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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,
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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

It's our position clear to you! That we sell furs and have silks and dress goods—each as intelligently as though we had just a fur store or a silk store or a dress goods store. Do you remember the name of the famous tailor maker who has no mill end does not make paper? But he has the power to contrive and the output—a garment 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

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

A DOLLAR

and over are correct.

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Jap Oranges, 50cts. box.
Fresh Island Eggs, 40cts. doz.
" Eastern," 20cts. doz.
Port Wine, 50cts. bottle.
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MINCEMEAT all ready for the pie, and PLUM PUDDING all ready for the table.

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Your patronage solicited. Money to loan.

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PREVIOUS REPRESENTATION OF

THE WORLD.

NEW YORK, DEC. 18.—The London cor-

respondent of the World says the im-

portunity of the situation in England is such

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STORMBERG, 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 if it was the hand of God; yes, it was surely God's work."

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 attempt to gloss over the succession 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 instances 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 great 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 Repub-

lics.

Advanced 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 army is organized.

Volunteers.

There has been a notable rush of volunteers all day to offer their services for the war in South Africa. Several regiments 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 Carriers 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 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, said he had been held in reserve.

Coffee Interrupted.

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

Punished Against the Transvaal.

New York, Dec. 18.—Dr. M. F. Savage, of the Church of the Messiah, preached strongly yesterday in favor of peace and against the Transvaal.

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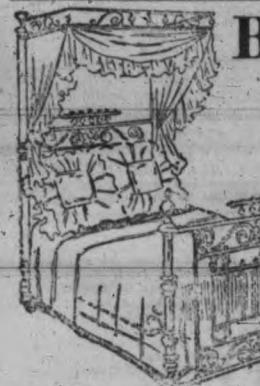
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We are Prompt, We are Careful and We are Always at Our Post.

