

Evening Customers.

For the accommodation of those who find it difficult to get out in the day time to pick out their Xmas Presents we will keep our store open until 10 p. m. each night from now until Xmas. DO NOT PUT IT OFF until the last few days when you will not have time to properly examine our stock, but come now and have us lay away what you want.

Challoner & Mitchell,
Jewellers, 47 Government St.

THE WESTSIDE.

Christmas Work In Earnest Now

Did the Thanksgiving dinner cause dreams? Hope they were pleasant ones. From the way Christmas is getting in the air you could well have dreamed of that—waking thoughts as well as plum pudding are stuffs for dreams. Christmas! a few days off; seven days! Why it's right around the corner. The store will be a regular panorama from now till Christmas Eve—some people think that we are needlessly extravagant in store decorations. But you like them—hope you'll enjoy those we have coming along. The store is beautiful; shall be more so—the beauty building will go on as though that was our only aim. Not quite. This is a store, first and foremost. Selling goods in a big, fair, liberal way is its business. But we owe much to the public—take the beauty we can give for the hand-shake we'd give if we could.

Rich Black Dress Goods

Is our position clear to you? That we sell fine and rare silks and dress goods—each as intelligently as though we had just a far store or a silk store or a dress goods store? Do you realize that the most famous paper maker has no more expensive, not make paper? But he has the power to control and the output to sell—a great paper maker stands at the vat and another at the rolls. The Black Dress Goods stock is ample and rich—and varied to all the tangents of safety. The material at a

FEW CENTS
a yard is right and worthy; the more important pieces at

A DOLLAR
and over are correct.

Of Fans Most Important

WE have just received a large stock of the latest small size fans—as now used. Describe them? The advertising freshman may try it. The mature advertiser, never! Prices range from

\$1.50

GLOVES for Christmas Gifts

A GRATEFUL handshake from the recipient if you give these Christmas Gloves. Ladies' first choice real French Kid Gloves, "Bretagne," plique sewn, gusset fingers, 3-strap embroidery, black or self, white to match lace fastenings, every pair guaranteed; shades, white, black, grey, navy, blue, green, brown, tan and ox blood, sizes 5½ to 7.

Per Pair, \$1.25

This Store will remain open until 9 o'clock in the evening from December 16th until further notice.

The Hutcheson Co., Ltd

The Time Has Arrived



For you to buy your Xmas Fruits. We have the very finest, all cleaned and made ready for use.

Jap Oranges, 50cts. box.
Fresh Island Eggs, 40cts. doz.
"Eastern," 20cts. doz.
Port Wine, 50cts. bottle.
Sherry, 50cts. bottle.

MINCEMEAT all ready for the pie, and PLUM PUDDING all ready for the table.

Morgan's Eastern Oysters
Dixie H. Ross & Co.

A HOME CAN BE PURCHASED with \$50 cash and 100 monthly instalments of \$12.50 each, without interest. Five-room cottage; double front lot, on car line; fifteen minutes' walk from postoffice.

Apply 40 Government St. B.C. Land & Investment Agency

STOP PAYING RENT Lee & Fraser

Look here, 3 lots and 6-roomed cottage in good repair right in town for \$1,800. Another lot and 6-roomed cottage close in for \$1,400. Lot 50x150 ft. with good cottage, barn, fruit, etc., Fernwood road, close to Yates street. There is a bargain here for you. Also many others, as well as cheap building lots all over the city. New 6-roomed cottage to let \$10; new 4-roomed cottage to let, \$8. Coal, wood, fire and life insurance. Your patronage solicited. Money to loan.

P. C. MACGREGOR, Broker
Office 92 Government St., Tel. 064.

Bargains in Real Estate.

Are you looking for bargains in real estate, either improved or unimproved? If so, we have what will suit you. Inspect our list of properties for sale before purchasing. It will pay you to do so. Do you want to borrow money? If so, we have plenty to loan at low rates of interest. We are general agents for the old reliable Phoenix of Hartford Fire Insurance Co. If you have any business in our line we solicit your patronage. Notaries Public and Conveyancers.

