

CHINA'S PREMIER IS NOW WAVERING

REPORTED TO FAVOR REVOLUTIONARY PLANS

National Assembly Will Decide a Future Form of Government.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai's decision to submit the proposal for a meeting of a special national assembly to decide on the future form of government in China to the consideration of Manchus, on becoming known here caused considerable satisfaction. According to the revolutionary leaders now in Shanghai, Premier Yuan Shi Kai's consent is tantamount to the admission that he himself favors a republic. It is understood that Tang Shao Yi, who is representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai here, had already informed the revolutionary leaders at the peace conference that Yuan Shi Kai personally was in favor of a republic.

Tang Shao Yi now admits that Yuan Shi Kai is in full agreement with the revolutionary plan and is only seeking to secure assurances regarding the future treatment of the imperial clan and the Manchu people and also to avoid an outbreak in Peking when the final announcement is made. When Tang Shao Yi had fully realized the true situation in the south, he telegraphed to Premier Yuan Shi Kai, suggesting that an order be issued leaving the decision as to the form of government to the people of China through a national council.

The leaders of both parties here say that the convention will be purely a formal affair. There can, in their opinion, be no question regarding the result of such a convention, which they assert can be called within thirty days. The present situation is said by revolutionary leaders to have been anticipated. Every detail of the plan was already complete for the organization of a provisional government and the eventual promotion of stable government.

As no reply has yet been received by Tang Shao Yi to his report to Premier Yuan Shi Kai, pointing out the acceptance of a republic is the only means of securing peace, the revolutionaries are demanding vigorously the immediate election of a president of the republic and also that the government shall proceed without any further notice between them and Peking. A conference held yesterday between Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the proposed president, and Wu Ting Fang, the chief of the revolutionary delegates at the peace conference, resulted in a complete agreement between the two leaders and the revolutionaries, and they are now showing a more united front than ever. Nanking is regarded as a suitable place for the capital of the new republic. (Concluded on page 7.)

MAY DIE FROM INJURIES.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 26.—Pitched head first from a sleigh in a runaway at 6 o'clock last evening, George Hildlow, 18 years old, struck a stump with terrific force, fracturing his skull. He is unconscious at St. Luke's hospital and his life is despaired of.

ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACK BY ARABS

Fighting Lasts Six Hours—Another Attack on Ginzara Imminent.

London, Dec. 26.—The Malta correspondent of the Chronicle sends a letter, received from Tripoli describing the recent surprise and attack by 16,000 Arabs with artillery, on Ainsara.

The attack was so fierce that the Italians were able to repulse the army only after six hours' hard fighting, during which they repeatedly required reinforcements.

Other reports from Tripoli say another determined attack on Ainsara is imminent. No serious fighting has taken place during Christmas.

From Masowa, capital of the Italian colony of Eritrea, comes an account of the seizure by an Italian cruiser in the Red Sea of the Turkish hospital ship Kalserech. The vessel was flying the Red Cross on the mast. But it is said she was being used for a transport. This suspicion was confirmed by the discovery that there were no medicines or surgical instruments on the vessel.

Seventy-five Turks Killed.

Tripoli, Dec. 26.—General Trombi reports that in an engagement at Derna on December 18 the Turks had 75 men killed. At Torbruk on Friday an Italian detachment, protecting the construction of a fortification, was fiercely attacked. The fighting continued for six hours, with the Italian loss seven killed and fifteen wounded.

WOMAN KILLED IN STREET CAR WRECK

SCORE OF PERSONS SUSTAIN INJURIES

Motorman Loses Control of Car, Which Strikes Open Switch.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—One woman killed and a score of persons injured, some fatally, was the tragic result of a Christmas eve street car accident in Toronto shortly before 7 o'clock Sunday night. A westbound Yonge street car, crammed to capacity, with church-going passengers, got beyond the motorman's control on the slippery rails while descending the steep grade of the new bridge and dashing past the accustomed stopping place at the King street barns, struck an open switch at St. Lawrence street. The car veered south, but its speed was too great to make the turn safely and it crashed over its side.

The panic-stricken passengers, piled in heaps and amid showers of broken glass and splintered wood, struggled desperately. The men clambered out of the uppermost windows above their heads, while the women and children made their way to the doors and windows at the end of the car. As the car capsized, some of the passengers went through the windows underneath and were pinned under the car, one of these being the first victim, Mrs. Alfred Deacon, of 23 Elmer avenue.

The workmen from the car barns, who were first to the rescue, jacked up the rear end of the car to remove some of the imprisoned passengers and it is believed that this threw the weight on the other end, crushing Mrs. Deacon to death. Her husband was slightly injured. Two police ambulances were called and the most seriously injured persons were taken to the general hospital. Those suffering from minor hurts were treated in nearby houses and then removed to their homes without their names being learned by the police. The motorman, William J. Moore, of 38 West Market street, escaped injury and is held by the police pending the fixing of the responsibility for the accident.

Traffic was resumed early yesterday morning on the section of the line where the accident occurred. All cars had been diverted for two weeks to allow the construction of new tracks and switches, and it is possible that same condition created by this work had a bearing on the cause of the accident.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Jessie Deacon are particularly sad. She was the wife of Captain Alfred Deacon, commander of a training ship in the British navy, and had come to Toronto with her husband on a Christmas visit, only to witness the death of Captain Deacon, a sufferer from cancer, who died on Saturday at her home, 23 Elmer avenue, and whose funeral was fixed for Tuesday. Captain Deacon, doubly bereaved, is expected to be sufficiently recovered from his injuries to attend the double funeral which will now be held.

The car fatality is being taken seriously by the public and by the police and street railway officials. To-day an inquest was opened by Coroner Geo. Graham on the body of Mrs. Deacon. The proceedings were formal, the jury will now be held.

MORE PATRONS FOR CITY'S LIGHT SYSTEM

Manager of Private Company at Winnipeg Predicts Failure for Civic Plant.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—So popular has the civic power and light service proved in Winnipeg, and so large a number of patrons of the private company have come over to the city that the private company is resorting to page advertisements in the local papers calling attention to the weak spots in the civic system and forecasting ultimate ruin for the civic system. Manager Phillips devotes considerable space to asserting that he is the greatest electrical expert in the world, though admitting that his private company has been forced to reduce the price of light some 60 per cent. He cites the recent increase in the price of government telephones as an indication that public ownership of public utilities is a failure and declares that the private company will continue to meet all cuts of the civic system.

The civic system has paid for itself to the ratepayers already in the reduced price of light even if it closed to-morrow.

TO CLOSE ITALIAN BANKS.

Constantinople, Dec. 26.—The Turkish government announces its intention to close all the Italian banks and similar establishments operating in Turkey.



