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GETS TEN YEARS.

A. S. Rowe, Absconding Secretary, Who Was Arrested in Toronto, Pained on Hearing Sentence.

London, Dec. 17.—A. S. Rowe, the absconding secretary of the Great Fingall Consolidated Company, who was arrested at Toronto, was sentenced at the Old Bailey to-day to ten years' penal servitude, for embezzling over \$500,000 of the company's funds. Rowe fainted when his sentence was pronounced.

THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

FIRST SESSION TO BE HELD IN THE EAST

Investigations Will Begin After Holidays—Letter of Thanks from Recent Visitors.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The transportation commission will go to Halifax and St. John immediately after the holidays.

Thanks From London.
 R. B. Murray, secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce, writes to the secretary of the Ottawa Board of Trade, extending thanks for the entertainment while in Ottawa, and speaking in glowing terms of the vast resources of the Dominion and the millions of acres of fertile soil waiting for cultivation. His remarks were most encouraging and his future increased prosperity.

To Spend Christmas at Home.
 Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned to the city to-day from Montreal. He will leave for Athabasca on the 23rd instant, to spend Christmas. The report that the Premier was going to California is not correct.

May Carry Firearms.
 Sir Henry Strong, ex-chief justice of the Dominion, has applied and got liberty from Police Magistrate O'Keefe to carry firearms. Sir Henry evidently believes he is in personal danger, just why is not known.

COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS.

Women Voted For First Time and Supporters Returned to Work this Morning.

(Associated Press.)
 Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 17.—The first of the Commonwealth, general elections at which women exercised the right of suffrage was held yesterday, with the result that all political calculations were upset. The struggle was chiefly over the fiscal question. The government party favored protection and the opposition supported free trade, and the third in importance, the Labor party, agreed to sink the question of fiscal differences with a view to securing the balance of power, which they virtually held in the last parliament. The women voters were excellently organized, and cast a heavy ballot, almost exclusively in support of the Labor ticket, regardless of other considerations, the result being that the Labor party won many seats, mainly from the Protectionists, in districts which the three parties contested.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PROPOSAL

Regarding Inquiry Into Trade Question Commented on By the British Press.

(Associated Press.)
 London, Dec. 17.—Mr. Chamberlain's plan of forming a commission to deal with the trade question is enthusiastically approved by the protectionist section of the press this morning, but is also the subject of a deal of ironic criticism at the hands of free trade organs, and even by some of the supporters of Mr. Balfour's policy. It is asked: "What has become of the government of the country and the authority of the crown?" and "what justification is there for entrusting such a matter to Birmingham experts?" The Conservative Standard contends that the proper course to take would be to appoint a royal commission, and says it thinks that if Mr. Chamberlain goes on the trip he may find his own views will change.

THIS MINNIE HEALY MINE.

Application For Injunction to Prevent F. A. Heinze From Working the Property.

(Associated Press.)
 Helena, Mont., Dec. 17.—The famous Minnie Healy copper mine case is again before the State Supreme court in another phase. This time an application for injunction to prevent F. A. Heinze from working the property pending a final adjudication as to the ownership of the mine. Sensational affidavits, prepared by the Amalgamated Copper Company interests, charge Heinze with already extracting \$400,000 worth of ore, and they alleged that if Heinze is not restrained from further operations he will, in a great measure, exhaust the ore of the mine. The court issued an order to show cause.

ENGLISHMEN WON.

Australia Cricket Team—Defeated by Five Wickets in Six Days' Match.

(Associated Press.)
 Sydney, Dec. 17.—The first great test match at cricket between teams from England and Australia, which has just been concluded, lasted six days and was won by the Englishmen by five wickets.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMPANY.

F. H. Clergue Reported to Be Confering With Premier Ross.

(Associated Press.)
 Toronto, Dec. 17.—F. H. Clergue is said to be negotiating with Premier Ross with a view to obtaining aid from the Government for the Consolidated Lake Superior Co.

REPLY UNSATISFACTORY.

Japan Will Take Stand in the Negotiations With Russia.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including Marquis Ito and the cabinet ministers yesterday, resulted, according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to show a strong front in view of Russia's unsatisfactory reply to Japan's note.

Still Hopeful.
 London, Dec. 17.—The Associated Press is informed that an intimation has been received here in official quarters from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable in its present form, and that further negotiations of importance on questions of principle will be necessary before a final decision can be reached.

Both the Japanese and the British officials in London, however, maintain the views they expressed in these dispatches on December 14th, that a distinct step towards peace has been made, and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate pacific settlement.

"PARADISE LOST."
 New York Has Bid \$5,000 For the Manuscript.

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily Express states that a New York publisher has bid \$5,000 for the manuscript of Milton's "Paradise Lost," which Sholtoys have commissioned to sell at auction in March next, if it is not previously disposed of as private sale.

Milton's "Paradise Lost" to Samuel Simons, publisher. He received \$5 down and a promise of two other payments of \$5 if a second edition was published.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Three Men Lost Their Lives in Fire Which Destroyed a Boarding House.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 17.—Martin Olsen, Lars Anderson and John Rusak were burned to death this morning by fire in the boarding house of Peter Sandstrom, on War street. The cause of the fire is unknown.

HAPPILY WEDDED.

Marrage of Mr. Edwin Siddall and Miss Blanche Couves Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon at the Reform Episcopal church, Mr. Edwin Siddall, eldest son of Mr. Hinkson Siddall, and Miss Blanche, second daughter of the late Mr. A. C. Couves, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the presence of a large number of friends. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Cridge, assisted by Rev. H. J. Wood, M. C. A. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Jones, Miss Ethel Howe, of Seattle, maid of honor, wore a dress of white silk voile over tulle, and the bridesmaid, Miss Lily McCargart, a gown of silk voile over satin. Miss Ida Owen, of Vancouver, and Miss Melba Lehman were flower girls. The groom's gifts to the bride and maid of honor, gold brooches and to the bridesmaid and maid of honor, gold lockets with chains. Mr. John Siddall acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, 133 Yates street, when the many friends and acquaintances took occasion to offer congratulations and wellwishes. The large array of handsome presents testified to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Siddall are held. The newly-married couple left last evening on a honeymoon tour of the Sound cities. Upon their return they will take up their residence in Victoria.