F. G. RICHARDS & CO.
NO. 15 BROAD STREET.
TELEPHONE 143.

XMAS PRESENTS

Leather Travelling Cases, Toilet Cases, Perfumes, etc.

HALL & CO.,
Dispensing Chemists
Corner of Yates and Douglas Sts.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO., LTD.

NANAIMO, B.C.

SAMUEL M. ROBINS, SUPERINTENDENT.

Coal Mined by White Labor.

New Wellington Coal

Washed Nuts, \$4.25 per ton
Sack and Lumps, \$5.50 per ton

Delivered to any part of the city.

KINGHAM & CO.,

44 Fort Street.
J. E. CHURCH, J. C. V. SPRATT,
Traction Avenue, Yates and Store Sts.
MUNN, HOLLAND & CO.,
Cor. Broad Street and Traction Avenue.
FLINT & CO., Broad St.
Telephone Call 647.
Wharf—Store Street, Spratt's Wharf.

Makes Work a Pleasure.



Does Cold Weather Suggest Tools for Cutting Wood?

Our saws for easy labor, our axes for rapid cutting, wedges for assisting with tough logs—whatever you want, you may depend on the articles we sell. Perfectly tempered tools sold at right prices.

Nicholles & Renouf, Ltd
61 YATES STREET,
VICTORIA, B.C.

To make room for NEW STOCK we are selling a number of small lots of

J. W. MELLOR,
76-78 FORT STREET

FINE WALL PAPER

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.



LADIES FOOTWEAR

will find in our large stock the Newest Ideas in Seasonable FOOTWEAR. In Boys' and Girls' School Boots we are offering some splendid values.

SPECIAL—Boys' Boston Thigh Gum Boots, \$3.00 per pair.
Men's Hip Gum Boots, \$4.00 up.

THE PATERSON SHOE CO., Ltd

SHOE EMPORIUM Cor. Government and Johnson Sts.

FIRES.

(Associated Press.)
Toronto, Dec. 18.—The residence of Capt. Charles Fleming was destroyed by fire last night while the family were at church. The loss is about \$10,000, of which a considerable part consists of valuable hunting guns.

Halifax, Dec. 18.—The Woodside Sun-ear Heating Co.'s premises were damaged to the extent of \$5,000 on Saturday night.

New Advertisements on Page 8.

Direct. From Spain.

Connoisseur Clusters. Imperial Cabinets. 4-Crown Clusters ¼ Boxes London Layers, etc.

Hudson's Bay Company

ELEGANT XMAS PRESENTS

Toilet Cases, Manicure Case, Odor Cases, Travelling Cases, Collar and Cuff Boxes.

A complete line of EBONY GOODS and PERFUME ATOMIZERS.

JOHN COCHRANE,
N.W. Corner of Yates and Douglas Streets.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

That delight the hearts of men and boys. WE HAVE THEM. Kodaks, Footballs, Golf Clubs and Balls, Boxing Gloves, Punching Bags, Fire Arms and Fishing Tackle.

John Barnsley & Co.,
123 Government Street.

DOLL'S GO-CARTS, GAMES AND BOWLS of all kinds

WAGONS AND IRON TOYS

Hastie's Fair, 77 Government St.

COAL AND WOOD—Baker & Colston, wharf and office, Belleville street, James Bay; telephone 307; city office, Swinerton & Oddy's, telephone 491.

Second Contingent

Canada's Offer of More Men Accepted by the Imperial Authorities.

Mounted Police, Cavalry and a Field Battery Will Probably Be Sent.

Rumors Are Current That a Rising of Kaffirs is Imminent.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—In spite of the attempts to gloss over the suppression of Gen. Buller, the fact remains that new appointments cannot be regarded as anything but a penalty for failure.