THE DAY AFTER

CHRISTMAS DAY IN OTHER CITIES

HOW WINNIPEGGERS OBSERVED FESTIVAL

Outdoor Sports Largely Patronized—Racing on Ice—Day at Toronto.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Christmas Day in Winnipeg was an ideal winter day. The general celebration was made memorable for all the sick, poor and prisoners. The Salvation Army fed nearly 1,000 at the Citadel with regular Christmas fare, while a score of prisoners at the police station and about 100 at the provincial jail enjoyed turkey and goose dinners with tobacco relish afterward, a boon strictly prohibited throughout the year.

At the hospitals the invalids were not only regaled as much as doctors' orders allowed, but musical treats were furnished by the best local talent. A notable scarcity of Christmas drinks makes this year's feast an exception. Several who had indulged too freely had to be sent to the hospital with broken limbs or other injuries as a result of their being unable to negotiate the slippery sidewalks.

The skating rinks, theatres, concerts and even the open-air sport, ice racing on the Red river, were patronized as never before. A surprise was furnished at the races, where Prince Erie, the horse that got within a half second of the half mile ice record a few weeks ago, was only second to the Duke in the free for all.

At Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 26.—Christmas in Toronto to-day was supremely a home festival, a day of family reunions. They broke grey and sullen and the real Christmas atmosphere, the gleaming white snow and the crisp sparkling thrills of frosty air was lacking. In homes where there were children the day was given up to rollicking enjoyment. Many grown-ups, more soberly inclined and with due appreciation of the significance of the day, joined in the devotions which were observed in the Anglican churches and in some of these or other denominations. Others spent the day in a renewal of the ancient custom of calling on friends and leaving gifts.

The amusement places were favored with a heavy patronage, especially at the evening performances. The nickel shows as usual reaped a goodly harvest. The old English custom of the servants' ball usually held on Christmas night in clubs and other large establishments seems to be falling into disuse in the country. The Toronto and Albany clubs alone remained faithful to the tradition, while those where it was not observed included the York, National, Military and Ontario.

REV. DR. DUVAL REPLIES TO PRIEST

Ex-Moderator of Presbyterian Church on Ne Temere Decree.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The Tribune, which last Saturday published a somewhat sensational statement by Father Comeau on the church's interpretation of the Ne Temere decree, gives prominence this afternoon to a reply by Dr. Duval, ex-moderator of the Presbyterian church of Canada. After saying that it is impossible to pass over in silence this deliverance, Dr. Duval discusses the hypothetical case advanced by a Catholic who had married a Protestant without permission and wished to make another marriage.

"We find here," says the Presbyterian divine, "first, not simply a despoising of Protestant marriage, which we could pass by with dignity, but secondly, there is a despoising of the law of the state which authorizes the marriage; thirdly, it implies that the Protestant wife has no rights of conscience which the Roman Catholic need respect; fourthly, in this the Roman church outrages the natural law and the natural rights of man. The common law, which gives the protection of a 'common law wife,' is better than this church law. The lower animal instinct teaches a better ethic when it influences the noble mind than to stand by the mother in defence of the young. But, further, the priest says to this trustful husband, after leaving his Protestant wife may take up what seems to common judgment an adulterous relation with another woman, and by and by go to the priest and get a secret marriage which shall be good in the eyes of God and the Church. This is a blasphemous defamation of God, a putting of an arbitrary authority of the papal system in the place of the spirit of God to the cursing of humanity."

Dr. Duval closes with an appeal "to our more intelligent Roman Catholic fellow citizens" against submitting to a teaching that in itself is morally degrading and may open the way for conscienceless creatures to degrade Protestant women and then leave them to their fate.

TWO STEAMERS FOUNDER IN STORM

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE IN BAY OF BISCAKY

Seven Survivors of British Vessel Picked Up By Passing Steamer.

Glasgow, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Guttemot, from London for Genoa, founded in the Bay of Biscay on December 21. The captain and fifteen of her crew were lost. Seven survivors were picked up by the British steamer Lincoln and landed here to-day.

Immediately after rescuing the survivors the Lincoln sighted a Spanish steamer, whose name she could not disclose, in distress. Before the Lincoln was able to proceed to her assistance the Spanish vessel foundered with all hands.

PIONEER MISSIONARY DEAD.

Rev. C. Cockman Passes Away at Age of Seventy-One. Toronto, Dec. 26.—Rev. Christopher Cockman, an aged minister of the Methodist church, passed away yesterday at his home at Weston. Mr. Cockman was 71 years of age and had preached for over 45 years. He entered the ministry in 1853, and his first circuit was at Drayton, Ont. During his ministry among other places he had charge of Berlin, Trafalgar, Watertown, Niagara and Port Arthur. During his earlier career he was a pioneer missionary in the southwest.

BOY FROZEN TO DEATH.

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Frozen to death a short distance from his parents' home, was the fate which overtook Alexis Talbot, a lad of 16 years, at Lavall, Montgomery county. The young man had left on a hunting expedition. On Thursday morning he saw a splendid caribou pass through the fields and took to the wood near the farmhouse and did not return. A search was organized and his body discovered.

RELEASED ON PAROLE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Charles Warren, sentenced recently for forging street-car tickets of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company, has been released on parole. The prisoner was in such delicate health that it was feared that he would not live out his term of twelve months in jail.

PERSIANS MASSACRED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Five Hundred Persians, Including Many Women and Children, Reported to Have Been Slain at Resht—Officials Killed During Bombardment.

London, Dec. 26.—A massacre has been going on in Resht since Saturday, according to official Persian telegrams received in London today. These state that on Sunday five hundred Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation, but the massacres continue.

Resht is the capital of the province of Ghilan and has 40,000 inhabitants. The government house has been bombarded and many government officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished.

According to other dispatches, the Russians killed four unarmed Armenians in the Armenian quarter of Tabriz, during the fighting in that city.

"The people of Persia," says a dispatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately upon the acceptance of the Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations." The proclamation of martial law at Teheran following the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster by the Persian cabinet and the fragmentary reports received as to a bloody massacre by Russian soldiers at Resht, are causing serious apprehension.

Additional information regarding the reported massacre has been received. The main trouble occurred last Sunday when the killed at Resht are said to have numbered 500, including some women and children. Direct dispatches from Teheran made no reference to these casualties and a report from the Russian consul at that point states that order has now been restored, although he is preparing for further outbreaks.

The strategic point of Tabriz, 350 miles to the northwest of Teheran, is another centre of constant collisions between the Russian and Persian elements. One report says the Russian army swept the streets, while another Russian source says a reign of anarchy exists, even the banks being without adequate guard.

Appalling Picture. Teheran, Dec. 26.—The cabinet yesterday notified W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia, of his dismissal from that office. This follows the decision of the national council and the ministry to submit to the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum.

The cabinet intimated to Mr. Shuster that they would communicate to him later their plans for turning over his accounts to a successor. An indignation meeting was held after the announcement of Mr. Shuster's dismissal was made to protest against the so-called coup d'etat, but the crowds were dispersed by the police.

