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## THE SITUATION IN CAPE COLONY

**Gen. French Holding His Position—Advance to Ladysmith Will Not Be Delayed Long—Boer Commander Dead—British Casualties at Colesburg.**

(Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 3.—Lacking news from the British camps in South Africa the British public is making the most of Col. Pitcher's miniature battle. Unbounded tribute is paid to the prowess of the Canadians and Australians, and graphic accounts are published of the enthusiasm in Douglas as the victorious troops entered that place.  
Rebels Dispersed.  
The representative of the Associated Press with the firing column says: "The immediate result of Col. Pitcher's success is the entire dispersal of the rebels who have been governing the country for the past six weeks. After Sunnyside was captured, the Toronto occupied the larger for the night, joining the main body the following morning, bringing the whole of the Boer's tents, wagons and loot, and leaving the Cornwalls garrisoned at Sunnyside.  
Douglas Occupied.  
"The British force then started for Douglas—the Toronto bringing up the rear in wagons. In the afternoon the troops entered the town unopposed and amid extraordinary scenes. The inhabitants were overjoyed and crowded about the soldiers, shaking hands with them, and when they learned that their deliverers were Canadians and Australians, the enthusiasm became frenzied. There were deafening cheers as the troops traversed the main street, and it was almost impossible for them to make progress, the crowds being so eager to shake hands with the Colonials.  
"It appears that the Landrost and all the mounted rebels evacuated the place on the previous night.  
"The unmounted rebels were reported to be entrenched in the vicinity. Quantities of ammunition were captured and destroyed.  
Will Be Treated as Rebels.  
A dispatch from Modder River intimates that the Sunnyside prisoners will not be treated as prisoners of war, but as British subjects caught in open rebellion.  
Colonials Praised.  
At the Modder River camp the conduct of the Colonials is greatly admired, and all are delighted that they have struck the first blow on the western frontiers since the battle of Magersfontein. It is believed the belief of Kuruman will quickly follow.  
Boer Guns Active.  
The latest advices from the Colesburg district tends to modify the estimate of Gen. French's success. The predicted occupation of Colesburg had not been accomplished yesterday evening, while the Boer's guns, announced to have been

General French's Position.  
The war office this afternoon issued a dispatch received from Gen. French, under yesterday's date, saying his position was the same as the previous day, and that with small reinforcements he could dislodge the Boers from Colesburg, and in the meantime he continued manoeuvring.  
Bombarding the Boers.  
Gen. Buller continues his night bombardments and patrol surprises.  
As the Tugela River is again fordable and the stretcher bearers have again been requisitioned at Durban and Pietermaritzburg, there is a disposition to believe that the British advance will not be long delayed.  
Guns and Men on the Bunderstath.  
It is reported at Durban that the cap-

tured German steamer Bunderstath had on board five big guns, fifty tons of shells and 180 trained artillery men.  
No Further News From Molteno.  
Nothing further has been heard from Molteno, which was reported from Sterkstroom to have been attacked by the Boer's this morning. So far as known here, there is only a small force there.  
Boer Commander Dead.  
A dispatch from Sterkstroom announces that Swaneoff, the Boer commander at Stormberg, has died of his wounds.  
Casualties at Colesburg.  
The total British casualties about Colesburg in two days were six men killed and 20 wounded.

**CAPE COLONY.**  
Fighting Around Colesburg—Boers Driven From Their Positions—Action in Progress at Molteno.

Naanuport, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—There was brisk fighting to-day in the hills around Colesburg.  
The Boers stubbornly resisted the British at every point, but gradually retreated.  
The British hold the extreme position to the south and east overlooking the town.  
The hills around Colesburg are numerous, not in ranges but in groups, making it very difficult to hunt the Boers out.  
Sixteen wounded have arrived at Arundel.  
Big Developments Expected.  
London, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch from Naanuport, dated Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, says the British command Natal's Fort bridge with two guns, and also command the Colesburg bridge, and that the Boers have no way to retreat except by way of Normberg.  
The dispatch adds that big developments are expected to-morrow.  
Another Report.  
New York, Jan. 3.—The Tribune says: "News reached London after midnight that the Boers retreated with reinforcements during the night and occupied the position from which they were driven by General French on Monday."  
Engagement at Molteno.  
Sterkstroom Cape Colony, Jan. 3.—(Morning)—The Boers attacked Molteno this morning. A brisk action is now in progress.

**TRAIN DESTROYED.**  
Relief Party Forced to Retire—Several Natives Killed.  
London, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday, January 2nd, says a supply train, without a locomotive, was set in motion within the British lines near Colesburg and proceeded to near the Boer position, that it was impossible to recover it, and the British guns, therefore, destroyed the trucks.  
It is suspected that this was the act of a traitor.  
Another Report.  
The supply train, says another dispatch from Rensburg, ran into a broken cart and was wrecked.  
The Boers in again looting it and another Rensburg train was dispatched to the spot in an attempt to recover provisions.  
The Boers opened fire on the troops and natives accompanying it, forcing the second train to retreat after several of the natives had been killed.

**IN NATAL.**  
London Correspondent Says—Disheartening Reports Are Arriving From Ladysmith—Buller Soon to Move.  
New York, Jan. 3.—London cables say there is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received.  
Gen. White reports a list of nearly twenty deaths from enteric fever and dysentery, and 71 serious cases in the hospital.  
Dr. Jameson has all the work he can do.  
It is evident the garrison cannot hold out long, and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass without striking a blow.  
Transports with fresh battalions and batteries have arrived at Durban and within 24 hours Sir Redvers ought to be in readiness for a supreme effort.  
The Boer line of defence is now described as 16 miles in length, having been extended up and down the Tugela in order to prevent a turning movement.

**THE CANADIANS.**  
Mr. Chamberlain's Congratulations—Members of Second Contingent Leave for Headquarters.  
Ottawa, Jan. 3.—(The Governor-General) received the following cable from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, this morning: "I congratulate Canada for the gallant behaviour of the contingent at Sunnyside."  
Departure of Volunteers.  
Hamilton, Jan. 3.—The Hamilton quota to the second contingent, upon leaving for Kingston, received a royal send off by the citizens yesterday afternoon, each man being made recipient of \$50 from the city council.  
St. Catharines, Jan. 3.—The members of the second contingent from this district were royally sent off by the citizens last evening.  
Kingston, Jan. 3.—The first movement of the local troops in connection with the mobilization of the second contingent took place this morning, when "A" battery moved to Ottawa, left the city for the capital, amid affecting scenes as the brave men said farewell to their wives and children.  
The Sailing of Transports.  
Ottawa, Jan. 3.—According to a military order the transports with the second contingent will sail with the troops in the following order: The Montserrat with the first battalion of mounted rifles and one field battery; the Laurentian with two field batteries and division staff; the Pomona with the baggage of the contingent. The two former are likely to sail on January 18th, and the latter on January 20th. The definite dates will be announced later.  
Dr. Devine's Appointment.  
Special to the Times.  
Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Dr. James Devine, 20th Buff., Winnipeg, has been appointed medical officer of the 2nd Batt., Mounted Rifles. This completes the list of officers.  
Care of Sick and Wounded.  
(Associated Press.)  
Toronto, Jan. 3.—The executors of the Red Cross Society of Canada have decided to send an agent to South Africa, as speedily as possible to report on the needs of the sick and wounded, and make suggestions for their relief. A plan is laid to the fact that the Red Cross 2,400 Canadian troops will be in South Africa.  
No Mention of Delagoa Bay.  
London, Jan. 3.—No mention was made of Great Britain's Transport or 277,000 tons of stores in the message from the throne at the opening of the Cortes yesterday.  
Award to Be Announced to-Morrow.  
London, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Berlin says the award in the Delagoa Bay question will be published toward the end of the month.  
Britain Will Not Seize the Bay.  
London, Jan. 3.—It is stated on good authority that Great Britain will not take Delagoa Bay, notwithstanding the clamor of the press upon the advisability of so doing.  
Germany Has Not Protested.  
Berlin, January 3.—It is semi-officially announced that Germany has not protested against the seizure of the Bunderstath, but has merely requested that the matter be investigated and settled as speedily as possible.  
The Seizure of Flour.  
London, Jan. 3.—The United States ambassador visited the British Premier at the foreign office, this evening, and made the first official representations on the subject of the Delagoa Bay affair. The Premier informed him that the British government had not yet arrived at any decision as whether or not food stores were to be seized, but that a decision would be reached as soon as possible.  
Cavalry Equipment.  
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—The Globe-Tribune reports:  
"R. F. Hutchings, resident of the Great Western Railway Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg."