A semi-official communication says: "The disposition to regard the change as a reflection on Gen. Buller is entirely erroneous. As forces in South Africa increase, officers of higher rank are appointed to supreme command."

The communication instates the successive steps from General Symons to White, then Buller, now Roberts, but in spite of the plausibility of the argument it is not regarded as the whole truth. However, this may be, there is no denying that the prodigious exertions the government think necessary to crush the two Republics shows clearly that even Lord Salisbury sees great gravity in the situation.

Rumors of Kaffir Rising.

It may be that the ministers see greater peril in the possible Kaffir uprising. Indeed, rumors in this direction are already current, and it is certain such a rising would be infinitely more serious than any rebellion of the Dutch Republics.

Advance Delayed.

The Post's military expert says Gen. Buller's failure though complete, was by no means final. An advance will probably be delayed until a fresh arrival of artillery.

Volunteers.

There has been a notable rush of volunteers all day to offer their services for the war in South Africa. Several colonels have placed their regiments at the disposal of the War Office.

About three hundred artillery volunteers offered their services at Edinburgh before noon.

Fight Lasted Eight Hours.

A brief independent account of the Colenso fight adds nothing to the official account, except that the fighting lasted eight hours, and the British retirement was completed in good order.

Railway Culverts Destroyed.

A dispatch from Modder River, dated Saturday, Dec. 16th, says the Boers have blown up railroad culverts two miles north of Methuen's camp.

Kimberley Safe.

The Associated Press has been officially informed that the Queen is in excellent health, and that there is no danger of the surrender of Kimberley.

The Boers Surprised.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Journal and Advertiser's correspondent, quoting the Boer commandant after the battle of

Stornberg, says: "We were taken completely by surprise. Our first intimation of the British advance was the arrival of their men within easy range of our best position. Surely it was the hand of God; yes, it was surely God's work."

THE SECOND CONTINGENT

Will Probably Include Mounted Police, Regular Cavalry, Artillery and Rifles—Cabinet Meetings To-Day.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The report that a second contingent has been asked for is persistently circulated.

The fact that Fred White, comptroller of Mounted Police, was present in the ante-room at today's meeting of the cabinet looked as if the question of sending Mounted Police was under consideration.

When the cabinet meeting was over today Premier Laurier said only routine business was up for consideration. It meets again this afternoon.

The second contingent, if sent, will likely comprise 300 men from the Mounted Police and regular cavalry, and A and B batteries, and a battalion of from 300 to 500 rifles.

Offer Accepted.

Later, Lord Minto received a cable this forenoon accepting Canada's offer of a second contingent for service in South Africa. The contingent will be organized to go to the front at once.

Dr. Bowden's Announcement.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Hon. Dr. Bowden, Minister of Militia, announced this afternoon that the Imperial war authorities have accepted the Canadian offer to send a second contingent to South Africa, the number of which is to be left to the heads of the Dominion government. The question of command and composition of the contingent will be dealt with at a cabinet council this afternoon, and the announcement made to-morrow.

The British War Office announcement makes it plain that mounted infantry are preferable.

The government may send detachments of mounted infantry, cavalry, and a head battery.

Kitchener Starts on Friday.

Cairo, Dec. 18.—General Lord Kitchener will arrive here on Friday and leave for Capetown as soon after as possible.

Degree for Chamberlain.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—At Trinity College this afternoon the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Sir Joseph Chamberlain, British Secretary of State for the Colonies.

American Volunteers.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—The minister of militia is receiving applications from all over the Dominion and United States with offers to go to South Africa. One offer comes from one of the Western States to raise five hundred men.

Proposal to Relieve Halifax.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—It is suggested here that a company of Canadian volunteers should be mobilized to relieve the British garrison there, who could then go to South Africa.

Principal Grant on the War.

Kingston, Dec. 18.—Addressing the students of Queen's University yesterday, Principal Grant declared that the Canadian parliament should be called together immediately, so that the voice of the people on the crisis in South Africa could be heard. This reverses, in Transvaal, he said, will make us more united than ever before.