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VICTORIA, B.C.**For Pure Drugs and Chemicals.****Roberts For South Africa****"Bobs" Will Leave England Immediately as Commander-in-Chief.****Buller's Losses at Tugela River Number One Thousand and Ninety-Seven.****Particulars of Fighting at Magersfontein-French Advancing Towards Colesburg.****London, Dec. 16.—Gen. Buller reports to the war office that in the fight at the Tugela River he lost 1,097 men in killed, wounded and missing. His report gives 82 killed, 667 wounded and 348 missing.****The war office to-night issued the following list of Gen. Buller's casualties:****Fled Artillery—Capt. A. H. Goldie and Lieut. C. B. Schreiber.****Dublin Fusiliers—Capt. A. H. Bacon and Lieut. R. C. B. Henry.****Imperial Fusiliers—Major J. F. W. Charley and Capt. C. Fortus.****Medical Corps—Capt. M. L. Hughes.****Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry—Lieut. C. H. Jenkins.****Officers wounded: Devonshire Regiment, five; Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort Own), one; Fifth brigade staff, one; Inns of Court Fusiliers, eight; Border Regiment, three; Connaught Rangers, two; Dublin Fusiliers, three; Irish Fusiliers, one; Horse Artillery, one; Field Artillery, five; Medical Corps, one; Mounted Infantry, three; Natal Carabiniers, two; South African Light Horse, two.****The wounded included:****Captain J. J. Goodwin, J. F. Radcliffe, H. H. W. Vigors, Hon. St. Leger Jarvis, A. J. Hawker, W. F. Hersey, H. J. Buckley, J. E. B. Reed, F. S. Lewis, J. R. Brush, H. D. White Thomas, L. I. Reed, F. G. Elton and W. N. Gage.****Majors—R. H. G. Heigate, A. W. Gordon and A. A. B. Racine.****Captains—L. G. Brooke, Hon. H. Hunt and Lieut. Ponsonby of Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.****Officers taken prisoners or missing: Field Artillery, five; Devons, three; Sussex, one; Royal Scots Fusiliers, six; Royal Artillery, three.****Lord Roberts' Son Dead.****London, Dec. 16.—In addition to the For already published, Ponsonby, of Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, and Lieut. the Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, son of Lord Roberts of Candahar, and Waterford, were among the officers wounded at Tugela. Roberts has died of his wounds.****IN THE WEST.****McLennan Preparing to Advance Against the Boers—The Fighting at Magersfontein.****Modder River, Dec. 15.—The Ninth Brigade under Col. Pole Carew of the Grenadier Guards and a squadron of the 12th made a reconnaissance this morning supported by the 75th battery horses. They fired in the centre and right with four naval guns on the left. A 4.7 naval gun on the right opened fire at 5.30 while the brigade deployed across the plain and the howitzers shelled the Boer trenches and searched the ridges, the naval guns doing the same.****The Boers unmasked two guns, one which was dismounted by the naval gun and the second of which it was impossible to touch. No one was killed, although a shell fell in the middle of some of the Northumberland Regiment, causing all to fall. But when the smoke cleared it was seen that the men were marching as though nothing had happened.****All the troops returned to camp. There were no casualties.****Gen. Methuen directed the operations from horseback. His wound is almost well. He intends to conduct operations from here to the northward.****The camp is fortified and forms an excellent base.****From Matfeling.****London, Dec. 17.—An unedited dispatch from Matfeling to the Pall Mall Gazette says:****"The siege will probably be raised in a few days, when the townpeople will tender their thanks to Col. Baden-Powell. The enemy's fire has slackened. Our casualties are confined to natives almost entirely. There are a few wounded in the hospital. There is much sickness in the women's bazaar, where the death rate is high, chiefly amongst the children."****Gen. French's Advance.****Cape Town, Dec. 13.—Gen. French is gradually advancing toward Colesburg.****A party of Carabiniers visited the house of a Dutch farmer and were assured that there was no enemy in the neighborhood. When they were leaving they were fired on from the house. The Horse Artillery shelled the house, killing several of the enemy.****Gen. French is reported to have fallen back to his original position.****Basutos are said to be restless on account of Gen. Gatacre's repulse and are clamoring for arms. It is believed, however, that Sir Godfrey Langdon, the****Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford as commander-in-chief in South Africa, with Lord Kitchener as chief of staff, to proceed to South Africa without delay.****The commander-in-chief in South Africa has now authorized us to assume his name as the designation local troops mounted.****The war office to-day issued the following announcement: "Acting upon the advice of the military authorities, Her Majesty's government has approved the following measure:****"All the remaining portions of the army reserve, including section D, are called out. The seventh division, which is being mobilized, will proceed to South Africa without delay."****"Nine battalions of militia, in addition to the two battalions which have already volunteered for service at Malta and one for service in the Channel Islands, will be allowed to volunteer for service outside of the United Kingdom, and an equivalent number of militia battalions will be embodied for service at home."****Burying the Dead.****Modder River, Dec. 15.—Mutual arrangements were made by the British and Boer commanders by which the British were to be buried on Wednesday and Thursday.****The Boers stipulated, however, that only a clergyman of the Reformed church should officiate, and that the British should not come within 300 yards of their lines. Mr. Robertson, the Presbyterian chaplain of one of the Highland regiments, was selected to conduct the burial of the slain at Magersfontein. The Engineers who acted as litter bearers were blindfolded when they reached the Boer outposts. The Boer commander sent Commander Vermaas, Intelligence Officer Dwyer and Field Cornet Will to assist Mr. Robertson in locating the dead, and afterwards Colonial Doctor Grogan joined them, and found he knew many of the dead.****Chapkin Robertson buried 32 on Wednesday and 70 on Thursday. The Boers declared that they fought at Magersfontein were 262, and that they had only 63 killed. This must be a mistake, as the British buried 45.****Several of the Boers had been killed with the butts of rifles. Some of the Highlanders.****Got So Close to the Trenches****that their kits were torn off in the canteen. The Boers say they would have enveloped them but were afraid of killing their own men in the front trenches. The Boers have 62 British prisoners, of whom 45 are members of the Black Watch.****The Boer army is made up almost exclusively of Transvaal burghers. It is said that the Free Staters have already dispersed and gone home. Some of the western Transvaal burghers have gone to the Johannesburg district. Many of the Boers speak English.****Boers say the Lyddite shells were harmless when they fell on the earth, but very destructive when they fell in stone places. Only one of four exploded.****Boer prisoners boasted that they could hold Magersfontein for two weeks. They said that if the Highland brigade had masses and stormed the trenches after the first surprise, the British loss would have been heavier because the Boers from the kopjes on the side were ready to enfilade the trenches if they had been captured.****The Gordon Highlanders were held in reserve until 10 o'clock on Monday morning when they went forward in wide order toward the base of the east kopje. They got within 500 yards of this point without any casualties worth mentioning, when they suddenly****cheered for the Boers****and sang "God Save Ireland," and "We'll hang Joe Chamberlain on a sour apple tree," and using disgusting expressions against the Queen, the Empire and the army.****While passing Dublin Castle, the occupants of the wagonette waved the Transvaal flag defiantly, whereupon the police stopped the vehicle and seized the flag. The wagonette, attended by a large body of police, who often cleared the street, then drove to the room of the Irish Transvaal committee, where Michael Davitt, Wm. Redmond and J. O'Brien were waiting. A meeting of about sixty persons was held, Messrs. Davitt, Redmond and O'Brien speaking in violent condemnation of the war and of Chamberlain, and declaring that the latter's visit to Ireland at such a moment was proof of his callous nature. The speakers urged that should an opportunity occur, Dublinites ought to show their dissatisfaction of the colonial secretary in unmistakable fashion.****Mr. Davitt said: "All Irishmen rejoice in the triumphs of the Boers. No power in Europe would now fear Great Britain except perhaps the Prince of Monaco."****Mr. Redmond said: "Mr. Chamberlain deserves not a doctor's but an executioner's degree."****Ultimately a resolution proposed by Mr. Davitt was passed.****Denouncing the War****and calling upon the powers, particularly the United States, to take steps to ensure the independence of the Boer Republic. The meeting closed between tremendous cheers evoked by a rumor that Ladysmith had fallen.****The tragic circumstance of the appointment****of the Boer force numbered 16,000.****The Free State troops were at the base of the hill and the Transvaal troops along the right of the trench. The scene opposite the Transvaal troops in the direction of the hospital was pitiful. 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Weiler Bros.' Mammoth Xmas Show



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Opposition Leader

Sir Charles Tupper Has a Chilly Reception at Victoria Theatre.