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**Campbell's Prescription Store**  
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**Two Hundred Thousand Men**

Will Be Under the Command of Lord Roberts in South Africa.

London Papers Praise the Conduct of Colonial Troops—British Occupy Dordrecht

London, Jan. 3.—The gallantry of Colonial troops engaged in South Africa is praised by the morning papers. The Times says: "The Mother Country will share with the Canadians and Australians in the pride and gratification they must feel at the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this morning's little engagement."

The Standard says: "The Canadians and Australians had been spoiling for a fight. Now they have had their opportunity and they have greatly distinguished themselves by their coolness and discipline. From the point of view of Imperial unity, the little fight may fairly be described as one of the most gratifying events recorded in the history of the British race."

Robert's Army.

The admiralty has chartered eight more large transports. When all the troops destined for South Africa join together in command of about 200,000 men, thirty thousand are now about ready to embark. Military observers, in view of what figures mean, cannot see how the British can fail to crush the Boers by mere force of numbers.

Military For-Abroad.

The Queen has accepted the services of twelve battalions of militia for foreign stations. Seven of these are assigned to South Africa.

Increasing the Artillery.

"We understand," says the Daily Mail, "that the defence committee of the cabinet after careful consideration of the question of the defence of the Empire, particularly with regard to artillery, will shortly call for the expenditure of £5,000,000 to make good deficiencies and to place the nation on a par with other great powers."

Medical Corps Safe.

The Times publishes the following, dated January 2nd, from Lorenzo Marques: "It is asserted that Major Day and forty men of the British medical corps who were left at Dundee when the town was evacuated, are now on the way from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay."

BULLER'S TROOPS CONFIDENT.

Tugela River is Now fordable—The Boers Query.

Frederic Camp, Jan. 1.—The Boers inquired by telegraph to-day: "Why is Roberts coming? What has Buller done?"

The British replied: "How did you like our fight in the battle of Buller?"

London, Jan. 3.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following, dated January 2nd, from Frederic Camp: "The weather is fine. The Tugela river is now fordable. Gen. Buller's army is in fine form, ready and confident for the work before it."

Gen. White reports under date of December 31st that the number of cases of dysentery and fever is increasing.

IN CAPE COLONY.

Dordrecht and Douglas Occupied by the British.

London, Jan. 3.—A Capetown dispatch reports that "the rebels in Barkly district are demoralized by the British occupation of Dordrecht."

Should it turn out that the Dutch rebellion is being diminished, it will be a matter of great relief for the British command.

The Standard, however, remarks: "That the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved it would be idle to deny that the political position in Cape Colony is one of very great danger."

Douglas, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—The British have occupied Douglas without opposition, and has been received with enthusiasm by loyalists.

Boer Account.

Pretoria, Jan. 1.—Last night (Sunday) the British in great force attacked Commandant Schoeman's command in the Gofersburg district and tried to storm the positions. They reported the attack this morning, but were forced to retreat, the Boers holding the position.

The loss of the British is not known, but it is reported to have been heavy.

The Boers consider it a great compliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts should have been selected for the supreme command of the British forces.

Six Officers Reported Wounded.

Pretoria, Jan. 2.—Three British prisoners who were taken at Malago say that Capt. Gordon Chesney Wilson, husband of Lady Sarah Wilson, with five other officers, whose names they refuse to give, were wounded in a recent sortie from Mafeking.

SPOON CONTINGENT.

Commissioner Hechmer in Command—Inspector Baker Adjutant.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Commissioner Horsch-

mer goes in command of the second battalion, with Col. Stead second in command and Inspector Baker adjutant.

Rev. W. G. Lane, a prominent Nova Scotia minister of the Methodist church, has been appointed chaplain of the second contingent.

Orders were issued by the minister of militia to-day that "B" squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles, Winnipeg, should be prepared to leave immediately for Halifax.

The home government will furnish for the mounted rifles, three Maxim and one Colt.

Men From Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Twenty-five men of "C" battery R. C. A. left for active service in South Africa to-night. They will be in command of about 200,000 men.

Orders were received to-night that 31 more cavalrymen are wanted.

**THE FIGHT AT MAGERSFONTEIN**

Complete List of the British Officers Killed and Wounded.

The following were the casualties at Magersfontein on December 11th, and is taken from the Broad Arrow:

**KILLED.**

Cavalry Brigade.

9th Lancers—Non-commissioned officers and men, one.

12 Lancers—Non-commissioned officers and men, one.

Mounted Infantry—Major Percy William Albert Milton, 1st Batt., Yorkshire Light Infantry; Major George Lake Sidney Ray, 1st Batt., Northumberland Fusiliers.

Guards Brigade.

1st Batt., Coldstream Guards—Non-commissioned officers and men, five.

2nd Batt., Coldstream Guards—Major the Marquis of Winchester; non-commissioned officers and men, one.

Highland Brigade.

Staff—Major General Andrew Gilbert Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G.

2nd Batt., Royal Highlanders (Black Watch)—Lieut. Col. John Henry Ogilvie Coode, Capt. Eric Godfrey Elton, Lieut. Nicholas Gifford Edmunds.

1st Batt., Highland Light Infantry—Capt. Alexander Frederick Lambton, Capt. and Adjutant John William Alston Cowan, D.S.O.

1st Batt., Gordon Highlanders—Capt. Allan Stewart-Walker, Wincote.

2nd Batt., Gordon Highlanders—Capt. James Rutherford Clark, Lieut. Ernest Cox, 2nd Lieut. William Russell Cowie.

1st Batt., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—Lieut. Col. Gerald Lionel Joseph Goff, Major Sydney Loftus Robinson.

**WOUNDED.**

Cavalry Brigade.

Staff—Capt. C. J. Briggs, 1st Dragon Guards; major.

9th Lancers—Non-commissioned officers and men, nine.

12th Lancers—Non-commissioned officers and men, eighteen.

Royal Horse Artillery—Major C. E. Maberley, with Cavalry Division; Lieut. H. H. Tudor, G Battery; non-commissioned officers and men, three.

Field Artillery—Non-commissioned officers and men, five.

Mounted Infantry—Lieut. Col. Biggson, Australian Artillery (attached); Lieut. Cowan, Buffs and London Police.

Guards Brigade.

1st Batt., Coldstream Guards—Lieut. Col. A. E. Colclough, Major the Hon. W. Lambton, Capt. J. Sterling, 2nd Lieut. W. M. Beckwith, 2nd Lieut. G. B. S. Follett; non-commissioned officers and men, twenty-five.

2nd Batt., Coldstream Guards—Non-commissioned officers and men, twenty-one.

Highland Brigade.

Staff—Lieut. K. A. Macleod, West Riding Regiment (retiring); Lieut. A. G. Wauchope, 2nd Batt. Royal Highlanders.

2nd Batt., Royal Highlanders (Black Watch)—Major and second in command A. G. Duff, Major T. M. M. Berkeley, Major N. W. Cuthbertson, p.s.c.; Capt. A. R. Cameron, Lieut. St. J. Harvey, Lieut. H. C. W. Bethon, Lieut. F. G. Tait, Lieut. J. Harvey (slightly), 2nd Lieut. R. A. Bullock, 2nd Lieut. the Hon. M. C. A. Drummond, 2nd Lieut. S. A. Innes.

1st Batt., Highland Light Infantry—Lieut. Col. H. R. Kelham (slightly), Capt. J. Richardson, 2nd Lieut. A. J. Manton, 2nd Lieut. G. M. Knight, 2nd Lieut. W. N. Fraser.

2nd Batt., Southforth Highlanders—Capt. T. Featherstonhaugh, Lieut. C. B. Langreny, 2nd Lieut. C. E. Watson (slightly), 2nd Lieut. H. J. Hall, 2nd Lieut. E. A. B. Chive, 2nd Lieut. F. E. Baille.

1st Batt., Gordon Highlanders—Lieut.

Col. G. T. P. Downman (since dead), Capt. and Adjutant W. E. Gordon (dangrously), Capt. G. R. Macnab (seriously), 2nd Lieut. J. B. McO. Campbell (since dead).

1st Batt., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—Capt. A. J. Campbell (slightly), Lieut. R. B. Graham, 2nd Lieut. J. C. Scott (seriously).

The total casualties amongst the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland Brigade number about 500.

1st Batt., Kock and Lancaster Regiment—Lieut. P. E. Vaughan (slightly); non-commissioned officers and men, eight.