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE PIONEER SOCIETY WAS NOT HELD LAST EVENING AS ANNOUNCED. THESE MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

The regular weekly meeting of the Pioneer Society was not held last evening as announced. These meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

The league game of basketball to-night in Y. M. C. A. annex hall between Y. M. C. A. and Victoria-West will be one of the best yet played. Admission 10 cents.

Sterling Silver—Weller Bros.' stock of silverware is now complete with artistic goods produced by the most talented designers, and every piece a gem of the silversmith's art.

This morning the steamer Pleiades arrived from the Orient. The trip took only 17 days, fine weather being experienced. There were no white passengers, but 75 Chinese were landed here. The freight discharged amounted to about 100 tons, consisting largely of rice.

Chief Justice Hunter is presiding at the sitting of the County court to-day. The case now being heard is one brought by the Victoria Transfer Company, against the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, arising out of the killing of a horse near Maple street crossing.

At St. Paul's church, Esquimaux, yesterday, Mr. George Phillips, son of the late Mr. John Haines Phillips, and Miss Laura Ashton, only daughter of Mr. J. Watson Devlin, were united in the bonds of matrimony by the Bishop of Columbia. Only relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties were present during the ceremony.

The Mutual Life of Canada stands to-day at the head of all life companies doing business in Canada in the net amount of insurance in force gained over all its competitors during the past five years, as shown by the Dominion government reports. If you wish to obtain the best policy at the lowest rate apply to The Mutual Life of Canada, R. L. Drury, provincial manager, 34 Broad street.

EXAMINATION OF DOCTOR CONCLUDED.

FORMED HIS OPINION AFTER INVESTIGATION

'Frisco Shipping Man Says Alexander Dunsmuir Had Changed Little Physically for Years.

The cross-examination of Dr. Carlos Macdonald, the celebrated specialist in mental disease, was concluded yesterday afternoon in the trial of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir. Dr. Macdonald's long experience as an expert witness upon important cases in court has made it very difficult to shake his evidence under cross-examination.

Upon the case being resumed in the afternoon E. P. Davis, K. C., continued his cross-examination of Dr. Macdonald.

Questioned as to the development of cases of alcoholic dementia—the doctor thought that these might be developed in less than a year. He had knowledge of a case with the history derived in connection with it, which indicated that it had resulted in less than a year.

The case was marked by complete mental decay.

Mr. Davis questioned as to a physician engaging in conversation with a person for several hours subjecting the latter to purposes of life insurance examination and finding that there was nothing wrong with the subject, whether or not such a man could have been suffering from alcoholic dementia?

Dr. Macdonald held that doctors often differed. On such a meagre history of a case it would be impossible for a medical man to form an opinion.

Mr. Davis wanted to know whether or not a person having made a will which was practically the same as a disposition of his property made about a year before, could be suffering from alcoholic dementia?

The doctor pointed out that this might depend upon changed conditions. During the interval between the first and second wills there might be a considerable change in the property, etc., which would alter the circumstances altogether.

Mr. Davis took advantage of this to endeavor to show that the witness was biased in his opinion. He asked if the doctor had not gone very fully into this case, if he did not know that there was a previous will in the case, and that the changed conditions which he had in his mind was the fact of the marriage.

Dr. Macdonald would not admit that these facts were playing a part in his answer or that they influenced his replies to the hypothetical cases put forward by Mr. Bodwell the day previous. He admitted he had heard considerable evidence given in New York, and had read the depositions taken under commission in San Francisco. Before he consented to give expert evidence for the plaintiff he had, as he always does in such cases, looked into the case and satisfied himself that he could conscientiously give evidence such as would be desired by the plaintiff.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., in re-examination added to the hypothetical cases which he had submitted previously, that the man had gone to an expense of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the purpose of installing a plant to supply a residence when the same electric supply might be very cheaply got from an existing plant only two miles away, and at the cost simply of the extra wiring, and who had artesian wells at great cost when a water supply could be got from a lake with little cost only about 200 yards away.

The medical expert said these would still further add to his opinion that the person suffered from dementia.

Other examples given tended to enhance the opinion previously given in answer to Mr. Bodwell's statement of the case on the day previous.

Dr. Macdonald agreed that there was sufficient evidence in all this to show that the person was so far advanced in alcoholic dementia as to preclude him from being able to determine the right of those having just claimed upon his bounty disposing of his property in his will. Dr. Jane way, the expert said, was regarded as one of the most able diagnosticians in the eastern part of the United States. It was on account of his ability in that respect that he was so often called in consultation.

The diagnosis of a physician that the varicels described in this case as that of wishing to have his coal mines brought down and have light extracted from them, were the result of alcoholism, Dr. Macdonald said that this complies with the other circumstances indicated dementia.

Going into the question of authorities upon the part which alcoholism played as the cause of insanity, the doctor said that his opinion based on the examination of 50,000 cases showed that 25 per cent. of the case of insanity were due to intemperance, it being second only to heredity as a cause.

This concluded Dr. Macdonald's evidence.

Mr. Davis asked concerning Mr. Hainman, of San Francisco, who had been a member of the party which was the former manager, also signed charters and did the necessary business.

Witness understood that Alexander Dunsmuir was confined to his room from sickness. He never asked or heard the character of his sickness.

He noticed no change in Alexander's physical condition except that which age made. There might have been a gradual change which he did not notice.

The court then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

EXTENDING OPERATIONS.

P. Burns & Co. Will Erect Pork and Beef Packing Establishment at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—P. Burns & Co., who recently purchased \$50,000 worth of east end water front property, will erect a large pork and beef packing establishment there in the spring. Plans are now being prepared.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Archibald Campbell, member for West York, has been nominated by the Liberals of Centre York, the constituency under the Redistribution Act.

Stuart Henderson, M. P. for Yale, left that night for Abbotsford, where he will spend his Christmas holidays.

PROVING A FOREIGN LAW, THE CALIFORNIA LAW.

Mr. Davis said that he had understood that this witness was on the way.

His Lordship also thought it was understood that he was on the way.

Mr. Bodwell said that he had expected his witness on Saturday night. He did not know why he had not arrived. He wished to have the privilege of calling him when he arrived.

His Lordship said he would reserve his decision on this point.

