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FACTS REGARDING WORKING OF LINE

Earnings of Company Have Decreased - President a Believer in Future of Klondike.

New York, Dec. 22.-The annual report of the White Pass & Yukon, the most northerly railroad, is extremely interesting as affording the first official sketch of the peculiar railroad. It is noteworthy that trouble seems to sit lightly upon the men that are running the road.

Net income for river division in 1902 was for fourteen months, and mail income in 1903 was for eight months only.

Even in the face of this truly disappointing showing the president and directors appear cheerful.

The line that carries mail and freight upon the bright features of the year and sketches in the causes that led to the big decrease in earnings, concluding with the remark that things might easily have been worse, and will probably be better next year.

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The president is a great believer in the future of the Klondike region.

THE KOREAN DISTURBANCES

Only One Russian Warship Remains at Scene of Trouble.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.-Of the Russian warships recently at Chemulpo, Korea, in connection with the disturbance there, only the cruiser Blyan remains at the place.

According to the Port Arthur Navy, the Chinese militia fought in the ranks of the Chinese robber bands in the recent encounter with the Russians.

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FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

Tokio Dispatch Says Settlement May Be Reached if Russia Acts Quickly.

London, Dec. 22.-A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Peking says the correspondent has been informed, on the highest Chinese official authority, that the negotiations between Russia and Japan will terminate amicably.

An official of the Yokohama Specie Bank said: "There is nothing in our views to lead to the belief that there will be any war. Business telegrams were received to-day, the nature of which would be likely to be regarded as imminent."

Tokio View.

Tokio, Dec. 22.-It is asserted in official circles here that the Japanese reply to Russia rejects the fundamental principle of issue, which are understood to include a mutual guarantee for the preservation of Korean sovereignty, while securing their individual interests.

The situation is that since the commencement of negotiations, but is still susceptible to a pacific solution if Russia will quickly reconsider her reply.

Transports Chartered.

London, Dec. 23.-The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says it is reported that the Japanese government is chartering numerous steamers and transports, including three belonging to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, a Japanese steamship company.

At the London office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, in response to inquiries, it was declared that there had been no intimation that the government desired to requisition any of its steamers.

The Daily Mail's Tientsin correspondent learns, upon what he says is good authority, that the Chinese military authorities will co-operate with the Japanese. According to the correspondent, it is said, in Tientsin that a number of Japanese warships are concentrating in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

EXTERMINATED FAMILY.

Despondent Mechanic Killed His Wife and Three Children and Committed Suicide.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.-Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, despondent over his financial affairs, killed his wife and their three children at their home early on Sunday, and then committed suicide.

The crime was extraordinary in its thoroughness, and evidently had been planned carefully.

Mrs. Derby was probably killed during sleep, the expression on her face showing no sign of a struggle. The children, however, probably had a struggle with Derby as they were early on Sunday, and then committed suicide.

The body of Harold, aged six years, was found in a pool of blood in the kitchen, and that of Alice, aged seven years, in the dining-room, with her face to the floor and a bullet in her breast.

Harold evidently had been chased about the house by his father, as the furnishings were in disorder. From the location of his wounds, the boy probably was caught by his father and held while the revolver was placed against the little fellow's forehead, and two bullets sent into his brain. The last was evidence of a struggle on Alice's part.

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VANCOUVER NOTES.

John A. Dowie Intends to Sail From San Francisco Instead of Terminal City.

Rev. R. M. Simmons, elder of the Vancouver branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, has received the following telegram from John Alexander:

"Owing to the uncertainty concerning the sailing of the Moana, I am compelled to go via San Francisco. Deeply regret I cannot sail from Vancouver. Give all my hearty love to I. Ross, and wait them en route to China next winter."

Immediately Rev. Mr. Simmons cancelled the contract which had been made for the use of the Vancouver opera house on January 6th and 7th. He stated that in spite of the decision announced in the telegram, an effort would be made to induce Dowie to make a special trip from San Francisco to Vancouver, where he sails from the former city for Australia. It is just possible, therefore, that the cancelled addresses will yet be re-arranged.

Burglars have given the Westminster dressmaker a lively time during the past week. On Thursday last, when Weirrobe had a plate glass window broken and two watches and a bracelet, valued at over \$400, were stolen.

On Friday night the Wrights' second-hand store on the west side of the avenue. Exactly at the spot where a large revolver lay they broke a hole through the window and secured the watch and bracelet.

The attack on Weirrobe's. They broke the glass, but were stopped from going further by a set of grating bars. They then tried their luck on Collier's, next door, but they were again stopped by grating bars. By these failures, they next tried Messrs. Dennis & Alltree's hardware store, where they shattered the back window with a rock weighing 25 pounds. They went to the show cases and abstracted about \$75 worth of knives and razors. It is apparent that having accomplished their purpose they were in no hurry to get out of the premises.

For part of a packet of cigarettes, but a box of matches and some scraps of paper in the back room showed that they must have sat down to what might be called "half an hour of pleasant intercourse."

Miss Elmer Clark died at her home, corner of Eleventh avenue and Manitoba street, Mount Pleasant, on Sunday morning. The deceased lady had attained the ripe age of 82 years. She leaves her husband, and four sons and two daughters, to mourn her death.

Mrs. Davie, wife of the Rev. J. H. Davie, who for years was the Anglican evangelist at Sapperton, died on Sunday morning. Deceased had not been in good health for some time. Besides her husband, Mrs. Davie left the following family: The Misses Florence, Winifred and Sarah Davie, and Messrs. Ian and Gavin Davie.