Royal Army Medical Corps—Lieut. H. E. M. Douglas.

**MISSING.**

Guards Brigade.

Non-commissioned officers and men, one.

Highland Brigade.

Capt. the Hon. J. F. T. Cunningham-Bruce, p.s.c. (reported killed); Capt. and Adjutant W. MacFarlane (reported killed); Lieut. N. N. Ramsay (reported killed).

2nd Batt., Southforth Highlanders—Major and second in command K. R. Maclean; Capt. and Adjutant A. W. B. Brodie (reported killed).

1st Batt., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—2nd Lieut. W. B. King.

**PRISONER.**

Major G. H. Bartschel, Royal Army Medical Corps.

**Casualties at Ladysmith.**

The following were the casualties in the sortie from Ladysmith on December 10th:

**KILLED.**

2nd Batt., Rifle Brigade.

Lieut. Gilbert Charles Dalrymple Ferguson; rank and file, ten.

**WOUNDED.**

2nd Batt., Rifle Brigade.

Capt. G. Pailey, 2nd Lieut. S. Daverton, 2nd Lieut. A. A. G. Bond; rank and file, forty-six men, who remained behind in charge of wounded, were taken prisoners.

Royal Engineers.

Rank and file, killed one, wounded one.

In the sortie on December 8th the following were the casualties:

18th Hussars.

Lieut. C. J. Thackwell, slightly wounded; rank and file, killed two, wounded seventeen.

5th Lancers.

Lieut. W. T. Wilcox, slightly wounded; rank and file, two slightly wounded.

Mounted Troops in South Africa.

The Broad Arrow in an editorial says: "It is to be regretted that the home authorities did not waive at least ten thousand mounted troops in South Africa some weeks ago. These would have been invaluable to Sir Buller. Gatacre, who would have advanced Cape Colony only for his weakness in cavalry and artillery. Already one in five of the male population of Natal is in the field, but that many more would willingly go to the front is clear from the fact that in Durban and Maritzburg in a few days, in the old colony, besides the Cape Mounted Rifles which for some unexplained reason are not allowed to take part in the war, the South African Light Horse, and the Volunteer corps, called out by Sir Alfred Milner, there are thousands of men who could be organized into a most effective force at the present juncture. It is idle to talk of the army divisions now on the way to the Cape. These will not be landed for some time, whereas several corps of colonial mounted infantry could be raised in a few days. Neither does it show a proper appreciation of the situation in South Africa to argue as though only regular troops should be employed to face the enemy in the field. The Boer is not a regular soldier. He is formidable on account of his extraordinary mobility, his knowledge of the country, and the admirable way in which his tactics are adapted to the nature of it. Hence, until the army corps were ready to advance on the plains of the Free State, a large body of colonial troops might have been employed on the Orange river with great effect. The brilliant night attack on Gun Hill by the Imperial Light Horse and Natal Volunteers, and the defence of Mafeking, prove of what splendid fighting material they are. A Queensland officer, one of the twenty who attempted to cross the Modder river under a heavy fire. The New Zealanders and New South Wales Lancers are doing such excellent securing that the Boers have mistaken them for some of their own men, and the other day they brought into camp a mob of horses, which must have straggled from the enemy's laager. The truth is the colonial has all the good qualities of the Boer as a soldier, but he is more enterprising and energetic, and can turn his hand to anything, and can therefore meet the Boer on equal terms. Such men can be had for asking; yet our generals are hampered for want of them, with consequent reverses and loss of life. Who is responsible?"

War Notes.

The following notes are from the Naval and Military Record:

An amusing story comes from the Cape. The Boers were amazed from the way to De Aar was notified of a "goods train" arriving. It came, and disgorged not goods but armed Marines. Later on steamed up an armored train with blueadders and two heavy guns, covered with a tarpaulin, and ironically labelled "Fruit."

Surgeon-Maj. Maxwell, of Guitford, has six sons in the service, two being with the Imperial Light Horse in Natal, and Maj. Gen. Close, R.A., has a like number of sons in the army. "Five gained cadetships in the Royal Engineers, and the sixth in the Royal Artillery. In the case of the late Maj. Gen. H. T. Mohrworth, R.A., seven sons have passed into various branches of Her Majesty's service, and an eighth is on the high road to following his brothers' good example.

Admiral Pecheel has had the misfortune to lose his two eldest sons in the war. Both were captains in the 1st

King's Royal Rifles, and were killed in action within a week or so of one another. Like his eldest brother, Capt. Mark H. Kerr Pecheel, who fell to the Boers, Capt. Charles Adolphus Kerr Pecheel, who was killed last week, had seen a good deal of active service, having served with his regiment in the Hazara expedition in 1891, the Miranisi expedition in the same year, and with the Ismail expedition in the following year. In 1895 he served with the Central Reserve Force under Sir Robert Low, and was awarded the medal and clasp. In August, last year, he was appointed to the Bechuanaland Police.

Lieut. Robert Walter Maxwell Brine, Northumberland Fusiliers, son of Col. Rene Brine, Royal Engineers, who was killed in action at Belmont, came of a stock of soldiers and sailors. His great grandfather, James Brine, was an admiral of the White. His three great uncles served in the navy, two of them attaining the rank of admiral. His grandfather received the Peninsula medal, with four clasps, and was awarded a pension for wounds received in Albufera. Three of his late uncles served in the army. One of them attained the rank of major-general, and two served in the navy. One of them, Admiral Lindsay Brine, is living.

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An American advance in Cavite is expected shortly. Reports from our native sources show that there are upwards of 2,000 organized insurgents under arms within a mile of Cavite. They are strengthening their fortifications and possess artillery.

Paper shingles have been introduced into Japan by an enterprising Tokyo firm as substitutes for the wooden article. The new idea is a slab of thick tarred pasteboard, more easily managed than ordinary shingles and costing only half as much.

An Alleged Tichborne  
 Claimant Said to Be Confined in a New South Wales Asylum.

A Fresh Chapter in the Remarkable Affair Comes From Australia.

The famous story of the Tichborne claimant has been revived, according to news received in the Australian mail, and the government of New South Wales is so impressed with the probability that an inmate of the Parramatta Insane Asylum, known as William Creswell, may be Sir Roger Tichborne that it has appointed a commission to inquire into the antecedents of Creswell and to investigate the circumstances connected with the incarceration. Popular opinion in Sydney is favorable to the claim that Creswell is really Tichborne, and some members of the commission are strongly of the same belief.

The report of Drs. Pickburn and Devlin, who were deputed to examine William Creswell with a view of deciding whether he bore marks known to have been on the body of Sir Roger Tichborne, has been presented to the parliament of New South Wales. Twenty-two physical marks of the real Roger Tichborne were enumerated for the benefit of the examining physicians, and these two doctors found that Creswell possessed practically all of these marks and characteristics.

There are only two circumstances in which Creswell fails to correspond with the evidence of the doctors to signs which are admitted to have been on the body of the missing Tichborne. One of these is that there are no marks of bleeding cuts on Creswell's ankles. But the examining physicians point out that such marks might easily have been obliterated on the legs after long years. The other and apparently the more serious discrepancy is that while Tichborne was five feet eight and a half inches in height, Creswell is five feet six and three-quarter inches, but the physicians say Creswell is now old and withered. The shrinkage in height would be a natural result of senility, and probably fifteen years ago Creswell may have been five feet eight and a half inches in height. The tattoo marks which existed on Tichborne do not exist on Creswell, but there is a wound in the exact locality which might be that of a cautery directed to the extrusion of tattooing. The medical experts say that so many marks of similarity could hardly be put down to coincidence. The investigation was incomplete when the Arrangi sailed from Sydney, December 5.

Roger Charles Tichborne, who disappeared in 1854 and of whom the attempted impersonation by one Thomas Castro, alias Arthur Orton, led to two of the most celebrated and protracted trials ever had in the English courts, was born in Paris in 1829. His father was Sir James Tichborne, an English gentleman of large means, and his mother a French lady of noble descent. Roger was educated first in Paris and later in England to but a limited extent, as he was quite idle.

In February, 1853, he made his mother good-bye in Paris previous to starting on an extended journey, and on March 4 following sailed for Valparaiso. In April, 1854, he sailed in the Bella from Rio de Janeiro for New York, having previously embarked written a letter showing his intention to protract his stay abroad for two or three years. The Bella was lost at sea and no one on board of her was ever heard of again, though her long boat was picked up by a passing vessel.

