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Another Lot of New Jewellery.

Our last shipment is now in. Fine new goods in Watches and Jewellery, also in Sterling Silver Goods. Come now and pick out what you want and have it put away for you. We are selling everything of the best quality and guarantee it to be exactly as represented and our prices are the lowest.

Challoner, Mitchell & Co.

THE JEWELLERS. 41 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Late Announcement

Thirty-four Packages by Express, 15 days from London, specially for Xmas.

ON VIEW TO-DAY

NEW JACKETS (Only 65 in the lot), the latest possible styles, high collars, correct sleeves, fur trimmed, braided or plain in the new cloths for this season's wear. All prevailing colors and blacks.

New Blouse Silks.

New Ribbons and Laces.

STORE OPEN TILL 9.

THE WESTSIDE.

J. HUTCHESON & CO.

A Long Waiting Race.

BUT WE WIN BY A NECK.

Our choice Fruits have arrived and we can make you happy.

Finest Delicias, Metz Fruits, Elme Figs, Jordan Almonds, Sultanas, Christalized Ginger, Valencia, Jap Oranges 55c box, Port & Sherry, 50c, Dewar's Scotch, 90c, N. & R. Champagne, \$15 per case, A choice assortment of Biscuits.

Dixie H. Ross & Co. Government St.

New Xmas Umbrellas

JUST OPENED.

STEEL RODS FROM \$1.00 TO \$12.00.

At Geo. R. Jackson's

57 Government Street.

Gibson Mining and Milling Co'y.

Capital, \$50,000; Treasury, 250,000 shares.

This company owns and operates the two mines "Gibson" and "Palmer," on the South Fork of Kootenay river, near Kootenay. Three strong parallel leads traverse both claims a distance of 3,000 feet, all three of which leads are being worked at present. Seven men are now employed on the property, which force will be increased at an early date, and work will be vigorously prosecuted all winter. They are in 110 feet on the crosscut tunnel on No. 1 Lead, and have drifted on the Lead 40 feet on the drift they have a float showing of very fine silver ore. They are working on the surface of No. 2 Lead; and on No. 3 they are in 25 feet and taking out ore. Smelter returns from a car of ore shipped from surface of No. 2 Lead, in January last, were 73 ounces silver and 45 per cent. lead per ton. Recent telegrams from Mr. Chas. Schiel, the treasurer of the company, states that they have made a strike on the Gibson of ore running \$300.00 to the ton. We have secured the sole agency for this company's stock, and have every confidence in recommending it to the investing public as a safe and profitable investment. 25,000 shares are now offered at 10c. per share. Apply to

British-Canadian Gold Fields Company, Ltd., 41 FORT STREET, VICTORIA, B.C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GO TO J. B. McNEIL for your Christmas suit. Best kidney suit at lowest price. 57 Yates street, opposite Fire Hall. del 11

WOOD AND COAL for sale at current rates. Dry wood blocks suitable for any sized burner, delivered promptly to any part of the city. Your order solicited. A. C. HOWE. Telephone No. 40.

WANTED—A waitress Ross-Hoese, Johnson street. del 13

WANTED—Shorthand and typewriter, apply 357 this office. del 13

FOR SALE—Three or four A1 milch cows newly calved. Apply 89 Douglas st. del 11

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU—Situations secured, and servants obtained. Pioneer Dye Works, 76 Douglas street. del 11

COAL—\$5 per ton, delivered, weight guaranteed. Mann, Holland & Co., 201 Broad street.

SHINGLES FOR SALE—Messrs. Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite the Driftd.

VICTORIA HARBOR MISSION

Under the Patronage of the Bishop of Columbia, and Committee.

CAPTAIN H. S. LEWIS, Hon. Secretary. The Mission works among the Sailors and Seamen; supplies the ships with all kinds of literature, and the regular visits of a clergyman. Subscriptions, and all kinds of books and old papers earnestly asked for. May be sent to address.

Rev. W. G. H. Ellison, Shipping Office, Broughton St. del 11

Unreserved Auction

Of goods suitable for Xmas Present, at

Hardaker's Auction Rooms

ON

THURSDAY, DEC. 17th, AT 2 p.m.

Parlor Set, Platform Sticker, Bed Lounge, Folding Bed, Hall Stand, Swing, Rib, Bed, etc. Pictures, Cases, Lamps, Chinaware, 7 new Cook Stoves, etc. H. W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer. del 11

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster, thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Kamloops, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable to construct and maintain; to operate ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer. del 11

A. BELYEA, solicitor for the Applicants.

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STILL TALKING CUBA

Official Denial by Spanish Authorities of the Reported Murder of Gen. Maceo.

Weyler Now Feels an Attack Upon Havana by Gomez, who is Very Active.

Insurgents are Well Armed and Have Secured an Abundance of Provisions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The following dispatch from the Spanish minister of foreign affairs in regard to the death of General Maceo, received at the Spanish legation here, has been made public by Minister de Lome:

Madrid, Dec. 15, 1896. To the Spanish Minister, Washington.

Maceo's death took place in a loyal fight at Punta Brava, and was caused by our soldiers' bullets. It is evidently proved by the letter written by the son of Gomez, which states that he killed himself in order to abandon the body of his general. The handwriting of the letter has been verified and also every detail of the fight; the time and circumstances when Maceo and the son of Gomez were wounded. All these details have been published in Europe by telegrams from both Spanish and foreign correspondents.

(Signed) TETTAN.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 16.—Fighting is reported west of the trocha in Pinar del Rio section, where the insurgents, under Maceo's successor, General Luis Rivera, have taken the field against the Spanish forces left there by General Weyler. No details have been received yet, but fifty wounded soldiers came yesterday from the neighborhood of Artemisa. It is stated in Havana that General Weyler has called in some of the troops now stationed outside the city, fearing an attack by General Gomez, who is reported coming eastward with a large force, well armed and provisioned. The insurgents have already occupied several small towns held by Spanish troops in the eastern part of the province of Havana, and had hardly any defeats. Two train loads of provisions and arms were captured by the insurgents on the Matanzas road Saturday or Sunday with slight loss. It is reported that an expedition from Honduras landed on the south side of the island on Saturday, with large supplies of ammunition and arms. The cargo was safely delivered into the possession of General Rivera.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—Dispatches received here from Havana say the pursuit of the Cuban insurgents is being actively pushed, especially in the provinces of Matanzas and Havana. Skirmishes are frequent and the insurgents are reported to be retreating to the eastern end of the island. No attention seems to be paid here in official circles to the report of Maceo's assassination. The Spaniards say if the Cuban leader had been wounded he would have died at the table or in bed, and not on the field of battle. They admit the superior number of the insurgents in the engagement near Punta Brava with the Spanish troops under Major Cincuenta. According to the Herald 15,000 troops are to be sent to reinforce the Spanish garrisons in the Philippine islands.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 16.—A call has been issued by the American junta of this city for an indignation meeting to be held in the Lyceum theatre next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. At the meeting preliminary steps will be taken to raise troops and money to send them to Cuba; also a petition to congress to take immediate steps to further the Cuban struggle for liberty.

TO CUT RATES.

Soo Line Causes a Stir by Announcing Low Holiday Rates.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The Soo line has made more trouble for the western board by announcing that from December 15 to 31 it will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from St. Paul and Minneapolis, to Montreal and all points in Eastern Canada, Nova Scotia and New England. The tickets are to have a final return limit of three months from the date of sale. It is thought by the western lines that the rates have been made to meet their competition in the making of holiday rates. The western roads will take the matter up with the lines of the Joint Traffic Association and make an effort to have them assist in the meeting of rates via Chicago.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Gompers and Some Delegates Victims of Petty Larcenists.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—The sixteenth annual session of the American Federation of Labor by President Samuel Gompers. About one hundred and fifty delegates were present and many visitors. Martin Fox, president of the Iron Moulders' Union of North America, had been selected to deliver the address of welcome. Owing to the death of his mother his address was read by E. I. Denny. More effective action for the eight hour law and other reforms were recommended. Special greetings were extended to Delegates Samuel Woods and John Mallinson, of England, and Louis Vigoroux, of France.

President Gompers, in responding to the address of welcome, referred to the attacks on their organization because it was merely a federation and not a more compact union. He showed how the fullest scope was given to individual opinions and rights, and thus an affilia-

SEVERE SNOWSTORM

That is Raging Off the Atlantic Coast Keeps the Big Liners in Port

Schooner Grace R. Green Abandoned by her Crew, who were Rescued by a Steamer.

Wind Blowing at the Rate of Forty Miles an Hour, with Snow and Sleet.

New York, Dec. 16.—The storm which set in yesterday afternoon drifted into snow and sleet during the evening and still continues. At nine o'clock this morning Sandy Hook reported the wind blowing from N.E. forty miles an hour. A steamer and two pilot boats are anchored inside the hook for shelter; one pilot boat is cruising outside. The telephone connecting Sandy Hook with the life-saving station on the Jersey coast is down, preventing reports from the life-savers. Telegraphic reports from Long Branch and Asbury Park say nothing has been seen this morning of the schooner Grace R. Green, which was abandoned yesterday afternoon. Her crew were rescued by the Dominion steamer Yorktown. Only two steamers reached Quarantine this morning, the Starling from Swansea and the Asolum from China ports. No vessels left port this morning. The American line steamer St. Louis for Southampton, Red Star steamer Nordland, for Antwerp, and White Star liner Majestic for Liverpool, besides a number of coasters, were scheduled to sail today but it is doubtful if they will venture out in the gale now blowing.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 16.—A snow storm of unusual severity is raging in this section. It is especially violent all along the coast. Fully six inches of snow has already fallen.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—The wind and snow storm which began early last evening continued throughout the night and at noon today shows no signs of abating. During the early morning hours the wind blew a gale and railroad and street car traffic suffered considerably. The suburban trolley lines, with one or two exceptions, are now bound.

New London, Conn., Dec. 16.—This expansive harbor is crowded with sailing craft of all sorts, which sought refuge from one of the ugliest storms in years. The trolley lines are seriously crippled by the snow fall, which still continues and promises to rage indefinitely.

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

All Arms and Ammunition in Venezuela to be Collected.

New York, Dec. 16.—A special cable dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, to the Herald says "The government has decided that there will be no extra session of congress. The president has issued a decree to all governments, officials and presidents of states to take legal measures to collect all arms and ammunition in the country before the opening of congress on February 1. This order does not apply to the munitions held by the army."

WELL POSTED.

British Naval Authorities Know All About Defects in U.S. Ships.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Herald says: A gentleman recently returned from Europe, who is interested in naval affairs, is authority for the statement that the English admiralty has full information of all defective armor plates on our war vessels, as far as known, and that every structural defect in any of the vessels that can be discovered is carefully noted and filed away for future use. When the news of the recent sinking of the Texas reached England a naval officer in high authority, in conversation with the gentleman referred to, pointed out some of her defects in both armor and structure, which has since been made public.

THE CRAVEN DEEDS.

Report of the Experts Received with Uncertainty by the Attorneys.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The verdict of experts Albert and Carvalho that the papers by which Mrs. Craven seeks to establish a claim to a portion of the Fair estate are forgeries is received with apparent unconcern by those who have the school teacher's interests in charge. They were prepared for such a result, they said, and would have been very much surprised had any other opinion been returned.

The attorneys for the contract widow say it is ridiculous to suppose that Mrs. Craven forged the deeds or that she would have left on the documents evidence of retracing or changing or would have used any other papers.

The attorneys for the Fair children in return ask why the dead man should have gone to the trouble of erasing or retreating letters while copying a simple description of a piece of property.

During the examination of the deeds Messrs. Albert and Carvalho had many samples of the handwriting of Mrs. Craven, Miss Craven and Mrs. Hossins. In their hunt for the real forger they brought into suspicion a woman who has thus far never been heard of in the case. This woman's name said to be out of the city, and detectives have set about tracing the history of the friendship between her and Mrs. Craven.