The Russian point of view is that the result of a long conference between Premier Kokovoff and Foreign Minister Sazonoff, heavy re-enforcements have been ordered from the Caucasus to Tabriz. The director of the Persian department of the Russian foreign office said today:

"Russia will take justice at Tabriz, Resht, and Enzoli into its own hands, and will show no mercy to the Fidas and revolutionary dregs who are shedding Russian blood.

"The lesson which we intend to give will long be remembered."

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Americans Safe. Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Further than a message from American Consul Paddock at Tabriz, stating the entire American colony there was assembled on Christmas Day and that everyone was well, the state department has heard nothing from Persia. Officials attribute the lack of reports from Teheran to the fact that the legation there has assumed that this government is being kept informed by the press dispatches.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS OVER MANITOBA

Telegraphic Communication With Eastern Canada and States Interrupted.

LIBERAL POLICY PROVES POPULAR

Alberta's Premier Outlines Programme for Present Session.

without disorder. Further demonstrations are expected. All the opposition newspapers have been suppressed and martial law will be proclaimed.

The Russian consul, who has assumed charge of the government office at Resht, reports the town quiet to-day, but looks for further outbreaks after yesterday's reported massacre. It is reported from Shiraz, capital of the province of Fars, that Persians fired on a body of Indian troops who were proceeding to meet the British consul, one of the Indian soldiers being killed.

There has been considerable trouble at Shiraz on account of the boycott instituted against the Indian troops by the mullahs.

A telegram from the vice-governor of Tabriz gives an appalling picture of the situation in that city as a result of Russian aggression. He says:

"I swear before God that innocent women and children are being butchered in cold blood."

The vice-governor estimates the number of Persians killed in Tabriz as 500, and adds:

"The Russians ignore our overtures for the cessation of hostilities." The regent, Nazir el Mulk, on Sunday, acting in agreement with the cabinet, declared the national council dissolved. The war minister sent troops to prevent the deputies from entering the parliament building.

Rushing Troops Forward. St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—As the result of a long conference between Premier Kokovoff and Foreign Minister Sazonoff, heavy re-enforcements have been ordered from the Caucasus to Tabriz. The director of the Persian department of the Russian foreign office said today:

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DIES SUDDENLY.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Frances Wood, wife of S. T. Wood, of the editorial staff of the Globe, died yesterday morning after a few hours' illness at the family residence, 225 Beverly street, of heart failure. Mrs. Wood was in her usual health on Christmas eve and was taken suddenly ill in the morning.

TWO FIRES.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—According to reports received here to-day, several buildings were destroyed by fire at Kenora, Sask., yesterday. The loss is \$50,000. At Shoal Lake, Man., several buildings, including the Jubilee hotel, were burned. The loss is \$60,000.

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WINNIPEG PRIEST ON NE TEMERE DECREE

Justifies Action in Refusing to Permit Catholic to See Her Protestant Husband

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Rev. Father Combeau, resident priest of St. Mary's church here, has made the following statement to an evening paper in regard to the recent Ne Temere case at St. Boniface, when he refused to permit a Catholic woman to see her Protestant husband unless they were remarried by the church:

"Suppose a Roman Catholic and a Protestant wish to get married. We will imagine the husband to be a Catholic, the parties are married by a Protestant minister. The moment the marriage is contracted the husband has forsaken the Catholic doctrine and can be no longer recognized as a true Catholic. The only way he can come back into the fold is by getting his legal wife to be married to him by a Catholic priest, according to the conditions of the Catholic church; that is, that she will not interfere with the practice of his doctrine and his children be brought up in the Catholic faith. If the wife refuses and he insists on getting back to the church, the husband must take a vow never to live with her again."

"If, when reinstated as a Catholic the man wishes to marry another woman, the ceremony to be performed by a Catholic priest," asked the reporter, "may he do it?"
"Well," was the reply, "we try and get the man to seek a divorce from the state first, because in the eyes of the law he is still married, and while the church does not recognize it, we do not want to lay ourselves open to prosecution. There is a way out, and that is by having a secret marriage. Take this as an instance, I am sent away to a mission along way up in the country. When I arrive a man comes to me and says, 'Father, I have committed sin for which I am truly repentant. Three years ago I was married to a Protestant woman by a Protestant minister. Later we separated. We did not get a divorce and now I am living with another woman. Will you marry us?' I might say I will run the risk and marry you in the eyes of God. I then get two witnesses whom I can trust will never reveal what has taken place

and I marry the parties in secret. After this they can never part, as there is no such thing as divorce in the Roman Catholic church. Then they are married in the eyes of God and the church, although perhaps not according to the law of the state. If the former wife should get to know of the second marriage I might be persecuted. One never knows."

TWENTY-FIVE PERISH.

Uruguayan Steamer Wrecked on Coast of France

Bordeaux, France, Dec. 26.—The Uruguayan steamer Rafael, from Montevideo, has been wrecked off Coubre Point, on the west coast of France, at the mouth of the Gironde. The Rafael carried a crew of twenty-five men. Five bodies have been washed ashore.

During the storm, which lasted several days, a score of sailing vessels were driven on the rocks. The crews being rescued with difficulty.
All incoming vessels report damage, several of them having had men swept overboard by the heavy seas.
The steamer Rafael had from Montevideo and was built in 1880. She registered 2,190 tons.

MISSING GIRL FOUND.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 25.—Lily Peterson, whose disappearance several years ago when she was a child caused a decided sensation in Tacoma, is living in Auckland, N. Z., British Vice-Consul C. E. Lucien Agassiz, who recently instituted a search for her at the instigation of her mother, has received a cablegram saying she is in that city. The girl's father, S. Peterson, who kidnapped her after the mother obtained a divorce, died a year ago in Auckland, according to the message. The mother several years ago married W. V. Killburn, a Tacoma resident, but never gave up her efforts to find the missing girl. The British vice-consul notified the missing girl that he would furnish transportation for her return to Tacoma if she desires to return home.

RELEASES MORTGAGE.

Albany, Ore., Dec. 26.—The Lord Chief Justice England on Saturday released a mortgage on property located in Linn county. Many years ago Charles Halliway came to America from England and located near Brownsville, Oregon. In order to buy a farm Halliway secured a loan from Sir R. E. Webster, a friend at home, amounting to nearly \$1,000, mortgaging his farm to Webster. The mortgage was paid off when it became due, and Halliway received the original document, defaced with a release. But he neglected to have the release recorded. A few weeks ago in negotiating the sale of his farm, Halliway found that the unsatisfied mortgage blocked the sale, so he had a release prepared and sent to the mortgagee, who in the meantime had become Lo 1 Alverstone.

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GENERAL REYES HAS SURRENDERED

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MEXICO CITY FOR TRIAL

Was Recently Indicted Charged
With Violation of Laws
of Neutrality.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—The surrender of General Bernardo Reyes at Linares, Nuevo Leon, yesterday, it is believed here, marks the end of the most perplexing problem yet brought before the Madero government. Seemingly, all over the country recently, have sprung small revolutions, and most of them were in the name of the former military leader of the country. His following in Mexico was considered very strong for years and to this was attributed much of the apprehension of the government when he started his revolution. He formerly was governor of the state of Nuevo Leon and later commander-in-chief of the Mexican army. This last position he held for some time under President Diaz, holding the rank at the time of the latter's resignation.