The will of Roger Charles Tichborne was proved and his estate was placed in the hands of the executors. His mother believed that he was still alive and after the lapse of twenty years in 1873 advertised extensively for the world for her son. In 1876 Thomas Castro, a butcher living at Wagga-Wagga, Australia, whose real name was Arthur Orton, asserted that he was the lost Roger, having been saved from the wreck of the Bella. After some correspondence with Lady Tichborne he obtained from her a remittance, went to London and was received by her as her son, though repudiated by the rest of the family. She supplied him liberally with money to collect witnesses and information to be used in establishing his identity.

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There is no one article in the line of medicine that gives so large a return for the money as a good porous strengthening plaster, such as Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Ruckache Plasters.

Sandwich Islanders are extremely fond of coconut milk, but the American and European residents improve on the natural liquor by adding a liberal dash of brandy and shaking the whole with ice.

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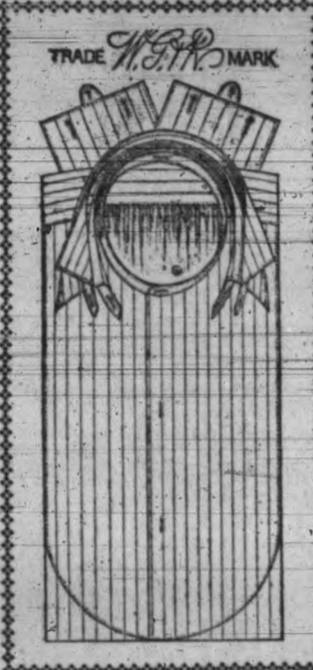
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### A Short Session

Limited Programme of Business Before the Council Last Evening.

Meeting To-Night to Consider the Victoria-Sidney Extension By-Law.

The regular weekly session of the City Council last evening was of short duration, the usual deliberations regarding communications, the receipt of reports and the discussion arising therefrom being consummated with a dispatch and precision that was admirable in consideration of the fact that the meeting was held on the day following New Year's day.

After the usual preliminaries a communication was read from John G. McGee, clerk of the city council, acknowledging a communication and resolution received from the council, asking that a portion of the Sangoes reserve be set aside for park purposes.

Market Superintendent E. C. Johnston reported his monthly collections to have amounted to \$121. Received and filed.

W. J. Smith wrote asking that a light be placed at the corner of Montrose and James street. The writer pointed out the danger of allowing the vicinity to remain in utter darkness, as the bad condition of the roads made it possible for some person to sustain a serious injury. Referred to electric light committee.

John O'Connor wrote claiming damages amounting to \$150 sustained on his property at Coburg and Niagara streets. Owing to defective drainage the cellar beneath his house was almost submerged with water. Other property suffering in like manner, hence the claim for damages.

This communication was finally referred to the city solicitor and city engineer. Ald. Humphrey expressing his inability to understand how the communication could constitute a claim for damages as it stood.

William Emery and others wrote calling attention to the defective drain on Shakespeare street. Referred to the city engineer.

The finance committee wrote recommending that the offer of Miss A. Thomas, of England, to come to this city and deliver a series of lectures on nursing, be accepted and that the council chamber be placed at her disposal for the purpose.

The mayor was of the opinion that although there was no objection to such lectures being given, when people toured the country giving lectures they should do so at their own expense.

Ald. Beckwith pointed out the benefits that might be derived from such a course of lectures being delivered in this

city, and finally, after some further discussion, the report was adopted.

The same committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$270.61, also the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,050. Received, adopted and authorized to be paid.

The city engineer reported regarding the proposed repairs to Rock Bay bridge and estimated the cost, from present plans and specifications at \$1,645, not including a new floor which was, however, immediately required.

Appended to this report was one from the special committee on Rock Bay bridge, recommending that the engineer's report be adopted, and that the improvements consonant with the plans and specifications be carried out, with the exception of bends and spars at the old swing.

In referring to this matter the mayor said that he had just forwarded a communication to Mr. Ray, stating the work to be done on the bridge, and asking him to urge the matter on the government.

In reply to a question Ald. Cameron was informed that the tramway company would contribute \$700 toward the expenses incurred in the undertaking.

The mayor, continuing, said that there should be no "filling in" at present. If the council was willing he would authorize the immediate commencement of the work, and a requisition could then be made to the next session of the council.

The reports were finally received and adopted, the work to be commenced immediately.

The annual reports then came up for consideration, Ald. Stewart moving that a special committee be appointed to arrange for publication.

Ald. Humphrey was of the opinion that a considerable portion of some of the reports could be eliminated from publication, while Ald. Brydon speaking specifically of the fire report said there was absolutely no necessity to "make a street" over that portion dealing with false alarms.

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Ald. Stewart's resolution was finally carried, the special committee, consisting of Ald. Stewart, Kinman and Humphrey.

The legislative committee then reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your legislative committee having considered the undermentioned subject beg to report and recommend as follows:

**Municipal Act.**

Re the "Municipal Classes Act" and amending acts: That the provincial government be requested to cause the "Municipal Classes Act" to be amended as follows:

**Vacant Lots.**

Sec. 50, subsec. 115. Vacant Lots.—Amend subsection 115 of section 50 of the "Municipal Classes Act" by making every vacant lot fronting on a sewer liable to the payment of a sum not exceeding the minimum rental level on buildings in the same street.

**Street Sprinkling.**

Sec. 50, subsec. 170.—Add a new subsection to be numbered 170 to section 50 of the "Municipal Classes Act" giving municipalities power to pass by-law for imposing a special rate not exceeding three cents per foot frontage per month upon the occupiers of all stores and premises of every kind fronting upon any street within the municipality for the purpose of defraying the cost of watering such streets. But no such rate shall be levied in respect of any street or portion of street unless a petition signed by a majority in number of the occupiers of the said stores and premises shall first have been presented to the council, and no such rate shall be levied for watering any such street or portion of street except on the days mentioned or otherwise on any one day then, shall be specified in such petition. The council to be at liberty to make any such rate payable by monthly or weekly payments or installments, and payable whether or not any such watering shall, in the opinion of the council, be rendered unnecessary by wet weather, and the council shall be at liberty to add any amount to the said cost of such watering not exceeding ten per cent. of such cost, and to allow or deduct such added amount from all payments that shall be made to the city treasurer or collector or other person to be named in such by-law within seven days of the day when such payments respectively shall have become payable.

**Sec. 60.—Strike out the whole of section 60 of the "Municipal Classes Act" which forbids any by-law for contracting debts for other than ordinary expenditure to be introduced except on petition of the owners of at least one-tenth of the value of the real property of the municipality.**

**Wholesale Licenses.**

Sec. 171.—Strike out subsection 10 of section 171 of the "Municipal Classes Act" which gives power to collect from every person carrying on the business of a wholesale or a "wholesale" retail merchant or trader a sum not exceeding \$50 for every six months, and substitute a license fee upon every such business based upon the rental paid for the premises occupied or in the case of premises occupied by the owner, upon a rental estimated by the assessor in accordance with the rentals of neighboring premises. No such license fee to exceed \$50 for every six months.

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Local Improvements.

Sec. 245.—Amend subsection 17 of section 24 of the "Municipal Classes Act" by giving power to the council to raise the city's share of any improvement together with the balance of the cost of such improvement upon debentures to be secured by special rates upon the property benefited by such work. The by-law for such purpose not to require the assent of the ratepayers.

**Voting On By-Laws.**

Sec. 79.—Amend section 79 of the "Municipal Classes Act" by striking out the word "majority" in the last line thereof.

**Municipal Act.**

The "Municipal Classes Amendment Act, 1888"—Amend sections 7 and 14 by making every sale of real property include the costs of obtaining the judge's order confirming the sale, in addition to the "contingent expenses of the sale."

In regard to this report Ald. Cameron thought that it should be laid on the table in order that a fuller consideration could be made. He was not at all prepared to vote for it in its present state.

Mayor Reider reminded Ald. Cameron that it was decidedly necessary for the recommendations of the committee to be in the hands of the Attorney-General before the opening of the legislature.

Ald. Kinman also counselled a short delay, as there were certain passages he certainly would not support.

Ald. Beckwith naively "inquired if the legislature would not adjourn for a few days to enable the committee to weigh their report in a thorough manner," an inquiry causing much merriment among the councillors.

Finally, on the motion of Ald. Beckwith the matter was adjourned until this evening when a special meeting will be held for its consideration.

The next and last item of business of the evening was the Victoria & Sidney railway extension by-law, the council resolving into a committee on the whole, to rise, report progress and meet again this evening, a conference being held in the meantime with the promoters in the committee room.