The verdict of experts all over the world has been given in favor of Yorkshire Relief.

OPENING UP CHINA.

Considerable Commercial Benefits to be Derived by Great Britain.

London, Dec. 15.—The Globe this afternoon says: "It is understood that important negotiations are proceeding if not completed, whereby Great Britain will derive considerable commercial benefits in the opening up of China, adding that an English syndicate had obtained a concession to construct a long railroad which will be a powerful counter check to Russian designs."

FROM THE CAPITAL

Messrs. Laurier, Scott and Devlin to Fake Part in the Cornwall Campaign.

Mr. Bostock Arrives at Ottawa on his Way Home from England.

Ottawa, Dec. 16. (Special)—Premier Laurier, Hon. Mr. Scott and Charles Devlin left for Cornwall this forenoon. The premier speaks twice to-night in Cornwall and to-morrow at Moose Creek. Lord Aberdeen and party will reach here to-morrow afternoon. They will go the same evening to Montreal, returning to Ottawa for the session.

Through trains between Ottawa and Parry Sound will commence running on Monday next.

Mr. Bostock is here en route to British Columbia from England. He says there is a great awakening of interest in England respecting British Columbia. The free dairy school, under government auspices, will be held at Sussex, N. B., from January to March. Last year fifty-four students attended a similar school.

Local medical men to-night organized a branch of the British Medical Association, similar to those of Montreal, Halifax and Winnipeg. The parent body meets in Montreal in August next.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Senator Thibault and Prefontaine, M. P., are here to-day making final arrangements for the winter service of the Baie des Chateaux railway with the Government. They are also seeking a bonus for a proposed bridge across the St. Lawrence river at Montreal costing \$8,000,000. Subsidies have already been promised by the city and province and the parties ask 15 per cent. from the Dominion.

A statement comes on high authority, that the next large work the government will undertake is the improvement of the St. Andrew's rapids. All arrangements are being made for the same. A survey will be through by the dressed at the next session.

The rumor is again revived that Justice Gwynne will be shortly superseded from the Supreme Court bench, making room for Chancellor Boyd, of Toronto, one of the ablest men of Ontario's judiciary.

A collector of customs was appointed for the port of Deseronto, vacated by dismissal.

Mr. Turte and the tariff commissioners have gone to Montreal. He will sit with Sir Richard Cartwright and Messrs. Fielding and Paterson there.

FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Typographical Union To Open an Office in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—A critical stage seems to have been reached in the contest between the union printers and the employing job printers of Kansas City. The trouble began several weeks ago, when all the employers forming the Typothetae opened their offices to non-union men because of the refusal of the printers' union to withdraw a boycott against a non-union printing office, the proprietors of which belong to the Typothetae. In one office all the union men have been laid off and their places filled by non-union printers. As a result the Typographical Union, at a meeting held yesterday, voted unanimously to open a job printing office to give employment to its idle printers. This action was met by the advice of the executive officer of the international union, and there is no question but the local union will have the support of the international body in the struggle to follow.

MARRIED IN LONDON.

Son of Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick Married To-day.

London, Dec. 16.—Captain G. M. Kirkpatrick, son of Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, of Ontario, at St. Peter's church to-day, was married to Marie, daughter of the late J. F. Dennistoun, of Peterboro, Ont. There were many Canadian guests, including Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, Sir Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dobell and Mr. and Mrs. Colmar. The service was choral.

MINISTER'S VISIT.

Hon. Mr. Davies Receives Various Deputations at Vancouver on Monday.

Replies to the Addresses Presented by the Board of Aldermen, Canners and Others.

At Vancouver on Monday Hon. L. H. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, was presented with addresses by the mayor and aldermen, canners and fishermen.

He was in favor of every thing to facilitate the natural propagation of fish. He would call the attention of the postmaster general to the advisability of taking steps to make Vancouver a distributing centre for British Columbia.

The cannermen's address was as follows: To the Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries: Sir, As the head of the Marine and Fisheries Department of the Dominion we have much pleasure in welcoming you on this, the occasion of your first official visit to the Pacific Coast.

Your visit is of itself evidence of your intention to make yourself conversant with the requirements of the great fishing industry of British Columbia, and we trust it may be productive of good for all concerned.

Though we are fully alive to the fact that the Canadian Fishery Department is probably the most progressive in the world, and that the fishery laws are well worthy of imitation by others, there are occasionally matters of detail in connection with the industry that are difficult to be dealt with as the occasion would seem to demand at such a distance as we are from Ottawa.

seager service. As to the Pacific cable, the government now has three delegates in London attending a conference on that matter. He had referred to the Kootenay railway matter in his address to the acting mayor and council.

He was personally not assured that the hatcheries were a certain success. He was in favor of every thing to facilitate the natural propagation of fish.

At a representative meeting of canners held in Vancouver on the 3rd inst., resolutions were passed making the following recommendations, which we now respectfully submit for your favorable consideration:

1. That the fishing season for sockeye salmon on the Fraser River and in Fraser District should extend from July 1st to September 1st.

Mr. Bell-Irving mentioned that the sockeye run should last from July 1st to September 1st, as the run was intermittent. Very often the run had been extended, but this element of uncertainty was very detrimental to the market.

Constipation Hood's Pills Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc.

Alpha Atomizers produce an absolutely continuous spray by means of our New Patent Tube.

Alpha Rubber Co., Montreal. the need of hatcheries, but he understood that that was not so, and that they had more fish than they could handle.

Mr. Davies—"Yes, Prof. Prince agrees that one is needed there." Mr. Ladner, continuing, stated that the run was gradually getting later, and they had thus asked that the time be extended.

Mr. Bell-Irving informed the minister that the run on the Skeena extended from June 15th to Aug 2nd or 3rd. For four years the run on this river had been a practical failure.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia.

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Plum Pudding on washday. It is now a possibility. Monday has no terrors for the washerwomen.

The E. B. EDDY Co., Ltd. HULL, CANADA.

FLUID BEEF SET. A Handsome and Convenient Outfit for Room or Office. OUR SPECIAL OFFER: 1 Tray, 1 Spirit Lamp, 2 Cups, 2 Spoons, 1 Water Boiler, 2 Salt and Pepper Casters, 1 Bottle Methylated Spirits.

NO-TO-BAC GUARANTEED TOBACCO CURE. Over 1,000,000 boxes sold, 500,000 cures per day. It is the power to destroy the desire for tobacco in any form.

BRISTOL'S Sarsaparilla. Cures Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Scrofula, Sores, and all Eruptions.

BRISTOL'S Sarsaparilla. Cures Liver, Stomach and Kidney Troubles, and Cleanses the Blood of all Impurities.

BRISTOL'S Sarsaparilla. Cures Old Chronic Cases where all other remedies fail. Be sure and ask your Druggist for

BRISTOL'S Sarsaparilla. "My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chesley, Ont.

VICTORIA MARKETS. Retail Quotations for Farmer's Produce Carefully Corrected.

Table of market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, and other commodities.

BEFORE you leave on your VACATION. Order the Times SENT TO YOU BY MAIL. Walter Baker & Co. Limited.

Industrial and Food EXPOSITIONS IN EUROPE AND AMERICA. COCOAS and CHOCOLATES. HIGHEST AWARDS.

WALTER BAKER & CO. LTD., DORCHESTER, MASS.

That was the Present. Hudson Medical Institute. Circulars and Testimonials of the great HUDYAN free.

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SCAVENGERS. JULIUS WEST, GENERAL SCAVENGER, successor to John Dougherty.

WANTED—A dozen girls at Oxeil & Morris Fruit Preserving Factory.

WANTED—Bright men and women scavengers for Canada and Australia.

WANTED HELP—Reliable men in every locality, local or travelling, to introduce a new discovery.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE BY TENDER—Either together or separately: 1 spring wagon, 1 English phaeton, 1 rockaway, 1 single buggy, 1 sanyo.

FOR SALE—A portion of the N. & S. South-Island Agricultural Society's land in South-Island, containing 64 acres more or less.

MISCELLANEOUS. A & W. WILSON. PLUMBERS AND GAS-FITTERS.

UNDERTAKERS. CHAS. HAYWARD (Established 1857).

FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER. Government Street, Victoria.

WALTER H. GIBSON. 35 Pandora St., Victoria, B. C.

Kootenay Mines. LATEST INFORMATION OF New Finds, Transfers, Shipments of Ore Developments, WITH FULL QUOTATIONS OF Stock and Share Prices.

The Miner. PUBLISHED AT NELSON. The oldest mining paper in B. C. To be had of all news agents or of MR. GEO. SHEDDEN.

JNO. MESTON. before I used the remedies of the Hudson Medical Institute.

CARRIAGE MAKER. BLACKSMITH, ETC. Broad street, between Johnson and Pandora streets.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Peter Johnson, deceased intestate, and in the Matter of the "Official Administrators' Act."

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Closing Examinations of the Girls' Department Takes Place This Afternoon.

Exercises in Connection with the Same—List of Promotions and Prize Winners.

This afternoon the assembly room at the Girls' Central school was crowded with happy children and interested spectators. Between the reading of the different promotion lists and the awarding of the prizes, the children sang songs and carols. Among the prizes awarded to the young ladies of the first division was one for sewing presented by Mrs. T. N. Hibben. During the term the girls made pinafores for the orphans. The material was kindly furnished by Mrs. Simon Leber and the cutting out was done by Mrs. J. Nicholls and Miss Carr. Miss Laura Jackson was declared the winner and the prize was presented to her by Mrs. (Col.) Baker. The head of the school for the term was Miss Nettie Vigeland, who won the prize presented by Mrs. McKicking.

Promotion List.

From 2nd to 1st division, Miss L. A. P. Barron, teacher—Edith Jenkins, Catherine Lovell, Isla Tuck, Mabel Lyal, Irene Hiscocks, Helen Lovell, Winifred Harris, Agnes Dier, Edna McKenna.

From 3rd to 2nd division, Miss A. Keast, teacher—Agnes Tugwell, Agnes McKilligan, Elizabeth Taylor, Ruth Cullum, Martha Banfield, Arney Paulson, Wilhelmina Vigeland, Winifred Mainwaring-Johnson, Hilda Leisner, Alberta Wrighton, Agnes Webster, Flora Tait, Clara Cripps, Elizabeth Chambers, Florence Kent.

From 4th to 3rd division, Mrs. Caldwell, teacher—Gertrude Shanks, Clara Begg, Mabel McCrimmon, Elizabeth Saunders, Hilda Englehardt, Daisy King, Sophia Whitson, Lillian Bailey, Mary Elliott, Eliza Wilson, Edith Roberts, Alice Dow, Beatrice Berryman, Bertha Munroe, Isabel Wilkins, Aina Graham, Florence Cordes, Amy Hanson.

From 5th to 4th division, Miss Watson, teacher—Ida Halfpenny, Agnes Wootton, Ruby McLarty, Muriel Henderson.

From 6th to 5th division, Miss J. R. Christie, teacher—Louisa Johnson, Mary McInnes.

From 7th to 6th division, Miss E. S. Shrapnel, teacher—Phyllis Williams, Blossom Hanna, Myra McGregor, Myrtle Noble, Corintha Alexander, Josephine Colbert, Annie Tait, Lizzie Williams, Alice Barker, Gladys Cruickshank, Edith Dorcas.

From 8th to 7th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 9th to 8th division, Miss J. R. Christie, teacher—Phyllis Williams, Blossom Hanna, Myra McGregor, Myrtle Noble, Corintha Alexander, Josephine Colbert, Annie Tait, Lizzie Williams, Alice Barker, Gladys Cruickshank, Edith Dorcas.