TWO NEGROES SHOT.

Killed by Marshal and Deputy While Resisting Arrest.

Hoffman, N. C., Dec. 22.-Two negroes, Galloway and John Blue, negroes, living in Cumberland county, were shot and killed by Town Marshal Thompson and a deputy last night, while resisting arrest for disorderly conduct. The officers were fired upon, but escaped injury.

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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. North, Justice of the Peace, at the Justice of the Peace and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall, 22 Bastion Street, Victoria, B.C., or before Mr. L. Solly, Land Commissioner.

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And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria this 11th day of December, 1903.

S. PERRY MILLS, 51 Langley St., Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for the Executors.

Creditors' Notice.

IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE BOSSI, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, AND OF PORTO CERESIO, COMO, ITALY, TESTATE.

Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the intestate, within the province of British Columbia, have been granted to Leonard Calvert Mills, as Attorney-in-Fact of Francesca Maria Bossi, widow of the intestate, and for her use and benefit.

Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Calvert Mills, as such attorney as aforesaid, at the office of the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Achille Bossi, deceased, are required to pay the same to the said Attorney within the period above mentioned.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1903.

S. PERRY MILLS, 51 Langley Street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for the Attorney-in-Fact of the Said Francesca Maria Bossi.

"Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901."

Notice is hereby given that John McSwamy, of No. 17 Douglas street, in the City of Victoria, carrying on business as a grocer at No. 17 Douglas street, in the same city, has by assignment bearing date the 5th day of December, 1903, pursuant to the above Act, assigned all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects which he may be entitled to, under execution, unto Arthur Brencley, of No. 120 Belleville street, in the same city, commissioner.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1903.

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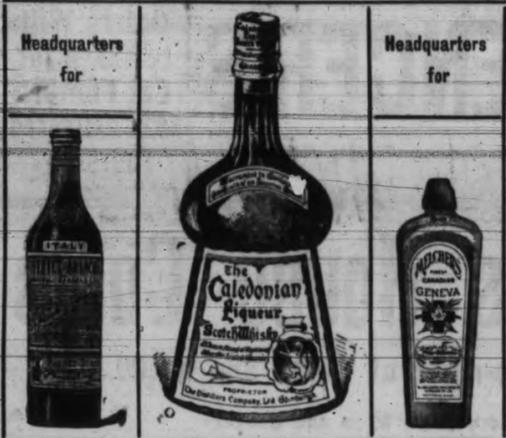
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THERE WAS NO PANIC ON STEAMER AMUR

Valencia Will Call on Her Way to Skagway Saturday—Oriental Freight War.

Sound mail received by last night's Clallam five further particulars of the stranding of the steamer Amur, the news being furnished by passengers who came south on the Farallon.

Robert L. Vinning, of Tacoma, who with his wife and son were passengers on the Canadian Pacific liner, says: "The Amur lost her propeller and had a stove in her hull, but the double bottom prevented the steamer from sinking."

"The tide was rising, and in two hours she floated off the rocks. With the assistance of a little launch and a number of sails, we made Port Simpson harbor. The captain and passengers made up a purse and chartered the steamer Nell to go to Ketchikan for assistance. The steamer Farallon was fortunately secured, and she came to the relief of the passengers on the Amur. About thirty-five passengers were transferred to the Farallon, together with the letter and paper mail, and we reached Seattle at 8 o'clock on Monday morning. Most of the passengers were booked for Vancouver, so they had to double back from Seattle."

"There was no panic among the passengers when the Amur struck the reef, and the steamer was well managed under the circumstances. The officers and crew remained with the vessel on the beach at Port Simpson, and the work of making the necessary repairs and placing in position a new shaft is already under way."

Charles D. Lane, the well known California and Alaska mining man, was another of the Amur crowd returning on the Farallon. He has been inspecting his mining properties on Prince of Wales Island. Lane, however, was not on the Amur when it was wrecked. The Amur broke down he chartered a launch and put back to Ketchikan, where he awaited the Farallon, informing Capt. Nord of the mishap. As soon as the liner, this was the first intimation Capt. Nord had of the accident. He at once decided to put in to Port Simpson and tender his assistance. Mr. Lane having informed him that some of the passengers would be glad of the opportunity to take the Farallon for this port.

NAVAL NEWS.

London correspondence under date of December 21st says:

"Fleet Surgeon Cyril J. Mansfield, M. D., has been appointed to H. M. S. Grafon, flagship, for service with the Pacific squadron. Fleet Surgeon Mansfield's connection with the medical service dates from August, 1895."

"The new first-class armored cruiser Encyclus, which is to be put into commission next month for service under the Australian squadron, will be the largest cruiser ever employed on that station, as she has a displacement of 12,000 tons against the 7,700 tons of the present flagship, Royal Arthur. She carries a more powerful armament, and being a 21-knot cruiser, is three knots speedier than the latter. It is believed that ultimately the southern division of the Pacific station will be included in the Australian station."

"The Bonaventure, which was commissioned the other day at Devonport by Captain R. G. Fraser for service on the Pacific station, is a sister cruiser of the Flora."

FIGHT RENEWED.

Again the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and its allies have announced that in their freight and steerage passenger rates to the Orient.