A few months prior to the outbreak of the Madero revolution, there were rumors of a threatened outbreak against Diaz in favor of Reyes. Diaz then sent Reyes to Europe, ostensibly to study military organizations there. President Diaz recalled him when the Madero revolution became serious, but before Reyes reached Mexico, Diaz had been forced to resign. Reyes then increased himself with Madero and agreed to accept the portfolio of war in the latter's cabinet when it should be formed.

Later he decided to run for the presidency himself and Madero released him from his acceptance of the cabinet place. The election held on October 15 resulted in the overwhelming election of Madero.

Partisans of Reyes attempted to have congress nullify the election and failed. Reyes then left Mexico, going from Vera Cruz to Havana, thence to New Orleans and finally making his headquarters at San Antonio. He gave as his reasons for leaving Mexico, that he was persecuted there and had no guarantees of his safety.

Shortly after his arrival in San Antonio it was rumored that he was organizing a revolution and a number of persons charged with transporting arms across the border in violation of the neutrality laws of the United States were arrested. November 17, General Reyes was indicted by the federal grand jury at Laredo, Tex., and released on \$10,000 bail, the indictment alleging violation of the neutrality laws. General Reyes will be given a military trial here.

The end of the week probably will see General Reyes occupying a cell in the prison of the federal district in a portion set apart for political prisoners. An order that he be brought to the national capital was transmitted to-day by Minister of Justice to Gen. Trevino at Monterey. The commander of the third military zone probably will assign an escort of rurales for General Reyes and will give him a safe conduct to Mexico City.

Comes As Surprise.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The surrender of General Bernardo Reyes came as a surprise to both the state department and the Mexican embassy, although it was generally believed that his capture was inevitable. Neither this government nor the embassy to-day had received official word of the surrender and in the absence of such information none of the officials would discuss it.

SLAIN BY UNKNOWN MAN

Hyde Park, Mass., Dec. 26.—After working diligently to solve the mystery of the murder of Bridget Pritchard, a pretty 18-year-old Irish girl, Police Captain Franklin Grant has decided that the girl suffered the fate intended for another.

Miss Pritchard, a maid employed in the household of W. B. Vose, was stabbed in the back by an unidentified Italian while crossing a bridge over the New Haven railroad. Her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Pritchard, on whose front steps the girl died, declares that she has a double in an Italian girl, who resides in the neighborhood.

The police suspect that the Italian young woman was selected as the victim, for they were informed that a short time ago this young woman had a quarrel with her sweetheart and cast him off. The murderer is still at large.

IS FOUND INNOCENT.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Christmas present to John Bushman, of Brooklyn, was the dismissal of charges which will lead to his release from Sing Sing prison, after sixteen years' service on conviction for a murder of which the Supreme court now finds him to be innocent.

The necessary testimony was supplied by two men who kept silent at a time when he needed them to prove an alibi, because, they said, they were afraid of being hounded by the police.
The proprietor and bartender of a music hall have made affidavit that Bushman was in their place at the time the crime was committed.

EXTEND GREETINGS TO POPE.

Rome, Dec. 26.—All the members of the Sacred College at present in Rome were received on Saturday by the Pope to whom they presented their Christmas greetings. For the first time in the history of the church at such a ceremony, three American cardinals were present—Cardinals Fahey, O'Connell and Falconio. The audience lasted a considerable time, the cardinals expressing the felicitations of the Sacred College, after which conversation became general, each cardinal personally congratulating the Pontiff.

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- Any of the following or other brands carefully packed in cases and forwarded to any address in lots of 3 bottles, 6 bottles, or 12 bottles.
- Fine Old H. B. Rum, 32 over-proof, per bottle\$1.25
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 - California Sherry, per bottle 50¢
 - Sandeman & Buck Old Sherry, per bottle \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1, and75¢
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Wharf Street. Telephone 47.

Investors Take Notice

A South Douglas St. Special
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Price \$60,000
This will double itself immediately upon completion of the huge improvements taking place in this vicinity.

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UNIONISTS ARE MAKING HEADWAY

Lloyd-George's Compulsory Insurance Law Proves Unpopular.

London, Dec. 26.—The ministry finds little comfort in the election to the House of Commons on Friday of Mr. Homes, Liberal candidate in the Govan district of Lanarkshire.

While the party retained the seat it was by a reduced majority (986 compared with 2,269 last election), and this, following three defeats recently in districts which elected Liberals in 1910, has brought the government to the realization of the fact that the Unionists are making headway with Mr. Lloyd George's compulsory insurance law as an issue.

It defeated the Liberal candidate in Lancashire on Saturday, for it was admitted afterwards that the new law was responsible for the overturn of the district.

After the holidays the Unionists will begin a stirring campaign with Home Rule and the compulsory insurance law as objects of their attack.

ADVANCE GRANTED.
Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 26.—The strike of dockers and carriers has been settled through the mediation of the government arbitrators. The men will receive the advance in wages they demanded. The strike resulted in serious disturbances on Tuesday last and troops were sent to quiet the riotous. Twenty thousand workmen were involved.

HIGH POWER WIRELESS.
Speaking at a Letter Carriers' Society, at Wellington, Sir Joseph Ward, the New Zealand premier, said the high power wireless station to be erected in Wellington would be the most powerful in the world. It had been intended that the power should be two kilowatts, but that had been extended to five. The station would be powerful enough to get into touch with Western Australia at night time, while in the day time communication could be carried on with ships within a few hundred miles of Sydney. It was contemplated, too, that the system should be extended to the Chatham Islands, and Raratonga, the latter place being connected with Tonga. He hoped that before long a system of wireless stations across the ocean between the Motherland and the overseas dominions would be an accomplished fact.

Certain metallic elements have their sickness," says the Lancet, "but perhaps the tin plague is the most remarkable. If tin catches cold it will decay, it will lose its lustre, and finally crumble to a grey powder. The change is not a chemical one, for the grey powder is still tin, and it can be brought back by careful warming to its original healthy condition. Tin rot, to keep up the analogy of disease, is even infectious, for decaying tin in contact with healthy, lustrous tin, soon reduces it to its own unhealthy state."

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All candies sold by us are made right on our premises. The ingredients used are of the very highest quality that money can buy, and our prices much lower than you have been accustomed to paying elsewhere.