W. H. Mile, of San Francisco, was called for the defence. He was the president of the largest shipping company in that city and an officer of the Merchants' Exchange. He knew Alexander Dunsmuir, and had frequent business relations with him. He was very intimate with him from 1882. He was a sharp business man, brusque and overbearing. He gave an instance of Alexander Dunsmuir having given advice to Mr. Thrift, dissuading the latter in a project to ship coal to St. Michaels.

About September 27th, 1899, he met Alexander Dunsmuir, and again about October 12th, when he had interviews with him on business. He had been to San Francisco, and made a proposal to Alexander to take \$50,000 stock in a \$1,000,000 company which he was forming, the California Shipping Company. Alexander Dunsmuir refused to take stock as he said he was short of money just then on account of other expenses he had respecting opening up mines. He then made a proposal to witness with respect to carrying coal to St. Michaels.

On December 12th, he saw Alexander Dunsmuir again. He gave an instance of Alexander having walked away from a man who came up to converse with him in 1899. This brusqueness was common to him as he would act similarly in his earlier days.

His conversation during 1899 was rational. His manner of speech and business did not differ in 1899 from what it was between 1882 and 1888. He noticed nothing which could be construed as anything. He went about unattended, and had no difficulty in walking. His memory also was apparently all right. His will was just as strong as formerly. He would talk on general topics.

The court then adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

This Morning's Proceedings.

Upon the court resuming this morning Mr. Mile's examination was continued. The witness referring to the last charter he had from Alexander Dunsmuir in October, 1899, told of the transaction showing that Mr. Dunsmuir made a business arrangement.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bodwell, witness contended that the California Shipping Company was the largest concern of sailing ships in the United States. It was composed of 17 ships, the largest having a tonnage of 4,400 and the smallest 1,450. It was capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Being cross-examined as to the chartering of his ships, the subject drifted to who asked him to appear as a witness. He said it was Mr. Lowe, and for the purpose of giving the life and character of Alexander Dunsmuir he had looked into the records of the shipping office. He said he did not need the book placed before him with the record of letters concerning the dates given in evidence the day previous. He brought it because he thought some fellow might ask the how 'knew about some dates? He knew nothing about Alexander Dunsmuir's habits after 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was of common report that Alexander Dunsmuir was drinking heavily. He never heard of his being said to become a physical wreck. Up to the last time he saw him he walked with a steady step and was not stooped.

He admitted that it was a passion of Alexander Dunsmuir to play the rickety on the ferry he did so. Only one drink would be taken, and the rest would be placed in his credit.

He learned Alexander was sick in April and May from Dr. Thorn, who he met him this year. He knew he would be a witness when he asked Dr. Thorn concerning this matter. He had heard of his being sick before. He wanted to know from curiosity what was the matter with Alexander Dunsmuir when he was sick. Mr. Lowe, manager of the Dunsmuir business, told him that he had to go and see Alexander Dunsmuir at times on business in 1897 and 1898. He did not say why Alexander Dunsmuir was not in the office.

There was no business done at the Dunsmuir office which Mr. Lowe could do. The latter signed charters. This began probably about 1897. Mr. Terratt, the former manager, also signed charters and did the necessary business.

Witness understood that Alexander Dunsmuir was confined to his room from sickness. He never asked or heard the character of his sickness.

He noticed no change in Alexander's physical condition except that which age made. There might have been a gradual change which he did not notice.

The court then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

THE GROUNDING OF U.M.S. FLORA

COURT-MARTIAL IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Charge Against the Captain and Raigalio Lieutenant Being Heard on Flagship.

The trial of Capt. Casper J. Baker and Navigating Lieutenant H. Grant, of H. M. S. Flora, was resumed before court-martial on board the flagship this morning. Quite a number of witnesses were examined, the case so far being confined to the prosecution. Among those who gave evidence this morning were Lieut. Rathway, Midshipman Campbell, some engine room officers and several seamen.

Lieut. Ramsay designated on the chart the position of the Flora at the Union Bay pier before she left on December 3rd.

Midshipman Campbell, of the Flora, swore that he reported for duty on the bridge about four minutes after 8 o'clock. He took the thermometer to the boiler deck to take the sea temperature, but was unable to find the log necessary. He went to the log to inquire where it was, and just then heard Mr. Grant exclaim: "What's this ahead?" He glanced forward and saw what he thought was a few plain floating logs. Then he heard Mr. Grant give the order "hard a port and full speed astern." Witness went to the starboard telegraph, but found her already astern. The Flora then grounded. He did not know if any patent log had been put over that morning. It did not occur to him as midshipman of the watch to ask the officer of the watch if the patent log had been put over. He entered in the log "sea, north log." That was the only entry he made.

He did not know what the routine was as to the reading of the patent log after it was over, as he never had occasion to read it. Just before the ship struck he saw something of Village Head, which he did not then recognize as a spar buoy. He did not know it was a spar buoy until after the ship grounded. It was on the starboard bow.

When the Flora left Union wharf the weather was calm and clear. When he went on the fore bridge he noticed fog bank right ahead. He was on land on both sides. He couldn't remember whether he saw any land ahead. The land on both sides was distinct. When he made the head log because of the fog. He didn't hear the order "fifteen degrees star-board."

Cross-examined by Capt. Baker, witness said that the ship grounded between three and four minutes after 8 o'clock. The floating planks were off the starboard bow. He saw two separate objects in the water.

Albert J. Fozzart, able seaman, H. M. S. Flora, was next examined. He stated that he was leadman on the ship on the morning of December 3rd. He continued leaving the starboard. He saw the quartermaster in the lead at the time the ship struck. He got no soundings until the ship had struck, when he dropped the lead and picked up four fathoms. Arthur Pitcegreave, another able seaman of the Flora, was led down in the port chains on the morning of December 3rd. He went there at 7.45 a. m., and was there when the ship struck. He kept leaving the starboard. He saw the ship struck, and only got one sounding. This was about seven or eight minutes to 8, and he sounded twelve fathoms. The ship was moving at the approximate rate of six or seven knots an hour at the time. When she struck witness didn't see any land. He was using a twenty-five fathom lead.

Several more witnesses were examined, after which the court adjourned for lunch was taken. The officers under trial are separated from the officers of the court-martial, who are gathered about a table in the ward room by a green baize line.