The reduction follows a recent rise in rates, and has been made because of the rival steamship, the Ching Wo, of the China Commercial Company's line, going to San Francisco. The steerage fare has been reduced from \$35 to \$20, and the freight charges on flour from \$2 to \$1. As soon as the Ching Wo departs the rates will be again restored. They will be knocked down again upon the arrival of another steamer of the competing line. The China Commercial Company is sending the steamer Athol north to Tacoma to load flour and general merchandise. She has been chartered by the company for an indefinite number of trips to the Orient and return. Bookings for her cargo at Tacoma have already been made, and it is reported that she will have nearly a full load."

VALENCIA WILL CALL

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has reported that the Valencia will call here on the 29th on her way north to Skagway. It was intended that the ship should sail direct from Seattle for Skagway on the date mentioned, but the change has probably been made on the strength of the representations made by the local agents of the company, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Company, who have been urging that at least a fortnightly Skagway service be provided in accordance with the provisions of the mail contract.

Umbrellas For Christmas.

What can you give as a gift at Christmas time that would be more acceptable than a handsome umbrella? One showing of Christmas umbrellas was never more varied than it is this season, and the prices were never so low.

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At present the Cottage City is hardly able to maintain this schedule when obliged to make all her Alaskan rounds and call at Vancouver as well.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Queen City returned from Crofton yesterday after delivering at the smelter there 127 tons of ore from the Yreka mine, Quatsino. Last night she sailed again for the West Coast. Steamer Tees is due on Friday or Saturday from the north. She will bring south the remaining passengers on the Amur, who were not transferred to the Farallon.

R. M. S. Empress of India will sail for the Orient on Monday, and the Empress of China will leave Yokohama for Victoria on Christmas day.

The tug Tyee, with the disabled schooner Nome freighter Meteor in tow, is expected to reach Seattle to-day.

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Dr. S. D. Pope and Mrs. Pope. Recipients of Gifts From Pupils.

The pupils of Craigflower school took occasion to signify their recent closing exercises by presenting Dr. S. D. Pope and Mrs. Pope with an address and a handsome present. Dr. Pope has severed his connection with the school over which he has efficiently presided for some time, and the address and present were given to him as a token of the pupils' appreciation of his estimable services.

On the same occasion the parishioners of Craigflower mission presented Rev. Mr. Barlow with an address and a costly buggy robe, and his capable assistant, Mr. Graylen, with a prayer book and hymn-book in recognition of their devotion to the spiritual needs of the district. The presentation was followed by a magic lantern exhibition by Mr. Barber, a vocal and literary programme and refreshments, a very enjoyable evening being terminated by the singing of the National Anthem, and the expression of best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Pope.

The closing exercises of the Strawberry Vale school were of an enjoyable character. The chair was occupied by J. B. Eskine, who presided over an excellent programme of songs, recitations and readings. Among the features of the programme might be mentioned a song by G. H. Cross, a violin selection by C. Thomas, a duet by Mrs. Geo. Jones and S. Jones, violin duet by Mr. Thorne and wife, recitation and a comic recitation by Mrs. Ferguson. A subscription list was opened and \$10 was refused to be devoted to the purchase of an organ. Refreshments, three cheers and a tiger for H. O. Case, the teacher, and the National Anthem closed the entertainment.

ANTHRACITE COAL BEDS.

There is Believed to Be a Large Area of It at Comox.

The anthracite coal beds at the Comox mines are promising well. Frank Little, the superintendent of the Comox Coal Company's mines, who has recently returned from the fields, says that satisfactory progress is being made, and that the body of coal is also proving satisfactory.

The extent of the anthracite body, he says, is probably about 800 or 1,000 feet. The coal averages about four feet in thickness, also, but there is a very considerable deposit from which to draw. Sufficient work has not yet been done to allow of mining being taken out. The quality, however, is very satisfactory, and when enough has been mined it will be put on the market. It is expected that the anthracite will find a ready market for household purposes, being free from the objectionable smoke which accompanies the softer coal. It is also well adapted for use on locomotive engines.

The new field when fully developed will materially affect the coal trade from Vancouver Island, and will add to its present reputation in this respect.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—5 a. m.—An extensive high covers the North Pacific slope. It is causing fair weather from this to California, moderate winds on the Coast and fogs are reported over portions of the Straits. More snow has fallen in Cariboo and in at Kamloops. Moderate temperatures still continue east of the Rockies.

Forecasts.

For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, with local fogs, frost at night.

Lower Mainland—Light variable winds, generally fair, with fog in some localities, frost at night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.52; temperature, 49; minimum, 46; wind, calm; rain, 0.1; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.52; temperature, 48; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 28; minimum, 25; wind, calm; snow, 1.9; weather, cloudy.

Barcelonnette—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 26; minimum, -4; wind, calm; snow, 1.0; weather, snow.

Franchon—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 22; wind, 12 miles S. W.; snow, trace; weather, fair.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—Capt Parsons and wife, Howard Chapman and wife, Mr. Forbes, W. Scott, Mr. Williams, Miss Hall, Miss White, C. Galt, J. M. Mesher, B. Gillis, Miss Phillips-Wolley, Mr. Tingley, R. C. Blainey, Miss Urquhart, J. S. Tate, A. Galt, F. Sigetta and brother, A. E. Mallette, Mrs. Grieve, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. S. Geleve, Mr. Waters, A. P. Smith, A. H. Temple, J. D. Mac, G. Dyma, E. Lewis, F. W. Foster, R. C. Galt, Mr. Casillie, D. W. Branch and wife, Mr. Hafford and wife, F. D. McIntyre, R. J. Stevenson, A. McDonald, E. L. Wrightson and wife, Mr. Cassidy, F. Tuttle, Mrs. Gilbo, Mr. Say, ward, P. J. O'Donoghue, Dr. Hutton, W. J. Davis, W. M. Kirkpatrick.

