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Advertisement for diamonds and jewelry by Challoner & Mitchell, featuring a diamond ring and a diamond brooch.

Advertisement for Hudson's Bay Company, Agents for British Columbia, featuring a box of tea.

Advertisement for Saturday's Bargain, Strictly Fresh EGGS, 25 Cents Dozen, by Dixi H. Ross & Co., Grocers.

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PRICES MAY COME DOWN. Temporary Closing of Glass Factories Alone Can Save Manufacturers and Jobbers.

Philadelphia, March 6.—The Public Ledger today says: "Never in the history of the window glass industry in this country, it is said, have manufacturers and jobbers been confronted with such a serious situation as at present. If the plans of a number of leading producers to close down their factories temporarily are unsuccessful, it is predicted here that the most ruinous price war ever inaugurated will certainly occur."

MILITARY AFFAIRS. Motion to Reconsider Plan of Reorganization Defeated in House of Lords.

London, March 6.—In the House of Lords yesterday, a motion presented by Earl Carrington to reconsider the government's plan of military reorganization was defeated by a vote of 53 to 15.

IHA D. SANKEY. No Truth in Report That He Has Been Struck With Blindness.

WILL RECOMMEND INCREASED WAGES

FINDINGS OF COAL STRIKE COMMISSION

Suggestions Regarding Pay for Day Employees—Verdict Holds Good for Three Years.

(Associated Press.) New York, March 6.—The Herald prints the following as a summary of the findings of the coal strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt, which it is expected will be handed to the President within a week:

There will undoubtedly be at least a ten per cent. advance in the pay for mining, to take effect at the time the miners returned to work last October. The per diem employees will not have their wages increased, but will be recommended for the same pay as for a day of nine hours. The system of pay will be regulated wherever practicable. The operators will be required to pay by the weight instead of by the car, and elsewhere by the linear yard. The miners will have check-docking representatives at their own expense. This will practically amount to a second increase in wages.

There will be indirect recognition of the union which will come when the findings are submitted by President Roosevelt to John Mitchell, as president of the miners' union. The cause of the strike as found by the commission will not be comforting to the coal mining companies. The boycott of wages and other questions at the end of the period.

In local disputes the operators will be advised to treat with committees of the miners, and there may be a suggestion for local boards of arbitration.

THE HUMBERT CASE

Magistrate Continues His Investigation—A Denial by French Ambassador to Spain.

(Associated Press.) Paris, March 6.—M. Leydet, the magistrate who has charge of the investigation in the Humbert affair, is continuing daily interrogation of the arrested members of the Humbert family but without eliciting any new features of importance. The physicians have decided that Mile. Maria Humbert is hysterical and not responsible for her actions.

The Matin this morning states that Mme. Therese Humbert, during her interrogation yesterday, asserted that she and other members of her family frequently met the French ambassador, Patenotre, while in Madrid. The ambassador knew them well, as he had often been at parties given at their home about the year 1880. The Matin also interviewed M. Patenotre, who emphatically denied having seen the Humberts in Madrid; that he knew any of the family in Paris, or that he ever attended parties at their house.

SECOND VICTIM

Mrs. Georgia Stanley Succumb's at Denver—Little Known as Her Antecedents.

(Associated Press.) Denver, March 6.—There is considerable speculation here as to the antecedents of Mrs. Georgia Stanley, who died yesterday from the effects of inhaling the fumes of a gas stove in her home in Denver.

EXTRA SESSION

President Roosevelt's Message to the Senate—Called to Consider Treaties.

(Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—The Senate was called to order today in an extraordinary session at 12 o'clock noon. President Roosevelt today sent the following message: "To the Senate—I have called the Senate in extraordinary session to consider the treaties concerning which it proved impossible to take action during the session of the Congress just ended. I ask your special attention to the treaty with the republic of Colombia, securing to the United States the right to build an isthmian canal, and to the treaty with the republic of Cuba for securing a measure of commercial reciprocity between the countries. The great and far-reaching importance of these two treaties to the welfare of the United States and the urgent need for their adoption requires me to impose upon you the inconvenience of meeting at this time."

STORMY WEATHER

Arrivals at New York Tell of Rough Voyages Across the Atlantic.

(Associated Press.) New York, March 5.—Several Atlantic liners reached port today, all bearing stories of an unusually rough crossing. Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse showed many evidences of her battle with the waves. Her funnels were encircled with salt and the sea was as heavy as five lifelines. The decks and masts were covered with water, and the ship was as bad weathered, and like the Kaiser Wilhelm, was compelled to go under reduced speed for five days.

A CONCESSION

Rates on Newspapers and Periodicals to England Will Be Reduced Tomorrow.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 6.—Sir Wm. Mulock has finally obtained the consent of the postmaster-general of England to reduce the rate on Canadian newspapers and periodicals posted in Canada for transmission to England to be the same as if posted for delivery in Canada. Although Sir William has been endeavoring to induce the Imperial government to consent to reduce their rates to Canada, they have not yet consented. The reduction on Canadian rates takes place tomorrow.

LOOKS LIKE SETTLEMENT

Indications Are That the Canadian Pacific Railway Strike May Soon Be Ended.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, March 6.—The Canadian Pacific Railway strike looks like a settlement today. The local unions are endeavoring to mediate. The strikers have accepted E. A. Hansen, of Revelstoke, to act for them, and he is arranging the preliminaries to the terms of settlement with the company officials. The proposals so far between the company and striking employees is not based on the recognition of the Brotherhood as an organization.

BLAZE AT FAIRHAVEN

Large Part of the Waterfront and Number of Business Buildings Are Apparently Destroyed.

(Associated Press.) Seattle, March 6.—Fire broke out in Murchison's sawmill at Fairhaven today and threatens the destruction of a large part of the waterfront and business buildings of the city.

A strong southeast gale is silting the flames and several canneries are in immediate danger.

Several Great Northern freight cars were burned at the depot and the depot is now in flames. The loss, unless the wind shall change, may reach \$500,000. Several hundred men will be thrown out of employment.

MANY MAY BE IDLE

Manufacturers Will Refuse Demands of the Structural Iron Workers.

(Associated Press.) New York, March 5.—Between three hundred thousand and four hundred thousand workmen in the building trades throughout the United States are expected to be idle on May 1st on account of the forthcoming demands of the structural iron workers, which the manufacturers have decided to refuse.

It has been learned that the manufacturers and contractors, who have had meetings from time to time in the last fortnight, effected a permanent agreement on Tuesday at a meeting in an uptown hotel. The organization will probably be known as the National Structural Iron Manufacturers' Association. They have appointed an executive committee, which will appeal to the committees in cities represented by it in the next few days. The object of this association is to fight the demands which the structural iron workers throughout the country intend making on May 1st.

THE MURDERER KNAPP

His Fourth Wife Visits Him in Jail—Thinks He Is Insane.

(Associated Press.) Hamilton, O., March 4.—This afternoon the fourth wife of Alfred Knapp, Annie Gumble, of Indianapolis, came to Hamilton and was driven to the jail. In company with the deputy sheriff and jailer she was admitted into the presence of Knapp. She cried bitterly and asked Knapp if his confession of the horrible murder was true, and he answered that it was. She would not believe the confessions until Knapp himself told her they were true.

"He must have been insane," she said. "It is true that he once choked me in his sleep. It is not true that I have threatened Mrs. King. Knapp's sister in Cincinnati. I have threatened no one. All I want is to be let alone. If they take my husband to the chair I want to die. I am so lonely."

NAVAL RESERVE

Governor of Newfoundland Announces That Movement Will Be Enlarged.

St. John's, Nfld., March 6.—The legislature opened yesterday. The Governor announced a surplus and also that the Bond-Hay treaty negotiations were still progressing. He intimated that measures would be introduced for the enlargement of the naval reserve, the extension of the telegraph system to Labrador at the expiration of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company's monopoly next year, the establishment of a cold storage plant and the encouragement of local iron smelting industry. The French shore module vivendi bill was introduced and read first.

Professor Gaston Paris, a member of the French academy and professor of the college of France, died today. He was born in 1806.

DREDGING OF THE POOR FARM FLATS

A BIG MINING WORK, PLENTY OF CAPITAL

A Huge Apparatus Being Prepared by British-American Company for Operations in Atlin.

To dredge twelve hundred and eighty acres of peat bogs and flats for glittering treasures is the big undertaking before the British-American Dredging Company. A great deal has been said about the extensive work contemplated by this company on what is known as the Poor Farm properties on lower Pine creek, Atlin, but it is doubtful if outsiders have any idea of its true magnitude. The company, backed by plenty of United States capital, are preparing of its kind the largest apparatus of its kind on the North Pacific, and will soon be raising thousands and thousands of yards of gold-bearing earth and gravel.

H. P. Pearce, who was one of Atlin's representatives at the recent mining convention, in conversation with a Times reporter this morning, pointed out that this large undertaking would be based on practical experiment. The company didn't contemplate dredging a ground that was "terra incognita," as far as its gold-bearing capacity was concerned. On the contrary it was known to contain gold, but in values which didn't permit of operations on any but a large scale. Mr. Pearce has had considerable experience with gold dredging, having been connected with similar projects in New Zealand. The machine to be used by the British-American company, he explained, would be able to do effective work in any kind of ground.

"It doesn't matter what the nature of the ground is," he said. "The buckets are so constructed that nothing will resist them. It could tear up that street, indicating the Broad street pavement, quite easily. The flats to be dredged are known to have forty feet of auriferous gravel."

Continuing, he said the dredge would have a capacity of five hundred yards a day at least, the latter containing thirty-four buckets. These could be worked at a depth of sixty feet. When this is taken into consideration, together with the area to be covered, an adequate idea of the extent of the undertaking can be obtained. The dredge and equipment completely will cost between \$150,000 and \$160,000. Philadelphia capital, Mr. Pearce said, was interested in the project, the company's representative being Mr. Robinson, who addressed the convention recently held in this city, and whose remarks were last published in yesterday's Times.

As announced in the Times yesterday, the company will apply to the legislature at its next session for an act authorizing them to divert and appropriate to the waters of the Pine creek three hundred feet above the dam falls, for the purpose of generating power. This Mr. Pearce described as a good move, the falls referred to, not more than a mile and a half above the company's property, being between sixteen and eight feet high, and affording splendid power for the operation of a plant.

Mr. Pearce is engaged in quartz mining on Munro Mountain, between Atlin and Discovery. He was the only quartz claimer, and its worked through two months, and he has made two shipments to the Crofton smelter, and the results in every way equalled his expectations. The property was taken up in 1890, but he was not satisfied with its values, so Mr. Pearce acquired it. Assays showed the quartz to run twenty-six dollars in gold. He has a five-stamp mill there, and when this plant is augmented by other equipments he will be in a position to treat his product right on the ground. He also partly owns the British-American group (this is not to be confused with the dredging company) on Spruce creek, and intends installing the necessary machinery during the coming season.

He is extremely optimistic regarding Atlin's prospects. To the Times today he said he felt certain that at least \$250,000 would be expended there on development work alone. The success attending last season's operations, he pointed out, justified the prediction that the future held bright things for the camp. The Pine Creek Company on Pine creek did very well, well enough to demand the installation of a large plant. The Atlin Lake Company on McKee creek, despite the fact that they had only got down to work, likewise made a good showing, while the De Lamar Syndicate took out a great deal of gold from Boulder creek.