From 10th to 9th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 11th to 10th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 12th to 11th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 13th to 12th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 14th to 13th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 15th to 14th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 16th to 15th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 17th to 16th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 18th to 17th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 19th to 18th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 20th to 19th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 21st to 20th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 22nd to 21st division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 23rd to 22nd division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 24th to 23rd division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

From 25th to 24th division, Miss A. Russell, teacher—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Brown, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, Edith Campbell.

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SUING THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The legal proceedings which have just been instituted against the Prince of Wales in the Westminster County court of London by Alexander Chaffers and concerning which so much speculation has been expressed, have no relation whatsoever to the private affairs of his royal highness. They are brought against him merely in his capacity of president of the board of trustees of the British Museum. The plaintiff is a thoroughly respectable lawyer, possessed of a certain competency of his own, who for the last twenty years has been figuring without cessation in the role of a litigant. Owing to his deplorable antecedents the management of the British Museum will not permit him to make any use of the reading rooms of that world-famed library, and that is why he brings the action.

A year ago he instituted legal proceedings against the speaker of the house of commons. The latter, having forbidden the access of Mr. Chaffers to the houses of parliament, received a visit at his

EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Montague Explains Why He is Not Fighting With Caron in Cornwall.

Time of the Tariff Commission will be Fully Occupied During the Stay in Montreal.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—At the annual meeting of the East York Liberals yesterday it was decided to push the petition against W. F. McLean, who was declared elected by a majority of one, on a recount before Judge Macdougall.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—J. G. Woodland, a member of the staff of the Canadian-American of Chicago, has a scheme to repatriate the Canadians who are now in the United States, and who have not been successful there. The intention is to place them on lands in the Northwest. Mr. Woodland is here to see the government in the matter, but nothing can be done until the return of Mr. Sifton from the Northwest. Mr. Wood-

lands and electric light plants were both defeated.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Arrangements have been made for the meeting of the tariff commission in this city on Wednesday next. The minister of finance has written to the secretary of the Board of Trade asking for the sake of economy of time, that representations be requested to put their views in the form of a memorandum. This memorandum, upon being read, would form an accurate basis for the ministers' questions. The schedule of time for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is already full and notices of various interests to be represented were issued Saturday. In addition sufficient requests for representations have been received to occupy more than Saturday and these will be laid before the ministers upon their arrival, the secretary preferring not to incur responsibility for making selections. The enquiry will be open to the press.

Dunville, Dec. 15.—Hon. Dr. Montague was questioned to-day regarding the Montreal dispatch which appeared in a Toronto paper yesterday to the effect that Haggart had refused to take part in the election contest in Cornwall. He said that he was unable to go to Cornwall at present because of some matters of a purely personal nature in which he was interested. He added he regretted it was impossible for him to visit Cornwall.

head of fine graded Shire horses out rustling for a living said the other day that he had tried all summer to sell enough of them at any price to buy feed for the rest, but he had not succeeded, and so he could not care for them. Last winter and the winter before he pastured them in stubble fields and let them run to straw stacks, but he has neither stable nor straw this year. There are at least a dozen men who have from two hundred to four hundred head of horses on the ranges around Endicott, La Crosse, Winona, St. John, Pampa, Sprague, and westward to Ritville, and perhaps fifty more who have fifty head or more, and nothing but an almost open winter can prevent a large percentage of them from starving to death before spring.

As yet there has been less than two weeks of snow, but persons who have driven through the grazing district say that horses can be seen by the dozens lying around, dead or dying. There is no snow now, but horses fare but little better when the ground is clear.

But while the horse business is suffering greatly, farmers are jubilant over their prospects and are planning to put in the largest acreage of grain in the history of the country. With the unprecedented amount of moisture that has fallen all over the Palouse country and the almost total destruction of the ground squirrel pest by the disease which attacked them last summer, together with the bright prospects for a high price

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NOTICE. Stanley Avenue between Cadboro Bay Road and Pandora Street is closed for public traffic. By order, E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

NOTICE. As we are closing out our iron business by auction, all parties indebted to us must settle their accounts before December 31st, 1896, otherwise they will be placed in court for collection. Parties who have left watches or jewellery for repairs will kindly call for them as early as possible. DAVIDSON BROS., JEWELLERS, 59 Government street.

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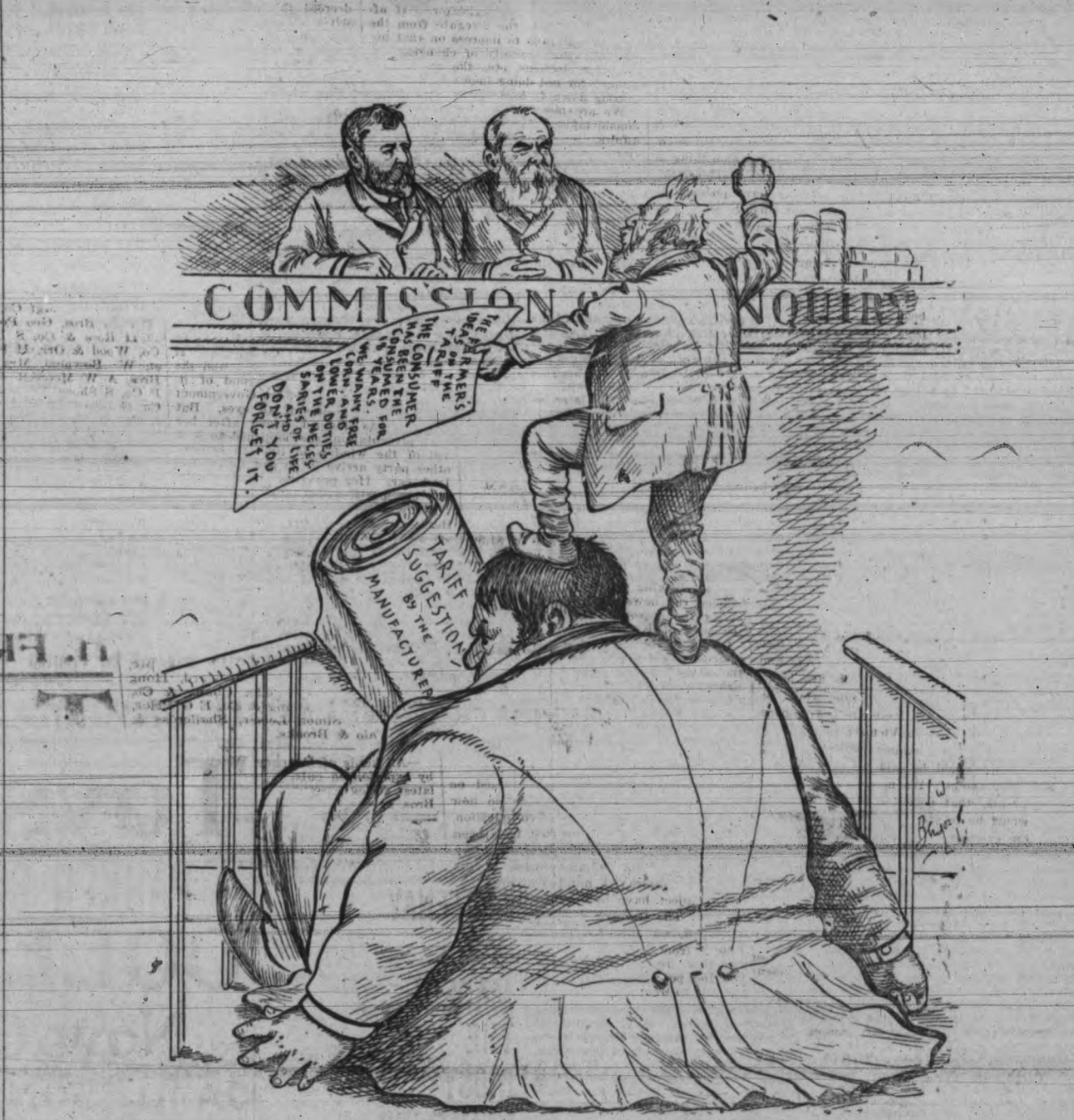
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private residence from the lawyer. The visit ended by the intruder being pitched into the street by the speaker's footmen.

One of the most notable of all the episodes of the unsavory career of Mr. Chaffers was when, after blackmailing the charming wife of the eminent expert on international law, Sir Horace Twiss, in connection with certain incidents of her life prior to marriage, he finally brought the matter into court, with the result that, though Lady Twiss was defeated, yet the presiding judge branded the victor of the suit an "infamous scoundrel" worthy the "abhorrence of every respectable man." The trial was followed by a sensational announcement in the London Official Gazette to the effect that Lady Twiss, who for thirteen years had been occupying a conspicuous position at court and in society, had had her name removed by order of the Queen from among those who enjoyed the right of admission to the court of St. James.—Philadelphia Press.

After hearing some friends continually praising Dr. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be.

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land says there are more Canadians in the United States than there are in Canada.

St. Catharines, Dec. 15.—Both the old and new canals were closed at 5 p. m. to-day for the winter.

Windsor, Dec. 15.—Willis Jordan, the aged negro, who persuaded Josephine Steele, aged 12, to marry him, and was convicted of perjury in swearing that she was 18 years old, was to-day sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The municipal elections were held to-day throughout Manitoba. In Winnipeg there was a hot contest for the mayoralty between five candidates. Alderman McCreary won the post by a majority of 1,000 votes over E. F. Hutchins, A. Black, A. McMickel and J. Sprout followed Mr. Hutchins in the order named. The aldermen who were elected are: Ward 3, D. J. Dyson; Ward 4, C. H. Wilson; Ward 5, John White; Ward 6, J. F. Mitchell.

In the outside towns there were several hot contests.—In Selkirk the mayoralty fight was strictly on party lines, Coleough, Liberal, defeated Bullock, Conservative, by 98 majority. In St. Boniface there was a warm contest for the mayoralty between Senator Bernier backed by the Conservatives and the Archbishops. Bernier was elected by 17 majority. In Portage la Prairie E. Brown was elected mayor. In this city by-laws providing for new water-

works and electric light plants were both defeated.

DYING ON THE RANGES. Colfax, Dec. 15.—The scanty ranges in the western and northwestern part of this county and in Adams and Lincoln counties are so short that thousands of head of horses are almost sure to starve to death before spring comes. These are not the little Indian ponies or cayuses, but large American horses, some weighing from 1200 to 1400 pounds. They are the remnants of those large herds of horses that stocked the bonanza horse ranges of a few years ago, but on account of the great depression in their value are not worth looking after or feeding during the winter, so they are allowed by their owners to run on the ranges until they are frozen and will pull through the winter.

For the past three seasons, since the ranges were so well fenced up, the horses have been very favorable, and the grass made an excellent growth, so the horses were able to live through the short, mild winters with little or no feed. But last summer was warm and dry, and the grass did not make much of a growth and besides sheep were herded over all the open ranges, leaving the grass very short by the first of September. Since then there has been but very little feed to be found, and the range horses are all very poor. Their owners had their hay crops eaten by the squirrels, and are unable to buy feed or sell the horses, so are taking no care of them. A gentleman who has three hundred

for wheat next year, the outlook has never been better. One-half of the year's crop of wheat was sold at prices ranging from 50 cents to 70 cents, and this has given to the industry an impetus heretofore unprecedented.

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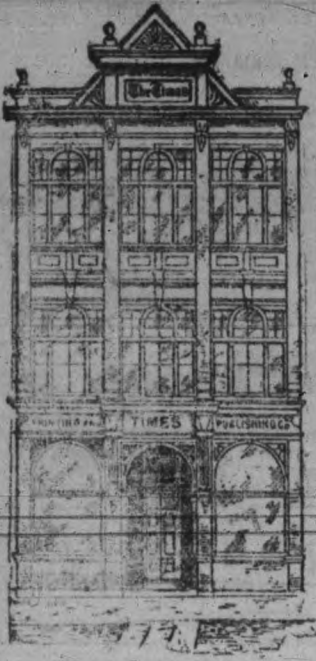
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A MESSAGE TO MEN.

Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist.

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I believe to say that I am now perfectly well and happy—once more and am desirous, therefore to make



The Daily Times.

TORONTO'S EXECUTIVE.

A few days ago the Times suggested to those who favored the establishment of an executive board in connection with the city council that it would be well to compare into the working of the system in Toronto, where it has been in force for a year or two. The "board of control" in that city is very much the sort of separate executive that some of our reformers propose. One thing is plain, that however great a reform the board of control may have proved in Toronto it does not abolish all "kicking." Witness its description by one of the Toronto papers as "an iniquity that is capable of being turned into a hoodlum machine with the greatest success and least danger of detection. It has been of no value whatever during the past seven months, except to the mayor, whose penchant for secrecy has had free course in the secret box meetings of the controllers. It enables him to pay \$231 illegally to the mother of his political creator; it also enabled him to draw \$700 of salary additional, and in many other ways it has enabled him to work his grafts with greater ease than the old system when the executive committee was in existence. The proceedings of the legislative committee of the city council yesterday went to show that the aldermen are thoroughly disgusted with the board in its present shape. The best way to amend the act would be to strike it off the book entirely; failing this heroic measure the double vote of the mayor should be taken from him and the board increased to five members, although seven or nine would be better." Perhaps there are heaven-born civic governors in Victoria to make up an executive against which no such charges could be laid as this Toronto paper brings. We may be sure, at all events, that some of our "kickers" would be pacified if the composition of the executive were left to their choice.

IN A CIVILIZED AGE.

According to the New York Sun, an U. S. naval officer has laid down a very nice plan for the suppression of the Canadian sealers—whom he calls "pirates." As the Paris Tribunal put down Uncle Sam's assumption of the right to exclude sealers from the Behring sea, the officer, as quoted by the Sun, thinks the adoption of another line of policy necessary. He suggests that the sealers should be harassed in every possible way and puts his ideas into this very pleasant language: "Most of the ships of these pirates are rotten little tubs, bilge-bustunk schooners, 'just a pack of rotten plates putted up with tar.' They are continually obliged to put into some of the little harbors or ports along the crooked Alaskan coast for wood or water or repairs of some sort. And there isn't one of them that doesn't violate some of these customs regulations every time he sets foot on shore. He's as certain to do it as he is to see land. He may not have the slightest intention of doing it, but ignorance of the law is no excuse, and the thing to do is to seize him every time he makes a break. Worry him. Make it cost him money. Confiscate the pirate's schooner every time it is possible, and burn as many of them as you can. Have the law on him continually. There's nothing these fellows hate so much and know so little about as the law, and they cannot afford to hire lawyers to fight for them. A first-class customs officer, however, can't do the customs regulations, and wasn't afraid, would soon make these fellows mighty sick mighty quick. Every time he couldn't confiscate the pirate boat he could render a decision if there was probably cause for seizure, and would release the government from all liability for damages." It is quite possible that these suggestions do not come from a naval officer, but originate with the truculent savage who edits the Sun. In either case it is rather surprising to find

them made in cold blood to a nation that professes to be one of the most civilized on earth. The misfortune is that the barbarous plan is only too painfully like that which the U. S. authorities already pursue.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

To the Editor: "In November," says the Glasgow City Council to the electors, "you will be called on to elect seventy-five councillors, and this council hereby recommend that you elect men who are opposed to the imposing of any tax whatsoever on industry, and who favor the placing of all taxes on land, whether used or unused, and who recognize the fact that any increase in land values caused by the community, rightfully belongs to the community." In the first place, common sense has been applied in settling the time in Glasgow for the election of aldermen, for in the two months before actively engaging in the affairs of the city a new councillor will acquire much useful information in fitting himself for his coming duties. He will have time to consider what particular line of action he will take, to ponder over the municipal act, to see if this or that can be done thus, and so, after which he is in a position to take up his abode in the lobby of the legislative assembly, and, if possible, to catch some of the members who have had a rest the previous night from receiving entertainment from individuals seeking to obtain that which they have no right to receive, or to prevent some "people's measure" from being passed which would be detrimental to private interests; and as the last-named subjects are of such vital importance, it is difficult to get some members to consider such barren matters as municipal government. After he has succeeded in obtaining an interview he is likely to be told to see such a member, who would be a better man to speak to, and he again "lays for" the other legislator. If after all his pains the delegate from the city council fails to impress on that noble body the necessity of changing the time for elections, etc., the council are blamed for not doing this, and the blame is shifted down to business before the year is over, and he is again moved from industry, as they did last year in preventing the electors from selecting good, sound business men, who might otherwise be elected as mayor and councillors, but are prevented from doing so because of insufficient property qualification.

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The decrease in values in the far west is almost inconceivable to one who has not been through the change from inflation to depression. Hundreds of prairie cities are finding their real estate almost unsaleable. They were once so sure of being the centres of business life for a large surrounding country that the fall is beyond their comprehension. A sale of assets of a Central Kansas town that failed in 1889 was held the other day, and many lots in the western town additions that had been a part of the bank's assets were sold to the highest bidder for thirty cents apiece. They had been appraised at \$70 each when the bank failed; but as they were on the outskirts of a place that lost its grip on prosperity, they had nothing to keep them above the level of farmland. Farms in the western part of Nebraska and Kansas are in the same condition. They are not salable, except where they can be combined into large ranches, and where the owners are possessed of clear titles. Thousands of these are owned in the East under the deed of a sheriff, through the process of foreclosure. The loans that were made on them in the halcyon days have been taken their own.

This has all resulted not from the lack of effort, but from the fact that not enough water has fallen in the western third of Kansas and Nebraska to make the crops grow. That is the whole matter. It is not bad judgment or politics that has driven these thousands out of the Eden that they sought, but the failure of the crops. Kansas has lost a quarter of a million in population in this way, and the fact has exerted a depressing influence on those who remain. It is the difference between the rising and falling tide. The loss has occurred entirely in the west-



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COLONIAL GRANDEUR. The Rev. H. H. Haweis, in his book, "Travel and Talk," tells some amusing stories of the "leaves held at Government House, Adelaide, in the early days of South Australian prosperity. The governor of the period—a very early one—decreed that all who presented themselves at court should wear court dress. The number of those who aspired to the honor in those days was very small, and amongst them was but one who possessed a tail coat. The difficulty was not unaccountable, nevertheless. The lucky owner of the coat went in, made his bow, and came out, and then hung the coveted possession on a tree for the next comer to array himself in. This process was naturally slow, and the governor grew impatient, and inquired the reason of the delay. It is said that the ludicrousness of the situation struck him at once; he burst out laughing and suspended the oppressive regulation until such time as the colony should be sufficiently advanced to live more generally up to tail coats. It must have been a little later on that another amusing scene was witnessed at a presentation, for a colonist's lady had then arrived at the dignity of a real Irish car, purchased in Dublin. It was the only one in the colony and the lady was proportionately proud of it. She drove in grand style to Government House, the cynosure of all eyes. But her joy was damped, when, after her own presentation, she happened to look out of the window in time to see another party arrive in an exactly similar Irish car. Her pre-eminence was gone, and her mortification was extreme. But what was her disgust at seeing a third, and a fourth, and even a fifth arrive, all at due intervals. She made her way down in a terrible state of disappointment—just in time to see her own car, with her own driver, arrive with a sixth party.

So far from not having created a sensation, the car had been too popular, and her man had not been proof against the money offered him to allow other people to ride in it.

POWERS ARE ACTIVE. Have Been a Long Time About It But Will Settle Eastern Question. London, Dec. 15.—It is stated on good authority that there are no new developments in the Eastern question. The powers for months past have been discussing the different plans to bring about a better administration of the Turkish empire. A number of notes on the subject have been presented to the Porte. The Russian ambassador, M. de Nelidoff, on his return to Constantinople from St. Petersburg, will make another representation of the demand of the powers, and the Sultan is expected to agree to them in due course of time.

COOPER'S MISSION. He is Endeavoring to Advance Annexation for Hawaii. San Diego, Dec. 16.—The secret of Henry Cooper's mission to the United States is out. Mr. Cooper is Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs. He is here to-day and is quoted as saying that he came to the United States to urge annexation, owing to the fear that the Hawaiian government has of Japan. The situation in Hawaii, according to Judge Cooper, is that the Japanese far outnumber all other foreigners. The Americans are but a handful in comparison. Hawaii has a treaty with Japan and cannot exclude Japanese, who are pouring into the island constantly and pushing into every business. They are losing the humble demeanor which characterizes their countrymen on this coast and are beginning to chafe for elective franchise. If they force Hawaii to open her ports to the Japanese, then the American ascendancy will be at an end forever. Judge Cooper laid the situation before influential men in the east and believes great strides will be made during the next year towards annexation under the McKinley administration.

AMERICAN NEWS. Chicago, Dec. 15.—An ordinance for a four cent fare on all the street car lines in Chicago was passed by the city council last night. The vote was overwhelming in favor of the ordinance. Many favored a three cent fare. The street car company will fight the ordinance.

PASSENGERS. Per Str. Kingston from the Sound—J. M. Morton, H. Phillips, Gus Heckstrom, W. H. Bainbridge, H. J. Keen, F. J. Norvell, P. Olsen, J. Hefferson, L. L. Leigh, C. F. Butler, Mrs. Capt. Clements, A. Tilling, P. H. Kershaw, and L. E. Camden. Per Str. Charmer from Vancouver—L. Lukes, G. Hornberg, E. S. Davies, A. D. Young, Rev. P. H. McEwen, Thos. McGinnes and wife, H. W. Cox, J. McAnuly, Mrs. Jeagers, P. V. Austin, F. C. Cotton, J. S. Clute Jr., A. T. Montieith, C. McKay, R. J. Walker, Miss Stanley, J. S. Place, J. Gray, A. S. Crawford, A. Smith, Gus Borden, D. Shevon, W. W. Armstrong, W. E. Surter, Mrs. Cogswell. Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—J. B. H. Rickaby, Mrs. P. B. Williams, P. B. Williams, R. Cooper-Willis, Mrs. McKinley, R. Osborne, E. Jackson, A. Sargatis, 2 Japanese.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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-Kodaks at Fleming Bros., Gov. st

-Christmas supplies of Kops Cheer may be had of all the principal grocers.

-Two drunks contributed the usual fines in the police court this morning.

-Many articles suitable for Xmas Presents at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

-Victoria Hive, No. 1. Ladies of the Maccabees will hold their regular meeting this evening.

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-This "Canada of Ours" was the subject of an interesting lecture by Mr. W. T. Cookley, of New Westminster at the Metropolitan school room last evening. Many stereoscopic pictures of prominent places in the Dominion were shown.

-A slim pocketbook will not hinder you from having a fine rain coat on Xmas day for we are selling them at cost to clear. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

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-The following Victoria passengers sailed from San Francisco on the steamer City of Puebla yesterday morning: F. Springer, Miss S. Springer, W. R. Angus and wife, A. H. Bradley, Ernest T. Misa, M. Baumer, A. Adams, Mrs. M. Bushley.

-The Chinaman who was yesterday arrested by the police charged with stealing a number of articles from his employer, Mr. Lewis, was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning, who convicted him and sentenced him to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

-An entertaining lecture, "Egypt and the Egyptians" was given by Mr. J. W. Leung, M.A., at the Blue Ribbons Hall, Equilmalt, last evening. A vote of thanks to the lecturer, moved by Dr. Kirker, R.N., and seconded by H. D. Holmcken, M.P.P., was carried unanimously.