Yesterday about twenty witnesses were called for the prosecution. Lieut. M. Ramsay, who was on the bridge at the time of the accident, being the first to give evidence. His story dealt with the time the ship left Union, and the course steered from ten until she grounded. He was next called, and he said orders had been given by Navigating Lieutenant Grant to steer south sixty degrees east. The only order then about ten minutes from Union and in midstream. Afterward he was given the order to starboard, which was obeyed. He received a sharp command from the quartermaster to put her "hard a port." The ship struck the rocks just after the order was given. He remained at his post until told he might go to his station.

Witness was questioned as to how he reached the conclusion that the ship was in midstream after leaving Union. He explained that he thought she was about abreast of the bank of Village Head Sound from the window.

Two seamen, chief engine room artificer, were examined regarding the speed of the vessel. He had charge of the starboard engines until 8 a. m., just before the accident. The engines were started slow at 7.40 o'clock, and were ordered at half speed at 7.45 o'clock. Similar evidence was given by S. Brinkley, in charge of the port engines. In one particular his evidence did not coincide with that of the speaking witness. The order half speed ahead, he said, was given at least a quarter of eight minutes from the time in Saunders' statement.

Chief Engineer Jameson, who had charge on duty 8 a. m. when the engines were making 72 revolutions. Only one order was recorded by him from the bridge, and that was "full speed astern." The engines were accordingly quickly reversed.

Evidence was also given by Engineer Moulton, which corroborated that of the speaking witness. He was cross-examined by Navigating Lieut. Grant, who wanted to know whether any attention had been made to the clock in the port engine room. Witness replied in the negative.

Tomorrow evening the regular monthly general meeting of the board of trade will be held, when important business will be considered. The following resolution, moved by A. J. Morley, will be discussed: "That a special committee of five be appointed to prepare a policy for the encouragement of home industry and to report at the next monthly meeting of this board."

RETURN ON OLD TERMS.

Quebec, Dec. 17.—The striking shoe employees returned to work this morning at the old terms.

REPLY UNSATISFACTORY.

Japan Will Take Stand in the Negotiations With Russia.



BECAUSE WE ARE DRUGGISTS... Christmas Presents... Campbell's Prescription Store, COR. FORT AND DOUGLAS STS.

CHAMBERLAIN'S CAMPAIGN.

Committees Will Assist Ex-Colonial Secretary—The Colonies. Leeds, Dec. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed two immense audiences here to-night, making the last speech of his fiscal campaign for the year.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure. Coughing is the outward sign of inward disease. Cure the disease with Shiloh's Consumption Cure. The Lung Tonic and the cough will stop.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS IN DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. A free miner's certificate may be obtained for a mining location.

THE LEVEL... You Say... COR. YATES AND BROAD UNION STORE. FRESH BAILED ISLAND HAY. CALL AND GET PRICES. McDowell & Rosie.

INFORMATION WANTED... Electric Light... B. C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., LD., 35 YATES STREET.

Continuing the rest of Mr. Chamberlain's speech was largely a repetition of his former arguments. He said he had been blamed for saying that preferential trade with the colonies would not mean an addition to the cost of living.

Purest Crystal... "Ryrie" Cut Glass is the purest of Crystal. We pay express charges and guarantee safe delivery. Write for our Catalogue. Ready for delivery Nov. 15th.

WANTED—Work by the day, or nurse to an invalid; cheerful and obliging. 1 Richardson street. WANTED—Two ladies require trustworthy girls from 12 to 14 years of age to take charge of babies from 10 to 6 o'clock.

FINANCING OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN... W. MACKENZIE NOW ON WAY TO ENGLAND. Connecting Links in Transcontinental Road Will Be Built as Trade Warrants.

Referring to the alleged difficulty of continuing the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain said: "Send me as ambassador to the colonies with full power. I am perfectly willing to risk my reputation on being able not merely to satisfy the colonies, but also to secure from them equal measures in return."

RYRIE BROS. JEWELLERS. 118, 120, 122 and 124 Yonge St., Toronto.

WANTED—At the 1 X L Second-Hand Store, No. 8 Store street, next to E. & N. station, furniture, stoves, clothing, tools, jewelry, etc. etc. We buy job lots in any line.—Best prices paid.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Wm. Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, is here on his way to England. This morning he was closeted with the solicitors and officers of the Canadian Northern endeavoring to get through as much business as possible before leaving.

Result of the Negotiations With British Capitalists. Montreal, Dec. 16.—Mr. Danduraud, who went to England with F. H. Clergue for the purpose of endeavoring to interest British capitalists in the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, stated to-day that an arrangement had been made that if the reorganization committee would take care of the Speyer loan, British capitalists would be willing to advance sufficient capital to put the company on a sound basis.

URIC ACID... REX RHEUMATIC RINGS. Manufactured by the Rex Rheumatic Co., Hartford, Conn. PRICE \$2.00. Sold by W. B. Shakespeare, Jeweler, Victoria, B.C.

FOR SALE—At a sacrifice, section 24, Goldstream District, 195 acres of land, suitable for stock or chicken raising; must be sold. Write, making an offer, to Box 514, Vancouver, B. C.

There is a great deal of construction work outlined, it is said, and it is thought that the president's trip across is to make such arrangements as will permit of a big addition to the mileage of the system next year.

November Shipping. Tonnage on Way to Coast Shows Steady Decrease, Office Market Firmer. R. P. Rithet & Co.'s shipping report for November says: "A slight change is noticeable in the grain freight situation, owing to the clearing out of the French tonnage on the disengaged list."

Music Rolls, Music Holders, Music Folios, Music Carriers. SPECIAL SALE All This Week AT FLETCHER BROS. 93 Government Street. Tel 885.

FOR SALE—At less than cost of improvements, 121 acres in Highland District; 800-gallon frame dwelling, 100 stable and other outbuildings, about 50 fruit trees, including pear, apple, plum, cherry, etc.; good road; \$1,000; terms. Apply Times office.

EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID. Fifty-Two Deaths at Butler, Pa.—Unfiltered Water Regarded as Cause of Outbreak. New York, Dec. 16.—Dr. G. A. Soper, a sanitary inspector, engaged by the Engineering News to investigate the typhoid epidemic at Butler, Pa., and its causes, will report to-morrow the issue of the publication that the epidemic has by no means attained its culmination, about 50 per cent. of the cases not having reached the critical stage.

Fortune Telling. Does not take into consideration the one essential to woman's happiness—womanly health. There is many a woman whose future seems absolutely unclouded who is marked by her own condition for future disappointment and distress.