All this ground, Mr. Pearce added, had no value at all two years ago. The most important localities were on Gold Run. About a hundred miners were working there, and all had been doing well. In fact he said there was a scheme on foot to equip the whole Gold Run leased property with dredges.

In regard to quartz mining, he expressed the opinion that in a year or two there would be several conspicuous pro-

MEMBERS HERE TO ATTEND CAUCUS

THE PREMIER TO MEET HIS OWN SUPPORTERS

He Will Frankly Face Present Political Situation and May Appeal to the Country.

Matters political are fast approaching a crisis. There have been rumors for some days that the executive were contemplating a decisive vote to settle one way or the other the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, and the arrival within the last twenty-four hours of several members of the legislature, additional to the large number already here, leaves little doubt that a caucus is on the tapis. Up to time of going to press this had not been held, as it is stated that several more members are expected to reach the capital to-night, but it is very likely there will be a council of war of the faithful here to-morrow.

Those who are already in town, or who are expected to be in attendance, include the members of the executive, Messrs. Prior, McInnes, Prentice, Wells and Eberts, and the following members: Messrs. Tadow, Gilmour, Hunter, Rogers, Dickie, Mouncey, Chifford, Stables, Hayward, Helmcken, Hall, Pooley, Dunsinuir, Neil and one or two others.

Col. Prior has always been a fighter, and he is not disposed, so rumor saith, to submit tamely to a condition of affairs intolerable to a man of spirit. The recent gyrations of Joseph Martin have left no doubt in the minds of some of the supporters of the administration that he thinks he foresees a situation in the House already summoned, almost parallel to that obtaining last year, and that he was preparing to assume a role analogous to that which he played with more or less success last year. Colonel Prior, however, thinks that he should have something to say in the matter, and if he finds that he cannot control the House without deferring to a small minority of its members, he is disposed to treat the country to heroics and appeal to the people.

The difficulty which lies ahead in following such a course is one which does not affect the fortunes of the politician alone. It is one of the gravest moment to the whole country. The moment the House dissolves the new redistribution bill comes into effect, and new lists must be prepared before an appeal can be had to the people under those lists. Parliamentarians assert that this cannot be carried out inside of three months, and that even that period of time is insufficient when the scattered character of the constituencies of this province are taken into consideration. In the meantime the cabinet would be exhausted with no parliament in existence to vote supply.

This is the contingency which stands in the way, and were it not for the serious state of affairs which it would involve, there is little doubt but that the country would be content to general election in short order. If it stands by those in a position to know that His Honor has already consented to grant the Premier a dissolution should he so desire.

Only alternative to this course seems to lie in a coalition government, or in an agreement on the part of some of the members who are now disposed to be hostile to give the administration support in carrying through reasonable constitutional legislation. It is stated that E. C. Smith, of Kootenay, who certainly was a consistent opponent of the government during the last session, would be agreeable to giving them supply and to supporting them in passing any necessary legislation, rather than assist in precipitating the chaotic conditions outlined above.

John Houston, of Nelson, is also said to take the same view of the matter, although he would make an appeal to the country in the summer or fall on party lines, conditional on his support. Mr. Houston is now head of the Liberal-Conservative executive in this province, being Chas. Wilson's choice for that post at the Revelstoke convention, and he is anxious to see how the new machine works.

Prominent members of the opposition, on the other hand, like Messrs. Tadow, McBride and Green, do not wish party lines, and recognize, as do many of the government supporters, that the time is inopportune for making the issue of the country on party divisions. It is this sentiment which is stimulating the demand for a coalition government which will insure fairly efficient administration during the present session of the House. The formation of such a government would seem to necessitate the absence of office of Col. Prior, and who his successor would be is problematical.

The presence of Capt. Taylor in town is associated with the caucus of to-morrow, as he represents the fighting forces of the opposition, and is doubtless on the ground with a view to receiving any overtures the government may feel disposed to make.

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THE DEFENCES OF THE DOMINION

COLONEL KITSON ON SOME OF THE NEEDS

There Should Be an Arsenal in the Interior—Lord Strathcona's Reply.

Montreal, March 5.—The Star's London cable says: "At the dinner of the Canadian Club last night, Admiral Fremantle, in speaking, urged Canadians to remember that they had considerable at stake in the Empire, which rested on its naval strength, towards which Canada gave nothing, though he thoroughly agreed that Canadians could not be expected to contribute to the Empire's defence until the government had a voice in the management of the Empire."

"Col. Kitson, formerly British military attaché at Washington, and now commandant of the Sandhurst Military College, said: 'Fortunately at present the possibility of trouble is further off than ever, but I assure you that Canadians would enter a campaign under the greatest strategic disadvantages. You will be very lucky in Upper Canada if you have any ammunition. The United States regular army, quartered on frontier, would be the Canadian manufacturer of communication, which lie along the frontier. Your only arsenal is at Quebec at the end of the line. Without better organization and without any arsenal in the interior, you will never be safe from raids.'"

FAVORS INQUIRY.

Premier Balfour on Question of Britain's Food Supply in War Time.

London, March 5.—Premier Balfour announced in the House of Commons today that the admiralty has decided to establish a new naval station at St. Margarets Hope, on the north side of the Firth of Forth.

Receiving a large and influential delegation which visited the foreign office today to urge the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the question of the food supply of Great Britain in time of war, Premier Balfour expressed the opinion that the danger of modern warfare is to meet was not the exclusion of meats and the raw materials to meet the country's national existence, but the cost of introducing them, and the question of price was ultimately a question of insurance.

London, March 5.—The British army estimates for 1903-4 issued this evening call for a total expenditure of \$171,228,000, and provide for 235,761 men, exclusive of the troops in India. The estimates include \$20,000,000 for special expenditures in connection with South Africa.

CANADIAN NOTES.

The Manitoba Redistribution Bill—D. Mann on Canadian Northern Extensions.

Winnipeg, March 5.—The redistribution bill brought down today in the legislature provides for the same number of constituencies as before, but wipes out several existing seats.

The Canadian Northern. (Vice-President D. D. Mann, of the Canadian Northern, said today: "Our route in the West will be extended this year so far that we expect to bridge the North Saskatchewan below Prince Albert, on our Grand View extension, and to cross both the North and South Saskatchewan with our main line before next winter sets in. When our line is completed to Edmonton, that town will be forty miles nearer Winnipeg by our line than Calgary is by the N. P. R."

Grand Master Elected. W. T. Devlin of this city, has been elected grand master of the Manitoba Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Farmer's Suicide. Strathroy, Ont., March 5.—Alfred Powers, a prosperous farmer of the township of Caradoc, committed suicide yesterday by taking poison. No reason can be given for the act.

Manufacturers and Tariff. Toronto, March 5.—The tariff committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which for several months has been dealing with the question of tariff, appears to have completed its labors. It has been decided now to call a general meeting of the association to discuss the proposed tariff changes and arrange for presenting their views before the government at Ottawa.

The Royal Society. The Royal Society of Canada will hold its next general meeting in this city on March 18th.

A negro entered the home of a white man at Cordova, Ala., presumably for the purpose of robbery. A fight ensued in which the negro killed the master of the house and then butchered his wife and child.

When a woman gives up it is because she has gone to the utmost limit of strength and endurance. It is a marvel how women will stagger on under the daily household burdens when the whole body is racked with pain.

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VICTORIA VERSUS WEST COAST PORTS

LONG DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT LAST NIGHT

Report on Island Resources Referred Back to Committee of Board of Trade.

any great haven for large ships. The idea that Quatsino is going to afford a very much shorter route to the Orient was a mistake, owing to the course the great circle took.

Mr. Ker then submitted some figures which had been furnished him by Mr. Newbury, showing that Victoria has one of the best harbors in the world, easy of access from all parts of the world. The number of big ships entering here from the Orient last year was 84, and he looked forward to the time when there would be one a day. Still, there were people in Victoria who believed there was not a harbor here. The statements he had read proved it conclusively. All the lines projected to the coast must look for the freight coming westward. He pointed to read from an address made by J. J. Hill at Illinois some four or five months ago. That railway magnate had said that they purposed carrying freight out from the coast at a rate that would surprise the world. The company would be enabled to do this because of their Oriental freight.

The speaker then referred to the timber trade extending along the coast. The good timber belt valley lay to the west of the mouth of the Fraser. It was well known that three-quarters of the timber was to be cut in the interior. That in itself would be a great inducement for any railway to come on to the coast. There was a large amount of timber in the interior, but it was not being cut because of the expense of getting it to the coast. It was a matter of fact that the cost of getting timber to the coast was more than the value of the timber itself.

W. H. Bone had something to say regarding Quatsino. He read from Sir Sandford Fleming's report, pointing out the advantages of Quatsino for a railway terminus and the fact that the place was 200 miles nearer the Orient than Esquimaux. He had interests at Quatsino, but they were trifling compared to those belonging to him here. He was sure that the railway would be built, and he would be glad to see it.

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Perpetual Motion.

When George Stephenson was asked, "Do you believe in perpetual motion?" he replied, "Yes, if you lift yourself by your own boot."

Just so, and a woman would just as soon believe that she has not to pay dearly for common premium soaps, in the low quality of soap, in ruined hands and in the perpetual motion trying to do with common soap what she could so easily do with Sunlight Soap—Otago Bar. 216

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RUSSIA'S PREPARATIONS.

Absent Officers Recalled—Forces Kept in Perpetual Mobilization.

Advices from Moscow are to the effect that exceptional activity continues at the military headquarters at Kiev and Odessa. A special oath, binding them to secrecy under the severest penalties, was recently administered to every member of certain departments of the general staff at Odessa, to which place absent officers have been recalled, and future leaves of absence stopped. All of the Russian forces, which, under Minister Kuropatkin, operated in the southern manoeuvres last August, have been kept in perpetual mobilization ever since.

The fifteenth infantry division at Odessa is undergoing special training, including firing drill. The officers of the southern division who were regarded as unfit for active service have been transferred or retired. Arrangements have just been completed for 100,000 first-class and 180,000 second-class reserves to join the colors within a fortnight, an emergency call. There is every indication that these steps have been taken in view of contingencies which are not considered remote.

A MURDERER'S GLEE.

Laughed on Hearing Death Sentence—Said Black Cap Reminded Him of the Stage.

Edwards, a man who was convicted of murder at Leyton, five miles from London, was arraigned in court in the metropolis for sentence of death. He received the sentence in the most callous manner. On being asked the usual question, whether he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed on him, he replied: "No, get on with it as soon as you can." While the judge was placing on the black cap before sentencing him, the murderer remarked, "Why, it's like being on the stage." When the judge came to the conclusion of the sentence and said, "And may the Lord have mercy on your soul," Edwards burst out laughing, saying, "Ha, ha!"

Edwards was convicted of murdering James Darby, his wife, and the couple's child. He killed all three with a hammer, enclosed their bodies in sacks, and buried them in a garden in rear of the house. Edwards bought a shovel from a man named Ambrose Gill to bury his victims. Gill came to collect the account, and was attacked with the implement and nearly killed. Edwards was arrested for the assault, and the disappearance of the couple with whom he lived was noted and investigation led to the discovery of the bodies.