He Tells of His Efforts to Keep the Liberal Government Straight.

One of the smallest audiences which ever greeted a prominent political leader, was that which faced Sir Charles Tupper, the leader of the Conservative party in Canada, upon the occasion of his opera house address on Saturday night. The smallness of the company was only equalled by its frigidity, for even the most impassioned appeal of the veteran baronet failed to evoke more than a half-hearted cheer. The speaker struggled along manfully in the face of these discouragements until after 1 o'clock, when he gave up the task us a hopeless one and resoundably seated.

The subject matter of the address was the inconsistency of the Liberal party, while cropping out at intervals like a mineral lead in the country rock was the eternal vigilance which the modest old knight is forced to exercise in keeping the machinery of justice from breaking down under the dire management of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministry. Instance after instance was quoted by Sir Charles in which he was obliged to advise the first minister, and even to be "more loyal than the Queen." Certainly the only inference which could be drawn from his remarks on Saturday night was that through any oversight, he failed to instruct and generally coach the administration the skein of public policy, and of international and imperial diplomacy, got into a hopeless tangle.

The address generally was marked by an absence of the vehemence and prolonged employment of adjectives and expletives, which are generally associated with the stump speeches of the leader of the Canadian opposition. It had been kindly suggested that the management purposely reduced the atmosphere to the zero point in order to counteract the heat which the baronet usually engenders, but again that may have been purely accidental.

When the curtain rose at 8.15 several of the boxes were occupied by ladies, while the body of the theatre was fairly well filled. Two rows in the balcony were also comfortably filled, the remainder of the building being characterized by empty benches.

Seated with the chairman on the platform were the following: Sir Hubert Tupper, Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P.; Senator Macdonald, A. E. McPhilips, M.P.P.,

with the playing of "Hall to the Chief" by the orchestra and with applause from the audience, referred to the presence of the ladies, to whom he believed Sir John Macdonald had favored extending the franchise. The speaker thought that the extension of the franchise to women might, however, give them an undue share of power, as they already possessed a considerable portion of influence. (Laughter.)

Referring first of all to the dispatch of Canadian troops to South Africa, the speaker made a flattering allusion to Victoria's share in the same. He said no one attached more importance to that step than himself. He also alluded to his action in the House of Commons, when the subject of a Canadian contingent was brought up by Col. Hughes and when the action of Queensland was cited as a precedent for action by Canada. When a telegram had been received from London stating that anxiety was felt in England for some expression from Canada, the speaker had crossed the floor of the House and urged upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier a tender of Canadian troops to the Mother Country, yet Canadian could sleep at night, knowing that life and property were safe and that no foreign foe could place a foot upon her soil, knowing that they were beneath the flag that had braved a thousand and yeas the battle and the breeze. There need be no talk of taxation or of representation because the government of Canada took of its own free will money out of the treasury to send its sons to the defence of the Empire. To call this taxation without representation was utterly nonsensical and at variance with the fact. Equally monstrous was the statement of Mr. Tarte's papers that Quebec's sons were being torn from their mothers' breasts to fight England's wars.

"I am asked, if I mean to say," added the speaker, "that Canada should always put her sons to fight England's wars, I say 'yes,' because there is no country which is slower to resort to arms than Britain, and when she does go to war Canada may rest assured it is in a worthy cause." It was a disgrace to Mr. Tarte, the speaker continued, that Mr. Laurier should have been allowed to insert in the order-in-council a clause to the effect that this was not to be regarded as a precedent.

He quoted the message sent by New South Wales, on the occasion of the departure of the first detachment of troops in which the statement was made that that colony would always be ready to share the duties and responsibilities of Her Majesty's government. Mr. Tarte's action in the speaker's opinion, warranted his dismissal by the head of the government.

The speaker, notwithstanding, believed that when the House met Sir Wilfrid Laurier would open parliament with an address from the throne asking parliament to defray all the expenses involved in the dispute of Canadian troops.

Then Sir Charles Tupper thanked the audience for sending Messrs. Prior and Earle, whose "upright devotion to duty, ability," etc., he highly commended.

Coming to a consideration of the merits of the respective parties, the speaker said that prior to 1878 the Conservative party had been obliged to contrast their acts with the professions of the Liberals. After that date they had the advantage of being able to contrast the acts of the Liberals with those of the Conservatives, and the country had done the same and swept the Liberals

out of power. Since 1896 the Conservatives had again had an opportunity of contrasting the acts of the Liberals, and those of the Conservative party for eighteen years previously.

He accused the government upon a record of promises made in opposition and broken in power. He had challenged the government with the recompense of one of their anti-election pledges.

The Blaik letter of 1891 was cited as a proof of the predictions of the Conservatives that the adoption of the Liberal party would ruin the country. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had ridiculed this claim of the Conservatives. If they had failed to ruin the country, however, the speaker alleged it was only because they had adopted the policy of the Conservative party instead of pursuing a policy such as they had advocated for eighteen years while in opposition.