Kingham & Co. VICTORIA AGENTS FOR THE WESTERN FUEL CO., NANAIMO, B. C.

FOR SALE—Peerless apple trees; does not blight; early and very productive; best of a good paying concern; no debts. Bagshaw, Fairfield road, Victoria, B. C.

SEA IS DISAPPEARING. Vessels Left High and Dry and Factories Suffer From Lack of Water. St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The sea of Azov is disappearing. At Taganrog the waters have receded to such an extent during the past five days that the bed of the sea is visible to a distance of several versts (a verst is 3,500 feet). High winds hurled clouds of sand shoreward covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry, and the greatest confusion is prevailing in the harbor.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNELL, DECEASED. Take notice that pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clouston and George Barrett, or to the undersigned, on or before the 20th day of January, 1904, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

DERIGIBLE BALLOONS. Santos Dumont Will Take Part in Competition at St. Louis. Paris, Dec. 16.—Santos Dumont starts for St. Louis in a fortnight to arrange for the installation of his large dirigible balloon, "Santos Dumont, No. 7," and the hydrogen generators, and to learn the quality of the gas, preliminary to taking part in the dirigible balloon competition.

FOR SALE—CHEAP A GOOD FARM. Situated in centre of Salt Spring Island, good land, good orchard. For particulars see F. J. BITTANCOURT, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, 35 BLANCHARD ST. 2 Phones. Res., 8 Labouchere St.

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Permittees may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION. Vancouver-Quadra, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. Wednesday, December 16th, at 7.30 p.m. R. B. McMillan, Secy.

Campbell's Raincoats, Jackets and Suits AT A REDUCTION

Our last shipment of New Fall Jackets, Sample Suits and Rain Coats are to be cleared out at a very great reduction.

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WILL PRINT REPORT Of Trades and Labor Council Committee Dealing With Royal Labor Commission.

The trades and labor council in their regular session last night adopted the report of the committee appointed to investigate the complaints against the "Royal Commission on Labor Disputes and Strikes in British Columbia." The committee strongly condemned the commission's finding, on the ground that throughout it favored the corporations. Five hundred copies of the committee's report were ordered printed and mailed to members of the royal commission, members of parliament throughout the Dominion, Dominion labor congress and labor bodies generally.

The legislative committee reported the refusal of the registrar-general to register the council as an incorporated body under the "Beneficial Society Act." It was decided to take steps to have an act passed under which labor unions could incorporate.

Messrs. Ditchburn and Coldwell, the committee on the scaling question, reported that they had brought resolutions passed by this council before the board of trade, and that they also had copies printed and sent to all members of the Dominion and provincial governments, and all members of parliament.

The Nelson, Fernie and Crow's Nest Pass trades and labor councils wrote favoring the organization of a provincial council. The labor council of Berlin, Ont., informed the council that they had formed a new political party known as "The Independent Labor Council," and asked for contributions.

Credentials were received from R. Pettigrew as delegate from the Tailors' Union and from W. F. Smith and A. Marjison, delegates from the Bookbinders' Union. L. Long was appointed to the legislative committee. The council decided to draw the attention of the city council to the necessity of having a thoroughly practical man to act as inspector of the construction work on Point Ellice bridge, and the executive committee were instructed to take immediate action.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 17—6 a. m.—With the exception of rain on the Washington coast, the weather is fair over the Pacific slope. Another ocean low barometer area is approaching the Coast; it is likely to cause rain west of the Cascades. The weather remains mild throughout this province and in Alberta.

Forecasts. For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with showers to-night or on Friday. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with rain to-night or on Friday.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 41; minimum, 30; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, cloudy. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 38; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .06; weather, fair. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 23; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles W. rain, .04; weather, fair. Edmonton—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 32; minimum, 14; wind, 8 miles W.; snow, trace; weather, cloudy.

THE PRESIDENT A SLAVE TO CATARRH.—D. T. Sample, president of Sample's Instant Compound, Washington, Pa., writes: "For years I was afflicted with Chronic Catarrh. Remedies and treatment by specialists only gave me temporary relief until I was induced to use Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. It gave almost instant relief. 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—40."

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Charnier from Vancouver—Miss A. Slack, F. Paine, Miss Hector, P. W. Glennie, Capt. Hector and wife, B. A. Hunter, Mr. Fordham, Dr. Fagan, F. W. Welsh, Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Geman and wife, Miss John, L. L. Tait, Mrs. Anderson, F. H. Barr, C. F. Boyd, A. L. Roberts, Miss Burns, J. S. McAdam and wife, A. B. Egan, J. McGowan, T. Parcell, H. O. Stratford, Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Blackman, H. J. Kearns, Mr. Scott, Alex. Fraser, Mr. Williams, W. S. Cutler, W. C. Hudnell, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Brownlee and wife, W. Cox.

Per steamer Inouga from Nanaimo and Island Ports—J. Sparrow, A. Carver and wife, Miss Chayer, H. L. Robertson and wife, Miss Phelps, A. Egan, W. E. Scott, Canon Padden, A. J. Wilkerson, J. Aiken, H. Payne, Miss Payne, Master Higgs.

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After an investigation into the death of Adolphus Drucker, the former English member of parliament, who a fellow patient reported had been maltreated and abused in Bellevue hospital, New York, District Attorney Jerome expressed the belief that the authorities at the Bellevue hospital had been vindicated.

LABOR SITUATION IN THE NORTH

EXPLAINED BY JUST RETURNED VICTORIAN

Good Openings for Agriculturists—Thousands of Acres Suitable for Hay Cropping.

William Marchant, who has been acting as customs appraiser at Dawson during the last summer, returned from the north on Friday last, having travelled by the winter stage from Dawson to White Horse. He has come south to accept a position at Vancouver for the winter season, although still holding his own, namely, that of appraiser at the port of Victoria.

Speaking of the government road from Dawson to White Horse Mr. Marchant says that this thoroughfare is in excellent condition. It is 322 miles long, and shortens the old journey over the Yukon river by ice 190 miles. The sleighing was good, save for a distance of about ten or fifteen miles, where there had been a light fall of snow. Along the road the Northwest Mounted Police maintain a splendid patrol, requiring the mushers, as they journey eastward, to sign records at different headquarters, and so report themselves as they pass along the trail. This is done as a means of keeping track of undesirable characters as well as protecting the legitimate citizens on foot.