Per steamer Iroquois from Nanaimo and Island Ports—Miss Edgar, H. A. Hole, W. H. Wardington, J. Mason, James Barker, B. F. McIndoe, Miss Shaw, E. Spafford, Mrs. Ryan, A. L. Wilson, Alex. Staines, C. Peterson, G. Yve, W. Colston, Mrs. Smith.

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Boxing Contest

BETWEEN Caesar Attell and Kid Krant. Also 6-round preliminary between Bert Griffiths of Victoria, and Tony Northfield, of H. M. S. Grafon. Prices, 75c, \$1.00 and gallery, 50c. Seats now on sale at theatre box office.

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MURKIN'S OPPORTUNITY.

The members of the United States Congress could almost give Hon. Messrs. McBride, Green and Wilson pointers on how to augment income by taking generous allowances for travelling expenses.

There was a special session of Congress this year for the purpose of dealing with the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty.

They may have no such excuse for materially adding to their non-assessable income during the coming year, and we would suggest that the session of the Legislature be cut in two and a double indemnity collected.

OMINOUS SIGNS.

There is no longer any doubt that the situation in the Far East has assumed an ominous appearance. Japan has long nourished her wrath against Russia.

We have never entertained the thought that the Russian troops would be withdrawn from the Chinese domain.

The wages of hundreds of thousands of workmen are being reduced in the United States, factories are being closed up in every locality.

Chamberlain is bringing his men in all right. The Associated Press for a long time belittled the movement of which he is the head and front, and tried to inculcate the belief that it was but a flash in the pan.

WRANGLING PARTIZANS.

The politicians of Ontario seem to be having a merry time this joyous Christmastide. The Conservative organ in this city, whose advice is from a reliable source, and are therefore authentic, says the party has organized a bodyguard for the preservation of the life and liberties of Gagey.

They take their politics quite seriously in the East. All this frenzy has been worked up against one of the most efficient government makers in any country.

The superior persons who stand aloof and hold up their hands in horror at the goings-on in Ontario between Ross and Whitney might be justified in their criticisms if all mankind were constructed of the superfine material that enters into their composition.

But if we are not very much mistaken the Tories who are hungering and thirsting and roaring for office in Ontario, and apparently hope to take the treasury by violence, will receive a severe rebuke on the 26th in North Renfrew.

HOW WE SHALL GROW.

The wages of hundreds of thousands of workmen are being reduced in the United States, factories are being closed up in every locality.

The world continues to move forward. There was a time when judges and jurists thought newspapers fair game and good hunting. Times have changed in British Columbia, we believe, as they have in other parts of Canada.

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City News in Brief.

—Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

—Good Evening.—Have some Black & White and soda—the popular drink of the people. All the rage in London.

—German Lutheran church Christmas services will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, as follows: Friday, December 23rd, at 10:30 a.m., festival services and holy communion; Monday, December 28th, Christmas tree services at 7:30 p.m.

—Real Old.—This is the time of year when people buy the best. When it is whisky they ask for Black and White—the popular Scotch—as supplied the House of Commons, London. For sale by West End Grocery, Fell, Carne, Ross, Saunders and leading bars.

—The municipal elections in Duncan will take place in the middle of January. Alex. Hurd for reeve in the place of John Evans, M. P. P. will be opposed by Horace Davis, J. W. Camell, councillor last year, will stand again. He will be opposed by Harry Smith. As all are good men and a great deal of interest is manifested, a very warm election is anticipated.

—Tomorrow will be an eventful day for hurried shoppers at the Westside. It is the second day of the bargain carnival at the store. There is no doubt that the Westside has the goodwill of the public, which has been more than evidenced by the crowd of busy shoppers that have crowded the aisles every day for the last three weeks, particularly in the afternoons.

—Special Christmas services will be held in the Centennial Methodist church next Sunday. In the morning at 11 o'clock there will be a grand rally of boys and girls and their parents and friends, when the pastor will give an appropriate address, and the choir will furnish suitable music. In the evening an extensive musical programme has been prepared by the choir of 45 voices, and an address will be delivered by Mr. Rawel, of Maoriand.

—A decision was reached in the County court late yesterday afternoon in the case of Minor vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company. C. W. Minor claimed \$1,000 for the loss of his dog, Rex Montez, it being argued that the Electric Railway Company was responsible for the dog's death, it having been injured by colliding with a car. Damages were awarded by the court for \$200. For two days the case was fought out in court before His Lordship Chief Justice Hunter and a jury. The plaintiff's case was in the hands of J. H. Lawson, jr., the defence being represented by A. E. McPhillips, K. C.

—In about a fortnight's time it is expected that Turkish baths will be opened in connection with the Strand. The entire basement of the hotel is being fitted up with lounging rooms, and the other conveniences necessary to make the baths up to date in every particular. Carpenters have been at work for the past month, and have practically completed the construction of dressing rooms and other apartments. The heating apparatus is now being installed. When completed there will be accommodations for both ladies and gentlemen. It is also the intention to have a barber's shop and bootblack stand in connection with the baths.

