SNAP

About 40 Black Worsted Morning Coats and Vests
Regular prices \$10.00 and \$12.00.
We are clearing the lot at
\$6.00 and \$8.50
Just think, \$6.00 for a coat and vest, fit and finish guaranteed. You will pay \$12.00 for the same goods elsewhere. This is a rare opportunity for people with slim purses. Ladies, bring your husbands along and dress them up.

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Good Butter 25c lb
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VICTORIA'S CHEAPEST CASH CLOTHIER,
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The Secret of Your Looks
Is a good Hat. It is quite likely that at least one man out of every ten will have
A New Hat For Easter
The new shapes and shades are here for you, and judging from the way they are selling we have caught the popular style. We have the variety that guarantees every man his choice. All the reputable makers are represented here.
\$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, up to \$5.00.
New Spring Fashions in Colored Shirts, Neckwear, etc.

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Grand Easter Offerings ON SATURDAY.

Given Away With Kid Gloves on Saturday

A bottle of Fine French Perfum given away with every pair of Kid Gloves purchased at our Store on SATURDAY
Prices of Kid Gloves 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 a pair

Given Away With Boys' Clothing

A two-bladed Pocket Knife given away with every Boys' Suit purchased at our Store on SATURDAY
Boys' Clothing Prices \$1.85, \$2.45, \$2.75, \$3.25

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Always on hand, Wellington, Delta or Eden Bank Butter; also Lipton's and Armour's Hams and Bacon.
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Rods, Reels, Lines, Baskets, Fine Scotch Oats and Flax, Fly Books and Tackle Cases, Landing Nets, etc. See our line of rods, at
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Special attention is called to a new line of boys' three piece suits, with double breasted vests, for ages 9 to 14 years; close woven, pure wool suits that wear like iron, and hold their color and appearance while there is anything left of them. They are excellent values at
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Your boy will like them. No trouble to show goods here, and your money back if the goods don't show up to your satisfaction after you get them home.

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Also a large variety of
New and Fancy Novelties For Spring
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Just arrived, via C. P. R. and E. & N. railway. All the latest styles and woods, including oak, mahogany and burr walnut.

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FLY FISHING Lakeside Hotel, Cowichan Lake.

This well known resort will open for the season on April 1st.
Stage leaves Duncan Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Special return tickets issued by the E. & N. Railway, good for 15 days, \$5.00.
PRICE BROS. Props.

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The best varieties of Vegetable and Flower Seeds on the market, in bulk, for farm or garden. All perfectly fresh.
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The Best Things To Eat
ARE MADE WITH
ROYAL Baking Powder

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Transhipped At Victoria

Report That Pacific Coast Steamships Will Load C. P. R. Freight Here.

Two More of the Fleet Now in the Royal Roads Will Sail To-Day.

A report is in circulation along the water front that the vessels of the Pacific Coast steamship line, running between San Francisco, Victoria and the Sound, will shortly omit Vancouver as a port of call. The steamers now en route to Vancouver from Seattle to pick up G. P. N. freight, after which they return to the open City of the Sound. This arrangement, according to report, however, is soon to be discontinued, the C. P. R. freight to be brought down to Victoria, and here transferred from rail to steamboat. Both the local agent and the officers of the steamer Walla Walla, which arrived here from San Francisco this morning, had heard the report, but neither could verify it. They say that so far they have nothing official on the matter.

By carrying out the proposed scheme it is claimed the saving to the steamship company would be considerable, and at the same time be of great advantage to the business interests of this city. It would mean that the steamers would have to spend probably an extra day in port.

The Walla Walla brought a big freight for this city and landed a good list of passengers at the outer wharf. The State of California will be the next of the fleet in port. She will sail for the Golden Gate this evening with the following passengers from Victoria: W. Townsley, M. S. Wright, Chas. Courad, James Durrant and Miss J. M. Perry.

MERCHANTMEN TO SAIL.
 After arrival from Juneau to-day with the Richard III in tow, laden with concentrates for Tacoma from the Treadwell mines, the tug Lorne will take the bark Ivanhoe to Port Blakely, where the vessel loads for Melbourne. Two other of the merchantmen in port will probably be leaving to-day. The Prince Victor, the craft which put back to port some three weeks or so ago in distress and with a big list to starboard, will resume her voyage to England this evening. Since her arrival by Port Blakely, she has discharged her deck load of lumber, and this has been sent on to Vancouver to be there reloaded on another vessel bound for the same port of destination, while some repairs have been effected on the distressed ship. The other merchantmen referred to is the four-masted schooner James Rowe, which has been discharging pine at the Chemical Works. She too has been chartered to load at the Port Blakely mill, and from there goes to Fiji.