German Volunteers in Boer Army.

New York, Dec. 18.—Paris dispatches tell of the arrival there of M. Delong, manager of the dynamite factory at Modderfontein, Transvaal, who says the British government has no idea of the vast preparations the Boers made for war. He characterizes the forts at Pretoria, Johannesburg and Edberg as being strong as any in the world. He says the Boer army has 6,000 well trained German volunteers, who so far have been held in reserve.

Cable Interrupted.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Commercial Cable Co. to-day issued the following notice: "We are advised that the cable between Mozambique and Lorenzo Marques is interrupted. A terrific cyclone at Mozambique has caused interruption of the Delagoa Bay cable. However, have been blown down and the ships in this harbor have been wrecked."

To Aid the Boers.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the county board of the Ancient-Order of Hibernians, the members decided to start a movement to raise \$1,000,000 for the purpose of equipping and transporting troops to South Africa to aid the Boers in their fight for independence.

Preached Against the Transvaal.

New York, Dec. 18.—Dr. Miss J. Savage, of the Church of the Messiah, preached strongly yesterday in favor of England and against the Transvaal.

Proposed Reconstruction of Cabinet.

New York, Dec. 18.—The London correspondent of the World says the gravity of the situation in England is such that a reconstruction of the cabinet is being discussed. It is even suggested that should the war continue much longer without a decisive British success, the formation of a national coalition ministry is certain to result.

A Fac-simile



of the Brand of Cigarettes that are

Better Than The Best

MANUFACTURED BY **B. HOUDE & CO.,** QUEBEC.

Provincial News.

KAMLOOPS. Mrs. J. M. McDonald has gone down to Victoria, where she will reside with her mother.

NEW WESTMINSTER. About ten o'clock on Saturday morning an accident occurred at the Brunette saw mill, but fortunately it was not a very serious one.

NELSON. Word was received by the provincial police on Thursday that the body of a man had been found in the Slacks along the Stevan river near Park Sidling.

LILLOOET. J. R. Williams, who will have charge of the work of taking in the stamp-mill for R. T. Ward to McGillivray creek, will leave for the mine in a few days.

GREENWOOD. Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 15.—The new skating rink on Washington street is nearing completion.

ASHROFT. The committee of the Mansion House fund have arranged a concert to be held on Friday, Dec. 20th.

ROSSLAND. Miss Agnes Robinson, of Rossland, and Mr. Edward Kingston, of Trail, were married on Thursday at St. George's church.

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there was a scarcity of funds natural at the end of the year, the next year's council should be recommended to give their attention to it favorably.

At Friday's meeting of the school board the management committee reported the necessity of procuring a number of school grounds in buildings next year.

The contractors for the city printing have been instructed to have several copies of the city charter printed at once.

The deaths of two Frenchmen very nearly took place here on Friday day night as a direct result of the flu.

The health inspector and medical officer visited the east and west-end schools on Friday, and have reported clean bills of health.

The convention of delegates appointed in connection with the Deanman's Island meeting held lately, will take place on Thursday evening.

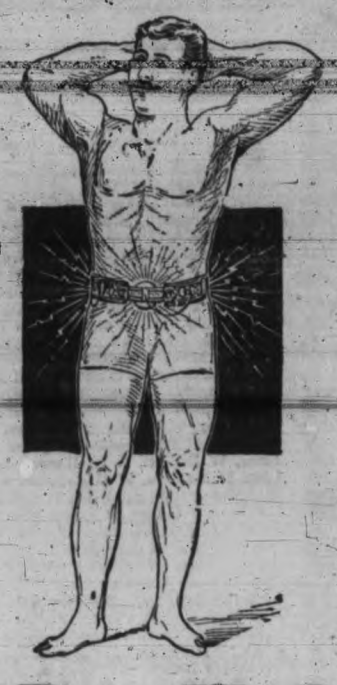
Mr. Evan Cadwallader, a pioneer of this province, passed away at an early hour on Saturday morning.