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importance of Victoria for commercial purposes. The city was located in a centre of population which no railway could afford to overlook. When Sir Sandford Fleming referred to the ports on the West Coast he had in mind geological and engineering advantages. Yet he was prepared to admit that had been said in the report regarding these places.

After numerous suggestions had been offered, and a tilt between Mr. Ker and Mr. Beckwith it was decided to refer the report back to the committee with instructions to eliminate the objectionable clauses and to insert something in accordance with the wishes of the meeting regarding the supremacy of Victoria over all other points as a place for ocean and for transcontinental railway termini.

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FOR CANADA.

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WEATHER BULLETIN Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 6.—5 a. m.—Unsettled and rainy weather conditions have at last set in throughout the Pacific slope, where, with the exception of 0.4 inch on the 26th of February, no rain has fallen for the last 21 days. This change is due to increasing barometric pressure on the American coast and low pressure over this province. Southerly gales prevail on the Washington coast, and milder weather is becoming general.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh westerly to southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Unsettled, mild and rainy to-day and Saturday.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.81; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, trace; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, 32; minimum, 24; wind, 6 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, 18; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.18; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, trace; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, 8 miles W.; weather, fair.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Caspian from Vancouver—J. O. Hunt and wife, W. Downing, J. H. Turner, J. E. Taylor and wife, S. Goldstone and wife, C. Sullivan and wife, J. C. Cooper, J. Kappeler, E. Cook, C. D. Rand, H. G. Gilmour, C. F. Foullet, G. F. Darby, H. G. Taylor, S. Smith, G. L. Sippel, L. J. Rogers and wife, D. Mott, H. Jackson, E. J. Rodwell, H. Gibson, F. Verdier, J. J. Martin, Wallace Langley, J. Johnston, J. A. B. Woodman, Dr. C. J. Fagan, Mrs. Fagan, T. J. McGill and wife, Miss McDonald, J. Gaudin, J. A. Fowler, J. McDonald, Miss Legg, R. J. Macrae, Mrs. Macrae, E. J. Skene, E. H. Beharrell, P. A. Kelly, P. G. Gieson, C. O. Hall, F. Mould, A. Stenger, Prof. Douglas Mouty, J. H. Freeman, Dr. H. Hall, Mrs. McDonald.

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FRUIT GROWERS ARE NOW MEETING

ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Important Place Which British Columbia Fruit Has Gained in Northwest Territories.

The Fruit Growers' Association is now in session. Yesterday afternoon it opened with the following in attendance: J. C. Metcalfe, M. Baker, H. E. Maycock, J. E. Musgrave, E. B. Maynard, M. Miller, J. Duff, J. R. Anderson (deputy minister of agriculture), H. M. Palmer, H. W. Rayner, H. Kipp, Joe Wladypin, J. B. Cade, W. J. Kirby, Maxwell Smith, D. Matheson, Thos. Brydon, Jno. Stewart, F. Sere, C. T. Higginson, Rev. Geo. W. Taylor and W. C. Duncan.

The president, Mr. Metcalfe, in opening introduced Mayor McCandless to address the meeting. J. R. Anderson asked if the minister of agriculture had been invited to attend the meeting. If not he thought this was an oversight.

The secretary stated that no invitation had been extended, it having been understood that the minister was ill. His Worship Mayor McCandless, in opening, welcomed the association to the city. He thought that the people of this province should direct their attention to fruit growing more than they had. With the Northwest market opening up they were getting a splendid opportunity for that branch of industry. There was much land that was not available for other branches of agriculture which could be made very productive as fruit growing land. Attention, he thought, should be paid to packing fruit. This made all the difference in getting the market and falling to do so. He wished the Fruit Growers' Association every success.

His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, being introduced, said that the past two weeks had been most interesting to those who had the welfare of British Columbia at heart. They had had the mining men convened here. The industry which they represented was a great one. This week they had the farmers and the fruit growers with them. He thought the two latter were very closely related. He could not conceive of the interests being separated. The farmers of British Columbia were in a large sum of money was sent out each year for the supplies of the farm. This they hoped would soon be overcome and the farmers would furnish the needs of the province. They had an excellent soil and climate for fruit growing. The question of protection to fruit trees was one of great importance. They needed protection against insects, and also by fencing against cattle. Tree planters were often negligent of this. It was a terrible waste of time to plant trees and then neglect them.

He also alluded to the great importance of careful packing of fruit. The growers of the United States set them a splendid example in this respect. To succeed in fruit growing attention should be paid to every detail of the business. He

WHISKEY VS. COFFEE. A Woman Experiments.

Some families have had experiences with whiskey. Probably twice as many families have sickness and distress caused by coffee and the cause not suspected half the time.

A woman from Tacoma, Wash., says: "One of our family had become so ill that the doctor finally pronounced him incurable from malaria. My husband recommended a sea voyage which might prolong his life but said it was only a question of time when he would die from the disease."

He was dreadfully nervous, thin, could not sleep at night, lost flesh and strength daily. Everything he ate or drank soured on his stomach. He was so weak and faint he could hardly walk about.

I finally came to the conclusion that coffee made him the mischief so took coffee away from him altogether and next morning gave him Postum Food Coffee. He steadily began to get better and has never had a sour stomach from that time. He now sleeps all night where he used to suffer the agonies of death. He has gained over 20 pounds and is well and strong.

A little boy was given coffee at an early age and he began to have spells of sickness at times. I did not suspect the trouble until my experience with Postum opened my eyes, then I took coffee away from him and gave him Postum steadily. If you should see him now and see how well and strong he is you would not believe it was the same puny boy he was when he was drinking coffee.

An acquaintance of ours carried Postum with him to the gold fields of Alaska. He says he met some men up there who had run out of Postum and could not drink coffee. They offered him as much as twenty dollars a pound for the Postum. He said it was worth forty dollars a pound to him for it gave him strength to endure the hardships, and that he would not part with it at any price until he could get more.

Now about my own case. I was a sick, nervous woman and did not care for it was coffee, but from the experience I had gained about two years ago I quit coffee and took up Postum Food Coffee. My appetite improved. I can eat anything, have no indigestion, and have gained about forty pounds in the two years.

hoped that soon British Columbia would be able to hold its own as one of the great fruit exporters.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham and J. R. Anderson a vote of thanks was presented His Honor.

The motion was carried, explanation being made that the invitation was not sent simply because the hon. minister was believed to be too ill to attend the meeting.

The president read the following address: To the Officers and Members of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, Gentlemen—As I understand this is the thirteenth annual meeting of the association, and in reviewing shortly the work of the association, and particularly the past season, I do so with pleasure and confidence as to the future, as I think we are making marked progress.

The association in its inception was mainly educational and instructive, but latterly more attention, at the request of our members, has been given to the work, at the same time the educational side has not been overlooked as both are necessary to the success. The work has been energetically prosecuted and faithfully carried out by each and all of the officers of the association. The following was outlined in part at the commencement of the past season:

- 1. Sending exhibit to Winnipeg. 2. Expert packer for the province. 3. Furnishing judges for the fruit department of the agricultural fairs throughout the province. 4. Supplying Bradstreet reports to members on the standing of dealers in the different provinces. 5. Sending one or more cars of fruit to Manitoba and the Territories.

The first item sending exhibit of fruit to Winnipeg, was a marked success in the way of advertising the possibilities of fruit growing in this province, particularly at this time, when the great rush of settlers to the province of Manitoba and the Territories, but a report by the delegates will be laid before you at this meeting with full information.

2. Expert packer for the province: The very marked improvement in grading, packing and shipping was evidenced by the commercial buyers, by the buyers and dealers handling the fruit shipped by the association and other parties, showing the necessity and benefit derived from the institutions given by the expert at various points throughout the province. The reports from places visited had been most satisfactory, as to the benefit derived and work accomplished.

3. The furnishing of judges of fruit by the association to the agricultural fairs throughout the province has met with their approval and gives general satisfaction.

4. The supplying of Bradstreet reports on the standing of buyers and dealers in fruit, etc., in the provinces to the members has been of great value in preventing the sale and shipment of fruit to irresponsible parties in many cases.

5. The sending of one or more cars of fruit to Manitoba and the Territories has demonstrated the fact as to the vast and expanding markets we have in these provinces at our command for the sale of our fruit at profitable prices if we, as fruit growers, are aggressive in policy pursued on the part of our fruit growers to command the trade of these markets at this time. American fruit growers and growers of the Eastern provinces are giving great attention to these particular markets at present, from the fact that they grow little or no fruit themselves, and the very rapid development of the country. Permit me to give you an example or two of the aggressiveness pursued on the part of California fruit growers. The late Mr. C. J. Grant from San Jose, California, to the effect that a solid train of Santa Clara valley prunes has been started for Europe. The shipment consisted of 35 cars. The value of same was estimated at \$800,000. It is of interest to note that some of the fruit was consigned to Bordeaux, France. This seems like carrying coals to Newcastle. From the mere fact that an opening has been found in the original home of the fruit, is a foreshadowing of our own market, as a fruit grower. The time we wish to spend in these particular markets at present, fruit growers were extensively imported into that country, but the quality of the article now being produced on the Pacific coast has been improved so much of late years that the fruit have not only lost the American market, but have been to a great extent ousted from European markets. Another example How is it possible for California to ship to the Eastern states the vast quantities they do? Last year they shipped 20,287 carloads of oranges and lemons, 1,458 cars of cherries, apricots, peaches and pears, and the shipments from California are increasing rapidly. These shipments do not include Idaho, Washington and Oregon. You ask, how can this be possible? The answer is, that California fruit growers are proficient in their business. They have devoted a large portion of their lives to one particular branch of fruit growing, and these men spare no expense in cultivating, fertilizing, picking, grading, packing and marketing, and are able after long experience to put their fruit on the market in a much more attractive condition than those fruits put up by Eastern fruit growers, who do not as yet fully appreciate the necessity of putting upon the market a high grade class of fruit put up in the best possible manner. These examples show the urgent necessity of greater attention on the part of our fruit-growers to their business in all its details. We have a splendid market in the province of Manitoba and the Territories. We export less than one hundred cars of apples from this province, and I understand that about two hundred and sixty-five carloads of fruit arrived in Winnipeg from Ontario during the month of November and possibly ninety per cent. of that was apples. This shows the great necessity of increasing the output of fruit in this province to supply the demand there. I would advise our fruit growers to plant larger areas of fruit varieties adapted to their locality, at the same time bearing in mind the require-

ments of these markets. Make it a point to grow the best and give greater attention to all the details from start to finish in growing your fruit. In respect to transportation it is not up to what we require as fruit growers at the present time. It is an absolute necessity that we have a better service on the part of our carriers of fruit to ensure success in placing our products upon these markets. Our interest is mutual in this business, and it is to be hoped for that our carriers of fruit will see to it that we get a better service for the future than we have had in the past. The markets are there, and it remains for our fruit-growers, with the co-operation of our carriers, to say whether we shall command the trade or not, or permit it to be controlled by fruit growers elsewhere. I hope our fruit-growers will rise to the requirements of the situation at this time and make strenuous efforts to command the trade of these markets. The government and the association have done all that could be expected of them in our behalf. They will no doubt further assist us in many ways, but the work rests with us to keep ourselves active and prompt, and if we do so we will reap the benefit in larger sales and increased prices. (Applause.)