-The boys of the Central School will be dismissed tomorrow. From 9:30 to 10:45 the teachers and pupils will be in their respective rooms and oral examinations will be held, to which the parents and others are cordially invited. At 10:45 all will assemble at the gymnasium, where promotion lists will be read and prizes presented.

-Perseverance Lodge No. 4, I. O. G. T., held its regular meeting in Temperance hall last evening, a number of the visiting brethren being present. The following programme was a matter of surprise to the audience. The curtain when raised revealed an art gallery which contained a great many beautiful pictures. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Misses Graham and Wilson, who arranged the gallery.

-City Treasurer Kent had but a small audience of buyers this morning when he offered for sale, under the Real Property Tax, by Law, Blocks 22 and 30 of the Fernwood estate. Besides the janitor, A. D. Williams was the only prospective buyer present. As neither of those gentlemen bid up to the amount claimed by the city for taxes, the property was bid in by Mr. Kent for the city.

-The equity of redemption in the property of the B. C. Paper Manufacturing Company, Alberni, was sold by Auctioneer Harvaker in his rooms this morning. The company has been in liquidation for some time and the sale was made under an order from the supreme court. The purchaser was Mr. E. A. Carey-Gibson, of the agricultural office, and the price was \$250. The mortgage charge upon the property is over \$26,000, with interest from Sept. 30, 1896.

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-Frank Carlstrom, who was found in his room at the Chemalms mill with his throat cut, has been brought to Victoria for medical treatment. He will probably recover.

-The funeral of the late Duncan Milton Gilchrist, which took place yesterday afternoon was largely attended by sympathizing friends. Rev. D. H. Reid conducted the services. The pallbearers were: Emerson Turpel, Charles Laney, Fred McConnell, Willie Maynard, Chas. Armstrong, and Arthur E. Mallett.

-Bargain prices on dry goods for shrewd lady buyers, is our motto for this great sale. The entire stock is reduced and must be sold. Store crowded with eager buyers. Ladies who miss the sale are missing a great chance to save dollars on their winter's purchases. Crafts, 93 Douglas street.

-From latest reports received from Seattle, it is learned that Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways and canals, was expected to arrive there from Spokane this evening. The Quadra, which went over to meet him, will probably leave there about midnight to-night and will arrive here to-morrow morning.

-Messrs. W. Wilson, H. M. Yates and John Earsman, the arbitrators who are settling the dispute between the city and Mr. Wilson Brown, handed in their decision last evening. They find that the property in question, a little over three acres, is worth \$273. Mr. Brown had asked for \$100 an acre for the land and the city offered \$50 an acre.

-The teachers of South Park school acknowledge with sincere thanks the gift of thirty-six numbers of "Picture-que Canada" from Mr. Charles Kent, and also further additions to their school library from Mrs. Winkel, Misses Truran, Wolfe, and Gosse and Masters Wm. Edmunds and Arthur Newcombe.

-Mr. W. T. Cookley, who has been lecturing so acceptably in the city for some time past, will deliver his stereoscopic lecture on "The Italy of America" in Temperance Hall, Pandora avenue, to-night, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the W. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church. Admission, 25 cents; children under 12 years, 15 cents; two children 25 cents.

-Lycium Hall, Broad street, was again taken possession of by the Salvation Army last evening. The event was celebrated by a transkingdom entertainment. The instrument, which was in charge of Captain Leigh, of Seattle, is an improved phonograph, by which all can hear without the use of tubes. The programme included speeches by famous men, music by the best bands and songs by great singers. The entertainment will be repeated in the same building, and Victoria West and Saanichton will also be visited.

-Capt. Alexander McLean, of San Francisco, who is here giving evidence before the Behring Sea Commission, on behalf of the government of the United States, got into an altercation with a well known Victoria sealing captain. The subject of their heated discussion was the Commission. Captain McLean lost control of his temper and landed his fist in the other captain's face. His muscular opponent was starting in to give McLean a taste of what the strong right arm of a Britisher is like when the bartender interfered.

-St. Andrew's Presbyterian church lecture room was crowded last evening, when Mr. R. B. McMicking told the interesting story of his overland trip from Niagara to British Columbia in 1892. As Mr. McMicking had, in a previous lecture, described the trip to Fort Garry, his remarks last evening were devoted chiefly to his experiences west of that point. Mr. McMicking was frequently applauded. He graphically described the impressions made by the first glimpse of the Rockies and related many of the humorous incidents that always crop into a journey of that sort. Instrumental music and songs by Misses Spring, Brown, McMicking, Fraser, Mrs. McCandless, Rev. Mr. Harris and Mr. Phillips completed the programme.

-The students of Stanford University are supplementing their Thanksgiving football victory by sending their Glee and Mandolin clubs on a triumphal tour of the coast, coming as far north as Victoria and Vancouver, making one of the longest tours ever attempted by an American college organization. Numerically the organization is one of the largest on the road. The Glee club includes sixteen men and the Mandolin club twelve men, besides soloists and specialists. No collegiate club west of Philadelphia presents a programme of equal variety. Walter Camp, the father of American football and the best informed college man in the country, places the Stanford club on the same plane with the famous musical and specialty clubs of old Yale. The use of the name Stanford is the only advertisement the clubs need. During the past year the university has been more prominently before the public in a variety of ways, and has attracted wide attention in educational, legal and athletic circles, than any other university in the land. The decision of the United States Supreme Court, the prominence of Stanford professors in literary circles, the recent achievements of the students in football, baseball and on the track, make Stanford a household word and many persons will come to see and hear these handsome young fellows more on account of what they represent than of what they can do. It is needless to say that Stanford needs no introduction in this vicinity. The clubs, on former tours, established themselves so favorably in musical and social circles, that their reappearance will be heralded with pleasure. A large house and warm reception will greet them. They play one night at the Victoria Theatre, Saturday, Dec. 26th.

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THE SEAL COMMISSION

American Counsel Get Information as to the Whereabouts of Mr. Sarreault.

He was for a Time in Company with the Celebrated Captain Alex. McLean.

Capt. Reynor, continuing his evidence before the sealing commission yesterday afternoon, said that during his experience in Behring Sea in 1886-7-8, he found that seals were not to be found in the same place in two successive years. As far as he knew, 1886 was Capt. Ogilvy's first season in the sea. Seals, he said, will travel faster than an ordinary boat will sail, and continue that speed long enough to escape from pursuit.

-To Mr. Bodwell-In 1887 he was seized on August 25; he had then about 2800 seals. He got about 800 before July 28th that year. The first day they lowered that year was July 5th or 6th.

-To Mr. Warren-He was ready to leave the sea, as the season had closed, when seized.

Capt. Edward P. Miner, of Seattle, said he had been sealing since 1875. Until 1880 he hunted for otter. The first time he was in Behring Sea was in 1886, when he brought the Netherby through the sea on her way to Victoria from Yokohama. In 1886 and 1887 the majority of sealing schooners were supplied by San Francisco. San Francisco was the port of origin of fully two-thirds of the schooners. The other one third were bought in different places and concentrated at Victoria. San Francisco was the point where the valuation of schooners on the coast was made in 1886. The cost of outfitting in Victoria and in United States ports then would amount to about the same thing. Meats were dearer in Victoria, but potatoes and vegetables were cheaper. His estimate of the cost of outfitting was about \$10 a month per man. His provision bill, he said, ran from \$1200 to \$1700 for from 21 to 25 men for a cruise of nine months.

Captain Miner said that he saw the Carolina on the beach at Oumalaska in 1889. He never saw her afloat. She was not up to the vessels of her class in style and model in 1886. If sound and in good seaworthy condition, they would be about 50 per cent. less than the same class of modern vessels of a good model in 1886. When it was considered that she was built in 1861 and lengthened in 1884 he thought that in the market she would be practically useless. No market value could be set on her.

To Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper he said he had never been engaged any way in the construction of a ship. Until 1887 he had no business dealings with Victoria and was unacquainted with the coast of the continent. When he first came out in Victoria in 1887 he did so through Mr. Lubbe. When in Victoria in 1887 he was here about three months. When he said in his evidence in chief that he knew of no shipyards in Victoria he had not enquired whether there were or not.

An adjournment was then taken until 10:30 o'clock this morning.

The commission this morning gave their ruling on the question which has occasioned a difference at various times between the British and United States counsel. The question was asked yesterday by Mr. Bodwell in his cross-examination of Capt. Miner, as to the proportion of seals lost out of those shot by the hunters. Mr. Justice Putnam, speaking for the commission, said that the commission had decided to restrict the evidence given by witnesses on this subject to their own practical experience. They also decided to restrict the witnesses on this point to six, except in the case of unforeseen contingencies they thought this would be enough.

The commission were also of opinion that if agreeable to the counsel any references in the published reports of the Paris Tribunal on this point might be submitted by either side.

Mr. Dickinson, after consulting with Mr. Peters, said that the counsel on either side were agreed that six witnesses would be sufficient.

Capt. Miner continuing his evidence this morning under cross-examination of Sir C. H. Tupper, said that from his experience in both ports there was no difference in the cost of dockage and work on ships in Victoria and San Francisco. In bringing the vessels around from the Atlantic coast they were brought notwithstanding the fact that they could have been brought cheaper in San Francisco. There were several vessels suitable for sealing on the market for sale when these vessels were brought around from the coast. Several vessels were for sale in San Francisco in the fall of 1887 and found no buyers. He could not name the men who were offering them. The pilotage would be in the most favorable condition in 1887. He had never seen the schooner Carolina afloat. If he had been able to compare her while afloat with vessels of her size it might alter his opinion as to her value.

A discussion then arose over a question of Sir Hilbert Tupper as to what proportion of the seals shot Capt. Miner secured.

Mr. Justice Putnam said that the decision given in the morning would be graded if the witness then under cross-examination was asked that question.

Sir C. H. Tupper claimed that he had a right to ask that question, as the matter had come up in the evidence in chief of the witness. He submitted that this view was not inconsistent with what Mr. Justice Putnam had said.

Mr. Justice King said that as he remembered it some questions had been asked the witness on the matter and if such was shown to be the case he did not think Sir C. H. Tupper should be debarred from cross-examining the witness upon the same subject.

Mr. Dickinson argued that the questions asked yesterday evening by the United States counsel were only preliminary, and he suggested that they be stricken out of the notes.

Sir Charles H. Tupper agreed to this if all the evidence of the last witness as to seal life and hunting were stricken out. He could not see, however, why part of that evidence should be stricken out and part allowed to stand.

Mr. Peters explained that even if the evidence of the witness as to the proportion of seals he secured out of those he shot were taken, he might be taken as one of the six witnesses on the subject according to the ruling by the commission.

Mr. Justice Putnam said it was his opinion that the British counsel should prove the matter by their own witnesses.

Sir Charles H. Tupper-Surely we are not debarred from proving a point by hostile witnesses.

A discussion then took place as to the variance of practice in cross-examination in the United States and Great Britain. Finally the witness was asked to stand down until the counsel on both sides should consult to see if they could not come to an agreement in the matter.

Mr. E. Crow Baker said he was secretary of the pilot board at Victoria, and had been for the past nineteen years. The board at one time owned the Carolina and sold her on purchasing another vessel.

Mr. Mansie, called at the request of Mr. Dickinson, said he knew Michael Sarreault, who keeps a hotel at Alberni. He last saw him at his house in Victoria. He did not know the American counsel had a subpoena out for him. He was in a hack with him last night at about the time the Tees left for the West Coast. Sarreault came down from Alberni in response to a telegram from Mr. Mansie. He did not go down to the Tees with him. Captain Roberts took him down to sign some checks. He (witness) went down to the boat 10 o'clock with Captain Irving; Sarreault was there then. He did not wait until the Tees sailed nor was he at the wharf as late as midnight. At about 10 o'clock he took Sarreault with him in a hack to his house. He did not see Mr. Warren at the boat with any men. He did not know where Mr. Sarreault was now, but did not go away on the Tees. He would endeavor, he said, to produce him.