As to what openings there are in the Yukon for laboring men, Mr. Marchant says there is an abundant opportunity for the prospector or explorer, but persons having no definite object in going north should remain at home, as all lines of business are full, and added Mr. Marchant, "the woods are full of professional men," there being more lawyers in Dawson in proportion to the population than in any other city in Canada, and this is true of other professional men. In Dawson there are a large number of disappointed miners, that is men who have gone there to make a stake and were either incapable or unfortunate and those who are perpetually haunting the government buildings in order to obtain work on the roads or other government employment. Governor Congdon had reported lately that over 200 of these men had applied for work on the roads, and had found that there was none to be obtained.

There is about Dawson, however, a good opening for agriculturists, there being in some parts thousands of acres of prairie lands, from which an abundance of native hay might be cut and readily marketed in Dawson and on the creeks. The administration of Governor Congdon, says Mr. Marchant, appears to be giving excellent satisfaction. Many things that were complained of in the past have been removed, that is men regard to public duties has been enforced. Mrs. Congdon is the central star of the social life of Dawson.

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Reports of new strikes are very frequent. It is judicious usually to take these reports with a grain of salt, but there is little doubt that the discoveries in the region of White Horse are of a permanent character. "I met not a few who had actually journeyed to the place and prospected, and had met with varying success," continued Mr. Marchant. "Gold taken from the prospects is generally coarse, and of a very dark appearance, owing, it is believed, to the presence of a sulphur spring in the district. The best way to reach the mines from White Horse is by boat for a few miles, thence by trail to the mines. Some few attempted the trip through the Porcupine district, but this was found to be impracticable, the parties turning back and going in by way of White Horse."

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then right that they are about to be fined under the new for their lack of honesty and candor. We shall leave the business men of the province to settle that point with the able ministers for whom our contemporary speaks.

THE ASSESSMENT ACT.

The great financial authority has spoken; let the Victoria Board of Trade as a body hereafter hold its peace. If any merchant in the province presumes to think he knows the effect the new Assessment Act will have upon his business, let him consult the oracle, and admit he is mistaken.

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So spoke one of the leading wholesale merchants of the city in a private chat a few evenings ago. His name cannot be given, for he was not speaking at the time for publication; but his remark was a sufficient hint that the men in business were thinking of the matter.

Today, Mr. Robert Martin, of Martin & Robertson, had no hesitation in saying that the assessment bill was iniquitous. It was simply a blow at the commercial interests of British Columbia, particularly represented by the wholesale houses of Victoria and Vancouver.

The Vancouver Province says "there is no reason in the world why any monetary institution or any combination of capital should be benefited by our necessity. Let us get out of the clutches of the bank, and let us stay out." The McBride-Hawthornthwaite government, for reasons it will not reveal, says we cannot get out.

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12 Brown Cooney Muffs; regular \$2.75. Friday \$1.45. 4 Black Coon Muffs; regular \$6.50. Friday \$4.50. Fox Muffs; regular \$22.50. Friday \$14.50. Regular \$25.00. Friday \$17.50. Regular \$27.00. Friday \$20.00. Fancy Stone Martin Muff; regular \$25.00. Friday \$12.50. 19 Wallaby Ruffs; regular \$4.50. Friday \$2.10. Sable Colarettes; regular \$35.00. Friday \$17.50. Regular \$25.00. Friday \$15.00.

\$4.50 Overcoats, \$2.50

Boys' Grey Cheviot Coats, sizes 25, 26, 27 and 28. Friday \$2.50.

\$5.00 Coats, \$3.50

Boys' Box Coats of grey cloth. Friday \$3.50.

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For Men's Oxford Cloth Coats, velvet collar (11 coats only in this lot).

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Friday, at 25c. each. This line fresh up for to-morrow's selling. About one-half of this lot are 50c. ties. Many only want to spend 25c. for a Boy's Tie. You can get more than you expected to get to-morrow at this price. Ties at 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 that will suit every kind of taste. (All new.)

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Many kinds of Kid Gloves and Mitts; broken lots, go on Sale Friday. Men's Kid Gloves, grey, mocho, suede, heavy black kid, white kid, wool lined, also white suede, red and pearl kid. All this lot at 50c. pair. Boys' Kid Gloves, wool lined; regular 75c. Friday 50c. Ladies and Misses' Kid Mitts, wool lined; regular \$1.00. Friday 50c. Ladies' Mocho Gloves, tan color, wool lined; regular \$1.00. Friday 50c. Children's Kid Gloves, wool and fur lined (8 dozen of mixed kinds); value 75c. Friday 50c. Wool and Kid Gloves, one box of fine English Mocho Gloves, wool lined; were \$2.50, for \$1.50. Sizes 8, 8-2, 9-2 and 10 only.

\$12.50 Suits for \$7.50

38 Tweed and Worsted Suits, picked from our \$12.50 line, go on Sale Friday at \$7.50. Not all sizes in each line, but all sizes in the lot, 35 to 40.

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\$1.50 for Men's Striped Tweed Trousers. \$2.00 for English Hair Line-Stripe Trousers. \$2.50 for Striped Worsted Trousers. \$3.50 for Fine Soft Worsted Trousers.



The Silk Sale

3 groups specially priced for Friday. At 65c. from \$1.00, Fancy Blouse Silks. At 75c. from \$1.25, Fancy Embroidered Silk, one or two Blouse lengths in each piece. At 95c. from \$1.50 to \$2.00, Fancy Evening Brocade Silk.

Aprons

On Sale Friday, at 50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

An Umbrella a Practical Gift

For completeness and moderate pricing our stock of Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas will please you. Special values at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.75. A choice lot of Handles, one of a kind, at \$5.00.

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Children's Books

The little people are certainly well taken care of this Christmas in the matter of interesting and pretty books. A B C Line Books, 15c., 20c., 25c. and 35c. Picture Books at 10c., 15c., 25c. Pansy Story Book, Book of Animals, Child Lore, all at 50c. 20 different titles at 25c. Henty Books for Boys, seven titles 25c. each. Girls' Books, a big variety.

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BASKETBALL.

MATCH TO-NIGHT.

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NANAIMO V. VANCOUVER.

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HOCKEY.

VICTORIA, 3; GARRISON, 0.