After reading the minutes of the last meeting and the record of the quarterly meetings, the secretary read the report of the executive committee. In the report it is stated that "The question of an expert packer early engaged the attention of your committee. Men having the necessary qualifications for this kind of work are in great demand in the Pacific coast states, and at one time it looked as if it would be impossible to obtain the services of an expert. We finally succeeded in securing the services of Mr. W. T. Jenks of Balm, Oregon, who, it is gratifying to learn, gave universal satisfaction. In reference to marketing, the committee thought it advisable to send circulars to merchants of Winnipeg, and to Manitoba, drawing their attention to the various sections of the province where fruit could be obtained. One thousand of these circulars were sent out, and the very large number of inquiries for names of growers is sufficient evidence of their utility for the increase and extension of our trade. We are of the opinion that this is one of the best mediums by which to advertise our fruit. Having decided to ship carloads from Chilliwack, the committee thought it advisable to put in a spur at the Hastings River station to deep water to obviate the necessity of using trucks to handle the fruit."

The report was adopted. R. M. Palmer then reported on the Winnipeg exhibition. After referring to the good accomplished by the 6,000 pounds exhibited, the report said:

"Previous to the opening of the exhibition to the public, the wholesale fruit merchants of Winnipeg, and the British Columbia fruit exhibit, and after carefully looking over the fruit and examining the methods of packing, expressed themselves as very pleased both with the quality of the fruit and the way it was packed for market, and assured you that they were practically an unlimited market for fruit of the character. The exhibition was largely attended after its formal opening, especially in the evenings, and we may safely state that the British Columbia fruit exhibit was the principal object of attraction. You will remember that we kept busily engaged answering questions in regard to British Columbia and the fruit industry generally. A good deal of fruit was distributed gratis to visitors to the exhibition and to prominent citizens of Winnipeg."

At its conclusion the fruits were sold. Apples sold at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per box, according to quality and appearance of the respective lots, the highest price fruit coming from Mr. W. C. Grant, Victoria, and Mr. J.

W. Sterling, Kelowna. Pears ranged from \$1.40 to \$2.50 per box. It was noticeable that slack packed boxes of pears sold for much less in comparison with those which were well filled, the valuation as a price being more due to this than to difference in quality of respective lots. Mr. Sterling's fruits realized the higher prices. Plums ranged in price from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per crate, the highest price being realized for a crate sent by Mr. Alex. Campbell, Mr. Talmie. Peaches sold at from \$2.25 to \$2.60 per 20 lb. box, coming from Mr. C. A. R. Lamby, Peachland. Crab apples sold at from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per crate of 20 lbs. Total net amount realized from sale of fruit was \$109.45, as shown in the financial statement submitted, covering the expenses of the exhibit. We venture to state that the fruit growing and fruit shipping interests of British Columbia have been materially advanced as a result of this exhibit. From day to day during the exhibition very favorable press notices were given concerning the exhibit, and the fruit growing and shipping interests of British Columbia have been materially advanced as a result of this exhibit. From day to day during the exhibition very favorable press notices were given concerning the exhibit, and the fruit growing and shipping interests of British Columbia have been materially advanced as a result of this exhibit.

The report which was signed by J. C. Metcalfe and R. M. Palmer, was adopted. Mr. Palmer said that the fame of British Columbia fruit as a result of the Winnipeg exhibition had gone abroad and everywhere he heard of it. The report as to shipping was then presented by President J. C. Metcalfe. In his report he states that:

"The cars were all that could be desired in the matter of loading, only I would suggest here that fruits, such as pears that have a tendency to ripen quickly after being packed, be loaded next to bunkers and at bottom of cars; fruits slower in ripening, such as apples, be loaded in centre, where mixed carloads are being shipped."

"Three carloads were shipped under the auspices of the association and consigned to the following points: 1st car, Wolsley; 2nd car, Souris; 3rd car, Melita, and were all about the same time in transit, seven days. The 4th car, from Vancouver Island and consigned direct to the MacPherson Fruit Co., Winnipeg, and by them forwarded to Holland in Southern Manitoba, was eight days to Winnipeg, and four days more to Holland, in all twelve. All these cars, with the exception of the first car, Wolsley, arrived in almost perfect condition. First car, Wolsley, had not been in transit after leaving North Bend; 2nd car, Souris, was in good condition; 3rd car, Melita, had not been in transit after leaving point of shipment. There was no ice in bunkers of Wolsley or Melita cars on arrival. Car for Souris had possibly 100 lbs. in each bunker on arrival, practically none as far as any benefit is concerned. Car from Victoria to Winnipeg, and forwarded to Holland, had been in transit for seven days and had practically none on arrival at Winnipeg, but considerable ice on arrival at Holland. Weather was cool and possibly had been in transit for seven days. Plum rot was evident to some extent in first car, Wolsley, and in some cars growers had used cars with baskets to pack crab apples. This is to be discouraged, as they are deceptive as to weight and are not used anywhere for that purpose. Always use standard boxes for each variety. Car Bartlett pears still present that irregularity in shape and russeted patches in appearance, but if wrapped (as they should always be) and properly packed, will not affect their sale to any great extent if in good condition on arrival."

"Now, in respect to the extent of these markets and the possibility of extension, it is extremely encouraging to note Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Regina, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Winnipeg and other places are points where fruit can be handled in carloads, whilst the smaller towns east and west, north and south, can be supplied by distributing from the

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NOT A PARTY QUESTION.

We suppose it will be conceded by our

Tory friends that it is desirable that the

dispute about the Alaska boundary

should be settled as speedily as possible.

There is only one way in which a settle-

ment can be arrived at. The matter

must be referred to a tribunal with

power to act. The government of the

Dominion has been laboring and negoti-

ating to that end. The result of the

negotiations is an agreement between

the Imperial government and the govern-

ment of the United States for the sub-

mission of the whole question to a tri-

bunal of "impartial jurists of repute."

There is not the slightest doubt that it

was the intention of President Roosevelt

to faithfully adhere to the terms of the

agreement. But all treaties under the

constitution of the United States must

be referred to the senate for approval.

That august body would not consent to

the creation of the court unless it was

given power to select the representa-

tives of the United States. The term

"impartial jurists of repute" can hardly

be correctly applied to the men it is

popularly assumed President Roosevelt,

at the dictation of the Senate, will ap-

point to sit upon this important inter-

national tribunal. However, the names of

the United States representatives have

not yet been authoritatively announced.

If it should turn out that rumor was

correct and that Messrs. Root, Lodge

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amused the country that is responsible

for Mr. De Armond. The fact is that

Canada is foolish enough to consider

herself pretty well off as she is. She

is growing at a good rate for her, is

developing her industries and her com-

merce, and has, moreover, none too

cordial a feeling for Uncle Sam just at

present on account of various little

trifles, and has no great desire to swap

the seats of Britannia for that of Colum-

bia. It would be real nice of things were

otherwise, but they ain't.

There is an ominous silence in local

political circles at the present time

which may mean that there will be

something doing shortly. Colonel Prior

has not favored us with a revelation of

his feelings, nor has he given any in-

dication of the course he will pursue,

and we suspect he is not altogether

satisfied with the prospect of retaining

power during the pleasure of the leader of

the third party in the legislature. It is

understood that a big pro-vow will be

held to-day or to-morrow, at which it will

be decided whether to continue the fight

or surrender.

With an ever-increasing demand for

British Columbia fruit, lumber, etc., in

the Northwest, the greatest measures of

the finest coal in the West and the

richest mining region on the North

American continent, the prospects of this

province should be very bright. But they

would be much brighter if it were not

for these pesky labor troubles. Some of

us either do not appreciate our ad-

vantages or are inclined to abuse our

privileges.

PERVERSE MAN.

Chicago News.

A man there was, I knew him well—

only had that man to tell

That for no money would you sell

Something in your possession.

But straightaway he would want to buy,

And all inducements would be try,

And offer after offer ply.

To gain a grudging concession.

You only had to tell that man

An article was under ban—

Proscribed, forbidden, and he'd plan

Some way or means to get it.

The surest method to employ

To make him think he chance of joy

Was out of reach to set it.

A hotbed core he longed to break,

His fingers always itched to take

Unlicensed goods; his venison steak

Was ever out of season.

His grouse in midsummer he'd kill;

The juice of the onion he'd like to spill—

Because it was, he liked to swallow—

Just for that very reason.

This longing for the contraband

I'd think quite hard to understand,

But that I find on every hand.

In every rank and station,

Men like him, so I must condone

His weakness, for it is not alone

In fact, myself, I have to own

To the same inclination.

A BOY ON "THE MOUTH."

Exchange.

A boy in the public school was required

by his teacher to write an essay on "The

Mouth," and this was what he wrote: "The

mouth is the front door of the face. It is

the aperture to the cold storage of our

anatomy. It is the hot-bed of toothache

and the bungalow of oratory. The mouth

is a fountain of patriotism and the tool

chest for per. Without the mouth the

politician would be a wanderer on the face

of the earth and go down to a disonour'd

grave. It is the greaser's friend, the den-

ist's hope. It is the temptation lunch

counter when faced with a pretty girl and

a tobacco repository when attached to a

man."

CHRISTIANIZING THE U. S.

Chicago Post.

The work of Christianizing the popula-

tion at home and abroad is going on brisk-

ly. Churning reports come from Denver,

where the children of the true faith at the

Wynne school compelled seven Jewish

pupils "to confess Christ and submit to

baptism under a faucet." Here we seem

to have the direct results of our most re-

cent holy crusades, the application of the

water cure to the convert or penitent. In

the Philippines we usually first apply the

water cure and then proceed with the

other methods of Christianization, but in

Colorado it is found expedient to reserve

the cure, or the faucet, as the crowning

feature of the ceremony.

AND SOMEWHAT YELLOW.

Washington Star.

The Kaiser is carefully guarded, but not

always well edited.

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City News in Brief.

Strictly fresh eggs, 25 cents per doz. at Watson & Hall's, 55 Yates Street.

Steamer Majestic will leave tomorrow from the outer wharf at 8:15.

Tenders are being invited by the city for 8,000 feet of 4-inch cast-iron water pipe. The tenders must be in by 3 o'clock on March 30th.

At St. James's church this evening an address will be given by the Bishop of the diocese at the special Lenten service. The service commences at 7:45.

Far West Lodge, No. 1, meets this evening at K. of P. hall, when the full degree team are expected to be present to confer the third degree on candidates.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Pioneer hall, this evening, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the report on a policy for the advancement of home industries and other matters of importance.

Word has been received by Ald. F. S. Barnard announcing the death of his uncle, James T. Barnard, in Hamilton. Deceased was a brother of the late Hon. F. J. Barnard and of Mrs. M. B. Sargison, of this city.

Dr. Fagan has returned from Blaine, Washington, where he has been investigating conditions with respect to smallpox. While sanitary matters are being better looked after in Washington than they were formerly, yet Dr. Fagan says the greatest vigilance must be maintained in keeping this province free of the scourge.