The Empress Confectionery

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WANTED—500 men to buy a pair of our famous grade boots; just the thing for road work.
WE COLLECT and DELIVER repairs. Don't pack your old shoes around. Just Phone 1667.
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Graham street, between Tolmie and Finlayson streets, 4 lots, 50x217. One-third cash, balance 1, 2 years. Each \$800
Just off Lansdowne Road, 1 lot, 60x120, high and dry; \$175 cash, balance \$15 per month. Price \$700
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Fairfield Road, near Foul Bay Road, 1 lot, 50x125 ft., high and dry. One-third cash, balance 6, 12, 18 months. Price is \$925

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We Appreciate Your Patronage
 Our store is becoming busier and busier every day, and no wonder—when you consider the quality and variety of Xmas supplies we offer.
TRY US ONCE AND YOU WILL CALL AGAIN.

- JAPANESE ORANGES, per box 50c and 50¢
- NAVEL ORANGES, per dozen 40c; 35c and 25¢
- MIXED NUTS, per lb. 20¢
- WALNUTS, per lb. 15¢
- SMYRNA FIGS, per lb. 20c and 15¢
- NEW DATES, per lb. 10¢
- TABLE RAISINS, per lb. 40c, 35c, 30c and 25¢

THE H. AND K. GROCERY
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For a gift that never fails to please, we would suggest **Ebony**. We carry a large stock of mirrors, hair brushes, clothes brushes, files, salve boxes, nail buffs, etc. Prices begin at 50¢.

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There is no delay; the children never have to wait for meals when you have a Gurney Oxford in the kitchen. With this range dinner is on the dot. Your fire is absolutely reliable, the heat regulated and controlled by an exclusive device, the wonderful little Oxford Economizer. This patent damper enables you to forget the fire until the hour to start dinner, and the saving of coal will astonish you—20 per cent reduction on your bills is an easy record for this little regulator.

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SURVEY PARTY SUBSISTS ON RICE

FORCED TO ABANDON CAMP IN NORTH

Tramp Sixty-five Miles Over Snow—Leave Personal Belongings Behind.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Starved out through inability to get food supplies and unable to journey south through impassable snow-covered trails to their base at Blue river, fifty miles distant, a Canadian Northern engineering party of twenty-two men, in charge of J. W. Covert, were compelled early this month to abandon camp at North Thompson Crossing and return to civilization after an overland tramp of sixty miles to Tete Jaune Cache. In a five-day walk the half-famished men were obliged to cross a summit and waded through deep snow until they reached a point near Tete Jaune Cache on the Fraser river, here better going conditions prevailed. The surveyors having run out of ordinary food, were obliged to subsist on a rice diet. Each member of the party, when the distribution took place, on the date of the rush-out, was allotted five pounds of life-sustaining cereal. Fifteen men in charge of Mr. Covert reached Vancouver Saturday. They caught a work train near Yellowhead Pass and came out via Edmonton. To the early winter and deep snow they ascribe the abandonment of their plan to have spent the entire winter in the north engaged in the revision of the location survey.

"My party left Vancouver on September 2, but owing to the early advent of winter six weeks were occupied in getting up to Alberta Summit. It was arranged that we should be supplied from time to time with food from our base camp at Blue river, where five months' supply of provisions is stored. At that point is located our pack train of forty horses. I had a tentative understanding with the packers at Blue river that they were not to send through supplies until a certain time, as I expected to have some sent south to us from Mr. Bassett's engineering party at work in the vicinity of Tete Jaune Cache," said Mr. Covert in describing his experience.

"We established a camp at North Thompson Crossing, fifty miles above our base and had revised about ten miles of the line when our supplies ran short. Then I sent a trapper out to Tete Jaune Cache with a request that Mr. Bassett forward me grub and feed for the pack train I expected to get from Blue river. He sent back word in reply that he could not do so as he had no surplus food and that feed for the animals could not be secured. As our supplies were falling low I then dispatched J. E. Beattie, a trapper, and his partner to Blue river, asking them to rush through food as quickly as possible. The two men started out on snowshoes. They returned in three days stating that they had to abandon the trip as the snow further south was so wet and heavy that they could not make more than a mile and a half an hour, and that was insufficient to justify them continuing the attempt. The snow, they reported, had fallen to a depth of four feet and was wet and sticky. To add to their troubles, the over-arching branches of the small trees along the foot trail were so laden with snow that they almost hung over the snow and every movement of the trappers caused a deluge of snow to descend.

"I once gave orders for the members of the party who had by this time eaten up all the bacon and canned goods, to get ready for the sixty-mile march to safety at Tete Jaune Cache. Before leaving our camp on December 5 I only allowed each man to take one blanket along in order to hasten their travel. These men even left their personal belongings behind. When we divided up the supplies each man got five pounds of rice. It was that slender ration that saved us from starvation. It was hard going over the deep snow-covered summit, but on the other slope the snowfall proved lighter and as the snow was not damp we made good progress. We had finished the last grain of rice when we struck Tete Jaune Cache. On reaching Kamloops via Edmonton I sent a courier north to Blue river with instructions to the packers to abandon any attempt to send through supplies to our old camp. If they had tried to make the trip in the meantime they would surely meet with failure, if the accounts brought back by the trappers about conditions along the trail are anywhere near correct.

CAPTAIN PRICE AGAIN AT LIBERTY

Released From Jail After Being Charged With Violating U. S. Neutrality Law

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The many Victoria friends of Capt. Evan Ap Rhyta Pryce will be delighted to hear that he has been released from jail at Los Angeles, although he has to remain in that city awaiting the pleasure of the authorities.

The story of his incarceration is a romantic reading. Of Welsh parentage, though born in Scotland, Capt. Pryce saw service in South Africa, not only in the Boer war, but prior to that, taking part in some of the expeditions against native risings. He has been a resident of Vancouver for the last few years and formed a large circle of friends. About a year ago he quietly disappeared and nothing was heard of him until a dispatch from Los Angeles said he had been arrested by the United States authorities for violating the neutrality clause.

It then became known that Captain Pryce had gone into Mexico and became second in command to "General" Stanley Williams, whose daring raids on behalf of the revolutionists were the feature of the campaign. The force with Stanley Williams was composed of Canadian men from Australia and men from Canada, Texas cowboys, Mexicans and even negroes. They were not a large force, but caused the Mexican troops some anxious moments.

His release, it is believed, is the result of a flying visit to Washington made by relatives of Capt. Pryce, residing here, when President Taft was interested in the case. The British foreign office, it is understood, had something to say before the Mexican authorities wanted Pryce with the object of standing him against a blank wall.

PEACE DELEGATES ISSUE STATEMENTS

Representative of Chinese Revolutionists Confident of Success of Cause.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—Tang Shao Yi, the imperial plenipotentiary appointed by Premier Yuan Shi Kai and Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary of the revolutionary cabinet, the principal figures in the peace conference here, on Sunday gave signed statements setting forth their views. That from Tang Shao Yi as Yuan Shi Kai's personal representative follows:

"The situation in China to-day demands caution and deliberation, and also the highest form of patriotism, which means the subordination of everything to the welfare of the country.

"I am trying my best to settle all major differences as a result of this conference and show the world a new China, united and strong, autonomous and peaceful, and a whole people prosperous.

"We won't divide China. I want peace here and throughout the world, but dread any form of intervention.