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Play commenced at about 3 o'clock, and in the first half the local eleven had the advantage. They pressed their opponents from the start, but were unable at first to penetrate the Garrison's defence. Occasionally the soldiers would relieve and take the ball well up field, but it was generally returned without loss of time. Finally, however, through some excellent combination, Victoria scored. After the half the Garrison team played a better game, and it was not until about the finish of the first half that the local team secured a second goal.

The Garrison eleven put up a better defence in the second portion of the game. They tried hard to score, and pressed the local defence until it seemed as if they could not help scoring. However, the backs were equal to these emergencies and relieved in grand style. Towards the end of the game Victoria succeeded in putting the ball into the net for the third time. The whistle blew shortly after this, neither team again scoring.

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VANCOUVER NEWS.

A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday evening at St. Michael's church, Mount Pleasant, at which the rector, Rev. G. H. Wilson, officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. Charles M. Winny, formerly of Halesworth, Eng., and Miss Catherine Rachel Currie, of this city. The groom was supported by Mr. Glenn, a comrade on the engineering staff of the R. M. S. Empress of India, the bridesmaid being Miss Margaret H. Currie, sister of the bride.

High up on the mountain, above the spot from which he fell to his death, the body of William Hayes was buried. The search party, which set out on Saturday morning, returned Tuesday evening, having been successful in finding the remains at the bottom of the canyon in the place indicated by his comrade, Melntosh. As the accident occurred over a week ago, the body was in such a condition that it was decided to inter it on the mountain side, instead of bringing the remains to city.

Three of the band of gypsies, who arrived in Vancouver several weeks ago, have been granted admission to the United States, and seven have been rejected by the local board of commissioners of immigration of the United States.

While the Bank of Hamilton is standing aloof from the investigation of the loss of the packet of \$10,000, recently reported, the insurance company, which indemnified the bank, has a number of detectives at work at different points along the C. P. R. between Vancouver and Winnipeg. Chief-Post Office Detective Widdely is now en route from Ottawa to take full charge of the investigation. Two Pinkerton detectives from the head office at the big agency at Chicago have also come West, and commenced work on the mystery. They are engaged by the Bankers' Association, an American institution, of which the Bank of Hamilton is a member. Post Office Inspector Dorman informed a representative of the News-Advertiser that he had nothing to say in regard to the case.

A PIONEER DEAD.

There passed away at the Royal Columbian hospital on Monday morning, one of the pioneers of the province, in the person of Ludwig William Biske. The deceased was a native of Germany, and came to British Columbia in 1858. For a number of years he mined in the Cariboo, after which he bought a farm in the upper country, on which he lived till he took up his residence in this city. The late Mr. Biske was 82 years of age.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. 9th to 15th December, 1903. During this week the weather has been decidedly overcast and showery. Bright sunshine for short intervals was only recorded upon three days and rain to a greater or less extent fell upon every day of this week. Frosts occurred on the Lower Mainland upon four days, while at Kamloops the average lowest daily temperature was 29, and the average highest 54 degrees. Upon Sunday, the 13th, one of the great Pacific storms appeared off the Coast, and as the week advanced it slowly approached the Coast, and though the winds remained light to moderate in this vicinity until the night of the 15th, a southerly gale prevailed on the coasts of Vancouver Island, Washington and Oregon during the last three days. On Saturday, 12th, an extensive high barometer area and cold wave spread southward over Cariboo and Alberta, and as the week advanced it moved eastward to Manitoba. The temperatures during this period ranged from a few degrees below zero in Cariboo to 20 and 30 below in Manitoba. With the exception of three cold days at Dawson, the temperatures have been moderate for this season of the year.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine, 3 hours and 24 minutes; rain, .94 inch; highest temperature, 51.3 on 15th; and lowest, 25.4 on 9th and 10th. New Westminster—Rainfall, 1.30 inch; highest temperature, 44 on 15th, 14th and 10th; lowest, 28 on the 8th. Kamloops—Snow, 4 inch; highest temperature, 38 on the 10th and 14th; lowest, 22 on 13th and 14th. Barkerville—Snow, 1.00 inch; highest temperature, 44 on 14th and 10th; lowest, 2 below on the 12th. Dawson—Highest temperature, 30 on the 10th; and lowest, 40 below on 13th.

The following is the summary of weather for November, 1903: Precipitation in Rain. Snow. Inches. Victoria, V. I. 4.51 1.48 5.99 Beaver Lake, V. I. 7.81 1.50 7.96 Goldstream, V. I. 11.07 31.00 14.17 Sooke Lake, V. I. 14.02 11.25 15.19 Nanaimo, V. I. 9.30 4.75 9.77 Alberni, V. I. 10.29 11.00 13.39 Kuper Island 8.54 1.00 8.94 Vancouver 14.01 1.50 14.16 New Westminster 11.65 7.70 12.42 Garry Point 9.23 2.00 9.43 Coquitlam 15.05 2.00 15.25 Kamloops .08 4.00 .48 Barkerville .30 8.00 1.20 Rivers Inlet 21.19 2.96 21.40 Quenael .56 1.40 1.00 Nanaimo 5.24 9.00 6.14 Port Simpson 9.03 3.75 9.41

At Victoria, 35 hours of bright sunshine were registered, the mean proportion for the month being 0.12, the lowest yet recorded. The highest temperature was 58.9 on 1st, and the lowest 31.2 on 17th; the mean for the month being 44.31. The total number of miles recorded on the electrical anemograph was 4,772, and the direction as follows: North, 1,477; northeast, 124; east, 108; southeast, 830; south, 775; southwest, 556; west, 799; northwest, 62. At Vancouver, the highest was 56.0 on 4th; and the lowest, 21.0 on the 18th. At New Westminster, the highest was 54.6 on 1st; the lowest, 16.9 on 17th; and the monthly mean, 40.47. At Garry Point, the highest was 57.0 on 20th; the lowest, 21.0 on 17th; and the monthly mean, 41.1. At Nanaimo, the highest was 57.0 on 1st and 4th; the lowest, 38.5 on 17th; and the monthly mean, 41.0; 20 hours and 12 minutes of bright sunshine were registered. At Alberni, the highest was 53.1 on 1st; the lowest, 19.9 on 17th; and the monthly mean was 38.10. At Kamloops, the highest was 70.6 on 1st; the lowest, 4.0 on 18th; and the monthly mean 34.9. At Barkerville, the highest was 52.0 on 1st; the lowest, 16.0 below zero on 17th; and the monthly mean, 23.00. At Rivers Inlet, the highest was 54.5 on 23d; the lowest, 29.5 on 15th. At Quenael, the highest was 68.0 on 1st; the lowest, 10.0 below zero on 17th and 18th; and the monthly mean, 29.97. At Port Simpson, the highest was 58.7 on 3rd; lowest, 13.2 on 10th; monthly mean, 28.02.