H. Wade, secretary of the Dominion Shorthorn Association, has written Beaumont Beazley announcing that the Dominion Shorthorn Association has voted \$100 towards the shorthorn prize list of the Victoria exhibition. This is given provided the same amount is given locally for shorthorns. In case as much is not granted the association will duplicate the sum given. All animals exhibited are to be shown in the Dominion Shorthorn hand book.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Jessie Dupont took place this morning from the residence, Stadacona avenue, and later from Christ Church cathedral. There were many floral tributes and a large attendance of sympathizing friends both at the house and church. The services at the cathedral were most impressive, and appropriate hymns were sung. Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin, assisted by Canon Beaulieu and Rev. August Allen, had charge. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. C. Stinson, Capt. R. G. Tatlow, E. C. Baker, E. Fletcher, G. Gillespie, F. Angus, R. S. Day and T. Crease.

Trustee Boggs yesterday afternoon visited the High school and addressed the pupils in the interests of a scheme dear to his heart, namely the organization of a cadet corps. He explained that an enrolment of forty would be required and that last year thirty boys had expressed their willingness to join. He proposed to have a neat, gray uniform, the cost of which would not exceed \$5. Rifle practice would be held in common with the volunteers and regulars. The services of a drill instructor would be secured. On the conclusion of the trustee's address Principal Paul enquired the pupils to assist in the organization of the corps.

The remains of the late Geo. Logan were interred yesterday. The funeral took place in the afternoon from the family residence, No. 8 Avonlea road, at 2:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell both at the house and grave. Victoria Lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W., of which deceased was a member, attended in a body. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. C. Darling, E. White, R. S. Rendall, J. T. L. Meyer, J. Fullerton and T. Harman. Tokens of respect and sympathy were received from the following: Victoria Lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W., Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Booz, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mimmack, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fould, Capt. J. Christensen, Capt. and Mrs. Brendt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudgeon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Braden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Smith, and his little grand-children, Marie and George Fould.

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REMOVAL OF DUTY ON SEALING GUNS

WHEN INTENDED FOR SHIP'S EQUIPMENT

Tees Returns—R. M. S. Aorangi Sails To Night—Department of Marine Holds Inquiry.

"Guns may be delivered free to sealing vessels under item 542 of the tariff," was the answer which Collector A. R. Milne yesterday received in reply to a message which he had forwarded to the department at Ottawa asking for an interpretation of the new act. The clause in the tariff referred to is as follows:

"Iron or steel masts, or boats thereof, or iron or steel beams, angles, sheets, plates, knees and cable chain for wooden, iron, steel or composite ships and vessels, and iron, steel or brass manufactures which at the time of their importation are of a class or kind not manufactured in Canada, when imported for use in construction or equipment of ships or vessels."

Having heard of a recent decision given by the department in the case of some Halifax schooners, Collector Milne at once wrote to the department to ascertain if the ruling would not apply here. Guns are to be admitted free because they come under the heading of equipment. Heretofore 30 per cent. duty was charged on them, which added much to the cost of a gun worth \$50 or \$60. The gun commonly in use on sealers of the Parker hammerless, which is a high class article. It will thus be seen that a considerable saving can now be effected in the equipment of a vessel.

Collector Milne says that all schooners which have paid duty since the new decision was given will be entitled to a refund.

AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY.

An investigation has been in progress down at the local offices of the department of marine and fisheries during the last three or four days. Capt. Walbran, master of the D. G. S. Quadra, has been accused of making certain disloyal remarks about heads of the department and the government, and Capt. Gaudin, the local agent, has been making an official inquiry into the truthfulness of these accusations. The disparaging statements were made, it is alleged, aboard the Quadra on one of her recent voyages north. Considerable evidence has been submitted in the case and will now be forwarded to Ottawa for the head department there to deal with.

TEES FROM QUATSINO.

The Tees-to-day completed an uneventful trip to Quatsino, bringing back a rather light list of passengers. She is taking the place of the Queen City for a couple of runs while the latter is being overhauled, and had extended her voyage to Quatsino in the expectation of picking up any passengers who might there be waiting transportation to Victoria. Those who arrived on the steamer were J. Holland, the contractor, who had charge of the erection of buildings at the cable station; Mr. Pierce, of Bamfield; Capt. John Irving and John Hepburn from Clayoquot; Miss Reeve from Alberni, and Mrs. Hobbs of San Juan.

RAILWAY PARTY GOES NORTH.

The Princess May had as passengers on leaving Vancouver, on Wednesday night, A. E. Hill and party of 25, who will embark at Port Simpson. Mr. Hill has been entrusted with the work of the preliminary surveys from the coast eastward for the Trans-Canada railway, and he and his party will make all possible speed in prosecuting the work. It is anticipated that they will be away for several months. The party has sent aboard a considerable quantity of provisions and another outfit for a field camp, which will be established some distance up the Skeena river.

AORANGI OUTWARD BOUND.

The royal mail steamship Aorangi, Capt. Phillips, will sail for the Antipodes to-night. She will have only a small passenger list, but will have a good cargo of general merchandise. The Aorangi's saloon passenger list to date is as follows: J. Douglas and Mrs. J. Douglas, who go to Honolulu; Mr. Farly Mr. Milford, Mrs. B. M. Russell, J. A. Lutz, H. T. Bartlett, Miss Chisholm, Mr. D'Albert, Mr. Mellor, Mr. Trux, J. C. Begg, and

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Capt. Grant, who goes to Honolulu to inquire into the troubles of the schooner Geneva.

DUNRAVEN SAILS.

After the many annoying delays in connection with the crew at Vancouver the British barque Earl Dunraven, Capt. Roberts, has at length got away on her voyage to Natal, with a cargo of grain. Before leaving Capt. Roberts spoke in very complimentary terms regarding the prompt discharge he had been given by the Brackman & Ker Milling Company, stating that in the twenty years he has been in command he had never received such dispatch. The barque called here yesterday on her way to sea.

MARINE NOTES.

Sobezi Andrea, an Italian fisherman, shot himself to death Friday morning as the steamer James Dollar, on her way from San Francisco to Seattle, rounded Cape Flattery into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The Italian placed the muzzle of a thirty-eight calibre revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger. Mails for H. M. S. Amphion are to be delivered at Monterey, Cal., up till the 15th. After that date they are to be forwarded on to Esquimalt, it being expected that the ship will reach here about the 25th inst.

John D. Farrell, president of the Northern Steamship Company, will sail from San Francisco on March 11th on a trip to the Oriental ports to be made by the steamers of the company. The sealing schooners, Etta, Victoria and Carrie C. W. were towed out to sea to-day. They will pick up their Indian crews on the West Coast.

ANNIE ROONEY AGAIN.

In the Toils in Seattle—Couldn't Stay Away From Jail.

"Annie Rooney is back with her old friends, the police, once more," says the Seattle Times, and it is true. She was stopped on the steamer Garand to Whatcom, she showed up at headquarters the following morning, and had a show-me-my-appears-the-officers could not have been more surprised. Annie was arrested by Officer Trip on the Trip found her in Washington street and sent up in the patrol wagon. She sang several of the popular songs en route to headquarters and then went up the steps sweetly warbling "When You Come Back, Hill Valley."

"Gee! It seems good to get back here again," said the woman, as she smiled sweetly at the officers. "Annie-rooney said to tell you it was she still remained in Seattle. "She was taken to the boat all right, all right," she said with a laugh, "and I didn't walk back from Whatcom, she continued. "That was not convenient in the assigned bluecoat. "I just thought I'd come back home," she remarked, with a melancholy sigh, and the jailer went out to notify the other prisoners that the star boarder had returned. "It's funny how I started away so long ago," she said. "She had been out of jail just sixteen hours in six months and one day."

"The question is, is agitating the officers of how Annie was shanghaied and the woman managed to escape, granted or before he pulled away from the wharf street houses. Annie-rooney said she is in a state of intoxication, as usual, and she is back home again. Annie is one of the worst habitual drunkards in the city. The police have ever had to deal with. On this morning she was given a month in the county jail, but that has done her no good. In fact, it seems that nothing will do her any good."

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

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HORTICULTURISTS AGAIN IN SESSION

MR. MAYNARD'S IDEAS ABOUT FERTILIZERS

He Gives His Methods of Applying Paris Green Solution for Fruit Pests.

The Fruit Growers' Association again convened this morning in the city hall. A vote of thanks was given Maxwell Smith for his address last evening. M. E. Maynard read a valuable paper upon the question of fertilizers. Taking up the process of plant fertilization, he called attention to the fact that without replacing the main elements of plant food that the potash, phosphoric acid and nitrogen might be exhausted. These could be replaced by applying artificial fertilizers. Sometimes the farmer made the mistake that a one-sided fertilizer was employed. The results were unsatisfactory, and chemical fertilizers were blamed for it. The trouble was that a proper balance was not kept up, and all the elements needed were not applied.

An experiment in Holland with plots where the values of chemical fertilizers and barnyard manures were compared, showed that the supply of manure was kept up quite as well by chemical fertilizers as by the other method. An advantage which the chemical manure had was that it affected the orchard more immediately than in the other case. The value of barnyard manure might be improved by an addition of commercial fertilizer. Stable manure was rich in nitrogen. But where the soil was short of potash and phosphoric acid, stable manure would not give the best results. To obtain what element was short in the soil, the farmer needed to watch his crop and thus know what to supply.

The nitrogen directly affected the growth of leaf and stock. A rich development of the leaves indicated a plentiful supply of that element in the soil. A pale green leaf indicated a shortage of this. Potash affected the flowers and fruit. The yields of grain and fruit were directly related to this supply. A heavy growth of leaves and a shortage of flowers showed a deficiency of potash in the soil. Phosphoric acid enabled the plant and tree to make full use of the other elements. The bearing of seeds was directly affected, and also aided in maturing the plants. The farmer might, by keeping these in view, have a very good method of telling where the shortage came in.

He called attention to the need of cultivation, draining, marling and irrigation as means of enabling the crops getting the best results out of the soil. A balanced ration should be provided the crops just as well as animals. They should endeavor to produce double the yield per acre rather than double the acreage.

Fertilizers of an organic nature were found to produce fruits whose skins were thick and were of poor quality. A liberal supply of potash and phosphoric acid overcame this trouble. Barnyard manures might therefore be supplemented with advantage by the addition of commercial fertilizers. A rundown orchard was quickly benefited by commercial fertilizers.

Referring to spraying, he gave some valuable hints on this subject. He gave the results of his experience in California. Paris green solution used immediately after being mixed did not injure the leaves of the tree. If left standing in water the effect of the solution was bad. Nothing but cold water should be used in mixing it.

In answer to a question, the speaker said that plants in getting their food had a tendency to break up the humus, but this would not be destroyed if plant food was provided in a more available form. To restore the humus a cover crop was valuable. The growth of a crop for the winter could be plowed under for this purpose.

R. M. Palmer called attention to the fact that it was perhaps best to go slowly in advocating the use of paris green without lime. He thought it was a little dangerous to do this.

By using paris green with cold water he had used a pound to 50 gallons of water. Inspector Cunningham was surprised at this. The quantity was greater than he had ever seen advocated.

In explanation, Mr. Maynard said that when applied immediately he found these proportions were not dangerous in point of burning the leaves. After a few hours sufficient arsenic seemed to enter into solution to make it dangerous.