"Signed TANG SHAO YI."

Wu Ting Fang's statement follows:

"Greeting to the people of the United States and the world from a representative of the newly formed slater republic.

"We hope and expect to accomplish our great purpose. When that is done, it will benefit not only the people of China, but all nations with which we are commercially and diplomatically connected.

"I feel sure that all nations sympathize with us in our struggle for liberty, freedom and better government. I confidently expect that the nations will remain strictly neutral, as they have declared themselves to be, until our conflict is ended.

"Signed WU TING FANG."

UNION CHARTER SUSPENDED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The local carmen's union, known as Division 47 of the International Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, has been suspended by the international body for "insubordination and refusal of the local division to abide by the laws and the rules of the association."

The trouble is the result of a decision of the local body to give C. O. Pratt, formerly a national organizer, a position. Pratt, who managed the last two-car strikes here, was defeated for re-election as national officer, but subsequently was made an officer of the local union.

The national body declared that Pratt could not hold the office, as he had never been employed on the cars here.

The charter was ordered surrendered by the national body.

QUARREL ENDS IN MURDER.

New York, Dec. 26.—Joseph Cosgrove and his friend John Geddie were trimming a Christmas tree for Cosgrove's grandchildren in their home on Thirtieth street, Brooklyn, when the men got into an argument over the artistic fitness of certain ornaments.

According to the police, Cosgrove, who is 61 years old, knocked Geddie down and then, while the children looked on, cut Geddie's throat with a carving knife. Geddie died almost instantly. Geddie was engaged to be married to Cosgrove's daughter.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Earlsville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—While playing the role of Santa Claus, Mrs. Powell, aged 60, was killed by an Illinois Central freight train near here. Her body was found beside the track Saturday and scattered about were her Christmas bunnies. Mrs. Powell went out on a Christmas errand Saturday when she failed to return home her family instituted a search which ended with the finding of her body.

Gifts For The New Year

Owing to the very late arrival of goods intended for Christmas presentations we find ourselves in the position of being able to offer you many new and sensible ideas in New Year's gifts for friends who may have been overlooked during the Christmas rush.

Neckwear
 In particular is an unusually strong line with us just now. Further additions have been made to our GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF sections

Glove Scrip
 Is a very appropriate gift for NEW YEAR'S, and for sumptuous gifts we commend our Mantle Department to your closest inspection.

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Campbell

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AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

SHOULD there have been any that you overlooked remembering when buying your Christmas gifts, don't forget that New Year offers an opportunity to remedy your forgetfulness. We are now ready to supply your wants either for New Year gifts or for the additional furniture required for your own home. Our prices are most reasonable and we are sure you will be able to find suitable articles for presentation or for your own use at prices well within your purse capacity. Deliveries made when required. We pack and ship country orders free. WE GIVE A DISCOUNT OF TEN PER CENT FROM REGULAR PRICES FOR SPOT CASH.

Parlor Table Mahogany finish Parlor Table of neat design. Top 24x24, with shelf below. Turned legs with brass trimmed feet and glass table beneath. CASH PRICE \$4.50 Many others to select from.	Music Cabinet Handsome Mahogany finished Music Cabinet, enclosed style, door has lock and brass trimmings, 40 in. high, top 14x20, shaped legs. Drawer above and British plate bevelled mirror. CASH PRICE \$13.95 Others from \$5.40 up.	Parlor Chairs Pretty high grade Mahogany Parlor Arm Chair, spring seat, rich silk upholstery. CASH PRICE \$9.00 We have many pretty designs for you to select from at low prices.
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SMITH & CHAMPION
 1420 Douglas St. "The Better Value Store" Near City Hall

KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

North Bay, Dec. 26.—A serious freight wreck occurred on the Canadian Pacific railway, 30 miles west of Pembroke. Two freight trains which left North Bay about noon eastbound came together in a rear-end collision near Bass Lake.

The leading train had stopped for some purpose at the foot of the grade and in the darkness and by some evident mistake in back-flogging the second train thundered down the grade, crashed into the standing train, wrecking the caboose and demolishing ten cars and a locomotive.

Engineer William Packer of North Bay was badly injured, and Fireman McKay of Chalk River, killed. The other trainmen escaped with minor injuries.

TRAVELLER'S WILL.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The sum of \$41,642.94 was the estate of Charles Francis Douglas, a traveller who died November 16 at Penitence, in the Okanagan Valley, B. C. Commissions stocks, \$5,530; cash on hand, \$208.25; cash in bank, \$414.73; two shares in Prentice Train Control Syndicate, \$200; automobile, \$800; equity in Brandon, Man., property, \$4,500; equity in Fort William business block, \$13,250 and equity in Vancouver real estate, \$2,000. The will leaves everything to the deceased's widow, Mrs. Margaret Janet Douglas.

KILLED ON EVE OF WEDDING.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—"Well, boys, this is my last day in the world," was the parting remark of George E.

TURNER, a clothing salesman, to a party of bachelor friends, Friday night on the eve of his wedding and a few hours later, after a call upon his fiancée to whom he was to have been married on Saturday he was found lying beside his smashed motorcycle.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Rome, Dec. 26.—As a result of a decree of the pope issued in July in reference to holy days, St. Patrick's Day was struck off the list of Irish obligatory holy days on which Catholics are called upon to hear mass and abstain from unnecessary work. At the request of the Irish Catholic hierarchy, however, the Holy See has just issued another decree which is interesting to Irish people throughout the world. According to this, the feast of St. Patrick will continue to be a holy day in Ireland without, however, being preceded by a day of fasting or abstinence.

FATAL STRUGGLE.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.—David Stetty, floorwalker in a local ten cent store, was instantly killed in the presence of a throng of Christmas shoppers during the rush Saturday evening. The killing was done in a scuffle with a shopper and is believed by the police to have been the result of an accident. Stetty was thrown to the floor. His neck was broken.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Alexis Talbot, 14 years old, was found frozen in the woods of Laval, Quebec county. He had gone after a caribou which he had seen passing near his home.

British imports from Japan have increased slightly in thirty years.

EE SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE EE



THE DOCTOR: "Ah! yes, restless and feverish. Give him a Steedman's Soothing Powder and he will soon be all right."

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Notice to Advertisers

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TAFT OR ROOSEVELT.

Within seven months the United States will again be in the throes of a presidential election, and at this date it would appear that the choice, as far as the Republican party is concerned, will be between William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt.

war on the trusts or suffer the defection of a section of the Republican party. The insurgents were with him; the "stand-patters" casting about for another candidate.

Then it was that Roosevelt began again to shadow the horizon. Perhaps this was on the theory that it is better of two evils to choose the lesser.

"We did get along with competition; we can get along with it. We did get along without monopoly; we can get along without it; and the business men of the country must square themselves to that necessity."

"These men believe that it is possible by strengthening the anti-trust law to restore business to the competitive conditions of the middle of the last century. Any such effort is foredoomed to end in failure, and if successful would be mischievous to the last degree."