He admitted that the country was advancing by leaps and bounds, but this was due to a pursuit of the policy of their predecessors.

The claimed reduction of 25 per cent. on English goods was a pretence, for they had previously added to that tariff.

At the convention of 1893, the Liberal party had drawn a sharp line of demarcation between the trade policies of the Liberals and Conservatives, of free trade and protection. Sir Louis D'Orville had said that the next election would be a battle on these issues. He had added that if returned the Liberals would root out every vestige of protection, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier had said at Winnipeg that the government which took out a cent of money out of the revenue for protection was as bad as the highwayman who cut a pistol at the traveler's head and demanded his money or his life. Yet the Liberal government had actually increased the duty on cotton.

He also ridiculed Sir Wilfrid's statement that a reduction of 25 per cent. on British imports would result in Britain buying much more from Canada. The fact was, said the speaker, that three years before the advent of Liberalism to power, the average imports had been \$34,000,000 per year, while during three years since their advent it had fallen to \$32,000,000.

A satirical reference to the attempt of the Liberals to secure reciprocity with the United States followed, the speaker subsequently claiming that imports from the United States had largely increased during Liberal regime.

The speaker ascribed Canada's abundant prosperity to the great production of gold which the London Economist had stated had increased by £20,000,000 in two years.

Preference trade was next touched upon. The proposal had been made that England treat her colonies in regard to trade the same way in which France, Germany and other nations treated their colonial possessions. The difficulty in the way was the most favored nation clauses in the German and Belgian treaties. The imposition of a small duty in Britain against other nations outside her empire would lead to numerous development of the trade of these colonies. Lord Lansbury had encouraged that agitation, the speaker had made it a plank in his election platform, and Sir Wilfrid

had seen all of us more or less echo, repeating involuntarily the virtues, the defects, the movements and the characters of those among whom we live.—Joubert.

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THE CONSERVATIVE MEETING.

The speech of Sir Charles Tupper on Saturday evening disclosed the fact that the Tory leader has three grievances against the Liberal government: Its members are disloyal, as but for the stimulus of Tupper's mislaid telegram they would not have dispatched a Canadian contingent to South Africa; they did not abolish the protective duties at once on attaining power, as he alleges they were pledged to do; and the British preference is a humbug, as it is in reality, no preference at all compared with the real article. Sir Charles has up his sleeve.

To the first proposition, the present is no time to question the loyalty of half the population of Canada. Deeds, not words, are after all the true test, and any one who wishes to arrive at the truth in this matter may easily satisfy himself by a glance at the records of the two parties. We might in passing just intimate that Sir Charles Tupper is the leader of the party whose reply to a question whether the protection policy of the Tories would not be detrimental to British connection, was that if such were the case, "so much the worse for British connection;" also that the son of the orator of the evening in defending the same policy said that free trade Britain was a decadent nation "driven from the civilized markets of the world" by her mistaken commercial ideas and was forcing her wares upon savages at the mouth of cannon and the point of the bayonet. No doubt this great authority would say that is the work she is engaged in in South Africa at the present time. We say that accusations of disloyalty come with very bad grace from these men, especially when directed against the Liberal leaders, who have proved by their actions that they are in every way truer men than their accusers. The blind leaders of the Tory party thought they saw an opportunity to gain a party advantage because the leader of the Liberals was a French-Canadian, and the principal organ of Sir Charles Tupper, the Montreal Star, instigated one of the most disgraceful campaigns of slander in the records of Toryism, and its articles were telegraphed by the celebrated Conservative organizer and editor of the Star to all the smaller Tory newspapers of Canada, including, of course, the truly loyal Colunist. Perhaps letters like the following from an indignant Englishman may have had something to do with letting in a great light on the Tupper political intellect:

"Sir, I have been watching the press closely for the last few weeks, and have listened to not a few addresses, and I declare to you that I am heartily ashamed of the cowardly manner in which our French fellow-citizens have been treated by a portion of the press of this country."

"Sir, I am in the habit of saying 'fair play is a jewel' and British fair play is of the first water. Fancy, if you can, a couple of millions of Englishmen in a French colony, subject to French authority, listening quietly to the vicious abuse of old England. Impossible! Many a head would be broken, many a ruffian would ring with 'There's life in the Old Dog Yet,' or 'Rule Britannia,' and many a grave would be dug before such men would quietly submit to such humiliation. Breathless there a man would come to their mind, and their tongue would cleave to the roof of their mouth and their right hand forget its cunning before they would listen to words that only cowards could suggest, and only slaves could tolerate. Real patriotism never suggested the insulting charge, and our French fellow-citizens are far from being slaves. Then fancy two millions of Englishmen declaring that even in a contest between France and their mother land they would stand loyal to the flag under which they lived. Yet not a French-Canadian has hesitated to avow his loyalty to the throne of England and his willingness to risk his life for the Empire."