The Rev. George A. Wilson, the newly-appointed pastor of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church of this city, will be inducted on January 8th.

FOUL BREATH FROM CATARRH

Tells of the Decay of the Mucous Lining of the Nose and Throat. No symptom of catarrh causes more annoyance than foul breath.

Following the Emperor's lead in ordering festivities in his schools, etc., the Board has decided to regard January 1st, 1900, as the official beginning of the new century.



Here's to Men of Might Here's to Youth, with all its joys, Here's to Happiness and Health, Here's to Perfect Manhood!

When a man has truth to tell he finds no end of hearers. When his story is a glad one, and he is able to bring news of health and strength to those who are weak and broken down, he finds millions ready to listen.

WEAK MEN CAN BE CURED

The effects of the past can be removed, the full strength and vigor of youth can be restored, and the vim, the snap, the youthful fire and energy can be felt once more by men who have counted these joys as lost forever.

Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt

unlike anything that has ever been sold before. Not "as good," but better, stronger, more durable, more pleasant to use, than any other electric body appliance on earth.

Nervous Debility. La Combe, Wash., Oct. 16, 1899. Dr. M. A. McLaughlin, Dear Sir:—The results of using your Electric Belt treatment are very satisfactory.

Have you tried and failed to get results from the old style belts, which burn and blister? Or have you used a "30 days' trial" belt which gave no electricity at all?

Along the Waterfront. Greenwood, Dec. 14.—Another deal has been made here of a property on the west fork of Kettle river.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD THEOPHANY. New Century (weekly), \$1.50 yearly. Editor, Katherine A. Tingler, Universal Brotherhood Magazine (monthly), 82 Front Street, East, Toronto, Ont.

SILENCE OF DEAN MAITLAND. To be presented at the Victoria Theatre To-morrow Evening.

Notes from Greenwood. Greenwood, Dec. 14.—Another deal has been made here of a property on the west fork of Kettle river.

The principal work has been done on the Washington claim, owned by the latter company? Since early summer a force of 12 men has been constantly at work.

Work will shortly start on the development of the properties of the Beaverfoot Sulphur company. A small force of men is now at work constructing cabins.

The total shipments for the week were 5,470 tons, ranking third in the year so far.

Table with 3 columns: Mine, Week, Year. Lists various mines like Le Roi, Iron Eagle, Iron Mass, etc.

Excursion tickets on sale to and from all stations available for going journey December 23, 24 and 25.

Returning not later than Tuesday, December 26.

FOR SALE. Fruit lands at Spence's Bridge, forming part of the John Murray estate.

FAIRALL BREWING CO. Ale, Stout and Lager, etc. Small Kegs, \$1.25. (Bottles to be returned).

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry From London. THE AI SHIP "Glenogil" 2285 TONS Sailing During January, 1900.

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ATLIN MINES. Reliable information can be had by applying to RANT & JONES, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows: For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City & Small Debtors Court, Law Courts, City of Victoria, on Friday, the 29th, and Saturday, 30th, days of December, 1899.

TENDERS. Steamer Reindeer.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon, December 20th, 1899, for the purchase of the steamship steamer "Reindeer," as she now lies in winter quarters above Five Fingers, Yukon river.

Applications for the position of Chief of Police for Victoria, B. C., will be received by the Police Commissioners, City Hall, till Tuesday, December 26th, 1899.

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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING RECORD CHRISTMAS EDITION 1899 IN MAGAZINE FORM.

ANDREW SHERET, Plumber. 102, 57th St. Cas, Steam and Hot Water Fitting.

TEACHER WANTED. A vacancy in the teaching staff of the Victoria public schools will be filled immediately.

ALFRED KENDALL, Plumber. By his attorney, C. A. HOLLAND.

Garfield Tea. A wonderful herb medicine. Invaluable for all Chronic Diseases from Impure Blood.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The most reliable and safest medicine for infants and children.