It will be for the people to decide, and the trusts will again be compelled to show how much power they exert over the masses.

MONK'S NAVY.

Hon. F. D. Monk, Minister of Public Works, who attended a banquet tendered him in Montreal on the evening of December 15, spoke at length and most optimistically of the future of Canada.

"As regards the scheme of the late government, I never approved of it. I asserted that a man could be absolutely loyal and not approve of that particular scheme or arrangement."

He was not so positive, however, when he turned from the proposition of the past and glimpsed the future.

"The question of our relations with the Empire, of what our duty is, and, as British subjects, of what our rights and privileges are, that is a subject which I feel sure that this government, these new men, full of honesty and loyal intention, will study carefully. They will give it the careful scrutiny which is required for the solution of a matter so very important for the future, and I have at the present moment the confidence that when they will have given that question the attention which is required, and that when they bring the result of their efforts before the country, that the people themselves will be able to arrive at a good solution."

On the Pacific Coast we cannot receive this message with a feeling of assurance. We have been schooled in the theory that immediate action must be taken to protect our shores. We have somehow been made to feel that any government which does not take immediate steps to place two or three armed cruisers in the Pacific waters is recreant to its trust.

MUSIC.

People are queer. Some people are more than queer. For example, we have before us a letter objecting to the Salvation Army band, because, apparently, it discourses a certain class of music very sweetly and with exceedingly good taste.

sound—were cut off. All kinds of music appeals to the emotions, and it is a matter of considerable satisfaction to realize that generally the emotions thus created are such as elevate and purify. We observe that on Christmas eve in San Francisco a hundred thousand people joined in singing, in the open air, that grand old hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful."

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT.

A local contemporary has figured out that \$100,000,000 will be spent in development works on Vancouver Island, with particular reference to Victoria, during the next five years.

To this Mr. Roosevelt retorts in the Outlook: "These men believe that it is possible by strengthening the anti-trust law to restore business to the competitive conditions of the middle of the last century. Any such effort is foredoomed to end in failure, and if successful would be mischievous to the last degree."

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HE KEEPS HIS WORD.

Vicar's Daughter—I'm sorry you don't like the vicar's sermons, William. What is the matter with them? Are they too long?

GERMAN MINISTER HONORED.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The Emperor has conferred upon Herr Von Kiderling, the brilliant secretary of foreign affairs, the Order of the Red Eagle of the first class. The secretary already possesses the order.

FREE SPEECH CAMPAIGN.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—Two hundred and fifty members of the I.W.W. have left St. Louis for Aberdeen, Wash., to aid in the organization of a fight for "free speech" there.

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USEFUL AND FANCY ARTICLES FOR NEW YEAR PRESENTS

Overgaiters and Leggings for Women and Children CHILDREN'S CORDUROY LEGGINGS—Colors red, blue, fawn, brown and white. All sizes are to be had at, per \$1.00 pair

Churches, Sunday Schools, Lodges and all Charitable Institutions will be allowed 50% Off All Toys Make your selection at once as the Toy Department will be closed on Saturday.

Popular Glove Values for Women PERRIN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, fleece lined, and come in tan color only. Per pair, \$1 and \$1.25

Side Frills, Lace Collars, Ribbons, At Prices to Please Everybody

SIDE FRILLS—These come in so many attractive styles that space will not allow for details. All the newest styles to choose from, and all are specially good values. 25c

A Parcel of Men's Ties too Late for Christmas—Prices 75c and \$1

KNITTED NECKWEAR—This is growing in popularity, and if dainty colors and smart effects will please you this line will have many attractions. They are full length and there are plain colors, mottled effects and stripes. 75c

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teen millions to be delivered under the Sooke system, and claim that the Esquimalt company could deliver of water per day for a ten-year term for \$30,000, delivered in the city, based on a charge of five cents a thousand gallons.

The new main is said to be capable of delivering for use in Victoria seventeen million gallons every twenty-four hours as against sixteen millions under the Sooke Lake scheme, and in fact so many of the figures are given by the company in criticism of the city's proposal that an official reply would clear the air before election.

The statement says that "The engineer has definitely decided that no revenue from power can be earned with the Sooke Lake system," and it will have been noted that this claim is based on the statement in Mr. Meredith's report that to bring power from Sooke is "commercially impracticable" in view of the necessity of charging thirty cubic feet a second against the revenue to be derived from the sale of power.

The figures of the Esquimalt company, it will be noticed, assume the cost at \$1,700,000, although the commissioner let a contract for \$1,689,720 to the Westholme Lumber Company, and this was accepted by the council on Tuesday, subject of course to the passage of the necessary by-law, the engineer's own estimate being \$1,509,223 for woodstave and lap-welded pipe, while for concrete and lap-welded pipe he figured it at \$1,592,474.

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SAVES TWO LIVES.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Adrian S. (Captain) Anson, veteran of the baseball diamond, saved two young boys from drowning in a lagoon at Jackson Park yesterday afternoon. Anson was playing golf when he saw the two boys break through the thin ice of the lagoon and sink from sight.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

Dawson, Dec. 26.—On the verge of a precipitous declivity 1,000 feet above the Yukon, Victor Szarnoski, of Dawson, was shot under the heart with his own shotgun recently. He plunged forward as though he might go to the

bottom of the long hill, but doubled and fell in a slight depression, dead. Evidently death was instantaneous. It would seem that his gun must have slipped from his hands while he was walking along the rocky slope, and slid down in such a way that the hammers were struck or the triggers pulled.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Must Pay Into Court.—The action in connection with moneys of the McNeill estate has been settled. Mr. Justice Gregory having ordered that the amount claimed be paid into court by Dennis R. Harris, but his lordship has ruled against the plaintiff on the question of interest on the sum.

Xmas Photos.—Have them in "Sepia"—your Xmas Photographs—and of course, taken at the Skeens and Lowe Studio, corner Douglas and Yates streets. Do it now and half your Xmas worries will be over.

Treaty With Siam.—Great Britain now has an extradition treaty with Siam, a copy of which is published in the last issue of the Canada Gazette. From November 24 fugitive criminals from a part of the British Dominions or Siam may be apprehended and extradited for any of the usual offences included in such treaties.

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Special Meeting.—The Trades and Labor Council will hold a special meeting in Labor hall to-morrow evening to consider questions to be submitted to the mayor and aldermen in the coming election. The questions will be similar to those asked in former elections. This will be the only business dealt with at the meeting.

Good Opportunity.—A high class man to solicit business in Victoria and district for one of the world's largest Life Insurance Companies. Give references, age and qualifications. Address, M. Risk, 215 Metropolitan Building, Vancouver.

School Additions.—Good progress is being made in the erection of the annex for the North Ward school, which will be available on the reopening next month for the accommodation of the children. A similar annex is proposed for the Girls' Central school, where the board must provide additional accommodation within a short period.