—A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Central hall, Salt Spring Island, on December 17th. H. W. Bullock, acting as chairman. A tastefully arranged Christmas tree with books and toys for the children of the Vesuvius Bay public school, occupied one corner of the hall. A long programme of acting, singing and reciting was much appreciated. Refreshments, of which ladies brought an abundant supply, were then served. After the tree was stripped of its treasures, the entertainment came to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and Miss Black, the teacher, and the singing of the National Anthem. The hall was then cleared for dancing. Special mention should be made of the kindness of Miss Mary Jane Mowat, who loaned her organ for the evening. Thanks are also due the public, who subscribed so generously and also some of the merchants of Victoria.

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—The steamship Riojun Maru arrived at Yokohama on the 20th inst.

—Call at Edward's Bazaar, 57 Yates street, for toys and Xmas presents.

—The barque Naville, lumber laden from Chemulus, will probably be towed to sea to-morrow.

—Good Evening.—Have some Black & White and soda—the popular drink of the people. All the rage in London.

—Victoria lodge, A. O. U. W., meets this evening, when officers will be elected and other important business transacted.

—The steamers Thistle and Fingal are in port, the former from Union and the latter with a load of hay for Scott & Peden.

—The County court has adjourned until January 14th. All the cases not disposed of will therefore stand over until that date.

—The barque Pass of Brander has passed her third Lloyd's survey on the Esquimalt Marine railway, and will leave for the Sound in a day or so.

—If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Lowe studio. Sit now; no time to lose.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Boves Haynes, of Melvostin, took place this afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman.

—The regular weekly meeting of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., will be held this evening, when the third degree will be conferred upon a member. After business has been transacted, the remainder of the evening will be spent in a social manner.

—Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid-Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

—Income Increasing.—The income of The B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co., for the three months ending November 30th amounted to \$206,921.85. This is a big increase on any similar period in the past. From present indications the officers expect that December income will exceed the highest record made in the past.

—This morning an Association football match took place between the St. Louis College and North Ward teams at Beaton Hill. The former eleven defeated the North Ward eleven by a score of two goals to nil. Sweeney and Keppock doing the scoring. For the winners F. Baylis, J. Toke, F. Brown, J. Robbins and McArthur played a good game. C. Carter made an impartial referee.

—The extra attraction at next Saturday evening's promenade concert at the drill hall will be a match game of inter-city basketball between the Victoria West and Nanaimo teams. It is safe to predict that next Saturday's game will be productive of keen competition and much excitement. An excellent musical programme in keeping with the season of the year will be rendered during the evening by the regimental band.

—Yesterday afternoon and evening the annual fair of the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church was held, there being a large attendance. The booths were all prettily decorated and well patronized. The programme given in the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, was much appreciated. Those in charge of the arrangements are to be congratulated upon the unequalled success of the fair.

—A Handy Book.—Weller Bros. large new catalogue just issued contains 220 pages, 1,568 illustrations and prices of 3,000 other articles, and more information about their goods and furnishing homes than you could gain in a week's shopping. Get one before buying your Christmas presents, and look it over leisurely by your own fireside. It is a work of art, and costs you nothing.

—A committee of the Victoria Socialists waited upon G. Weston Wrigley and Mrs. Wrigley at their home, 32 Second street, on Monday evening, and in view of their leaving Victoria for Wallace, Idaho, this week, made presentations to each, showing their appreciation of the work done by these Socialists during their year's residence in Victoria. A telegram received from Toronto to-day states that George Wrigley, well known as editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun, Citizen and Country and the Canadian Socialist, has burst a blood vessel in his head and also suffered a stroke of paralysis on his right side. His son, G. Weston Wrigley, has been a resident of Victoria during the past year, and recently accepted the editorship of the State Tribune, at Wallace, Idaho.

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The Westside special Kid Gloves for Ladies, all shades, all sizes, every pair guaranteed. Per pair.....	Men's Real Gazelle Buckskin Gloves, in Grey, unlined, and Tan, silk lined, not all sizes in each color, but all sizes in the lot. Worth \$1.50. SPECIAL.....	Boys' Lined Kid Gloves, well finished, in all sizes. Per pair.....
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EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.

Miss Florence Roberts and Company in "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch."

Although there was a fair-sized house at the Victoria theatre last night to behold the presentation of "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch" by Miss Florence Roberts and her capable company...

BASKETBALL.

A RETURN MATCH. The return match between the Victoria and Westminster ladies' teams will be played on New Year's day at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall.

HOCKEY.

AT OAK BAY. Victoria will play either the Royal Engineers or Navy at Oak Bay on Christmas Day. A challenge has been sent to the former team...

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

SPECIAL MEETING. As announced yesterday, a special meeting of the Victoria Athletic Association will be held this evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

GAME ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

It has been decided that the league match between the Victoria and Columbia teams shall take place on Christmas Day at the Columbia grounds.

THE RING.

ATTELL V. KRANT. Tomorrow evening a twenty-round contest for a decision will take place between Caesar Attell and Kid Krant at the Victoria theatre.

MARRIAGE AT LADNER.

Mr. T. E. Patterson and Miss A. B. Headleston joined in bonds of matrimony.

MARRIAGE AT LADNER.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. C. Headleston on Wednesday morning last, when Mr. Thomas Reive Patterson and Anna Belle Headleston were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

HANDICAP.