The council then adjourned.

"Take time by the forelock." If your blood is out of order, begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and prevent serious illness.

enjoyed a large lodge practice were by no means anxious to see it interferred with, but were in a measure coerced by the majority of the members of the association.

The crisis which has resulted is by no means a new one in the history of the organizations affected. The lodge doctor is a growth of Old Country fraternal society work and is held by medical men that it has resulted there in the greatest possible injury to the profession.

Its introduction in this country was viewed with such alarm by the medical men of Canada that they succeeded in securing the passage of an act in the province of Quebec which rendered such an arrangement unlawful. In Ontario, where the class affected by such legislation are more faithful readers of the public prints, such a step was of course impossible, for the Patron of Industry agitation which swept over the province a few years ago aimed, among other things, at a great curtailment of the privileges of the medical profession.

The societies which at present are affected by the "doctor and medicine" difficulty are the Ancient Order of Foresters, Canadian and Independent Order of Oddfellows, the Sons of England and of St. George, the Oranmeny, the Eagles and a number of ladies' auxiliary organizations. The total lodge membership affected by the change would probably be very nearly two thousand. The present arrangement is a payment on behalf of the lodge of seventy-five cents per capita to the lodge doctor. In return for this he attends to all lodge patients, furnishing them with medical attendance and medicine free of personal charge.

This small fee is regarded by lodge members as a retaining fee and amounting apparently small is, when taken in conjunction with the comparatively light sick rate among the members, not so slight as may at first sight appear. For instance, one society in this city numbers about seven hundred members and one doctor performed lodge medical duties for all of these. At seventy-five cents per capita this amounts from one lodge alone to \$525 a year. While this would be a mere trifle for attendance and medicine for seven hundred patients, it must be taken into consideration that only about two per cent. of the membership of any lodge of male members is usually upon the sick list. This would mean that only fourteen of the seven hundred members of the organization required treatment during the year, and for fourteen patients, the sum of \$525 (not including the fee for medicines) is by no means inconsiderable.

Of course the percentage of "lodge" patients is always much larger than where consultation is had under the ordinary terms. This is one of the reasons, indeed, which medical men urge for refusing to be retained by any lodge. They say that immediately they are secured as lodge doctors they are lauded

with a body of men whose only reason for seeking the services of the doctor seems to be that they can secure advice free. The doctor quickly learns to discriminate between these and cases which really require this attention. The "lodge" usually goes off into a hospital, but he has got ahead of the doctor, and the lodge, with a bottle of pepper and water or some equally sturdy concoction in his pocket, which he is warned to be very careful in measuring. Still, such men become more or less of a burden on the medical gentleman who is so unfortunately as to fall into his clutches.

While two per cent. is a reasonable proportion of those who become patients and candidates for the services of the lodge doctor there is always a certain proportion of chronic who after the first month or two require very little attention, or even medicine. These form a considerable portion of the doctor's two per cent., while there are always some lodge members who in the case of serious illness prefer their family physician and employ him, even although they are entitled to the services of their lodge physician free.

In the case of at least one of the orders affected, something must be done toward providing a lodge physician, or the constitution of the organization must be changed. It is one of the features upon which this particular organization appeals for membership, and if a local doctor cannot be obtained to undertake the work the Grand Lodge will be obliged to provide one.

Lodge men say that the action of the Medical Association renders necessary on their part a federation of the different societies to protect their interests and to watch the legislation which is introduced for the benefit of the medical profession.

It is also proposed that two or three medical men be secured to undertake the work of the lodges, and of the families of lodge members, and that the resident may thereby have a choice of physicians or in case of extreme need, might have the services of all.

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### Lodges and the Doctors

The Action of the Medical Association Causes a Difficulty.

Retaliatory Action Probable on the Part of the Societies.

On Saturday next there will be a meeting of representatives of the different fraternal organizations of the city in the A.O.U.W. Hall, to take into consideration the problem which confronts the lodges of across societies on account of the action of the Medical Association in refusing to any longer adhere to the arrangement which has existed between some of their members and some of the lodges in regard to the treatment of lodge members. It is recognized by the members of all the organizations, which have been working under this arrangement that something must be done, and that at once, to meet this step on the part of the medical profession.

What action will be taken of course remains to be seen. There are some lodge members who have never been enthusiastic in regard to this portion of the benefit which is conferred upon those who unite with the different fraternal organizations, while there are others who regard the maintenance of this provision as necessary for the very existence of their organization. The doctors, on the other hand, are practically unanimous in condemning the system, although it is alleged in some quarters that several who

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FRENCH AT COLESBURG.

Today's reports from South Africa begin with singular fidelity the predictions of an ex-army officer who, in conversation with a member of the Times editorial staff last evening, subjected the story of yesterday's dispatches to a "fine expert criticism which though distinctly discouraging to one filled with enthusiasm and patriotism over the achievement of French's force, was only too plainly a harshly correct statement of the position."

He then went on to point out a few gaps in the message which tallied almost to a nicety with the secondary accounts now coming in. For example, there was the difficulty of a comparatively small force like French's outflanking without extreme danger to its own flanking parties a force of Boers estimated at five thousand. It is a notorious fact that the Boers favor an extremely long line of battle, even where there are only some hundreds of them they cover a front of more than a mile. Certainly with any such force as five thousand the Boer line would run out to something like five or six miles. The Boer army is estimated to cover a front of sixteen miles. Therefore the difficulty of any but a very strong force turning the Boer flank at Colesburg can be seen. The detached squadrons would be taking enormous risks in such a country, and with the disastrous examples of the other commanders in thinning out their line as a dangerous tenet, and committing the error of splitting up their main body into weak detachments, French, in the opinion of the military man referred to, would hardly attempt any complicated movement of that kind.

stated in yesterday's dispatches he was sure the later reports would show, and they have done so. The facts are apparently that General French attacked the Boers in their strong position in the hills around Colesburg, and with so much vigor and persistency as to compel them to yield ground and seek a position farther out of range of the excellently served British field artillery. The Boers, appear, from the latest dispatches, to have retired in good order, and picked their fresh lines with deliberation. Nightfall ended the fighting, and so far as can yet be gathered the two armies sat down opposite each other to wait for daylight. During the night the Boers were strongly reinforced and returned to their original position of the previous morning, prepared to resume the battle where it had opened.

The silencing of the Boer artillery is little to go upon. The Boer gunners know when the British fire is becoming dangerous, and as guns are precious articles to the republic, seeing there are no more to replace them when destroyed, they are carefully withdrawn in ample time from a menacing fire and placed in positions of greater security. The guns alleged to have been silenced yesterday are reported to be making plenty of noise to-day. Another thing, General French himself reports to-day that he is in the same spot upon which he began operations against the enemy two days ago.

What is the lesson from all this? Simply what has been said by the best judges of the matter—that the road to Johannesburg will have to be won by hard fighting from an enemy who will stubbornly dispute every foot of the way, and that our brave army's progress must necessarily be slow until the reinforcements now on the way reach those generals who are now on the southern border of the Orange Free State. General French asks for reinforcements, and it will be a very unfortunate thing if he does not get them at once so as to enable him to dislodge the Boers from Colesburg, as he mentions in his message to the war office.

It must be remembered that General Buller is absorbing practically all the troops going to the Cape in order to enable him to make a supreme effort for the relief of Ladysmith, but we have the assurance from military men that great good could be accomplished by sending from Port Elizabeth, East London and Cape Town seasonable reinforcements to the generals along the Orange River. With a few thousand more men these commanders could take strong action, whereas now with their small forces they must be exceedingly cautious and in effect refrain from the offensive.

Upon General Buller, who is expected to strike with all his force at any hour, hangs the decision whether there is to be a quick finish to this war or a long, wearisome, bloody struggle. If he fails again it will assuredly be the latter. If he shatters the main Boer army, the republican resistance will soon collapse. Once more the hope of the British people rests upon the commander on the Tugela and his splendid army. Within the week there should be news of great events in Natal.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.

One thing our morning contemporary evidently forgot in its attempt to-day to answer our question as to why the Lieut-Governor should decline to grant to the Premier an appeal to the people in the event of that course being deemed expedient by Mr. Sedalia and his colleagues. The precedents cited by the Colonist have no bearing at all upon this case, because the case of this province at the present time is without a precedent.