"The most humiliating feature of it all is that men can be found so destitute of real manhood as to stoop to wound the feelings of a race noted for their unassuming, unobtrusive, cheerful manner of life, and at the same time promptly responsive to every call in defense of their country. But, grant for the moment that Frenchmen or any portion of them were wavering in their al-

legiance to the throne, or hastening to move for the defence of the Empire, would these professional politicians have us believe that their offensive references to the French leaders or the French race would tend to win them back to the allegiance?" (Preposterous, this.)

It is an extremely shameful act of any such purpose. Partisan politics of the most vulgar and repulsive character run through it all, and it is so transparent that no amount of drapery could render it respectable to an intelligent observer. If to bind to the thorns by cords of steel every man in the Empire would be considered the work of a patriot, by what term shall we designate the conduct of those whose persistent misrepresentation can have no other tendency than to discourage, irritate and alienate nearly half of the population of our country? There is but one term appropriate. Yet I shall not use it, for I rejoice in the belief that our country is loyal throughout. I close as I began, rejoicing in Great Britain, of what value would a trade advantage of one-fifth of that be?

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THE BAND.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gregory on Saturday evening made an appeal to the public to give better support to the band of the Fifth Regiment. He hinted that unless the people of Victoria could see their way to showing something like appreciation of what that band is doing for their city it might be found necessary to discontinue those Saturday evening concerts, perhaps to break up the band altogether.

A stranger who heard that band pass complimentary remarks about its performances and marvel at the lack of musical taste amongst the citizens. In the latter they are mistaken, for there is probably nothing that will excite the ire of the average Victorian more quickly than to tell him he has "no music in his soul," and that "a concord of sweet sounds" is nothing to him.

Yet one of two things regarding this question must be true; if the band is really a competent organization playing really good music with taste and expression, and the concepts they give are not extended by the public, then it would seem to argue that the local public don't care for really good music, by a really competent band playing with taste and expression. On the other hand, if the band is a poor, weak affair given over to those musical horrors known as the "rag-time melody" and the "coon" song, no condemnation would be too severe for it or too venial too early. But such is far from being the case. There can be no question as to the band's competency. All our musical people are agreed that the Fifth Regiment band is a credit to the capital city of British Columbia. This then leaves the burden of the charge upon the shoulders of the public. "One can lead a horse to the water, but one cannot make him drink" is a proverb that seems to fit the case here.

Probably the Victoria public will not realize what a very serious blunder has been committed until the Fifth Regiment band is dispersed for want of support. As an advertisement such an ending to this fine band would be positively disastrous to Victoria. Some malicious newspapers would be sure to herald it to the world with the comment that Victorians had no music in them, and were too smug anyway to support a band. It would be cheaper on the part of the Victoria public to help support the band by attending the weekly concerts with more regularity.

Other municipalities make liberal grants for the support of brass bands on the basis that the band is always a first-class engagement, and should be paid for as such. There seems no good reason why Victoria should not follow suit. The majority of the citizens would probably approve of such a grant. At any rate something will have to be done, and quickly, if the city is not to lose one of the finest bands in Canada.

We were prepared for the statement that the British preference in the Fielding tariff is a humbug and is no preference at all, but were rather surprised that Sir Charles failed to put forward his old claim that the Duke of Devonshire made a direct offer of a preference in the British market to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which the Prime Minister rejected. Perhaps the Tory leader paid the Victoria people the compliment of believing they were not foolish enough to allow themselves to be stung with that old chestnut. This British trade question was handled very gingerly by the Tory leader, who evidently found himself on stony ground, for he said: "During the three years of the Liberal-Conservative administration of affairs the average yearly imports from Great Britain amounted in value to \$34,762,249; while during the three years since the present government assumed power the average had been \$32,991,076—a decrease instead of an increase, despite the pretended reduction of duty, of nearly 4 per cent." The fact is that under the anti-British N. P. our trade with Britain had been decreasing at an alarming rate, dropping from somewhere about \$60,000,000 to \$27,000,000 annually under the blighting influence of Toryism. Under the Fielding tariff this decrease in trade has been arrested, and during the last three years has shown a steady increase. In the fiscal year 1897-98 the imports from Great Britain amounted to \$47,101,820, an increase of \$7,983,180 over the previous year. Is it necessary to add anything to these figures? Are they not more eloquent than the words of any man in proving that the preference is no humbug but a genuine thing, when a steadily declining trade is arrested and converted into a steadily increasing one in three years?

But allowing that the preference accorded to British goods by the Liberal government has not increased our trade with the mother land, would the scheme of Sir Charles Tupper be likely to prove more effective? His proposition was that Britain should give Canada a preference in her markets, we in return levying duties on British goods the same as under the Foster tariff, but in-

creasing the imposts on imports from all other countries by 5 per cent. That would be a 5 per cent. preference, but if a 25 per cent. preference proves ineffective in increasing our commerce, I close as I began, rejoicing in Great Britain, of what value would a trade advantage of one-fifth of that be?