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TIDE TABLE. Victoria, B. C., December, 1903. (Based by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Table with 8 columns: Date, Time, Height, Time, Height, Time, Height, Time, Height. It lists tide data for various locations including Victoria, Barkerville, Rivers Inlet, Quenael, and Port Simpson.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor. The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria. Equipment at Dry Dock—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denton.

The Novka, the personal organ of Victory Asvief, says: "Japan knows Russia's desire for a Pacific, but she should also know that Russia cannot surrender vital interests to foreigners, either Japanese or Americans, by relinquishing her big undertakings in Manchuria, created at the expense of Russian blood and treasure."

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Notice is hereby given that John McSweeney, of No. 81 Discovery street, in the City of Victoria, carrying on business as a grocer at No. 177 Douglas street, in the same city, has by assignment bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1903, pursuant to the above Act, assigned all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, unto Arthur Brencley, of No. 120 Belleville street, in the same city, commission merchant. Dated this 4th day of December, 1903. YATES & JAY, 22 Bastion St., Victoria, Solicitors for the Assignee.

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MUNICIPAL. Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, and various tax/valuation figures. It lists numerous property parcels and their owners.

Municipal Election 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 3rd, 1903.

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RAIL TO THE NORTH.
 To the Editor:—The Colonist had a telegram this morning stating that the Canadian Northern system will certainly be extended to the Pacific coast, thus giving Canada within a few years three transcontinental railways. This very interesting and important statement emphasizes the necessity of securing at the earliest possible moment a north and south all-Canadian transportation line from Victoria to Dawson. A committee of the Board of Trade, of which I am chairman, has the matter of correspondence with other boards and public bodies well advanced; but it is very probable that other steps can be taken with advantage to promote this highly desirable object. I have no suggestions to offer at this time, and only wish to invite public co-operation in the work of the committee, to take such shape as may seem best to others interested.
 The establishment of such a transportation line, which includes necessarily the development of Vancouver Island, is the greatest question before the people of this city, and steps should be taken to see that it is pressed most urgently upon the government and parliament of Canada at the next session. In my humble judgment the whole business future of Victoria is involved in the success of this project.
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 —Potted Poems.—Sounds funny, doesn't it? But just take a look at Weiler Bros' Government street window, and you will see the latest editions of poems in poetry.
 —The basketball game to-night in Y. M. C. A. annex hall will be closely contested as both the Y. M. C. A. and Victoria West teams are evenly matched. The admission will be 10 cents.
 —One of the two arrivals from the Orient yesterday was the steamer Inrapura, of the Pootani-Asiatic line, which came in while on her way to the Columbia in order to land 90 Chinese and about 10 tons of freight.
 —The steamship Manauense, well known to local shipping men, is reported ashore near Mororan, Japan. The steamer with a cargo of supplies for the trading stations on the northeastern and the Kamtschatka peninsula sailed from Seattle September 18th.
 —There will be no formal Christmas closing this year in connection with the Girls' Central school. To-morrow morning in the assembly room of the school a short programme of Christmas carols will be given, and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to trustees, parents, the clergy and the general public.
 —The Young People's Society of the Congregational church are planning for the holding of a fancy fair on Tuesday next in the schoolroom of the church. The leading features of this fair will be new and novel in style, and the young people invite all their friends to visit them on that day. Admission is free to all. Tea and cake will be served afternoon and evening. The proceeds go towards reducing the church debt.
 —The many friends of Rev. P. M. McLeod, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, will be pleased to read the following paragraph, which appeared in the British Weekly of November 19th: "Some friends have promised the sum of £1,000 towards the liquidation of the building debt on Toong church (Rev. P. M. Macleod's) provided another £1,000 is raised by the congregation before the annual meeting. This would leave a debt of between £500 and £600. The total cost of the church buildings was £8,400."
 —If "The Head Walters" is a fair sample of the character of entertainment calculated to cater to the cultured taste of Victoria play goes and judging by the surfeit of such shows coming along this way it is, then the American syndicate which has charge of the bookings for the Victoria theatre has a very poor conception of what is demanded here. "The Head Walters" is one of the frothiest of plays with hardly a redeeming feature. Not a few patrons turned away from the performance last night disgusted with having wasted a whole night.
 There was some little singing that might have been classed as an average, but the merit of the performance ended there.
 —The Christmas entertainment in connection with the Sunday school of the Metropolitan Methodist church will be in the form of a Christmas tree, and be held in the main auditorium of the church on Tuesday, December 22nd. A miscellaneous programme will be rendered by scholars of the school, after which Santa Claus will appear and distribute presents to those present. A new feature will be introduced this year, whereby members of the school will contribute presents for benevolent purposes. These presents will be deposited at the foot of the tree as the scholars march in from the schoolroom at the commencement of the entertainment. Owing to the fact that the primary class will attend, proceedings will begin at 7.30 o'clock.
 —There was some snappy play between a steamship agent and a local lawyer the other day at the outer wharf just prior to the sailing of the steamship Izo Maru. Aboard was a Chinaman who had been ordered deported to Hongkong, and whose friends here had sought to secure his debarkation at Victoria even though it cost them the usual fee of \$100. The services of Mr. Moresby being enlisted that gentleman drove out to the ship after she arrived to find out if the Chinaman was aboard before he took out habeas corpus proceedings. While he was making inquiry the local steamship agent, K. J. Burns, was making time, and the latter transacted all the business of the ship in port in just 45 minutes, and had her under way before any legal procedure could be taken to detain the Chinaman. The United States officials were desirous of getting the Chinaman away as they feared if he was landed here he would be smuggled back into the United States.
BORN.
 MORRIS—In Victoria, on Dec. 17th, the wife of A. J. Morris, of a daughter.
MARRIED.
 PHILLIPS-DEVLIN—At St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, B. C., on the 16th Dec., by the right Reverend the Bishop of Columbia, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Enor Sharp, George Phillips, son of the late John Haines Phillips, to Laura Ashton, only daughter of J. Watson Devlin.

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