No government was ever deprived of office upon charges so utterly disgraceful as those upon which Lieut-Governor McLachlan felt it his bounden duty, in the interests of honest government, to expel the Thirder administration from power in the autumn of 1898. Not one of those charges has been disproved; they stand to-day as black and as heavy as they were on the day upon which they were made known to the astonished and indignant public. The members of that disgraced ministry occupy seats on the opposition side of the legislative assembly to-day, and it is this anti-public clique the Colonist desires to see occupying the treasury benches. If this be the Colonist's conception of public morality we cannot compliment that journal.

In the event of the Premier requesting His Honor to grant him an appeal to the people and His Honor declining to accede to that request, upon whom would His Honor's choice fall as the leader of the new Government? Could he as a conscientious man call upon any member of the Turner ministry, whom he himself dismissed from office little more than a year ago, to take the leadership? No man who, knows Lieut-Governor McLachlan would for a moment believe that he would take any such action. To do so would be mistaken in his charges against those unfaithful stewards, and to withdraw the just and well-proved charges against them. Either that or it would be compounding with them in their dishonesty and ministerial malpractice. Both views are equally absurd. The members of the late ministry are therefore impossible as candidates for government in this province. Who then is there in that house, on the opposition side, upon whom His Honor could call to form a new ministry? All that side of the house supported the Turner ministry, and are therefore as ineluctable to

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be judged with the guidance of public affairs in this province as the ring-leaders of the spoilsman band. This is the thing the Colonist forgot in its dissertation on the constitutionality this morning. The position is a most curious one, and the way out is past the Colonist's guessing we fancy. Shall we turn on a little illumination for the benefit of our befogged friend over the way? The Colonist is expecting a government defeat in the house, but there is no indication that the government will be defeated; we believe the government of Mr. Sedalia will carry on the business of the province until the limit of its prescribed term. The critics of that government have signally failed to prove their point, charges against it quite as signally as they have failed to remove one jot or tittle of the disgrace which rests upon the immediate predecessors of that government. None has failed more egregiously than the Colonist to prove its allegations against the government or to make the public believe its spiteful personalities against the several members of the government.

In the house and out of the house the Turner faction, for so many years the secret foes of this province are absolutely unopposed by the calm, steady refusal of the people of British Columbia to follow their lead or pay heed to their malicious slanders. The weakness of the Colonist's contention this morning is patent to the most careless reader. It is the brief of the counsel who in his mind believes his client guilty. A year ago it had the honesty to say as much of one of them—David MacEwan Roberts, ex-attorney-general—and it has said nothing on the subject since to advise the public that it has changed its opinion about the man who tried to club the representative of Her Majesty into submission to his will and into doing a thing which would have been a crime.

The more severely the Colonist and the other apologists of Turnerism let this subject alone the stronger will grow their reputation for common sense. General Gatacre's hitherto unexplained advance upon Stormberg is now cleared up. A London paper says: "He was expected to do something as Lord Methuen's advance depended upon a similar movement by Gen. Gatacre. This information was conveyed to that general with the result that he attempted the impossible. The country about Ladysmith is bad enough, but that around Stormberg is worse, a nest of mountains and dark ravines. Had the Boers risked much they would have captured every man of Gatacre's force."

Lord Kimberley, after whom the famous diamond town on the Orange Free State border is named, has declared through the press in answer to many enquiries that Mr. Gladstone's government, of which he was a member, to the settlement after Majuba "followed a wise and far-sighted policy to avoid danger which the policy of the present government seemed likely to involve in a widespread disaffection among the Dutch in Cape Colony." Headstrong considers the sending of Generals Roberts and Kitchener and an overwhelming contingent to South Africa the beginning of the end, but wonders why this was not done at first. The British people also wonder what the war office people have been thinking about throughout this business. That office badly needs a staff of modern officials whose heads are not stuffed with precedent or their hands tied with red tape.

Emperor Francis Joseph received Rabbi Kisch of Prague recently, permitted him to pronounce blessing upon his sovereign in Hebrew form and said in reply to a benediction from the Rabbi for justice to the Jews: "Yes, your brothers of the Jewish faith in Bohemia had hard times to go through, and I will say that I am indignant at so much brutality." The Rabbi got permission to repeat those words.

Seattle has subscribed the neat little sum of thirty-five thousand dollars to pay off the whole debt on its Y. M. C. A. The event is to be celebrated, and the association's bills are to be paid every month, there is to be an extension of the building and an introduction of modern conveniences of all sorts. Nearly every leading business man in the city has identified himself with the movement.

London critics bestow high praise upon Miss Nora Clench, the young Canadian violinist, who gave a concert with orchestra in St. James's Hall, there, a few days ago. Miss Clench is one of Jonch's most accomplished pupils, and for her a great future is predicted by the best judges in the European capitals.

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and Dutch alike, it is essential that this time there shall be no half settlement, no shuffling off of responsibility, no ambiguous conventions. It staggers you, that is exactly the word—staggers one to find the learned author of "Quo Vadis" and other heavy-weight romances of classical times bobbing up as a competitor of the writers who deal in American frontier life and cowboy patter. Mr. Henryk Sienkiewicz has written a short story, "The last of the Black Snakes," a sketch of life on the Texas-Mexican border, for the Revue Bleue of Paris, and a rattling good story it is. The Polish author's versatility is assuredly beyond question.

Tear Nicholas is sending letters to European governments deploring the present war. This is not bad from the man who peremptorily refused to listen to the petition of the Finlanders after he had broken his promise to them and declared Finland's war population eligible for the Russian army conscription.

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On the top the hair was cut close, and the stumps well rubbed back with hard soap. The remainder of the hair was gathered into a queue, behind, which, according to regulation, should be ten inches long and tied close to the head; this we called a rooster, but the dandies affected a loose tie, and began some inches lower down.

Those whose hair was not long enough had false queues made of stuffed chamois leather with a brush of hair at the end, and this had to be applied on to the hair. For uniformity's sake, the queues, etc., were false queues of strong black leather, which they cleaned and polished like their shoes. As it was difficult to tie one's own queue, we used to assist each other, and it was a sort of accomplishment, the being able to give a good queue. But the visits of two barbers once a fortnight offered the best opportunity of getting a capital queue—sometimes, to be sure, such a rooster that it was difficult to shut the eyes; yet many slept in them for a whole week or till the next barberian visit.

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 Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.  
 Victoria, Jan. 3-8 a.m.—Since yesterday, two warm low barometer areas have moved inland, one is centred in Cariboo, where it is raining snow, the other is crossing California, accompanied by heavy rains. Snow is falling in Alberta, and the temperature is rising above zero east of this in advance of the Cariboo 'low'. Rain and sleet fell last night over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

**Forecast.**  
 For 30 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, partly fair, with showers, clearing at night.  
 Lower Mainland—Winds mostly easterly unsettled, with occasional rains.  
 Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 3 miles N.; rain, 15; weather, cloudy.  
 New Westminster—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 3 miles E.; rain, 20; weather, rain.  
 Nanaimo—Wind, S. W.; weather, cloudy.  
 Kamloops—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 38; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barfleurville—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow, 64; weather, snow.  
 North West—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, 50; weather, cloudy.  
 Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 42; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.  
 Tacoma—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 6 miles S. W.; rain, 32; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 10 miles N.; rain, 1.90; weather, rain.

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An "at home" in aid of the Metropolitan-twentieth century fund will be held this evening at the residence of Mrs. John Teague, Fernwood road.

All those wishing to take part in the first orchestral rehearsal of "The Messiah" in the council chamber this evening are requested to be on hand with their scores at 8 o'clock sharp.

The quarterly general meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held on Friday, January 12. Members having any business to bring forward should communicate with the secretary immediately.

The J.B.A.A. has contributed the sum of \$10.70 toward the Mansion House fund, being the amount collected at the J.B.A.A. during the singing of the "Absent Minded Beggar" by Mr. H. Kent at the club's New Year gathering.

Ladies interested in procuring double and triple trading stamps should read Geo. R. Jackson's ad. on this page today. Geo. R. Jackson, 57 Government street.

The musical world will be pleased to learn that little Paloma Schramm, the child pianist, who was suffering from nervous collapse, has been completely restored to health, and has returned to her home in Los Angeles. Both she and her sister will soon make their reappearance in musical circles.

In the police court this morning the charge against the Japanese, Isipow, of malicious damage to property, was withdrawn. George Thompson was fined \$5 or ten days' imprisonment for drunkenness. Isaac Roberts for the same offence was fined \$15 or one month's imprisonment with hard labor, a fortnight being allowed him in which to pay the fine.