Mr. Palmer called attention to the fact that he had read that the paris green used in California was not of the best quality. This might therefore account for the proportions advocated by Mr. Maynard having been safe.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Maynard.

The auditing committee reported that they had found the accounts correct. The report was adopted. The resignation of W. E. Norris as auditor was also accepted. Mr. Wilson, representing the Home Correspondence school, outlined courses which were opened in agriculture and horticulture. R. M. Palmer, Maxwell Smith and

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others speaking of the advantages of such a statement.

The meeting then adjourned until half-past one this afternoon.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

To the Editor.—In the address of Dr. Parkin to the Council of the British Empire League on Saturday the Doctor said: "Canadians should do all they can to impress on Great Britain the fairness of their claim. I have often heard of how Britain had surrendered Maine. Why? Britain had left that question for settlement to people who knew nothing about it; no Canadian had gone over; Canada had not claimed her place in the Empire." This was precisely what I had in mind in presenting to the meeting the tentative resolution which you also give in your report. Not that I assume the commissioners selected know nothing about it, but because they should have in a matter of so much importance to the Empire, and particularly to this province, the best assistance procurable, which in my view includes a commissioner from British Columbia and counsel instructed by the province with such local witnesses as may be able to give testimony of value.

My idea was that Victoria should show the way, and that for the word "Victoria" in the second part of the resolution could be substituted the names of other cities and towns. The resolution was merely a draft, and not formally moved—merely a suggestion for a much larger assembly.

It should be remembered that a decision arrived at by the commission will put it out of our power to appeal. Article VI. of the treaty recently signed says: "The decision, which shall be final and binding upon all parties." In view of this I urge the importance of public action in the matter, and I am glad to know the chamber of commerce, as a representative body, is taking the lead in calling a meeting to collect the views of the citizens on the subject.

LOUIS J. SEYMOUR.

THE CONVENTION.

To the Editor.—Now that the deliberations of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia are over I suppose it is quite in order for the public to criticise. It is to be hoped that much good may result from the efforts put forth, as there is certainly much room for improvement. Whether it will make any difference to the placer miner if hydraulic claims are granted or given long leases remains to be seen. The following resolution referred to the executive committee, I think, rather reflects on the present provincial geologist, Mr. Robertson:

"That the provincial government procure the services of a reliable and competent geologist to report on the geological conditions and mineral resources."

It does not say of what place or section of country. It might mean the moon for aught the public know. Mr. Robertson has been making out reports of the mineral resources of British Columbia for some time, and if I am not mistaken Mr. Carmichael, the provincial government assayer, has been doing a little in that line, too. Indeed I fancy a good many thousand dollars a year are spent in that way, and so far it has not been for the benefit of the miner or prospector, but should be of some benefit to the capitalist.

Perhaps I am mistaken, for according to the actions of the association one is almost led to believe that the miner and prospector is not a man that spends his time working with hammer and drill or when his minutes are spent in the mountains exploring for mineral, but hangs around town company promoting, etc. Was there one man on the Victoria contingent of delegates that in the proper sense of the word could be called a miner? Was there one that can properly be called a prospector?

One resolution introduced by Messrs. Gwin and Gilman, that the prospectuses of all newly formed mining companies be passed upon by a mining commission before they are granted incorporation, was lost. Legislation along these lines certainly could have prevented many wild-cat schemes in the past, and could do more to establish the credit of the mining industry for the province of British Columbia than all the crown grants that can be scattered broadcast over mountain and valley for the next two thousand years. The throwing out of such a resolution is sufficient to show that there was want of sound sense or else there was scheming even in the deliberations of the convention.

A. R. SHERK.

A new two-story brick business block is to be erected on Yates street, opposite the Clarence hotel, to be used by the Sylvester Feed Company, Ltd., instructions having just been received by cable from the owners of the property in England. The building will have a frontage of forty feet, and provisions will be made for an additional story if found necessary. The new premises will be of the most modern character. Special arrangements are to be made for the installation of electric power machinery for the grinding of grain. Messrs. Sylvester have been on the qui vive for new premises for some time past, their rapidly growing business making their present quarters altogether inadequate. When the new building is erected the firm will have an ideal place of business.

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The report was adopted. Secretary Brandt presented the secretary's report, which went fully into the good work done by the association. It stated that: "As an evidence of the growth of the industry the shipments carried by the Dominion Express Company for the past season show an increase over those of the year 1901 of 10,031 packages and an increase in weight of 21,726 pounds, and the increase in the sale of fruit packages by the British Columbia Manufacturing Company amounts to about 100 per cent."

Receipts. Cash in bank Jan. 21st, 1902 \$ 403.08 Cash in hand 1,783.54 Government grant 1,250.00 Winnipeg exhibit 378.85 Shipments 1,293.08 Members' fees 126.50 General account 8.77

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W. J. BRANDT, Secy-Treas.

A letter from the auditor, W. E. Norris, was read, in which he resigned his position.

On motion Mr. Raymer and R. M. Palmer were appointed to examine the report.

The question of the election was brought up, when an adjournment was taken for fifteen minutes.

Upon resuming the president vacated the chair and the deputy minister was elected temporary chairman. The secretary read the list entitled to vote at the meeting. The election resulted as follows:

President, J. C. Metcalfe; first vice-president, Henry Kipp; second vice-president, W. C. Grant; Gordon Head; third vice-president, Donald Matheson; Helcar; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Brandt; executive committee, J. C. Metcalfe, Henry Kipp, R. M. Palmer, Thos. G. Earl and W. J. Brandt; directors, all members of the association.

Mr. Metcalfe, resuming the chair, said that he had hoped that a new president would be chosen this year.

A vote of thanks was accorded the officers of the preceding year.

The meeting then adjourned until the evening.

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the entomologist, that insects took about 25 per cent. from the crops. But all insects were not foes, however. Many were beneficial. Many acted as scavengers. Some produced food such as the bee; others, like the locusts, were useful as food; another class was useful in the arts and sciences, as the silk worm; others were beneficial, as they preyed upon bad ones, and yet another class was useful in the cross fertilization of plants. If the insect was a friend the fruit grower must not molest it. If injurious he must put it to death. He must know them, however, or he might kill the best friend and spare his greatest enemy. As an instance of this he told of a kind of wasp which building a nest of mud gathered grubs, and by a peculiar way of stinging them rendering them dormant. It stored these up for the grub of its kind, which would afterwards be hatched. In killing these a farmer was destroying one of his best friends.

To know enough to recognize the family groups, of which there were about 200, assisted in knowing which were injurious. These were recognized to be about seven orders among these, divided into two series, according to the way they took their food. Four of these took their food in a liquid form. The other three were biting insects. The latter had distinct jaws and could bite; the others had no distinct jaws.

This was important to know. To deal with the jawed insects poison could be put on the food to be taken. In the other class something had to be put on the bodies which caused death. But metamorphoses took place in the life of many of the insects. He outlined this development from the egg to the caterpillar to the chrysalis and to the butterfly. Four of these classes had a complete metamorphosis. The other three had not this. Much was to be learned as to when best to attack these insects, which were for entomologists. No farmer could master this for himself. Men were devoting their lives to this study. In Canada they had one, Dr. Fletcher. These men were of inestimable value to the people. First, they taught us to fight them. They had to learn at what stage it was best to fight them. The last question to decide was how to fight them. It would always pay to keep trees and crops in a healthy condition by cultivation, as in that state they were better able to withstand the attacks of insects. If localized by a certain insect a change of crop was perhaps best. This, of course, would not apply to orchards. If the insect was found to be a biter they must poison its food. If not a biter they must be employed. There were insects, however, which could not be touched by sprays nor poisoned—those which lived in the ground and those which buried themselves in the wood. Something could be done in the way of ridding grubs as the ground was cultivated. Birds, toads and other living things assisted. But a better cure was provided by nature herself. It was not nature's plan that one part of the earth should be overrun with one kind of insect. When a vast quantity of any tree or grain was produced in any particular place nature began to check this upsetting of the order. The balance of nature was restored by a plentitude of insects, which preyed particularly upon this variety. But, again, nature provided the balance by means of insect-eating insects, which in turn destroyed these insects.

But in the case of parasitical insects the remedy was more remarkable. Parasites developed on the bodies of insects. This was a work for entomologists. He had endeavored to show that this subject was an important one. In his own place he had in one year found 1,000 different insects. Each one was a study. He advised them to watch intently what happened in their own orchards and fields. They could compare notes with their neighbors and study the literature provided by the government and otherwise.

The government did much, but he suggested that it might do a few more insecticidal things. The government might see that at the department of agriculture there were kept the standard works on entomology. The department should also have a collection of insects. Proper cases were required to keep a proper collection, which could not be said of those now in the museum. The government should provide a proper cabinet. He would, with others, assist to fill it. It would be a great benefit if a scheme advocated by Prof. Patton, in Ontario, were carried out by which rural schools were provided with cabinets of specimens. An entomological association existed in British Columbia. The members were few. They were trying to make a study of the insects of this province, and were making a list of those. He wished the government would print this list as an appendix to their publication, and save the society the expense.

The farmers and fruit growers were to be the back bone of the country. They produced the fruit. They could not eat the gold and the copper, the pine and the spruce, and they would soon get tired of canned salmon. The farmer and fruit grower alone provided the means of living.

J. R. Anderson said he hoped some-thing would be done along the lines Mr. Taylor had spoken of. Legislators too often looked upon entomology, botany,

etc., as facts, and only frivolous. He moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, who also paid a tribute to the address. The vote was carried.

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CHAPTER II.—Continued.

"Perhaps it may be left untold," she echoed rather haughtily. "But never looked strained. Something of its morning freshness was already gone."

I rose, at once. "Very well. I dare say you're right," I said. "It was for you to judge." Then I took a step or two towards the door—but slowly.

I had nearly reached it when Margot gave a little gasp, drawing in her breath quickly. "I don't know what you mean when you talk of your story which concerns this morning. What could you have found out about Noel this morning?"

"Unless you've had an anonymous letter, or something horrid of that kind, which couldn't influence me against a person in the least."

I could hardly keep from laughing, to see how the salt I had sprinkled had caught the bird by the tail—as I'd been sure it would. "Nor would that influence me," I said, sweetly. "Only things I see, or hear from a friend, or trust, can influence me against a person for whom I care. But let us drop the subject. Since you're not engaged to Noel Brent, his secrets may remain his secrets."

"My fingers touched the handle of the door. They seem somehow to be yours as well," exclaimed Margot.

"He was here this morning," I said, quietly.

"Without asking for me—and so early? Why, what—"

"Am I to tell you or am I not?" I demanded. "I'm tired of silly-shallying."

"Yes, you are to tell me," she cried.

"Then he came here to find something which he had dropped last night at the dance. I saw him looking for it, though he didn't see me. He met Uncle Gordon and Lord Rockworth, who had called, I suppose, on some important business or other, and explained his presence. He said he had dropped a ring which was very valuable to him, as it had been given him by a dear friend whom he expected to see in Paris to-night, and dared not face without it, and so he thought himself lucky to have found it again. Uncle Gordon broke in and asked, if he were going to Paris; whether he'd mind doing a little errand for him. And Mr. Brent answered that he'd be delighted. He was hoping to catch the eleven o'clock train from Charing Cross. Now did he mention to you last night that he expected to go to Paris?"