MIONEWA SAILS TO-MORROW.
 R. M. S. Mioneva, which leaves here for Honolulu and Australasian ports to-morrow, will complete her cargo at Vancouver before sailing. She will have among her passengers R. E. Peake, the Pacific cable engineer, who, as previously

LODGE NOTES.
 Federated Board Meet To-night—Par West Lodge Hold Entertainment on Tuesday.

The new paraphernalia of Par West Lodge, No. 3, K. of P., has arrived and one of the most handsome in the city. It was used for the first time at the last meeting.

A social dance will be given next Tuesday evening by Par West Lodge. The regular annual visit of the Grand Chancellor of the K. of P. is expected in the near future.

At a recent meeting of Court Northern Light, A. of F. E. was decided that the society should hold a smoker and concert in the near future in conjunction with Court Vancouver. Arrangements are rapidly going forward.

The regular meeting of the Juvenile Ancient Order of Foresters was held last Tuesday evening at the K. of P. hall. During the first portion of the evening necessary business was transacted, three candidates being initiated and applications for seven new members received. The parents and friends of the boys were afterwards entertained to an excellent supper of roasts, soups, songs, etc. A cake walk was also given by Misses Smith and Heman. The Highland Fling completed the program. Those present: Deputy Adjutant, M. L. held last evening in the Institute rooms, the officers for the current term were installed. The ceremonies were conducted by Court Vancouver. The following are the officers: President, H. J. Perry; first vice-president, E. Wall; second vice-president, E. Murray; recording secretary, Frank Berry; corresponding secretary, W. Roarke; financial secretary, T. Brown; treasurer, A. Bandy; marshal, J. Gibber; inside guard, B. Bourque; executive committee, W. J. Murray, A. Belanger and J. F. Potts; medical examiner, Dr. R. L. Fraser.

A meeting of the Federated Board will be held this evening, when matters

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ly mentioned, goes to Australia to make a survey of the island coasts where the cable is likely to land. Other passengers will be J. O'Brien and wife, G. E. Schwynd and wife, F. S. Cockburn, Mrs. McLenn and child, Mr. and Mrs. Niles, Mr. Steyn and wife, J. H. Mack, J. Kingsby, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Eddy and children, A. J. Eddy, D. C. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and children, Mrs. Normandy, Mrs. and Miss Davis, Pape-Ponsford party, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Brown, C. A. Parsons, E. Brooks and G. A. Macdonald.

FOR CHEAP ORANGES.
 The experimental shipment of oranges from Los Angeles to St. Paul via Seattle the last week proved such a marked success in point of time and condition that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the Great Northern railroad are said to be already figuring on handling the oranges on a more extended scale, with a special line of steamers running direct from Los Angeles to Seattle, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

President J. D. Farrar, of the Pacific Coast Company, is now in San Francisco, said to be looking up the question of putting on a line of special steamers for this purpose. If this scheme is carried out for the purpose of cheapening the freight rates on the fruit, then Victoria should profit as well as Eastern cities by the innovation.

MARINE NOTES.
 Among the recent charters reported are the British ship City of Hankow, 1,153 tons, to load at Burrard Inlet for Fort Erie, the American ship John McDonald, to load at Chemainus for Sydney, and the Norwegian bark Passaparfour, 513 tons, for Burrard Inlet for Sydney, N. S. W.

Steamer Tees sails for northern British Columbia ports this evening, with the following among other passengers: A. C. Devereaux, C. Christiansen, J. Teendlay, M. Weir, J. B. Johnson, R. J. Bailey and Geo. Bailey. She will have a big freight for the northern canaries.

The American ship John McDonald, Capt. Seymour Watts, is now 252 days out from Baltimore to San Francisco, and is quoted at 50 per cent. reinsurance.

HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION.
 School Board Accede to the Request of the City Council.

At the meeting of the school board last night Trustee Belyea, in the absence of Dr. Lewis Hall, acted as chairman. There were present also Trustees Mrs. Grant, Drury, Huggert and Jay. The following letter was read with reference to the request of the city council that a petition signed by the ratepayers of the municipality be presented before taking action in submitting a by-law for an appropriation for a High School:

April 2nd, 1901.
 Frank H. Eaton, Esq., Secretary Board of School Trustees, Victoria, B. C.

Sir:—Referring to the council's letter to you of the 12th inst. I have the honor, by direction, to call the attention of your board to the provisions of section 93, Municipal Clauses Act, and to acquaint you that before the city council take action in regard to the introduction of the by-law, it will be necessary that the provisions of said section be fulfilled, and the council look to the board to see that this is done. I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,
 W. C. DOWLING,
 C. M. C.