To Mr. Peters-Mr. Sarreault came to Victoria yesterday afternoon by the overland route. He telegraphed for him and had him subpoenaed to appear. Mr. Sarreault had a very severe cold and he took him to his house. He was very ill this morning and did not eat any breakfast. The witness said he always went down to the Tees when she was leaving, as he had interests on the West Coast.

To Mr. Dickinson-Witness said he knew Mr. Sarreault had a room at the Queen's Hotel. He took him to his house as Captain Alexander McLean and he were drinking together, and he wanted to keep him away from Capt. McLean. Captain McLean did not tell him that he had been asked to keep an eye on him until the American counsel could serve a subpoena on him. When he first saw Sarreault he was not served with a subpoena. He was served this morning. He knew Patrick Hickey, but had not seen him during the past few days. He did not ask him to go away or tell him that the United States counsel had a subpoena out for him.

Mr. Dickinson then put in the papers relating to the British registry of the San Diego, the certified copy of the bill of sale of the schooner to A. J. Bechtel, and affidavits made by Bechtel saying that he was an American citizen.

Mr. Peters objected, as he said the facts could be proven by other means and when the facts are proven the court will determine as to the nationality of Bechtel.

The commissioners reserved their decision.

An adjournment was then taken for lunch.

PERSONAL.

F. C. Cotton, M.P.P., is at the Driard. W. H. Bainbridge returned from the Sound last evening.

J. H. B. Hickey returned last evening from the Sound.

Rev. P. H. McEwen returned last night from a visit to the Mainland.

R. J. Ker was a passenger on the Kingston last evening from the Sound.

F. B. and Mrs. Williams returned from a visit to the Sound last evening.

Mrs. Cogswell, of Cedar Hill, returned last evening from a visit to Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Capt. Clements was a passenger on the Kingston from the Sound last evening.

Lewis Lukes, Montreal, and A. Higgin, St. Louis are among the recent arrivals at the Driard.

C. A. Godson has left for the East on a business trip and to spend Christmas at his home in Toronto.

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CHAPTER XII.—THE STANTLOUP CORRESPONDENCE.

We will now pass for a moment out of Bowick parish, and go over to Buttercup. There, at Buttercup Hall, in the squire's house, in the drawing-room, were assembled Mrs. Momson, the squire's wife; Mrs. Rolland, the wife of the Bishop; and the Hon. Mrs. Stantloup. A party was staying in the house, collected for the purpose of entertaining the Bishop; and it would perhaps not have been possible to have got together in the diocese four ladies more likely to be hard upon our Doctor.

For though Squire Momson was not very fond of Mrs. Stantloup, and had used strong language respecting her when he was anxious to send his boy to the Doctor's school, Mrs. Momson had always been of the other party, and had in fact adhered to Mrs. Stantloup from the beginning of the quarrel. "I do trust," said Mrs. Stantloup, "that there will be an end to all this kind of thing now."

"Do you mean an end to the school?" asked Lady Margaret. "I do indeed. I always thought it a matter of great regret that Augustus should have been sent there, after the scandalous treatment that Bob received."

"What is Latin and Greek as compared to his son?" asked Lady Margaret. "No, indeed," said Mrs. Rolland. "She had found herself compelled, as wife of the Bishop, to assent to the self-evident proposition which had been made. She was a quiet, silent little woman, whom the Bishop had married in the days of his earliest preferment, and who though she was delighted to find herself promoted to the society of the big people in the diocese, had never quite lifted herself up into their sphere."

"I do hope you'll be firm about Gus," said Mrs. Stantloup to Mrs. Momson. "If we're not to put down this kind of thing, what is the good of having any morals in the country at all? We might just as well live like pigs, and do without our marriage services at all, as they do in so many parts of the United States."

might have said what he thought, had no one else been there to hear. That would have been the expression of a private opinion; but to speak before the four would have been tantamount to a public declaration.

"About the Bowick school?" said he. "I hope there is nothing going wrong with the Bowick school."

"You must have heard about Mr. Peacocke," said Lady Margaret. "Yes; I have certainly heard of Mr. Peacocke. He, I believe has left Dr. Wortle's seminary."

"But she remains!" said Mrs. Stantloup, with tragic energy. "So I understand.—In the house; but not as part of the establishment."

"Does that make so much difference?" asked Lady Margaret. "It does make a very great difference," said Lady Margaret's husband, the parson, wishing to help the Bishop in his difficulty.

"I don't see it at all," said Mrs. Stantloup. "The man's spirit in the matter is just as manifest whether the lady is or is not allowed to look after the boys' men. In fact, I despise him for making the pretence. How doing menial work about the house would injure no one. It is her presence there—the presence of a woman who has falsely pretended to be married, when she knew very well that she had no husband."

"When she knew that she had two," said Lady Margaret. "And fancy, Lady Margaret,—Lady Bracy asked her to go to Carstairs! That woman was always infatuated about Dr. Wortle. What would she have done if they had gone, and this other man had followed his sister-in-law there? But Lord and Lady Bracy would ask any one that they could get hold of?"

Mr. Momson was one whose obstinacy was wont to give way when suitably attacked. And even he, after having been for two days subjected to the eloquence of Mrs. Stantloup, acknowledged that the Doctor took a great deal too much upon himself. "He does it," said Mrs. Stantloup, "just to show that there is nothing that he can't bring parents to assent to. Fancy—a woman living there as housekeeper with a man as usher, pretending to be husband and wife, when they knew all along that they were not married!"

Mr. Momson, who didn't care a straw about the morals of the man whose duty it was to teach his little boy his Latin and grammar, or the morals of the woman who looked after his little boy's waist-coats and trousers, gave a half-sneering grin. "And you are to pay," continued Mrs. Stantloup, with considerable emphasis,—"you are to pay two hundred and fifty pounds a year for such conduct as that!"

"Two hundred," suggested the squire, who cared as little for the money as he did for the morals. "Two hundred and fifty,—every shilling of it, when you consider the expense of it. There are no extras, as far as I can see. But then my boy is strong and healthy, thank God," said the squire, taking this opportunity of having one thing at the lady. But while all this was going on, he did give a half assent that Gus should be taken away at mid-summer, being partly moved thereby by a letter from the Doctor, in which he was told that his boy was not doing any good at the school.

It was a week after that that Mrs. Stantloup wrote the following letter to her friend Lady Gramham, after she had returned home from Buttercup Hall. Lady Gramham was a great friend of hers, and was first cousin to that Mr. Talbot who had a son at the school. Lady Gramham was an old woman of strong mind but small means, who was supposed to be potential over those connected with her. Mrs. Stantloup feared that she could not be affectionate herself, either with Mr. or Mrs. Talbot; but she hoped that she might carry her purpose through Lady Gramham. It may be remembered that she had dejected at Buttercup Hall that young Talbot was not to go back to Bowick. But this had been a figure of speech, as has been already explained.

"My dear Lady Gramham,—Since I got your last letter I have been staying with the Momsons at Buttercup. It is very dull. He and she are, I think, the stupidest people that ever I met. None of those Momsons have an idea among them. They are just as heavy and inharmonious as their names. Lady Margaret was one of the party. She would have been better, only that our excellent Bishop was there, too, and Lady Margaret thought it well to show off all her graces before the Bishop and the Bishop's wife. I never saw such a dowdy in all my life as Mrs. Rolland. He is all very well, and looks at any rate like a gentleman. It was, I take it, that which got him his diocese. They say the Queen saw him once, and was taken by his manner."

"But I did one good thing at Buttercup. I got Mr. Momson to promise that that boy of his should not go back to Bowick. Dr. Wortle has become quite intolerable. I think he is determined to show that whatever he does, people shall put up with it. It is not only the most expensive establishment of the kind in all England, but also the worst conducted. You know how all this matter about that woman stands now. She is remaining there at Bowick, absolutely living in the house, calling herself Mrs. Peacocke, while the man she was living with has gone off with her brother-in-law to look for her husband! Did you ever hear of such a mess as that?"

"And the Doctor expects that fathers and mothers will still send their boys to such a place as that? I am very much mistaken if he will not find it altogether deserted before Christmas. Lord Carstairs is already gone." (This was at any rate disingenuous, as she had been very severe when at Buttercup on all the Carstairs family because of their declared perverse friendship for the Doctor.) "Mr. Momson, though he is quite incapable of seeing the meaning of anything, has determined to take his boy away. She may thank me at any rate for that. I have heard that Lady Anne Clifford's two boys will both leave." (In one sense she had heard it, because the suggestion had been made by herself at Buttercup.) "I do hope that Mr. Talbot's dear little boy will not be allowed to return to such a contaminating place as that! Fancy—the man and the woman living there together, and the Doctor keeping the woman on after he knew it all! It is really so horrible that one doesn't know how to talk about it. When the Bishop was at Buttercup I really felt almost obliged to be silent."

"I don't see how you can be so ready to take your advice. As for him, men very often do not think so much about these things as they ought. But he will not like his boy to be nearly the only one left at the school. I have not heard of one who is to remain for certain. How can it be possible that any boy who has a mother should be allowed to remain there?"

"Do think of this, and do your best. I need not tell you that nothing ought to be so dear to us as a high tone of morals. Most sincerely yours, Juliana Stantloup."

We need not pursue this letter further than to say that when it reached Mr. Talbot's hands, which it did through his wife, he spoke of Mrs. Stantloup in language which shocked his wife considerably, though she was not altogether unaccustomed to strong language on his part. Mr. Talbot and the Doctor had been at school together, and at Oxford, and were friends. I will give now a letter that was written by the Doctor to Mr. Momson in answer to one in which that gentleman signified his intention of taking little Gus away from the school.

"My dear Mr. Momson.—After what you have said, of course I shall not expect your boy back after the holidays. Tell his mamma, with my compliments, that he shall take all his things home with him. As a rule I do charge for a quarter in advance when a boy is taken away suddenly, without notice, and apparently without cause. But I shall not do so at the present moment either to you or to any parent who may withdraw his son. A circumstance has happened which, though it cannot impair the utility of my school, and ought not to injure its character, may still be held as giving offense to certain persons. I will not be driven to alter my conduct by what I believe to be foolish misconception on their part. But they have a right to their own opinions, and I will not mulct them because of their conscientious convictions.—Yours faithfully, Jeffrey Wortle."

"If you come across any friend who has a boy here, you are perfectly at liberty to show him this letter. He will be glad to hear that the Doctor is not so much as to charge for a quarter in advance when a boy is taken away suddenly, without notice, and apparently without cause. But I shall not do so at the present moment either to you or to any parent who may withdraw his son. A circumstance has happened which, though it cannot impair the utility of my school, and ought not to injure its character, may still be held as giving offense to certain persons. I will not be driven to alter my conduct by what I believe to be foolish misconception on their part. But they have a right to their own opinions, and I will not mulct them because of their conscientious convictions.—Yours faithfully, Jeffrey Wortle."

The defection of the Momsons wounded the Doctor, no doubt. He was aware that Mrs. Stantloup had been at Buttercup and that the Bishop also had been there; and he could put two and two together; but it hurt him to think that one so "staunch"—though so "stupid" as Mrs. Momson, should be turned from her purpose by such a woman as Mrs. Stantloup. And he got other letters on the subject. Here is one from Lady Anne Clifford:—

"Dear Doctor,—You know how safe I think my dear boys are with you, and how much obliged I am both to you and your wife for all your kindness. But people are saying things to me about one of the masters at your school and his wife. Is there any reason why I should be afraid? You will see how thoroughly I trust you when I ask you the question.—Yours very sincerely, Anne Clifford."