MORE TOURNAMENTS. The J. B. A. A. handicap tournament, which has been in progress for the last couple of months, will in all probability be completed before the end of the month.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VANCOUVER V. NANAIMO. Referring to Saturday's game at Nanaimo between the Vancouver and Coast City fifteens, the Free Press says:

The local team was quite evidently out of practice and out of training. The one redeeming feature being the splendid rushes of the forwards, whose dribbling again and again appeared to almost irresistible.

VICTORIA V. NAVY.

NEXT Saturday a game will probably be played between the Victoria and Navy fifteens at the Caldeota grounds.

The equatorial diameter of the earth is greater than the Polar diameter by twenty-six and eight-tenths miles.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending December 8th, 1903:

During this week 680 patents were issued, 619 being to citizens of the United States, Belgium 1, Canada 11, Cuba 1, Great Britain 14, France 6, Germany 10, Italy 1, Japan 1, Mexico 2, New Zealand 1, South Africa 1, and Victoria, Australia, 3.

Germany dug 101 million tons of coal last year, raising her to third rank as a coal producing country.

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ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY. Reduced Rates for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Excursion rates will be in effect between all stations; tickets good for going journey (Thursday, December 24th to Sunday, January 3rd, inclusive, returning not later than Monday, January 4th.

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OCEANIC HAWAII, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. SIERRA for Auckland and Sydney, 2 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 31.

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FAIR WAGE OFFICER.

D. J. O'Donoghue, of Department of Labor, Visiting the Coast.

Fair wage officer, D. J. O'Donoghue, of the department of labor, arrived in the city last night on official business. His duties are to fix what is a fair wage, and the schedule decided upon is incorporated in contracts awarded for government works.

The pursuance of his duties in this connection Mr. O'Donoghue will visit Nanaimo, where additions are to be made to the post office; Sidney, where the pier is to be extended; Quatsino, where the wharf is to be extended, and various other public works.

He has just returned from the Kootenays, whither he went to fix the wage schedule for the Rossland armories. He is also while on the present trip collecting statistics of the prevailing wages in each district for reference by the department of labor in the future.

Mr. O'Donoghue had an experience on the plains a few weeks ago which makes him appreciate the balmy weather which he encountered at Victoria. He was on a forty-mile drive from Moosomin, Northwest, to Pleasant Hills, where a railway is being built. A blizzard overtook them, and the thermometer dropping to 40 degrees below, and the trail became obliterated.

To add to their troubles the driver was overcome, and Mr. O'Donoghue was able to stir him to consciousness only by the most strenuous exertions—exertions which probably prevented him from lapsing into the same condition as the driver. Fortunately a shack was finally reached, where a roaring fire soon made them forget their troubles.

Mr. O'Donoghue is known to the printing craft from one end of the Dominion to the other, and formerly sat in the Ontario House.

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orchestra also assisted in the programme. A Sunflower drill gave a great deal of entertainment, the arrangements for it having been very complete. At the close of the programme Santa Claus made an appearance, and assisted by the officers of the school, distributed the presents to the children.

There was a large attendance at an entertainment given by the children of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church last evening. The chair was occupied by Superintendent Meston. After the usual preliminaries about 60 children took places on a large platform which had been constructed for the occasion. The cantata, "Santa Claus the Second," was carried through with the greatest success. The hall was prettily decorated with evergreens and flowers. The regular Christmas treat will take place on the evening of Tuesday, December 30th.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

The Floor System is Now Half Way Across Retaining Wall Laid.

The work of establishing the superstructure of Point Ellice bridge in position is proceeding very satisfactorily, and the engineer this morning expressed himself highly pleased with the progress made. The floor system is now being completed, the Arm, which, in view of the fact that operations only began a week ago last Saturday, is quite gratifying to the authorities. It is the intention to grade the structure with a fine boat landing at the eastern end to which will descend from this approach. The bridge will have a grade of about three feet and a half. It is expected that it will be open for traffic in a month or six weeks.

Work in connection with the construction of the new landing for the James Bay Retaining Wall is now in progress. Stone is being taken from Selk's Point and conveyed to the site of construction, where the derrick is already in position. It is the intention to present this undertaking with all possible dispatch.

PERSONAL.
E. L. Wigglesworth, of Ferrie, and Mrs. Wigglesworth, arrived in the city last evening from Ferrie, where they were married on Wednesday last. They intend spending several weeks in Victoria. Mr. Wigglesworth is a contractor for the Crow's Nest Coal Co., for the coke ovens at Michel. His bride is Miss Wigglesworth, a popular and accomplished young lady of Ferrie.

J. T. Little, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will leave for Vancouver tomorrow, and intends spending Christmas in the Terminal City. He will stay a few days here and expects to leave for the East about the first of January. Mr. Little's position will be taken by W. D. Fisher.

B. C. Riblett, of Spokane; Dr. P. Halton, of London; Elizabeth, of Victoria; and Mrs. New Westminster, are in the city. They are staying at the Grand Hotel.

F. G. Cole, of Crofton, arrived in the city by the noon train yesterday and will spend Christmas with friends in Victoria. He is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

G. Dunn, a commercial man, of San Francisco, Cal., and R. E. Cotton, a civil engineer, of New Westminster, are registered at the Dominion.

W. W. Southern, of Ladysmith; W. Desmond, of New York; H. Forbes and Mrs. H. Grieves, of Vancouver, are at the Victoria hotel.

J. S. Tait, A. P. Smith and W. N. Kirkpatrick were among the passengers from Vancouver by the steamer Charmer last evening.