Trustee Belyea did not think that the request made by the city council for a petition signed by the ratepayers was necessary, but at the same time rather than lose valuable time he would favor taking the action suggested. This met with the approval of the board, and the following resolution was carried:

Moved by Trustee Jay, seconded by Trustee Mrs. Grant, that a special committee be appointed to prepare a petition in conformity with section 93 of the Municipal Clauses Act, requesting the introduction and submission by the city council of the High School appropriation by-law, with power to employ such assistance as the committee may find necessary in obtaining signatures of ratepayers thereto.

A committee consisting of Trustees Mrs. Grant, Jay and Belyea was appointed to carry out the provisions of the motion.

On motion of Trustees Mrs. Grant and Drury the application for an increase in salary from teachers was left over until the annual estimates were received.

After an informal discussion upon the question of the Pemberton gymnasium the board adjourned.

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Provincial News

Mrs. G. B. Bour met with a terrible death at the Chapman mine. Nelson.

U. R. B. Hearn, the manager of the best branch of the Imperial Bank, has been promoted to the management of the branch at Portage la Prairie.

The following members of the R. M. R. received promotion at the examination last week: E. T. W. Pearson to junior corporal; E. S. Wood to 1st lance-corporal; T. A. Shackleton to 2nd lance-corporal.

Quietly and quite unobtrusively, the other day, Messrs. Wilkie, Duncan and Stinchcombe, of the staff of the provincial hospital for the insane, waited upon Dr. Bodington, late superintendent of the institution, and presented him with an address on the eve of his departure to take up his residence in the Old Country.

During the month of March 55 births, 12 marriages and 85 deaths were registered in the city.

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SEPARATE TENDERS. Will be received up to 3 p. m. on Tuesday, April 3rd, for the following work: 5 1/2-inch meters, 3 1/2-inch meters, 3 1/2-inch meters, 2 1/2-inch meters, with all accessories.

Notice to Contractors

Sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Ironwork, Estimation River Bridge," will be received by the undersigned up to and including Saturday, the 6th day of April, for supplying cast and wrought iron to be used in the construction of the above bridge.

Notice to Contractors

Tenders for the erection of a dwelling house on Oak Bay avenue will be received up to noon, April 6th. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Notice

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to widen Meunier street to the full width of 48 feet from the south-easterly limits of Meunier street to the north-easterly limits of Niagara street, under the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council upon the said work of improvement, giving statements showing the amount chargeable against the various portions of the property benefited thereby, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the said by-law, and said report having been adopted by the Council, notice is hereby given that this report is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

Notice

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to pave Government street, between the north-easterly limits of Courtney street and the southerly limit of Johnson street, with wooden block pavement, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council upon the said work of improvement, giving statements showing the amount chargeable against the various portions of the property benefited thereby, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the said by-law, and said report having been adopted by the Council, notice is hereby given that this report is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

Mortgagee's Sale

Under instructions of Alexander Urquhart, executor of Donald Urquhart, deceased, the mortgagee, in pursuance of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the second day of December, 1890, and made between Thomas Stanger Milligan, late of Victoria, B. C., of the one part, and Donald Urquhart, late of Victoria, B. C., of the other part, sundry moneys will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, the 15th day of April, 1901, at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

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Under instructions of Alexander Urquhart, executor of Donald Urquhart, deceased, the mortgagee, in pursuance of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the 7th day of April, 1892, and made between John L. Langley, late of Victoria, B. C., of the one part, and Donald Urquhart, late of Victoria, B. C., of the other part, sundry moneys will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, the 15th day of April, 1901, at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

TIDE TABLE. Victoria, B. C., April, 1901. (Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Indigestion. Is about the first symptom of dyspepsia and other stomach troubles which lead to ill health and numerous other diseases. The want of space will not allow us to give all the symptoms and causes of indigestion. One of the most prominent is gas in the stomach after eating, causing colic, belching of wind and other stomach troubles. BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS corrects the acidity and wrong action of the stomach. Here is testimony to prove what we say:

Some time ago I was suffering from indigestion. A young man stopping at our place advised me to try BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS. Before this time I had tried numerous remedies, but had found no relief from them. After taking a few doses of B.B.B. relief came as by magic, and I can now eat three square meals a day without any bad after effects, and there was quite an attendance of interested spectators. The gentlemen's competitions for the Pacific Northwest resulted as follows:

March, 1900. Mrs. John Riley, West Liscomb, N.S. "I have been using B.B.B. for indigestion and it works like a charm. Before starting to take it I was thin and run-down in health and could get little strength from my food; two bottles completely cured me."