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scandals since assuming power. Probably it was as well for the good name of the action of the government in raising and dispatching a force to South Africa did not prevent him at Saturday night's meeting from taking a shot at the Hon. Mr. Tarte. Now as there are other Conservatives in the world besides Sir Charles more magnanimous and fairer than he, it is perhaps best that we should allow one of them to defend Mr. Tarte, as witness the following from the Toronto Globe report of the Employing Printers' banquet:

There had been some criticism of the stand taken by Mr. Tarte. "I am not a Liberal, but a Tory," said Col. MacLean. "I have studied Mr. Tarte's attitude, and I think it is the right one. It does not seem to be recognized in this country, but the policy he has pursued, that adopted by the Tory party in England—(Applause).—Only the other day I noticed that the leader of the extreme Tory party stated in his paper that the attitude taken by Mr. Tarte was the right one." (Renewed applause.)

Mr. Ismay, the founder of the White Star line of transatlantic steamers, who died last week at Birkenhead, was born in 1837. He took over the business of the White Star in 1887. He was fond of boasting that though his firm had spent eight million pounds sterling and Messrs. Harland & Wolff, of Belfast, had built every boat of the line, not a single contract had ever been entered into between the two firms. On the completion of the Queen's fifth year of sovereignty Mr. Ismay gave \$250,000 to form a fund for aged and decayed seamen. He was the originator of the government system of subsidizing merchant steamers for use as cruisers.

Col. Prior relieved his mind of a great load on Saturday night. Mr. Foster informed him some time ago that the Liberals had reduced the tariff seven hundredths of one per cent., and he took advantage of the first opportunity to get rid of the awful burden. Stronger minds than the colonel's have given way under less strain.

In the sumptuous Christmas catalogue of books published and imported by the famous house of William R. Jenkins, Sixth Avenue, New York, a portion of a critique by Madge Robertson (Victoria Times) upon Stedman's guide to Europe has the place of honor among the extracts from such par-

pers as the New York Nation, Boston Journal, Transcript and Beacon, New York Mail and Express, etc., etc.

Government ownership of railroads is going on steadily in Sweden, where already fully one half of the total mileage of 6,300 miles of railway in operation is owned by the government. The net income of the government roads for last year was \$4,127,200 as compared with \$4,797,200 on the private roads. Government roads yield a dividend of 4.72 per cent., the private roads as a whole, 5.57 per cent.

All the chocolate firms who are filling the Queen's order for Christmas boxes of that commodity for the troops in Africa, are Quakers. Messrs. Cadbury are employing a large number of extra girls, the total force being now nearly two thousand.

Britons will be interested to learn that some years back the Transvaal postage stamps bore the magic letters "V. R." Some good judges say they will bear the same letters again before very long.

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Victoria, December 18, 5 a.m.—The barometer has risen over the Pacific slope, the high being central over the plateau region between the American ranges. In the Canadian Northwest the high area has moved to the southeast, with temperatures still below zero. The weather is generally fair with light rainfall and no snow.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Tuesday:

Victoria and Victoria—Easterly winds, mostly fair, not much in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, partly cloudy.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 41; minimum, 35; wind, 6 miles, S.E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles, E.; rain, 02; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 10; minimum, 4; wind, 4 miles, E.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

—Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, anytime before Xmas and bring the children with you; it will delight them and please you.

—The management of the Moore-Roberts company are very desirous that the clergymen of all denominations in the city shall see the performance of "The Silence of Dean Maitland" to be given by the company to-morrow and Wednesday evenings and have asked the Times to extend a cordial invitation to all the ministers to be present. Mr. Moore's rendition of the part of Dean Maitland is said to be a revelation and something better than Victorians have been favored with in many months.

—During his visit to Victoria, Sir Chas. Tupper was entertained at luncheon at the Union Club by Messrs. Prior and Earle. There were present in addition to the guest, Premier Semlin, Sir Hibbert Tupper, ex-Premier Turner, Hon. E. Dewdney, H. D. Helmcken, M.P., Hon. C. E. Pooley, M.P.P., A. E. McPhillips, M.P.P., G. H. Burns, W. H. Ellis, Capt. Wolley, W. McDowell, W. C. Ward, Dr. Huntington, G. A. Keefer, B. Gordon, A. J. C. Galtley, J. Taylor, F. S. Barnard, F. G. Vernon, T. B. Hall, R. Cassidy and F. C. Gamble.

—Court Northern Light, A.O.F., at their last regular meeting received five applications for membership and initiated fourteen new members. The court has opened a subscription list for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a colonial ward in connection with the Yorkshire Forest Orphanage. A large amount has already been subscribed and will be largely augmented at the next meeting, when the lists will be closed. The annual ball to be held on Tuesday promises to be one of the best held by the order, and an assured success.

—Sterndale Bennett's pastoral, "The May Queen," will be repeated to-morrow night in the Institute Hall, commencing at 8:30. The full chorus and orchestra of seventy-five will participate, and the solo will be taken by the same ladies and gentlemen as before, viz., Miss Sophie McNamee (May Queen), Mrs. Janion (Queen), Mr. A. T. Goward (Lover), and Mr. Herbert Kent (Robin Hood). Sir Michael Costa's arrangement of the National Anthem for solo, chorus, and orchestra will also be given. The admission will be the same throughout the hall, namely, 50 cents.