"No, he didn't," Margot admitted, dully. Then, brightening with an effort: "But there's no reason why he shouldn't go. I'm not his keeper; I don't want to be. And why should he be going to see Mademoiselle de Nevres? There are plenty of other people—"

"He is going to see her, that's what," I persisted, doggedly. "I heard him say so. Lord Rockworth said: 'I envy you Paris. You will see the divine Juliette in her new play.' 'Yes, and I hope to congratulate her on her success,' returned Mr. Brent, almost as if he were boasting of his friendship with that woman."

"As I spoke Margot was looking me straight in the eyes, and I wouldn't let mine drop before hers. Still, I couldn't control the faint, nervous fluttering of the lids. The girl caught at it. 'I can't believe you, Marion!'" she cried.

"I could have struck her. But I only shrugged my shoulders. 'Well, my conscience is clear—I've told you,' I said. 'Now, as you're so angry—and so unjust, I suppose you will tell Mr. Brent and Uncle and everybody that I let out what I overheard by accident. Maybe it was dishonorable, but you ought to be the last to punish me. I did it for your sake.'"

"You know I wouldn't do that!" she ejaculated. "But—I must have it proved. If after last night—if, after all he said then, he could go to Paris and see Juliette de Nevres, that would be an end at once to everything between us."

"Ask him," I said. "I give you leave to do that. Ask him when he comes to you next time to tell you truly, truly, whether he'd really go to Paris, and especially to see Mademoiselle de Nevres. I don't think so badly of Noel Brent as to believe him a liar. I think he'd speak the truth."

"If you give me leave to ask him so much I will ask before he goes," exclaimed Margot. "I will drive down to Charing Cross and see him at the train if he is there. I have a right to ask him a question now, after what passed between us last night, and I will."

"Well, if you don't think it would look too marked, and show your anxiety—not to say jealousy—too flatteringly," I said. "But remember your promise to me in fairness. You are not to speak to Uncle Gordon, and you are only to ask Mr. Brent that one question: 'Is he going to Paris with the special object of meeting Mademoiselle de Nevres?' If you mentioned the lost ring and anything of the conversation I overheard, he would know someone in the house must have told you, and sooner or later he would think of me. If you only ask the question it will be all right, as others outside might have heard him speak of his intention. And Margot, don't get excited before me, as I have just said. If you were seen with him there it might make talk. Take me with you."

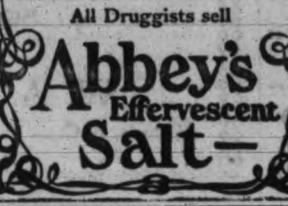
"She thought for a minute, and then she agreed to this proposition.

"At this moment the soft-voiced Japanese gentleman who had been waiting for me, sweetly moaned out his call to breakfast. I asked Margot if she were going down, and with rather a defiant look she said that she was. 'So will I, then,' I remarked; and went first, with the view, in case Noel were still in the house, and I should catch sight of him, with or with-

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ent the proposed disguise, of making some pretext, which should send Margot back. But I saw no sign of him. I had been with Margot for nearly half-an-hour, and in all probability he had got away in the fashion proposed by Uncle Gordon.

I was a little afraid that, after all, Margot's father might drop some hint to her, though it would have been most unlike him to do so. And I was afraid that something might come out if Lord Rockworth had stayed to breakfast. But he hadn't stayed, and Uncle Gordon didn't mention Noel.

It was a quarter of ten precisely when we sat down at the table and my uncle, who appeared rather absent-minded, had left the house in the brougham which usually took him to Downing street, by a quarter-past ten. A few minutes later Margot and I had our hats on and were in a hansom.

She scarcely spoke at all as we drove to the station. Once we got caught in a block of traffic, and then she showed her nervousness by the coming and going of her color, but in no other way. We had to drive from Berkeley square to Charing Cross, and it was only just five minutes in getting there. By this time it wanted five and twenty minutes to eleven, the hour for the train to go out. But the station was very crowded with intended passengers and porters, rushing frantically about with trunks piled high with baggage, so that perhaps five minutes more passed before we got to the right platform.

Meanwhile I had been casting my eyes about for Noel, but could see him nowhere. My heart was beating fast. I hardly knew whether I wished to have Margot meet him or not. If she did, there was danger for me—more or less. If she didn't she might believe that I had lied to her out of spite, and perhaps the fact of his departure might never be quite satisfactorily proved. On the whole, now that we are here, I thought I should prefer to have them come face to face; and as I was making up my mind to this I was conscious that Margot—standing close beside me—gave a slight start. I had been looking in one direction, she in another; and it was she who saw him first. But it was not that which had made her start, I fancy. Although I had the clue to this curious change instantly discerned in his personality, I had forgotten it, and was almost as much surprised as Margot to see that he had shaved his moustache.

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Alsterlake, Ger. bk., Columbia river, Esquimalt, for repairs.

Admiral Togo, Chile, bk., 533 tons, Punta, Antofagasta, Royal Roads, Jan. 16.

Alveca, Am. sc., 687 tons, Johnson, San Pedro, Port Townsend.

Amphitrite, Ital. bk., 1,083 tons, Gambassi, San Pedro, Puget Sound, Feb. 25.

Amsterdam, Dut. bk., 1,100 tons, Bakker, Java, British Columbia, Jan. 16.

Aspria, Br. bk., 1,629 tons, Thorlensen, Rotterdam, British Columbia, Jan. 16.

Albatross, Ger. bk., 1,000 tons, Krich, Hamburg, Puget Sound, Dec. 11.

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In the Matter of the Lenora amon Slicker Copper Mining Company, Limited. Non-Resident Claimants for the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease the following foreclose and tidal lands and territorial water rights for fishing purposes, viz: Commencing at a post planted at high water mark on the shore fronting section (7) seven, Outer District, thence following the shore line in a southerly direction two thousand eight hundred and seventy-six feet more or less, having a frontage of one-half mile.

ARTHUR HENWICK FLYNER, Outer Point, 3rd February, 1903.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that thirty days from this date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease the following foreclose and tidal lands and territorial water rights for fishing purposes, viz: Commencing at a post planted at high water mark on the shore at the southeast corner of Section seventy-eight (78), Renfrew District, thence following the shore line in an easterly direction two thousand six hundred and forty feet, having a frontage of one-half mile on said Section (78).

ANDREW CREELEY, Dated this 21st day of February, 1903.

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H. CLYNE, Dated this 21st day of February, 1903.

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Pleased a Good Sized House—Coronation Choir Concluded Its Victoria Engagement Last Night.

Harry Lindley's company will play "David Harum" in the O. U. W. hall to-night. Under ordinary circumstances the dramatized version of one of the most widely-read books of the age would prove a strong attraction, but additional interest is aroused in the present production by the fact that Mr. Lindley's versatility is responsible for its adaptation. Quite naturally he will take the part of old David, a role in which he should prove thoroughly at home.

He has a similar opinion of Clyde Fitch's work. "Beau Brummel," he affirms, was lifted from a production written about fifty years ago and played in the Old Country. "How about Pinero, Ibsen and Sudermann," the reporter insistently inquired, "half fencing that these ideas, would be annihilated by the stern old iconoclast. "Ah, now you have real dramatists," Mr. Lindley replied, "the English playwrights cannot be charged with plagiarism."

Last night his company presented "My Uncle Tom" to a good-sized house. The performance was a laughable one, and all the parts were well taken. There is nothing in the comedy to strike a dumb with admiration for the talent of the man who wrote it, no matter how gifted he may be, but inasmuch as it pleased the audience, kept them in a laughing mood and brought away the blues, which, by the way, has become an annual spring complaint, it admirably performed the function for which it was designed. Harry Lindley was the uncle, and his characterization was true to life. There are lots of uncles in the world, but the character he presented. They generally drop in about holiday time and wonder why, "gosh hang it, they hang mistletoe on the chandelier," and why there is always a glaring injunction in their rooms "to be sure and not to blow out the gas."

Another excellent concert was given by the Coronation Choir party at the Victoria theatre last night. In every respect the members sustained the reputation won by them in previous entertainments. After the concert the company sailed for California, and from there they will take passage for New Zealand and Australia.

One of their managers, Edward Branscombe, late lay vicar choral of Westminster Abbey, visited the musical festival chorus, and after being presented by Herbert Taylor addressed a few remarks to the members. He explained that his company were touring the colonies, having commenced their American series at Newfoundland. Since then they had given 100 concerts. In regard to the big musical undertaking inaugurated by Mr. Harris, he observed that in all places they had visited. He noted the greatest enthusiasm. This illustrated the interest that was being manifested in art, an interest which in the colonies was more pronounced than in the Old Land. He paid a high tribute to Sir Alex. Mackenzie, who will conduct the festival, and hoped that the interest shown by Victorians would meet with the greatest hearty commendation.

Drama in Victoria West. The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society has under rehearsal the drama "Borderland," which is to be presented

early in April. The company is making great progress in their work under the able directions of L. H. Leigh, and a good performance is assured.



HANDBALL. MATCH POSTPONED. The match scheduled to be played last night between the J. B. A. A. and Firemen was postponed.

GOLF. MEDAL COMPETITION. The regular monthly medal competition of the Victoria Golf Club will be held to-morrow at the Oak Bluffs.

WHIST. PROGRESSIVE TOURNEY. A progressive whist tournament was played last evening in the J. B. A. A. card rooms. T. Watson, chief of the fire department, won, and C. Hunting was awarded the trophy.

THE HUNT. REGULAR RUN. The Victoria Hunt Club will hold its weekly run to-morrow afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Fisher, Metehoon, between 2:30 and 3 o'clock. Luncheon will be served at 2:30 by L. B. M., and those who intend attending are requested to leave the city at about 10:30 a. m.

THE RING. JEFFRIES V. CORBETT. Baltimore, Md., March 5.—Articles have been signed for a contest between Jas. J. Corbett and Jas. J. Jeffries, the world's heavyweight champion, for a contest of 20 rounds to a decision, the winner to receive 75 per cent of the purse and the loser to take 25 per cent. It was agreed that the fight should take place in California in July or August, 1903, under the auspices of the club offering the largest purse.

ATHLETICS. GENERAL MEETING. On Thursday evening next a general meeting of the Fernwood Young Men's Association will be held. The principal business to be considered will be to decide what sports the club will take up during the summer. Last year baseball and cricket were the favorite games. This season, however, owing to the announcement that a strong intermediate lacrosse league will be formed in the city, there will be a sufficient number of members of a team.

TO LEAVE TO-NIGHT. As announced yesterday, delegates will leave to-night to represent the James Bay Hockey Association at the inaugural meeting of the Pacific Northwest Athletic Association, to be held in Seattle to-morrow. Delegates will be present from Seattle, Vancouver, Spokane, Portland, Victoria, and the local team.

TWO GAMES TO-MORROW. To-morrow at Brockton Point grounds, Vancouver, the Victoria and Vancouver hockey teams will play a game for supremacy. Both the ladies and gentlemen's teams leave to-night for Vancouver to play scheduled games with the local men's team, but those who followed the league are hopeful that to-morrow's match will result differently. The local team, it is true, will be considerably handicapped in playing on strange ground, but they will be more than averaged by the persistent and careful training which they have undergone.