John Muirhead, well-known in this city through his participation in aquatic circles, died on Sunday evening in San Francisco. Muirhead was formerly backer of the California oceanman Peterson, accompanying him to Victoria on the occasion of the race between the Californian and McClean. Mr. Muirhead leaves a widow, formerly Miss Beauchamp, of this city.

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Court Cariboo, 743, I. O. F., yesterday evening on the occasion of their installation of officers for ensuing year held an open meeting, when a large number of Foreresters and friends were present. After the installation of officers by Bro. M. J. Crehan, of Vancouver, a very enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. R. B. King, acting as chairman, carried out a very interesting programme, the committee in charge being forgetting to provide refreshments as a fitting close to an evening's entertainment.

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Postmaster Noah Shakespeare has received from the postmaster-general of the United Kingdom and also from the postmaster of the New York post office handsome souvenir cards conveying their New Year's greetings to himself and staff.

Two more candidates for aldermanic honors have entered the field, Mr. Richard Drake, the plasterer having announced himself as candidate in South Ward, while Mr. R. D. Finlayson has expressed his intention of running in North Ward.

Double Trading Stamps for balance of this week. See our windows for bargains. The Sterling, 89 Yates street.

Mr. Harry Harris, formerly proprietor of the Colonial Hotel, Beacon Hill, has assumed charge of the Clarence Hotel on the corner of Yates and Douglas streets and will hold his initial opening this evening. The Clarence has been thoroughly renovated and will have 60 large rooms.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Cox took place this afternoon from Hahn's undertaking rooms, the services being conducted by Rev. P. Jenks. A large number were in attendance, the daughters of St. George, of which Mrs. Cox was a member, being present in a body. The pallbearers were Messrs. S. Green, Henry Rivers, W. Greasley, Geo. Penketh, George Furnell and W. Lane.

Mr. C. Atkinson has just brought out an improved frame and cover for sediments for trays, the object of which is to make it possible for dishes to be carried in the open air or elsewhere without any dust, rain, or other deleterious substances falling on the food. The invention is one of those which has simplicity and effectiveness as its principal recommendations, and will be appreciated by hotel and restaurant keepers.

Mrs. J. H. Meldrum, of Topaz avenue, who has been for many years one of the most active members of the Colfax Hebrew Lodge, was pleasantly surprised last night by the members of that organization. The members to the number of about forty invaded her home without any warning, and presented her with a handsome berry-set as a memento of her connection with the lodge. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in music and dancing, the gathering not breaking up until an early hour this morning.

At the regular annual meeting of the Ministerial Association yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. G. Hastings; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. P. D. Knox. Arrangements were made for a series of meetings to be held during the week of prayer, January 7 to 14, to take place as follows: Monday evening, Centennial Methodist church; Tuesday evening, Calvary Baptist church; Wednesday evening, First Presbyterian church; Thursday, Victoria West, Congregational and St. Columba; Friday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Services will also be held on Sunday afternoon at the hospital.

A petition is being circulated for signature among the residents of Cowichan, Malahat, Shawnigan and Victoria, in presentation to the honorable commissioner of lands and works, asking that a more direct wagon road be built between Cowichan and adjoining districts and Victoria. The petition sets forth that the present road is almost impassable on account of its long and steep grades and excessive length, being between forty and fifty miles. The petitioners suggest a shorter and better route from Goldstream to Shawnigan. This road would commence near the Goldstream hotel, and proceed in a direct line down the east side of Goldstream to the south end of Saanich Inlet, then crossing the mouth of Goldstream and following the west side of Saanich Inlet until connection is made with existing roads in Shawnigan district. The length of the new road would be about fourteen miles, and the total distance between Cowichan and Victoria, 24 miles, as compared with 40 or 50 as at present.

Ever since the attempt was made to wreck the Chinese mission church, some of the Chinese residents have been busy contriving explanations of the occurrence. Shortly after the affair one of their number advanced to a Times man the theory that the daughter of the native missionary had induced a number of the young Chinamen to attend the services under promise of marriage, and that finding she was deceiving them they took this opportunity of wiping out their grudge against her. This was promptly denied by the parties most interested and the principal alleged, and the yarn otherwise revamped but still recognizable as the same old reliable fiction. In fact the rehabilitation of the romance is strikingly similar to the way in which the caused regarding an attempt to blow up H.M.S. Crescent at Halifax a few months ago was locally adapted to the case of the Leander. The girl who was so prodigal in her promises of matrimony is now said to have been inmate of the Rescue Home, but the details of the matron-and-of-others cognizant of the case will compel the apologists for the dynamiter to concoct another explanation not so easily discredited.

**SHIPPING NEWS**  
 HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

After one of the fastest trips that has been made from the Golden Gate to this port—750 miles in 49 hours—the steamer Queen, Capt. Japson, arrived at the outer wharf at 12.30 p.m. She had a light complement of passengers. There were 18 in all on board, six of whom sailed in each. Those who departed here numbered 23. About forty tons of general freight, fruit and a varied assortment of miscellaneous goods was landed here. The trip was a pleasant one, good weather being experienced until entering the straits, when the weather became dirty. Several windmills were seen on the Vancouver Island shore bound in; a barkentine, seemingly a lumber vessel, was being picked up by a tug and a three-masted schooner and a four-masted schooner were seen sailing in.

For some time past the United States government has been confronted with the problem of what was to be done with the steamers they bought for transport service, now that many of them are no longer needed. As a solution of the problem Secretary Root has directed the establishment of a government time mail steamers running from San Francisco to Manila via Honolulu, similar to that running from New York to Cuba and Porto Rico. This line, which carries business as well as passengers, will carry what supplies and passengers the United States sends to or from the far east.

News has reached here of the total loss of the new island steamer Kilaheua, built at Port Blakely a year ago, which was on her way to the Inter Island Steamship Company. She struck Laina reef on Maui, and had to be abandoned. Her cargo of coal, cement, and sundries was also lost. At last advices her bottom had fallen out and she took place this afternoon from Hahn's undertaking rooms, the services being conducted by Rev. P. Jenks. A large number were in attendance, the daughters of St. George, of which Mrs. Cox was a member, being present in a body. The pallbearers were Messrs. S. Green, Henry Rivers, W. Greasley, Geo. Penketh, George Furnell and W. Lane.

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**CITY LIGHTING SYSTEM.**  
 An Addition to the Works Carried Out  
 by the Present Council.

Among the substantial additions which have been made to the works of the city during the year which has just closed, none appear more necessary to the outside observer than the brick addition to the electric light works. The building is now off the contractor's hands and in the course of a few weeks Electrician Hutchinson hopes to have the machinery for which it was constructed in place.

The addition, which was built under contract for the city by Elford & Smith, is 35x40 feet, being three feet longer than the remainder of the building. It is of red brick, fitted with cement floors and a slate roof, and nearly one thousand cubic feet of rock had to be blasted out for a foundation. This work was done by the city, the total cost being covered by the original estimate of \$3,000.

Heretofore the city electrician has labored under the serious disadvantage of extremely limited accommodation. The dynamo were on a plank floor and suffered from the consequent vibration. They will now be transferred on a cement floor, laid on solid rock, so that all cause for complaint in this respect will be obviated. The belts have for some time been running on the reverse side in consequence of defective accommodation. The proper adjustment of these and the fine foundation for the dynamo is expected to result in an improved service.

In the floor provision has been made for possible changes in the future without disturbing the cement, by laying four parallel sills forming two ducts for waste oil and fluid from the dynamo. Under the cement floors, too, minute cylinders have been laid for connecting the wires with the dynamo without disturbing the floor bed. Above, massive beams 10x12 will allow the superintendent to elevate his machines without bracing the cross timbers.

In the improvement which has been made, Ald. Humphrey, the chairman of the electric light committee, has had in view the probable installation of additional plant in the near future. While the present machinery is capable of furnishing only arc lights, there is a feeling among the members of the council and the ratepayers that the city should at least generate its own incandescent system for the illumination of the City Hall. While this would have been impossible under the old arrangement there is now ample room to incorporate an incandescent plant, should such a step be decided upon.

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 The successful candidates at the High School entrance examination, held in Victoria on December 15th, 19th and 20th, 1899, are as follows:  
 Boys' School—Gerald M. Poyer, Clinton Cameron, Benjamin Levy, Lamberly Wilson, Ralph Wates, Albert J. Sommer, Arthur B. Whitford, Hugh T. Winby, Charles A. T. McKilligan, William Blackburn.  
 Girls' School—Maddie Gardner, Gladys S. Shuppel, Elizabeth P. Saunders, Florence G. Mills, Ada H. Janolis, Florence E. Vancow, Rosamund M. Knight, Hilda Leisler, Doris M. Marks, Amelia K. Burt, Jennie S. Dougal.  
 North Ward School—Robert Clark, Leon H. Borden.  
 South Park School—Charles G. Jamieson, Cedar Hill School—Mabel M. Miller.