FOR RENT. First-class rooms, with use of fire-proof vaults, to rent in Old Post Office building, Government street, rooms will be cleaned to suit tenants. Apply Public Works Office, New Post Office.

TRY London Hospital Cough Cure Price, 50 cents John Cochrane, CHEMIST.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

The first witness before the Royal Commission this morning was Joseph Hunter, superintendent of the E. & N. railway.

Asked as to the question of further restriction, witness replied that he would like to see the white labor predominant in everything, and thought the country would be better without the Chinese.

Asked if the presence of Chinese in large numbers deterred white immigration, he said if he were a laborer, he would prefer to go to a country where there were no Chinese.

In Various Callings and Trades which made up the foundation of a nation, he would consider it a menace.

Asked as to why there was an aversion on the part of white people to enter domestic employment, he said that he did not know, but in other countries there was no difficulty in obtaining white cooks.

ed that they could work as well as the Old Country miners. Their method was different. He believed that the cause of the dissatisfaction was not that the Canadians worked cheaper, but that they were superior to other classes.

He believed there were too many Chinese in mines. If it were possible to do without them it would be beneficial to the mines.

He preferred the Chinamen to Japanese as servants, and believed the latter drank more brandy. As far as his observation went the Japanese did not take so active a part in the clearing of the country as Chinese, but he understood that in other parts of the country they cleared a great deal of land.

He had employed about a dozen Japanese for two weeks in connection with the road, but they were not satisfactory, and he had not employed any since.

He thought white labor was paid very well here, but he supposed if the wages were raised the industries could stand it. He did not believe in low wages.

It appeared that there were certain industries for existence, but he did not want to speak for these industries. When Chinese left it might be possible to carry them on by virtue of the fluctuation of the market.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Canney Business and Steamer Connection With the Sound Among Subjects Discussed.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held this morning, there being present: J. A. Mara, in the chair, C. Todd, Capt. Wm. Grant, Capt. J. B. Cox, A. H. McAndrews, D. B. Ker and H. Logan.

In opening the proceedings, a report from the harbor and navigation committee was read, recommending that the upper harbor between the E. & N. railway and the Point Ellice bridge, be dredged.

A letter from the Nanaimo board of trade and council asked for the co-operation of the Victoria board in their endeavor to amend the Municipal Classes Act.

Ald. Beckwith wrote stating that he proposed to ask for an expression of opinion from the board of trade at the quarterly meeting to be held on Friday, the 12th inst., as to the feasibility of the proposed Coast to Kootenay railway.

A lengthy report was also received from the mining committee respecting Athl mining, which was referred to the committee of mining and metallurgy.

A communication from Ottawa came from Senator Templeman, acknowledging the receipt of the memorial of the British Columbia lumber manufacturers.

Personal.

P. H. Dunagan, J. Rogers, J. Miller, J. Stokes and J. Keegan saw a party of Port Townsend mining men who have been paying a visit to Mount Sicker for the purpose of looking over some property in that district.

Mr. Chook, who is among those registered at the Dominion hotel, arrived in the city on the steamer Walls Walla from San Francisco.

Mr. H. L. Blanehard, of Port Hood, who is lecturing on poultry at the meetings of the Farmers' Institute, arrived in the city from Nanaimo on Tuesday, and left for a point of the E. & N. railway yesterday.

Mr. Kallish, manager of the Humboldt Steamship Co., operating the steamer Humboldt, on the Seattle-Vancouver route, arrived on the Rosalie yesterday.

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Saturday Night Sale.

We have special instructions to dispose of Public Auction At the City Mart, 75 Yates Street, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

A very large, choice and valuable consignment of Algerian Table Cloths, Cushion Covers, Mantle Draperies, etc.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. WANTED—Two rooms, furnished for light housekeeping. Address "Rooms," Times Office.

GET YOUR Lawn Mowers Ground J. WAITES 58 FORT STREET.

At a conference of Lanarkshire coal masters yesterday it was decided to refuse the striking engine men any concessions, and a protracted strike is anticipated.

Weller Bros. have secured the services of a first class paper hanger and decorator, and can guarantee the best of work.

For Sale Hotel and Store. Three Stores situated on West Coast. Land on following Islands: Hill, Kents, James, Barson, Galliano, Gamble, Queen Charlotte, Discovery, Saturna.

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Millinery Opening Wednesday, March 27th AND FOLLOWING DAYS. Mrs. W. Bickford, 61 AND 63 FORT STREET.

Leary Coal \$6.00 PER TON. DRY CORD WOOD \$3.50 per Cord. SPLITTED BARK \$4.00 per Cord. J. BAKER & CO. 33 Belleville Street.

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