Now Lady Anne Clifford was a sweet, confiding, affectionate, but not very wise woman. In a letter, written not many days before to Mrs. Wortle, who had on one occasion been staying with her, she said that she was in the same house with the Bishop and Mr. Rolland. Of course the Doctor knew again how to put two and two together.

Then there came a letter from Mr. Talbot:— "Dear Wortle,—So you are boiling for yourself another pot of hot water. I never saw such a fellow as you are for troubles! Old Mother Shipton has been writing such a letter to our old woman, and explaining that no boy's school would, any longer, be worth looking after if he be left in your hands. Don't you go and get into a scrape more than you can help; but you may be quite sure of this, that if I had as many sons as Priam I should send them all to you;—only I think that the cheques would be very long in coming.—Yours always, John Talbot."

The Doctor answered this at greater length than he had done in writing to Mr. Momson, who was not specially his friend. "My Dear Talbot,—You may be quite sure that I shall not repeat to any one what you have told me of Mrs. Stantloup. I know, however, pretty well what she was doing, and what I had to expect from her. It is astonishing to me that such a woman should still have the power of persuading any one,—astonishing, also, that any human being should continue to hate as she hates me. She has often tried to do me injury, but she has never succeeded yet. At any rate she will not be long. Though my school should be broken up to-morrow, which I do not think probable, I should still have enough to live upon,—which is more, by all accounts, than her unfortunate husband can say for himself."

"The facts are these. More than twelve months ago I got an assurance from Mrs. Peacocke, a clergyman, an Oxford man, and formerly a Fellow of Trinity,—a man quite superior to anything I have a right to expect in my school. He had gone as a classical professor to a college in the United States,—a rash thing to do, no doubt,—and had there married a widow, which was rather odd. The lady came here with him and undertook the charge of the school. At any rate she will not be long, and an admirable person in the place she was. Then it turned out as no doubt you have heard, that her former husband was alive when they were married. They ought probably to have separated, but they didn't. They came here instead, and here they were followed by the brother of the husband, who, I take it, is now dead, though of that I know nothing certain."

"That he should have told me his position is more certain than any man has a right to expect from another. Fortune has been most unkind to him, and for her sake he was bound to do the best that he could with himself. I cannot bring myself to be angry with him, though I cannot defend him by strict laws of right and wrong. I have advised him to go back to America and find out if the man be in truth dead. If so, let him come back and marry the woman again before all the world. I shall be ready to marry them, and to ask him and her to my house afterwards."

"In the meantime what was to become of her? Let me go into lodgings," said the Bishop. Go to lodgings at Broughton! You know what sort of lodgings she would get there among peal-singing green-grocers who would tell her of her misfortune every day of her life! I would not seek her to the misery of going and seeking for a home. I told him when I persuaded him to go, that she should have the rooms they were then occupying while he was away. In settling this, of course, I had to make arrangements for doing in our own establishment the work which had lately fallen to her share. I mention this for the sake of explaining that she has got nothing to do with the school. No doubt the boys are glad to have their foot with her. Will your boy's morals be the worse? It seems that Gustavus Momson's will. You know the father; do you not? I wonder whether anything will ever affect his morals?"

"Now I have told you everything. Not that I have doubted you; but, as you have been told so much I have thought it well that you should have the whole story from myself. What effect it may have upon the school I do not know. The only boy of whose secession I have yet heard is young Momson. But probably there will be others. Four new boys were to come,

but I have already heard from the father of one that he has changed his mind. I think I can trace an acquaintance between him and Mother Shipton. If the body of the school should leave me I will let you know at once, as you might not like to leave your boy under such circumstances. You may be sure of this, that here the lady remains until her husband returns. I am not going to be turned from my purpose at this time of day by anything that Mother Shipton may say or do. Yours always, Jeffrey Wortle."

(To be continued.)

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NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, for a transfer in E. Q. Tomaso Quagliotto, of the license held by me for the sale of liquors by retail, upon the premises known as the Nickel Plate Saloon, No. 85 Government Street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia. Dated the 16th day of November, 1896. GEO. E. FISHER, No. 29-31.

NOTICE. Mortgages' Sale. Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the nineteenth day of December next for the purchase of all that and those four Town lots situate in Courtenay Township, District of Comox, and described and known as Lots (fifty-five), (fifty-six), (fifty-seven) and (fifty-eight) on the plan of Courtenay, and the hotel thereon known as "The Riverside Hotel." Mortgage registered in Charge Book, Vol. 15, Fol. 38, No. 709 D. DUMBLETON & INNES, Solicitors for Mortgages, 209.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD

I beg to announce myself a candidate for your representation at the coming election for the Board of Aldermen. I am in favor of a policy of conciliation as opposed to litigation with our fellow-citizens. I am further in favor of keeping all means of intercommunication under the control of the people, as opposed to private monopolies, and promoting their development, and maintaining the public streets in a first-class, clean, sanitary and attractive condition. THOS. G. SORBY, Decem ber, 1896. 6213-D James Bay

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All that piece or parcel of land situate in Victoria District, British Columbia, and known as subdivision C, Lot two (2) and Subdivision C, Lot three (3), Section thirty-seven (37) in the 14th district, according to a map or plan deposited in His Majesty's office, Victoria, and numbered 255, containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, known as "Craigends" Together with all buildings and improvements thereon, including a two-story House, a four-story House, a Laborers' House, a Bank House, a Public House, a Chalk House, a Pigsty, a Woodshed, a Fruit Shed, an Implement Shed, a Double Action Pump, together with the Nursery Stock, Implements, Tools, Harness, Cows, Chickens, 8 sheep, Wagons, and Fruit Trees, containing a variety of Pears, Plums, Cherries, Apples and Crab Apple Trees. All the above is based on 1/20 as a selling concern. For full particulars apply to Messrs. Yates & Jay, Solicitors, 21 Beaulieu St., where the inventory can be seen. TERMS CASH. JOSHUA DAVIES, Auctioneer, del.

British Columbia.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, Dec. 15.—The cross-cut on the 108 foot level of the Deer Park has been driven twenty feet in solid ore and no wall is in sight, the ore being of the same character as was found in the last forty feet of the shaft. Shipment will begin as soon as the new machinery is installed and the wagon road is built.

The new plants of the Homestake and Red Mountain started up yesterday. President Corbin today received telegraphic permission to begin operating the Red Mountain railway. The blockade of freight at Northport for this point will be cleared up before passenger service begins, which will positively be on Saturday.

A negro named Aston attempted a serious assault at Trail yesterday on an 18-year-old daughter of Mr. White, of the Columbia Hotel. He is now in jail here awaiting trial.

The coroner's jury has been hearing the testimony for two days as to the death of John Dwyer. The verdict tonight was that death had been caused by injuries to the spleen inflicted by an unknown person. Dwyer was on a spree and engaged in several fights, but no one so far appears to be responsible for his death, although a miner named Jim Manson, who had the last fight with him, is still held.

A. B. McKenzie and James Cameron have purchased outright one-half interest and handed the other half interest in the Syndicate and the Sundown, two claims on Record mountain.

Five men were sent out by the Big Buck Gold Mining Company to the east fork of the Salmon river from this city last Monday to work all winter on the properties of the company in that district.

Announcement has already been made of the purchase of the Zilber in the south belt, by a strong syndicate, a member of which is F. Aug. Heinze, of the Trail smelter. The syndicate has commenced work under the management of H. Stevenson.

NANAIMO. The police commissioners on Monday pronounced on the charges made against Chief Crossan and Constable Thompson by the Rev. D. A. Melroe. Commissioner Davison found the charges sustained by the evidence and proposed dismissal of the officers. Commissioners Johnson and Simpson found that the charges were not sustained, and voted to keep the two men in office. The majority, of course, ruled.

Mr. J. J. Bark drove in from Alberni with several passengers last night. He reports that the Alberni Consolidated has been entirely closed down, both at the mine and the mill until after the Christmas holidays. No reason is given for this, but it is rumored around town that the company's property may be changing hands. The mill was run for a short time and about half a ton of ore crushed, but no result has been announced. The Duke of York has also been closed down for Christmas.

The one story frame dwelling on Halberton street, owned and occupied by Mr. C. S. Ryder, of the Magnet Supply store, was burned to the ground on Saturday night. Insurance, \$1,000, in the Western.

An important meeting of the Miners' and Mine Laborers' Protective Association was held in the I.O.O.F. hall on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was a large one and was in session for some time. After some discussion the agreement was come to that the miners and mine laborers of the New Vancouver Coal Company work for six months at the present schedule of wages, subject to any material change in the price of coal in the meantime.

NEW WESTMINSTER. The result of Monday's civic elections is as follows: For mayor—Shiles, 293; Armstrong, 233.

Admirer, T. Owens, C. W. Gillanders, W. A. Johnson, J. Jagger, R. Backlund, W. A. Handcock, D. Robson, J. A. Callick, B. Douglas, W. H. Keary. Messrs. Handcock and Johnson are new members, replacing A. J. Holmes (who did not seek re-election) and A. E. Woods, who was defeated.

On Sunday morning Miss Upton, an old resident of this city, died somewhat suddenly.

VANCOUVER. Mr. A. C. Stewart, who was recently accidentally shot, is recovering rapidly. He was taken from his hospital yesterday to his residence on Mount Pleasant.

Mr. J. D. Dalton, of the Fraser River Mining and Dressing Company, who met with a serious accident at Lytton some weeks ago, died yesterday at St. Paul's hospital. Whilst on a dredge at Lytton deceased got caught in the machinery and his leg was seriously hurt. On Sunday the leg was amputated but deceased failed to rally from the effects of the operation and passed away yesterday.

On Saturday last public meetings were held in the town hall, Langley, at Fort Langley, at Langley's Prairie, at the school house, Dunsmuir, Mount Lehman and at Abbotsford, called for the purpose of discussing and listening to addresses delivered by the promoters of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway. These were all largely attended and the several speakers listened to with much attention.

Lord and Lady Sholto Douglas have arrived in the city and are registered at the Manor House. His Lordship says he has come to British Columbia to escape the persecutions of the sensational American press and to shoot ducks.

There will be a new tariff law in force by July 1st.

New York, Dec. 15.—H. H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, who since the election has been mentioned as a possible member of the McKinley cabinet, is in the city. Mr. Kohlsaat said that he is not looking for a cabinet position and could not accept such a place if it were offered to him.

"McKinley's administration," he said,

"will, in my judgment, be the most successful the country has ever had. I have talked with Major McKinley about tariff revision. He is in sympathy with the movement to frame a moderate tariff bill this winter so that it may be ready to introduce as soon as Congress is called together in extra session next spring.

"It is practically settled that an extra session of Congress cannot be avoided. I think the extra session will begin before April, and that a new tariff law will be on the statute books before the 1st of July."

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Victoria & Sidney R'y. Trains will run between Victoria and Sid on daily as follows: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

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To Take Effect at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2nd, 1896. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH. Daily only

Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington... 8:00 p.m.

Ar. Nanaimo... 11:25 p.m.

Ar. Wellington... 12:07 p.m.

GOING SOUTH. Daily only

Lv. Wellington for Victoria... 8:30 a.m.

Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria... 8:40 a.m.

Ar. Victoria... 12:30 p.m.

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THE RING.

FIGHTERS IN COURT.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The Sharky-Fitzsimmons controversy had another airing in court to-day, and several of the stars connected with what has been styled "the pugilistic melodrama" appeared and gave their testimony. Prominent among these was Fitzsimmons himself, who presented some interesting evidence concerning his own conduct in the ring and the precautions he had taken to make the fight a clean and open one. Martin Juhua occupied the stand for some time and detailed something that he was questioned about in a conversational manner that held the attention of the crowd. Dr. Lusting, the first medical witness for the plaintiff, was responsible for some strong testimony, and Dan Hickey, Fitzsimmons' trainer, substantiated the statements made by his principal. Danny Lynch, with whom General Barnes opened up Sharky's side of the argument, made some lurid allegations and was questioned for over an hour.