—Those desirous of having an entertainment as varied as it is picturesque and patriotic and abounding in delightful music, both in solo and choral work, should not forget the presentation to-night of the cantata "Britannia and Her Daughters" by the choir of First Presbyterian church, under Mrs. Hall and J. G. Brown. The entertainment begins at 8 o'clock, doors open at 7:30, and as the hall is generally crowded at the concerts of this organization a word to the wise is sufficient; go early and secure good seats. The concert will be preceded by military and other exercises by members of the Boys' Brigade of the church under Mr. Tenant of the R.E.

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Stories of Disaster

Reports Which Point to the Colusa Having Met Her Fate.

Indians See a Bark Foundering Off Long Beach—Was It Her?

The belief is growing that the long overhanging bark Colusa, which left Kahului for this port 60 days ago, has been lost.

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The bark sailed from Kahului on October 21st. She was in—no—too—seaworthy condition, for as she was entering the harbor, she ran aground on a reef, where she remained for thirteen hours until two of the Wilder steamers released her and hauled her owners for \$4,000 salvage. Only temporary repairs were made at the Hawaiian port, and she came to this port to be thoroughly repaired. It is reasoned that owing to the insufficient repairs her seam may have parted during the heavy November storms which pounded more than one vessel to pieces.

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To many onlookers, even to experts, his meritorious leadership will come rather as a surprise. Only now, when tested by actual conflict, and

Pitted Against a Sturdy Enemy

undoubtedly well led, can the measure of Methuen's true soldierly quality be exactly gauged. He was generally known throughout the service to superiors and comrades alike as a good all-round man of the world, sound in judgment, sober in conduct, with no external brilliancy, giving no outward sign of great or even more than moderate parts. He had been ever assiduous in mastering the glorious trade he followed; always unwaveringly devoted to the profession of arms; eager to "learn his work" from the date of his first joining the Scots Guards thirty-six years ago, and snatching at every opportunity of improving himself. There is no better school for the zealous young officer who is bent upon going ahead than the Brigade of Guards; he is sure to be well grounded, to acquire thoroughly the whole curriculum of ordinary soldiering—the routine of drill and discipline—is taught him with.

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It is no less to a man's credit than to his great advantage to have been a "Guard's adjutant," and Methuen obtained that much-coveted compliment within four years of his joining the service. The battalion he was in is with him now in his arduous command, and he has never forgotten it—for a soldier's first regiment is like a man's first love—and in the stirring speech he made his troops the other day he had a few affectionate words for his old battalion.

It was as adjutant that young Methuen first gained an insight into the mysteries of troop-leading, and he has always stood high in this respect. The adjutant is the drill instructor of his battalion, and he coaches himself as much as, if not more than, others. Methuen took to drill con amore, and soon became a great proficient in it. He had further openings for acquiring skill in manoeuvre, and on a much larger scale, when

He Became First Brigade Major.

and afterwards assistant adjutant-general of the Home District, a post that gave him constant employment in the marshalling and handling of men.

Methuen was for ever in the field as a staff officer, or, when possible, as a commander, losing no chance at volunteer reviews, when the gathering together of considerable numbers is in itself most useful education to those who lead,

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exercise of their military facilities that gave rise to the riddle which has been quoted more than once of late, and was invented about this time: "Why are the Guards like the early Christians?" "Because Paul persecuted them." "How so to same purpose, nevertheless, and yet much to prefer the excellent system that now obtains in the brigade, and to keep up the high military tone. He has had his success in leading his own beloved Guards against an enemy worthy of their steel."

True politeness has been defined as "an exquisite consideration for the feelings of others," and Lord Methuen exhibits this to the full. He combines with the inherited charm of high-bred courtesy the utmost simplicity of manner. There is not an ounce of "side" in his composition. He has no conceit; he is no ostentatious stickler for his own views, but is ever willing to yield deference to the opinions of others.

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There can be no doubt that the lessons he learnt in those days have borne abundant fruit since, and that in his masterly manipulation of his forces at Belmont, Graspan, and Modder River he has put in practice before the enemy the lessons he learnt on peaceful home parades. He was fortunate, too, in

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Wherever there was business doing Methuen was pretty sure to be provided with a billet. He was, of course, eager to accept any employment that offered, and he went as a special officer to Ashanti, where, at Amoosa, he received his baptism of fire. Ten years passed before he had a chance of seeing service again, but

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KAMLOOPS.
Mrs. Jos. 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 Brunet saw mill, but fortunately it was not a very serious one. What is known as the re-saw, from some cause, flew in pieces, and one flying piece struck the operator, Robert Griffiths, a shanting blow on the forehead. The injuries are not, it is understood, severe, and he hopes to be at work again before long. Though several others were engaged at this saw, none of them were hurt.

NELLIS.

Word was received by the provincial police on Thursday that the body of a man had been found in the rocks along the Slocan river near Park Slope. Constable Worcester of Robson has been sent to investigate the matter.

A number of those who took in the Canadian Pacific railway excursion to Boundary waited upon F. W. Peters, assistant-general freight agent, J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C. P. R. steamer service, and H. E. Beasley, superintendent of Kootenay branches, on Thursday and presented each with three handsome pieces of sterling silverware.