THE LADIES' MATCH. Referring to the ladies' match, the Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The hockey match between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams will be played next Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the conclusion of the men's game. This match has been considered necessary, owing to the bad condition of the grounds, which the Vancouver team played in Victoria last night, not being considered a fair test."

THIRTIETH GOING EAST. Winnipeg, March 5.—The Bat Portage Thirtieth leave for the East to play for the Stanley cup.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. MUST PLAY AT NANAIMO. It will be remembered that a short time ago the announcement was made that a letter had been received from Cumberland Island regarding the provincial league as to where the final game between Ladysmith and the intermediate provincial league was to be played. After some consideration it was decided to forward both the competing teams to Victoria, which is that the match must be played in Nanaimo. No reply has yet been received from Cumberland, and it is therefore not known whether the teams will accept the decision. The winner of this match, if it takes place, will play the Capital Intermediate team, of this city, for the provincial intermediate championship.

JUNIOR GAME. The Victoria West and North Ward teams will play one of the junior scheduled games to-morrow afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, at Beacon Hill.

TWO GAMES. Among the passengers by the 9 o'clock train to-morrow for Nanaimo, the E. & N. railway will be some two dozen football players, members of the Columbia and Victoria teams. The teams, as far as Cowichan, where they play the Cowichan team, and the latter go to Nanaimo, where they will meet the local city players. The match between Cowichan and Columbia will be a struggle well worth witnessing, as the teams, judging by their record, should be evenly matched. The Columbia team will be as follows: Goal, Marshall;

backs, Donovan and Dunn; halves, J. Johnson, A. Johnson, D. Hunter, forwards, J. Brown, W. Wilson, T. Young, R. Livingston, C. Berkeley.

The Victoria West Athletic team and the National Club team, of Nanaimo, will play on Saturday evening at the drill hall. The local team is in thorough training and will give the Nanaimo team a hearty reception. From reports, the Nanaimo team has not been idle during the past week. The players are in good condition, and are in the pink of condition. A game was played yesterday, the Victoria West team won by a score of 10 to 0. The Nanaimo team will be in the pink of condition on Saturday evening.

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A PRACTICE MATCH. A practice match was played last evening between the local team and the Fernwood basketball team. The former team, the score being 20 points to 10. The champions are in good condition, and are in the pink of condition. A game was played yesterday, the Victoria West team won by a score of 10 to 0. The Nanaimo team will be in the pink of condition on Saturday evening.

SOLDIERS LEAVE TO-NIGHT. The Garrison team will leave to-night for Vancouver for the purpose of playing one of the inter-club matches at the drill hall with the Sixth Regiment D. O. C., of Vancouver. The soldiers have been training hard and are in good condition. The local strength of the Vancouver five is well known. Their combination and shooting is of the best. The Garrison team will be as follows: Forwards, Gr. Wilkes and Gr. Longbottom; centre, Gr. Taylor; guards, Mr. Mills, Gr. Housens; reserve, Gr. Flood.

SENIOR LEAGUE. The senior city basketball league is not nearly complete, but there are several postponed matches which have to be played. As the season is drawing to a close, the schedule for the remainder of the season follows: Capital vs. James Bay (postponed from February 28th), March 14th. Fernwood vs. Victoria West, March 21st. Fernwood vs. Victoria West, March 28th. Capital vs. Victoria West, April 11th. Capital vs. James Bay (postponed from December 1st), April 18th.

PURCHASED RESIDENCE. J. B. Hobson has purchased Glanora—Will reside in this City During Winter.

PERSONAL. Geo. Kurta, formerly of this city, but now residing in the West Coast on passengers returning from the West Coast on the "Yreka" Copper Company were preparing another shipment of five hundred tons of ore for the Crofton smelter by the steamer Ventura.

Dr. A. A. Farwell, who is connected with the Imperial Voting Machine Company, is here to attend a meeting of the shareholders in the city, which will be held to-night. He is making his headquarters while here at the Victoria hotel.

J. T. Haggin and wife, are registered at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Haggin is connected with the Victoria hospital, and is here enjoying a brief vacation.

E. E. Anderson and wife, of St. Paul; Dr. L. T. Stearns, of Port Townsend; and L. G. Rogers, of Astoria, are among those staying at the Dominion hotel.

Major Hibben, of the Fifth Regiment, has returned from a pleasure trip to California.

YANCOUVER NOTES. Chris. Foley, one of the seven commissioners appointed by the mining association to inquire into the Fernie strike and endeavor to bring about a settlement, was a passenger on the East-bound express on Wednesday. Mr. Foley said he was going to Fernie to make a preliminary survey of the situation, preparatory to a meeting of the commissioners to be held there on Saturday next. While aboard the train, the commissioners would be able to accomplish good, Mr. Foley declined to be over-sanguine, indicating that he could not form a fair opinion until he made himself thoroughly familiar with the grounds of dispute, and the various elements concerned in it.

There were 500 present at an "at home" given by the Act of the retiring president, was presented with a gold watch and chain. The silver jubilee of the retiring president was celebrated, and the retiring president was presented with a gold watch and chain. The silver jubilee of the retiring president was celebrated, and the retiring president was presented with a gold watch and chain.

The board of directors of the City hospital have asked that the city grant be increased from \$10,000 a month to \$15,000 a month. The request was made at a meeting of the board, which was held at the hospital last night. The board is of the opinion that the present amount is insufficient to meet the needs of the hospital, and that an increase is necessary.

A syndicate headed by Charles Swift of Detroit, including the Westinghouse Company and White & Company, are bidding for the Manila street railroad franchise. The syndicate offers to the government a fourth part of the gross earnings, which will probably be accepted.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

"Let the GOLD DUST twins do your work"

CONCENTRATING OPERATIONS. Two Mills Will Be Under Construction at Roseland Within Six Weeks.

"Continued warm weather and the evidence that a comparatively short period will see spring in full swing and building operations practicable, brings the inauguration of concentrating operations in the Roseland camp within measurable distance," says the Roseland Miner. "It is freely predicted that six weeks at the outside will see two mills under construction, and it is generally agreed that this will open a new era in the records of the Golden City.

"So far as known at this date, the Le Roi No. 2 Company will be the first to start with new building, inasmuch as the West Engine and Centre Star companies have their experimental plant at Silica, where it has been in operation for six months almost continuously. Therefore the companies are in the same position with respect to their milling experiments that the Le Roi No. 2 will occupy four months after the latter company's projected experimental plant is completed.

The Le Roi No. 2's concentrator is to be built on a piece of ground just purchased from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Realty Company, and located to the west of the Joe claim on Annie ground.

"It is understood that the machinery necessary for the plant has been ordered, and that delivery is expected at a comparatively early date. As stated at the annual meeting of the company, the preliminary experiments were so satisfactory as to justify the directors in giving instructions for the construction of a fifty-ton mill.

"In connection with the projected War Eagle and Centre Star mill it must be borne in mind that an experimental plant crushing approximately ten tons per day has been in operation at Silica for some months, and that the contemplated new works will set on an experimental basis on a commercial scale. Consequently the works will be of considerably more importance than the No. 2 company. It is quietly intimated that the men in the building trades to construct the works will be on the ground, and that the material and machinery are ordered and well on the way to completion.

A NEW SOCIETY. Establish "Spinsters' Retreat" and Promote Indifference to Man.

The unmarried women of the ancient town of Guildford, the county seat of Surrey, have leaped into fame suddenly by an action which has caused London's laughter to be echoed on the Paris boulevards. They have formed a "society for promoting mutual indifference among women," secured headquarters which they have named the Spinsters' Retreat, and have pledged themselves to assist "young women and those in older years to withstand temptations to enter the marriage state."

"They seem a simple device to attain their object as the making of themselves unattractive in the eyes of the male sex. They stipulate in their first rule that all members must have attained the age of 17; must wear long skirts, and dress their hair in a becoming manner. They also say: 'Members are invited to render their appearance as attractive as possible, but they must be maidenly in their conduct.'

"If the members only carry out that rule which says that they must dress their hair in a becoming manner, the town of Guildford will provide an attraction to men which is not now supplied to much extent in any town in England.

BIRTHPLACE OF LITTLE NELL. Celebration in the "Dickens House" at Bath is Unique.

The anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens was made interesting at Bath, which is rich in association with the novelist by the unveiling of a tablet to his memory upon 35 St. James's Square, which is the house in which the novelist used to stay.

The house is additionally interesting to the lover of Dickens because of the irrefragable evidence in his own writings that it was here that the idea of the character of Little Nell first occurred to him. When, moreover, it is known that it was at the celebration of one of his own birthdays that the pathetic little figure rose in his mind's eye the double appropriateness of the proceedings is apparent.

The tablet was unveiled by Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, president of the Dickens Fellowship, who also unveiled a mural decoration to Walter Savage Landor, who was Dickens's greatest friend at Bath.

In the event there was a notable gathering of Dickens devotees at the assembly rooms, where the mayor presided at a dinner. The menu card sparkled with quotations from the famous novels, and the toast list was headed by songs of the novelist's collection. Milk punch such as Mr. Pickwick so dearly loved was served among the wines. The dinner took place in the identical apartment, still called the parlour, in which for the first time in his life Mr. Pickwick fell among female card-sharps.

—Capt. John Irving returned from Clayoquot on the steamer Tees this morning, where he has been looking after his interests on Elk river. Arrivals on the most promising of the coast, a tunnel 200 feet has been cut into the mineral seam, and very high grade copper and gold ore was encountered. The vein is traceable for over a mile. Very little snow lies on the mountains in that section, but in the middle of the range considerable is still seen. The weather on the coast during the last five or six

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Water Pipes

Tenders, sealed, endorsed "Tenders for water pipes," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 p. m. on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1903, for the supplying of 8,000 feet of 4-inch cast iron water pipes, of standard thickness and weight, as per specification. Price per foot of 2.50. To be given in full cash. The pipes to be delivered free of all charges where directed in the City of Victoria. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, 233 a. m. City Hall, Victoria, B. C. 6th March, 1903.

FIFTH REGIMENT BAND Drill Hall Concert To-morrow Night.

NANAIMO VS. VICTORIA WEST. Board of Licensing Commissioners. The next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners will be held in the Police Court, City Hall, on Wednesday next, the 11th instant, at 2:30 a. m. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. City Clerk's Office, March 6th, 1903.

AUCTION. I will sell at the Victoria Auction Mart, Broad street, on Wednesday, March 11th, at 2 p. m. Choice Furniture and Household Effects, Art Squares, Rugs, Books, etc., etc. Particulars later.

F. J. BITTANCOURT, Auctioneer.

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GATEWOOD—At Vancouver, on March 4th, the wife of C. H. Gatewood, of a daughter.

CUNNINGHAM—At New Westminster, on March 4th, Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, aged 25 years.

TO STOP LYONING. The Kansas House has recommended for passage a stringent bill against lynching. It provides that a sheriff committing a prisoner to be taken from him shall immediately forfeit his office. Any person participating in a lynching may be punished by death or imprisonment for life, and any member of a mob at a lynching, whether he participates in the deed or not, may be imprisoned in the penitentiary for 25 years.

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