The court was crowded again with eager listeners. They not only filled the space set apart for the general public, but overflowed into the body of the room, and occupied all the window sills. Once, in their anxiety to hear what Fitzsimmons had to say they broke down a portion of the railing that is supposed to separate the common witnesses from the attorney and reporters. The judge sternly rebuked them and told them if they smashed anything more he would order the room cleared. Sharky was there all day. He sat in the jury box and took in every detail of the evidence, wearing an extremely judicial air that seemed to sit well on his thoughtful and disfigured features. James F. Carroll to-day secured a judgment for \$904 against Robert Fitzsimmons. This amount represents a balance due for services rendered by Carroll in training Fitzsimmons for his fight with Peter Maher in New Orleans. Carroll brought suit here to recover on a judgment previously obtained in El Paso. Fitzsimmons permitted judgment to be taken by default.

CORBETT IN A HURRY.
New York, Dec. 15.—Dan Stuart and Jim Corbett have had their first meeting in reference to the latter signing articles to fight Bob Fitzsimmons under the big Texas management. Stuart said he would guarantee a purse of \$15,000 for a contest to a finish next April at a place in Mexico which would be free from any interference on the part of the authorities. Corbett positively refused to treat with Stuart in reference to fighting Fitzsimmons unless reporters were present to hear what transpired, and the meeting was adjourned until next Thursday afternoon, when they will come together and debate the big Texan's proposition. One thing Corbett did make plain to Mr Stuart, however, was that he would not wait until April to fight Fitzsimmons, but would be ready to enter the ring five weeks after signing articles.

WANT TO FIGHT IN CANADA.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Local sporting men are discussing a proposition made by a number of men from Toronto and Hamilton to have the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight in Canada. The proposition is that a combination be made of well known Buffalo, Toronto and Hamilton citizens, and a big purse be offered, the fight to take place in Hamilton. There is a ball in that city capable of holding at least ten thousand people and the Canadians say that they are reasonably sure of no interference by the authorities. It is said that a Hamilton man who is pushing the scheme is now in New York with the object of consulting Dan Stuart.

McAULIFFE TO RETIRE.

Portland Ore., Dec. 16.—Jack McAuliffe, the middle-weight champion, has announced his intention of retiring from the prize ring. He states he will go into business in New York city.

CONTEST ABANDONED.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The Green-Needham contest has been abandoned by the National Athletic Club. It was to have been held in the latter part of this month, but Green has been troubled with a cold and the National Athletic Club is not over anxious to try its popularity just at the present time.

HARVARD'S CREW.

New York, Dec. 15.—A special to the Press from Cambridge, Mass., says: Harvard university eight has been chosen. Mr. Lehman and Captain Goodrich have announced the following selections: Bill, Goodrich, Spence, Hollister, Perkins, '98; Perkins, '99; Thompson and Boardman. The first five of the men were members of last year's crew. Up on this eight Mr. Lehman will spend most of his time until Wednesday, when he is to sail for Europe, although, of course, opportunities will be given to the other men to show their ability, and some changes may be made in the next six months. The two eights which competed in the trial race were captained by Goodrich and Perkins. Goodrich's eight won in 8 minutes 55 seconds. The record for the course is 9 minutes 28 seconds. The race was rowed in heavy

rolling barges, by men who were in training only three weeks and had mastered only the rudiments of a new stroke. For this reason the result was remarkable, and the Harvard men are hopeful of turning out a winning crew. The stroke was a great improvement over anything ever seen at Harvard. It has a hard catch, followed by a long, steady pull through the water, with no jerking or splashing. It sent the heavy boats along with great speed. The most noticeable difference from the old stroke was in the body swing, the men doubling themselves up like jackknives at the start and finishing far back of the vertical line. The long English oars and raised seats are being used by all the crews. Jack Moulton, of the football team, has joined the squad, and is looked upon as one of the most promising men. He is a powerful fellow, and has had considerable experience in the water. P. D. Rust is the only prominent candidate for coxswain. He filled that position acceptably last year, and bids fair to do so again. He has the three necessary qualifications, being quick, cool and light.

LACROSSE TO VISIT ENGLAND.

New York, Dec. 16.—It has been definitely decided by the Crescent Athletic club to send a team of lacrosse players on a tour through England next spring. Nearly, if not quite, all of the champions of 1896 will try conclusions with their English cousins at the game. The team will be captained by James A. Garvin, who is looked upon by many lacrosse players as a star man. The other men so far selected are: Miller, Post, Curry, Roberts, McLean, Moses, Kellogg, Whitney and Jewell, all members of the Crescents, and Donaldson, formerly of the Toronto Leighton, of the Harvard team, and Dr. Casanova, of the New York Athletic Club lacrosse team. While on the other side they will play five matches in Manchester, four in London, and four in Belfast.

A NEW CHAMPION.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—John Winston yesterday wrestled the live bird championship of America from George E. Roll, at Blue Island, Ill. Each man shot at 100 birds. The score was 91 to 81.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Full Court yesterday afternoon gave judgment in C. P. Railway Co. vs. McBryan, dismissing the defendant's appeal with costs. The Full Court, consisting of Chief Justice Drake and Justices McCreight and Davis, were unanimous in their decision. The case arose out of the building of a dam by the defendant by which high water was thrown on the railway property, damaging the track. It appears that a large quantity of water for irrigation purposes was first brought on the land of one Sullivan, whence it passed under the railway track by means of a culvert and on to McBryan's property. McBryan built a dam and threw it back on the railway track, wherefore the company brought suit for damages and obtained a judgment. Defendant appealed, on the ground that he should be free to protect his land from damage in the best way he can. The plaintiff's contention was that McBryan had no right to use such means of abating the nuisance as will injure them, an innocent third party, and this is upheld by the full court, as stated.

E. P. Davis, Q.C., appeared for the railway company and Charles Wilson, Q.C., for the appellant.

HANDSOME DONATION.

Mr. Ogilvie Presents a Check to Winnipeg Hospital—Railway Matters.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Winnipeg General Hospital were highly gratified this morning by the receipt of a letter from Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, of Montreal, at present in the city, donating the magnificent sum of \$1,000 to the hospital to meet the growing demands of that worthy institution.

Welland, Ont., Dec. 16.—The Canadian Pacific, New York Central and Michigan Central railway officials met here to-day to inspect the T. H. & B. line, with a view to formally taking possession of the road. Chauncey M. Depew and Sir William Van Horne are present.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Grand Trunk Railway management are considering a number of improvements in their property here. One is a proposal on the part of the city to run tracks on the viaduct, doing away with grade crossings, and another to purchase the entire block of buildings facing the Bonaventure station for the new offices.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Frank Maxwell, teacher of classics, newly married, who was separated from his wife on account of incompatibility of temper, visited his home last night and was rewarded by having a pot of hot thrown in his face. It is thought he will lose his sight. Ernest Butler, clerk in O'Leary, Hammond & Nanton's office, took a dose of carbolic acid a few days ago and died because he was not immediately attended to, but was not living happily with his wife.

THE TEXAS ALL RIGHT.

She Hasn't Any More Defects Than All American Ships.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The navy department to-day made public the findings of the court of inquiry concerning the sinking of the battleship Texas. Secretary Herbert says the Texas has no more defects than are inherent in all new ships and she suffers from surreptitious tricks from naval officers, which must cease. Captains Evans and Glass pronounce the Texas the best sea boat in the squadron.

New Goods just received and cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s 90 Douglas street.

TWO NEW ARRIVALS

British Ships Marlborough Hill and Sierra Blanca Reached Esquimaut.

The Former had a Long and Unpleasant Voyage of 143 Days from Java.

Another arrival this morning was the British bark Marlborough Hill, Capt. Lang, which was towed in by the Tye. Those interested were beginning to entertain fears for the safety of this vessel, as she left Java 143 days ago and was consequently long overdue. Capt. Lang explains that the long passage of his vessel was occasioned by continuous head winds and numerous gales. The Marlborough Hill rode through it all without an accident. She is an iron bark of 2363 tons register, and is here for orders.

After a pleasant and speedy voyage of 133 days from Cardiff, Wales, the 1473-ton British ship Sierra Blanca, Capt. Spencer, arrived in Esquimaut this morning, in tow of the Puget Sound tug Wanderer. Capt. Spencer reports a passage without any unusual incident. The weather was favorable all the way, except when rounding Cape Horn and off Cape Flattery. The Sierra Blanca brought as cargo 21000 tons of coal for the naval yard.

Captain Hepworth, of the Canadian-Australian line of steamers, visited Union recently for the purpose of inquiring into the navigability of the route, as it is expected that the new Australian liner Aorangi and other steamers belonging to the company, will coal there instead of Vancouver, as at present.

The O. R. & N. steamer Moomouthshire has reached Portland from the Orient. Mr. Davidge, the general agent for the company, left for Portland last evening. He also expects to meet the Aswanier, the first of the line of steamers which is to ply between Portland, Victoria and Australia.

Another member of the crew of the steamer Florida which has been in quarantine for the past week has contracted the smallpox. This makes three cases from the steamer. Fortunately the disease is of the mildest type.

Two thousand barrels of lime for transshipment to Honolulu were brought to the outer wharf from San Juan yesterday afternoon by the steamer Roche Harbor.

Last evening the C. P. N. Co's steamer Tosa, Capt. Roberts, left for West Coast ports. Among her passengers were Mrs. Dickson, Capt. R. Cox and J. Thompson.

The British ship Drumcliff, Capt. Davies, sailed from Esquimaut for England this morning.

MATCH FACTORY EXPLOSION.

Fifteen Women and Girls Killed and Many Severely Injured.

Munich, Dec. 16.—The loss of life by the explosion, which destroyed the von Gromer match factory at Aschaffenburg is much greater than previously reported. Fifteen women and girls employed in the main building were killed and many persons working in an adjoining building were fatally or seriously injured.

IVORY'S TRIAL ADJOURNED.

Other Events That Are at Present Interesting Londoners.

London, Dec. 16.—Counsel for Ivory alias Bell, the alleged Irish-American dynamiter, appeared in the central criminal court, Old Bailey, yesterday, and obtained a postponement of the trial of his client, till the January session.

Godard and Streeff, aeronauts, of Paris, are about to organize a balloon ascension to the north pole. They state the first idea was suggested three years ago, by Mr. Walter Wellman, but the idea was given up owing to the attempt of Prof. Andrie.

It is understood that Baron de Courcel, the French ambassador in London, will retire early in 1897 and will be succeeded by the Marquis de Rouvray, at present ambassador to Madrid.

The great dockers' strike at Hamburg is practically ended, and numbers of the strikers are returning to work. The railway announces that in future there will be prompt delivery of freight.

Very Rev. Dean Innes, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, was presented with a silver-mounted mahogany chest containing \$500 in gold, in commemoration of his 20th anniversary in the diocese of Huron.

The German mail steamer Eduard Bahlmann, which was reported to have been lost at sea while on the way to West Africa, arrived safely at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, on Monday last.

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Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of October, 1896, I adjourned the sale of Lands and Improvements for Taxes and Costs; and such Adjourned Sale will take place on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B.C. The Property to be offered for Sale at such Adjourned Sale is as follows:

Block	Section	Lands and Improvements	Assessed Owner	Registered Owner	Amount of Taxes for 1896, including interest, to date of sale, Oct. 1, 1896.	Costs of Advertising, Commission of 2% on amount of taxes, and other charges, to date of sale.
22	Fernwood Estate	Land and Improvement	Fenerty Bros.	Sarsfield, Fenerty et al.	\$ 141 25	15 50
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