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. The machinery will arrive in Lillooet about the end of this month.

The numerous fire trees, in the shape of houses and defective chimneys should be looked after these days. If a fire was to start with the present high winds this town would last just as long as a snowball in a furnace. With no water at hand it would be impossible to hinder its progress. Fire wardens should be appointed to look into this matter and make all houses with defective and dangerous chimneys to be remedied at once. A strict fine, etc.—Prospector.

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 15.—The new skating rink on Washington street is nearing completion, only the roof remains to be put on and this has been delayed on account of the scarcity of lumber. The ice will measure 50x150 feet. Now that cold weather has apparently set in earnest skaters and hockeyists are looking forward to some good sport. It is hoped to have the rink opened by the first of the week.

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ASHCROFT.

The committee of the Mansion House fund have arranged a concert to be held on Friday, Dec. 29th.

J. B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo mine, had the misfortune to fracture his ankle some days ago. Dr. Hoge says the fracture is not as bad as was first thought, but it will be four or five weeks before Mr. Hobson will be able to move about as usual.

From the 150 Mile house comes information of the death of Raphael Phillips, of Dog Creek. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. M. Pirie, of Dog Creek; Miss L. Phillipine, of Kamloops, and a brother, Simon Phillipine, of Kamloops. E. B. Dodson, who has spent the last two years in the Omineca mining district, came down on Tuesday. Mr. Dodson came out to Quesnel in July. His return work is being done on quartz properties by Edmonton parties about ten miles from the junction of the Nassau and Findlay rivers. The building of the Stuart's Lake road, Mr. Dodson says, means everything for the Omineca country. Coal and mica as well as quartz have been found by Mr. Dodson while engaged prospecting. He will return to the Omineca in the spring.

ROSSLAND.

Mrs. Agnes Robinson, of Rossland, and Mr. Edward Kingston, of Trail, were married on Thursday at St. George's church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Hedley, rector in charge of St. George's church, assisted by Rev. W. Clark, of Trail.

Mr. Hector McRae, who has just returned from a visit to Greenwood, reports that the electric lighting plant at Greenwood, which was recently contracted for by Mr. Duncan McIntosh, is to be installed and in working order on March 1st.

Copper lots in Phoenix are selling at from \$1,250 to \$1,500 each.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Rosedale Club the alterations and additions to the new constitution were gone over clause by clause and adopted. The entrance fee for membership will be raised to \$75 on and after the first of January next. The following members were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. J. S. C. Fraser, president; Mr. G. R. Hamilton, vice-president; executive committee, Messrs. N. F. Townsend, J. M. Smith, John S. Cline, Jr., W. T. Oliver, Alexander Dick, H. F. Myton, J. Johnson and Claude Oregon.

VANCOUVER.

A deputation waited on the finance committee on Friday in connection with the requested grant for the Salvation Army Rescue Home. The question was discussed, and it was decided that as

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ALL DRUGGISTS.

there was a scarcity of funds natural at the end of the year, the next year's council should be recommended to give the matter its favorable attention. The delegation was assured that some grant would be made.

Agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company in this city.

At Friday's meeting of the school board the management committee reported the necessity of procuring a number of new school grounds and buildings next year. It asked for a new building at Fairview, the establishment of a new school between Fairview and Mount Pleasant, and land and buildings in the east and west, probably at some distance from the present schools. The sum of \$500 had already been paid as a deposit on lots in the East End, and it was decided to request the finance committee of the new council to furnish funds for the purchase of this property.

The contractors for the city printing

have been instructed to build and equip the city charter printed at once.

the work to be done in Victoria during the next week. The object is to have the charter in good shape for the changes to be recommended by the city council to the legislature. The type of the charter will be kept so that the daily corrections will be made as required during the time of the session at Victoria. The solicitor recommended that the work be done in Victoria in order that it would be handy there at the time of the sitting of the House—News-Advertiser.

The official figures for the assessment of new buildings and new machinery brought to the city for the year that is just ending show the total amount or new work during the year at \$1,371,628.

The deaths of two Frenchmen very nearly took place here on Friday night as a direct result of the Boer war. Peter Shotz and Ned Boussanger were the two men who yesterday paid the penalty in the police court of having been used up—how it was they did not know. It appears that a well-known ex-hander of the gloves was going down town on that evening accompanied by a couple of lady friends. A party of eight Frenchmen came along, and when crossing Carroll street, remarked that all English women "look like cows." The Irish blood of the gentleman in question was stirred up, and as the men made some further insolent and offensive remarks, he decided to take on the whole eight. They went down with one blow apiece, and the other six fled. The two were picked up and taken into the cellar of the Europe Hotel. A doctor had to be called for the purpose of sewing up the scalp of one of the men. They said to the magistrate that they had been coming along the street when some one said something about English women "looking like cows." Then they were struck and did not know any more. One of them said that he thought the other man who appeared with him in court had hit him, but he did not quite know, while his fellow-countryman was certain that it was not they who had been fighting. Anyway, it was all a mystery. They were fined \$5 each—News-Advertiser.

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

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