J. Norton, formerly a rancher of Salt Spring Island, returned last evening after a trip to New York. He is at the Dominion.

W. Hyde Worthingham arrived in the city last evening by the steamer Inopolo and the Victoria & Sidney railway.

Miss Phillips-Wolley returned from Vancouver last evening.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The ferry boat American and the torpedo boat Winslow collided in the East river at New York on Tuesday. The ferry was badly damaged, but the captain succeeded in reaching a pier. The Winslow will also have to be docked for repairs.

The apostolic delegation, Washington, has received word from Rome that the Pope has granted dispensation from the abstinence on New Year's Day, which falls on Friday this year. The delegation has sent out circular letters to all the bishops, notifying them of this fact.

Ralph McLean, a farm hand, aged 14 years, and Herbert Dewitt, aged 12, were driving across the Lackawanna railroad in Elmira when the buggy was struck by a Lackawanna train. McLean was killed instantly. The other boy died on reaching the hospital.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh arrived at Dunbar, Scotland, on Tuesday, and were given a magnificent reception. As soon as the Duke and Duchess entered their carriage the horses were unhitched and the carriage was drawn by the piper to Broxmouth Park, the seat of the Roxburghs. The carriage was followed by two hundred torch bearers.

Oren M. Beach, formerly president of the Farmers' and Citizens' bank, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died at Danbury, Conn., on Tuesday, aged 80 years.

While walking along a crowded street in Chicago, Albert Altenhofen, a saloonkeeper, suddenly shot and killed Marie Raasch, his wife, and then quickly killed himself. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause.

Charles Hilson, aged 30 years, was shot and killed by Mattie Lee at Phillipsburg, Mont. The woman claimed Hilson owed her a large sum of money.

The first meeting of Joseph Chamberlain's commission of tariff experts, which is to enquire into the conditions of British trade and to report, with the object of drawing up a tariff on reform bill, will be held on January 15th. Mr. Chamberlain has accepted the honorary presidency of the commission.

When Frank Henry Burness, a ship's cook, was placed on trial in Brooklyn for the murder of Capt. Geo. B. Townsend, the skipper of the lumber schooner Chas. Buckley, the prisoner admitted his guilt, and a written confession was submitted, in which he said he desired to facilitate the trial because he preferred to be executed rather than remain in prison. The confession further stated that the prisoner had previously killed three men.

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We have just opened up another choice lot of this popular ware. It sells on sight. We cannot keep up with the demand.

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- Teapots, from 75c.
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A splendid assortment of these goods to hand to-day.

- Oak Butter Dishes.
- Riccart Barrels.
- Salad Bowls.
- Smokers' Cabinets, \$5.00.
- Dinner Trays, \$6.00 up.
- Trays, unmounted, \$2.00 up.
- Other Novelties.
- Shavers' Friends.
- Holborn Shaving Sets.
- Children's Sets.
- Dressing Cases.
- Writing Desks.

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In cases in Stag, Bone, Ivory, Pearl and Silver, from \$4.00 pair upwards.

Sterling Silver Novelties

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- Pin Trays, \$2.00 each.
- Manicure Sets, \$6.00 each.
- Butter Dishes, \$7.00 each.
- Sewing Sets, \$2.25 each.
- Baby Spoons, \$2.25 each.
- Bonnet Brushes, \$2.00 each.
- Bon-Bon Dishes, \$3.00 each.
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- Flower Baskets.
- Sugars and Creams.
- Rose Bowls.
- Bohemian Vases.
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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint-stock companies holding free mineral certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free mine certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim. Location is effected by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the claim. Location is complete when the claim is recorded within fifteen days of the date of the location.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year, and upon completion of the claim in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission 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.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. Territories, excepting the Yukon Territory, placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims may be for bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where stream power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be located.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have or who may hereafter acquire rights for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but may, if the person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or more. A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry may be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One entry day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate. The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

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CHAS. E. REDFERN.

THE MAYORALTY

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

G. H. Barnard

To the Electors of South Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD

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ESCAPED FROM-LOCKUP.

Prisoner Took French Leave This Morning by Scaling the Wall.

Alfred Davidson, a prisoner at the city police station, escaped this morning about half-past seven o'clock, and up till three o'clock had not been recaptured.

Davidson was arrested by one of the detectives last night on suspicion of being implicated in a burglary in Vancouver. This morning he went out to the prisoners' promenade, which is in the rear of the police cells. Not long afterwards he was missed, and it was discovered that he had scaled one of the walls by means of a ladder and a plank. The ladder was one that was used by the inmates in washing windows. Davidson is a young man about 20 years of age, about five feet ten inches in height, smooth shaven and complexion somewhat fair.

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A PRESENTATION.
Popular Warrant Officer of Fifth Regiment Recipient of Pretty Gift.

At the drill hall last night the members of the school of instruction, who have just successfully passed through a strict examination, met, and, headed by Gr. Woolson, presented Regimental Sergeant-Major Mulcahy with a handsome salad bowl. The gift was accompanied by an address, which read as follows:

Headquarters, Victoria, B. C., December, 1903.
To Regimental Sergeant-Major Mulcahy, Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery.
We, the undersigned members of the school of instruction, take this opportunity of presenting you with a salad bowl as a slight token of our esteem and gratitude, and trust that you will be pleased to accept same. Apropos of the season we, one and all, wish you and yours a right merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

(Signed) Gr. C. S. McKilligan, Act. Sergt. B. G. Water, E. W. Hesthote, J. R. Stewart, C. E. Lawson, H. Nesbitt (Sergt.), Moses Doyle, Rudolph Margison, D. A. McNaughton, C. McNaughton, A. Grayshaw, H. R. King, J. Harris, Act. C. S. M., and Gr. Woolson.