**STOCK QUOTATIONS.**  
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Golden Star	Asked	104	104
Cariboo (Camp McKinnay)	104	104	104
Minnehaha	145	105	105
Waterloo	15	115	115
Ontario	13	113	113
Cariboo Hydraulic	100	00	00
Patricorp	4	3	3
Old Ironsides	110	96	96
Knox Hill	85	75	75
Richardson	7	8	8
Wardson & Golden Crown	25	22	22
Morrison	8	5	5
Windpeg	28	24	24
Athabasca	33	30	30
Franklin	15	12	12
Hardenberg	11	10	10
Noble Fire	18	11	11
Payne	107	101	101
Rambler	67	54	54
Wonderful Group	4	2	2
Yan Aida	30.00	35.00	35.00
Tamarac	10	7	7
Republic	107	100	100
Deer Trail No. 2	14	12	12
Jones	12	0	0
Champlain	11	7	7
Big 3	105	8	8
Jesse Park	2	1	1
Swelling Star	9	7	7
Fort Mack	60	45	45
Mount Gold Fields	7	5	5
Stoute Chryso Cn	7	6	6
Northern Belle	14	10	10
Novelty	24	1	1
S. E. Paul	2	2	2
Silver Belle Cn	25	25	25
Ethos	15	12	12
Virginia	7	5	5
Victory Triumph	5	5	5
War Eagle Cn	263	215	215
White Bear	35	23	23
X. L. E.	10	10	10
H. Pac. Gold Field	10	10	10
B. C. Gold Prospect	4	3	3
Canadian G. E. S.	74	64	64
Gold Hills	5	4	4

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The Correspondence of Roy Le Warn.

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In the hollow of its hands. Its leader, Dr. Laeber, on Tuesday boldly criticized William II's speech at Hamburg...

It is very amusing to observe how easily the public are gulled. War pictures are the fashion in Chinatown...

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Provincial News.

NELSON. It is safe to state that the building operations in Nelson during 1899 averaged not less than \$300,000, an amount which does the best city of the Kootenay coast credit.—Tyburn.

ALBERNI. Alborn, Jan. 1.—Mr. Edward Watson, eldest son of Dr. Watson, of Alberni, died of diabetes at St. John's, N.B. He was well known and liked in Alberni. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and family.

McConnell's claim at Hell's Gate has passed into new hands, an American company having bought it outright. The price paid is said to be \$60,000, the highest price ever paid along the West Coast. The claim was originally staked and worked by Hy. Hansen; then Hayes bought it, and eventually McConnell. If a copper ore proposition and assay is made.

C. McLennan, from the States, is in here and is taking over the 3 W's, having bought out Messrs. Wilson, White and Wilson's interests.

Mr. Neil and Mrs. Neil have been waiting anxiously for the Queen City to take them to Victoria. She came in last night, several days overdue.

A pigeon shoot is to come off at the new Alberni hotel to-morrow. Several well known local sports have entered their names. We are about to lose one of the crack shots of the district—Jack Redford—who is going to Victoria, to try and join the Canadian contingent.

YANCOVER. A complaint has been made to the police by a young man who resides near English Bay in a small cabin, who found that five rifle shots had been fired through his front door, smashing the lock to pieces. Had any one been sitting in the cabin at the time, he would undoubtedly have been injured.

The Rev. A. E. Green, of the Mount Pleasant Methodist church, is somewhat seriously indisposed. He was obliged to give up both church services on Sunday, December 24, with 21 rainy days and 10 fine days.

There was a large congregation at the Knox (Independent) Presbyterian church on Sunday morning to take part in the opening services. The Rev. Dr. Reid was in charge of the devotional portions of the service, whilst the pastor, Rev. J. Reid, Jr., conducted the consecration and preached the sermon.

Inspector Skinner states that the department of lands and works has shown an increase in receipts for the past twelve months over \$288.

During 1899 the Vancouver fire department had 123 calls, and the total loss for the year was \$1,800.

A spark from a grate set fire to the carpets and curtains in the sitting room at the home of Mrs. J. Skidmore, in Hamersley's house yesterday morning. The loss was \$250.

The vital statistics for the year 1899 as recorded at the government registry office are as follows: Births, 473; deaths, 353; marriages, 252.

The master bakers of the city announced a slight increase in prices of bread. The rise is caused by the fact that the master bakers with the exception of the new journeymen bakers' union, which makes a very material increase in the payroll of each shop.

Abolitionists' Concerts—Miss McKeenley sang, 'The Maple Leaf Forever'; recitation, 'My Dolly, Violet Simpson'; recitation, 'Be Brave, Fred Bates'; song, 'There's No One to Welcome Me Home, Miss Ada Martin'; recitation, 'The Bitter, Helen Harrison'; recitation, 'My Nobody, James Simpson'; song, 'Break the News to Mother, Jessie McKeenley'; recitation, 'The Boy's Complaint, Charles Richardson'; song, 'King Alfred, Senior Girl'; recitation, 'Laxy Dalry, Jessie McKeenley'; recitation, 'Kitty and I, Edith Harrison'; recitation, 'Drills, by school, song, 'Come, Oh, Come With Me, School'; recitation, 'In Santa Claus Land, Mildred McKeenley'; recitation, 'Santa Claus in Fairy Land, Miss Sheldon'; recitation, 'My Own Canadian Home, Second Class'; song, 'Deck the Hall With Boughs of Holly, School'; recitation, 'Tummy's Christmas Wish, Maud Harrison'; recitation, 'To Kites, Betty Simpson'; recitation, 'A Christmas Eve Adventure, Gertrude Bates'; instrumental duet, 'The Coming of Santa Claus, Miss Harrison and Miss Camp.

Refining News.

Fort Steele District. In attempting to review the progress made in the development of the country tributary to Fort Steele, one must go back twelve months to show the state of the mines one year ago and their present condition. Twelve months ago, so far as can be learned, there were no mines in the vicinity of Fort Steele upon which more than superficial development had been done.

According to telegraphic advice from San Diego when the sloop yacht Xora of this city reached the Californian port early on the morning of New Year's day her ship's company were almost without food, and as one of their party put it the party was as glad to get with- out it as the land-locked bay as any that had ever run away from fear of starvation on the broad ocean.

Famine on the Xora.

On Her Up Trip From Callao She Ran Short of Food.

The Adventurous Party Live on a Biscuit a Day.

As before stated many of the properties in this district had advanced much beyond the prospect stage one year ago, but since then several have been developed and prospects have been developed in detail. Everywhere, from Sand creek to Tracy creek, properties have been opened up, and many of them can now be classed as shipping ready. The result of this work is immediately apparent, capital is seeking investment, letters are being daily received from the district that has to offer in the way of mines, attention is being attracted to the district by the reports which have been sent out by the reports which have been planned for this year in this vicinity, a large amount of machinery will be installed, the pay roll will be increased.

Treason Whispered.

Meeting of Boer Sympathizers Said to Have Been Held Here.

Funds Subscribed to Assist England's Enemies in Transvaal War.

For some time past Boer sympathizers have been at work in different parts of the continent collecting money for the assistance of England's enemies in South Africa. The work has met with the greatest success among certain portions of the Scandinavian population of the United States, who but imperfectly understand the true nature of the struggle now in progress, and are naturally attracted to the side upon which those of somewhat similar nationality are engaged.

Foul Breath from Catarrh.

Tells of the Decay of the Mucous Lining of the Nose and Throat.

No symptom of catarrh causes more annoyance than foul breath. This offensive odor comes from the ulceration of the membranes, and is an indication of the decay which is taking place in the catarrh of the nose and throat.

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Notice.

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Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application for membership in the Corporation of British Columbia at the Provincial Legislature at the next session for an act authorizing and enabling the said Corporation to enter into and execute a lease or leases to any person or persons, now or bodies corporate, who may be in a position and willing to carry out the terms thereof.

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Plumber.

102 JUNE ST. Gas, Steam and Hot Water Fitting.

Municipal Elections, 1900.

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The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows: The Candidates shall be Nominated in writing the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1900, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. in the manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall, aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, at the Public Market Building, Corner Front Street.

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