In reply the sergeant-major thanked them, and stated that he valued the bowl not for its intrinsic value, but for the kindly feelings shown towards him by the Fifth Regiment and the members of the school of instruction in particular. The meeting closed by each member shaking hands with the sergeant-major, and wishing him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

REDUCED RATES

Over C. P. R. From Winnipeg to Victoria on Public Holidays.

Preparations are already being made by the Victoria Tourist Association for the work of a new year. The annual meeting of the association will be held about the end of the month, when it is understood the number of the new proposals for advertising the city will be discussed. The report of the secretary, H. Culbert, on the work of the society during the past season will also be read. It is possible that a number of suggestions will be made by Mr. Culbert in reference to the steps to be taken next year for inducing tourists to visit Victoria.

During the past couple of months the association has not been idle. Some time ago the secretary drew the attention of the C. P. R. officials to what appeared to be a plain case of discrimination against Victoria in favor of Vancouver. This was the allowing a rate of one and one-half fare from all stations on the East and West coast to Vancouver on public holidays. Tickets good for ten days. The perseverance of the association has at last resulted in action being taken by the C. P. R., and the reduced rate tickets will now be good right through from Winnipeg to Victoria. This information is contained in the following letter from H. H. Abbott, the local agent of the company, to the secretary of the association.

Dear Sir:—I beg to advise that rates have been put in between Victoria and Vancouver in reference to fare and one-third for the round trip during holidays, and I trust this will be satisfactory to you.

THE BEST DRESSED SHOW WINDOWS.

The large show windows of Messrs. B. Williams & Co., the Yates street clothiers, are attracting a great deal of attention. They are acknowledged by all to be the best dressed and best illuminated windows in the city, a great number of colored electric lights—enhancing greatly the beauty of the display.

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To Mr. S. E. Henderson, can of Messrs. B. Williams & Co.'s popular young salesmen, is due the credit of having dressed these large windows, and the firm are so much pleased with the result that they intend to have a flash light photo taken of them. Messrs. B. Williams & Co. report Christmas trade as very brisk, and are giving away a very useful calendar to all customers.

The students of St. Ann's Academy held their closing exercises on Monday. There was no programme, the scholars simply gathering in the assembly room, where the promotion lists were read. To-morrow the closing exercises in conjunction with the kindergarten school on Blanchard street will take place. An excellent programme has been prepared.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Another chapter of the Chinese gambling case was drawn out in the police court this morning and part of this afternoon. The proceedings were adjourned after the examination of several witnesses.

—The illumination and display of meats and poultry by L. Goodacre & Sons is attracting large crowds as usual. This firm has shown a great deal of artistic skill in decorating, and deserves great credit for their enterprise.

—The sale by auction of the shares in the Roberts-Kitchener mines, held by the late Hugh Grieve, was postponed by Sheriff Richards this morning. The sale will take place this afternoon at the court house.

—A resident of the Lake district has complained to the provincial police that an elderly man under the influence of liquor the other day pursued two of his children. The police will investigate the complaint.

—The Christmas treat, free and entertainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school, Victoria West, will take place in Semple's hall on Tuesday evening, December 23rd. Supper will be served to the children at 5.30. An excellent programme will be given by the children, commencing at 8 o'clock, after which Santa Claus is expected to appear and distribute presents from a handsomely decorated tree to every child attending the school.

—Ian St. Clair, physical instructor for the public schools, has issued certificates to 25 boys of different schools who have passed a severe examination in swimming. In order to pass, the boys had not only to be proficient swimmers, but were required to be well acquainted with the method of resuscitating a person apparently drowned. The latter part of the examination was undertaken by Dr. Robertson. It is the intention that these examinations shall be held at the end of each year.

—Sidney Methodist church was crowded at the annual Christmas treat in connection with the Sunday school. A very pretty tree heavily laden with choice and appropriate presents, adorned the building. Rev. T. H. Wright, pastor of the church, occupied the position of chairman. A good programme was rendered by the Sabbath school choir and scholars. Mrs. Griffin, the superintendent of the school, has done good work during the year with a devoted band of workers. A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Shopland, and seconded by Mr. Hewitt, was tendered the officers of the school and friends both mover and seconder speaking in the highest terms of praise of the work of the year and the pleasant evening, enjoyable programme, excellent tree and a bountiful supply of refreshments. Mr. Smith acted as Santa Claus. After purchasing presents, a balance in hand of over \$18 was reported for carrying on the school for next year.

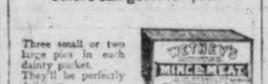
—C. F. Todd, president, and F. Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, and H. Culbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, have received a bronze medal from the Canadian committee of arrangements, Montreal, as a mark of appreciation of their services in the reception of the delegates to the fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire on the occasion of their visit to Victoria. Secretary Geo. Hadfield in his communication says: "I am sending you by registered mail a bronze medal which was struck by order of this committee to commemorate the holding in this city in August last of the fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, it being the first of those congresses held outside the Mother Country. The committee asks your acceptance of this medal in token of the appreciation of the service you rendered in connection with the visit to your city of the overseas delegates to the Congress."



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