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Remembered Pastor.—The congregation of St. John's parish remembered the faithful services of their curate, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard, at the Christmas season, as they have done for some few years past by the presentation of a purse of money.

Leaving for Australia.—On the Makura when she leaves this week for the Antipodes will be five carpenters who are anxious to take advantage of the attractive industrial conditions in the southern hemisphere. Three are bound for Sydney, and two will go on to South Africa. The party for Australia are J. Riddell, A. J. Hodgson, and J. Leach, and one of the men for South Africa is Herbert Campbell. All are members of the local carpenters' union.

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To Appoint Religious Worker.—The board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock to decide on a man to take over the religious and educational work at the local institution. O. D. Austin, who was appointed to the position, is unable to come owing to ill health.

Presentation to Choir Leader.—The members of the choir of St. John's church have presented their leader and organist, G. Jennings Burnett, with a Christmas remembrance in the shape of a handsomely framed copy of the photograph recently taken of the choir in the church which the congregation will have left for the new edifice before another Christmas comes around. A gold-mounted fountain pen also was presented to the popular choir-leader.

To Lecture at Oxford.—Frank B. Vrooman, editor of the B. C. Magazine, is in the city preparatory to leaving for England, where he will spend the next three months. Mr. Vrooman will devote a portion of his time to his yearly series of lectures at Oxford university on the Economic Geography of Canada, a subject which has aroused great interest in the celebrated seat of learning. The present series will deal very largely with British Columbia. Mr. Vrooman having collected a vast amount of information regarding this province.

S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty, phone Inspector Russell, No. 1921.

Government Wins.—Mr. Justice Gregory has handed down judgment for the provincial government in the supreme court suit brought to determine the ownership of the Comlaken school reserve in the Cowichan district. The defendant was the E. & N. Railway Company, which claimed the land under the railway grant. The E. & N. Railway Company recently sold the land reserved and when the purchasers came to register the title the attorney-general filed a caveat with the suit resulting. The judgment may affect certain other provincial lands held by the E. & N. railway.

Drysdale Got Decision.—A claim for \$75, arising out of a house contract dispute, has been settled in the plaintiff's favor by Judge Lammiman. The action was that of Drysdale against Coonan, the former building a house for the latter to cost \$2545. There was an understanding that if there was no rise in wages during the time of the contract there was to be a reduction of \$75. The wage rise took place but only amounted to about \$15, and the defendant thought the plaintiff was entitled to that amount only. His honor thought otherwise.

"Nag" Roof Compositions will stop leaks and add years to the life of an old roof. See Newton & Greer Co., 1326 Wharf street.

Mr. Denham Remembered.—The finale on the stage of the Victoria theater on Saturday night was not presented by the Polly of the Circus company. This time the stage was held by the genial manager, Clifford Denham, whose untimely death is being remembered by the orchestra hands and ushers, was duly reciprocated by them in the shape of a presentation of Christmas remembrances. These consisted of a calabash pipe, pocketbook and neckwear. It was singularly fitting that the presentation should take place upon the stage over which Mr. Denham has so long been the presiding genius.

Missing At Salt Spring.—Relatives and friends of Mrs. Bittancourt, of Salt Spring Island, are afraid that she has met her death by drowning, as the only traces of her have been an umbrella and a hat found on the beach and at Vesuvius wharf. Mrs. Bittancourt left home to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis in November, and on December 4th was returning home. The following morning her coat and umbrella were found on the wharf and on the other clothing was discovered on the beach, having been washed ashore. Her relatives are afraid she is dead, but searching parties are still out. The water has so far been dragged without result.

Cinderella Dance.—A cinderella dance will be given in aid of the children's ward of the Jubilee hospital on Friday next, from 4 p. m. to 8 p. m. for the children, and from 9 p. m. to 2 a. m. for the grown-ups. Tea will be served for the children at six o'clock, and a buffet supper will be provided for those who remain for the later part of the evening, the refreshments being in the hands of Mrs. Jenner. Miss Thain's orchestra will provide the music for both afternoon and evening. The committee would like all friends of the society to attend. Anyone wishing to do so can obtain tickets from the Daughters of Pitt, Mrs. Simpson, Dean & Hiscocks, T. N. Hibben, Chalmers & Mitchell, and Messrs. Redfern.

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COURT OF REVISION.

Test Case Will be Taken Arising Out of Revision of Municipal Voters' List Recently.

Efforts are being made in labor circles to take up the challenge of the court of revision on the municipal voters' list, as suggested by Mayor Morley when the names of the householders whose declarations were taken by C. N. Tubman and John L. Martin were struck off the lists.

The mayor then said the court would be willing to accept a judicial ruling on any test case of the 162 names involved, and he guided by the decision of the judge in admitting the names, should the court so order, as the municipal election is due two weeks next Thursday, action is imperative if these men and women, most of whom are small householders, are not to be disfranchised before they took their declarations because persons who believed themselves in good faith entitled to receive declarations although their commission expired to be under the Provincial Electoral Act.

Among the matters to be brought before the B. C. Union of Municipalities' executive will be the amendment of the law which establishes members of the municipal council as the component parts of the court of revision on a plan in which they are directly interested as candidates for civic honors, and the executive will be asked to secure statute amendment to enable the revision to be taken before a government or municipal official, who will be independent of personal interests, and free from any suggestion of partiality.

GREATER VICTORIA SCHEME.

Meeting at Oak Bay To-morrow Evening—Building By-law Under Consideration by Committee.

It is doubtful if there will be a meeting of the city council this evening, as the special committee which is looking into the details of the new building by-law and which has already held one meeting, has fixed the evening for again taking up consideration of the voluntary civic statute, and it will not be possible to meet to-morrow, as the members of the special committee on the Greater Victoria scheme will be due at the public meeting at Oak Bay to explain the case for amalgamation.

Representatives of the city attended two of the four meetings at Saanich, and owing to the importance of the Oak Bay municipality in any extension scheme they are duty bound to be well represented to-morrow when the matter is taken under consideration. A meeting in the Esquimalt district has yet to be called, and undoubtedly will follow the development of the harbor the best case for extension to tidewater on the west can easily be made out, particularly as no existing authority will require to be extinguished under the extension scheme.

It is not probable much further advance will be made with the Greater Victoria scheme during the next three weeks, with the advent of the municipal elections, and the necessity of securing election rather than of discussing broad questions of policy.

Enjoyable Christmas Dinner.—A very enjoyable Fellows-Away-From-Home dinner was given by the Y.M.C.A. yesterday. In all forty-five young men were present.

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The special return engagement of the Kinemacolor moving pictures opened at the Victoria theatre last evening, and as before created a splendid impression. The wealth of color with which the pictures were invested enhanced a really excellent programme. Features were the series showing the King's visit to Ireland and the investiture of the Prince of Wales at Carnarvon Castle, the latter of which was particularly fine. Performances will be given to-night and to-morrow night. The programme is as follows:

1. King's Visit to Ireland—Arrival of their majesties the King and Queen by water. A view of Shackville street, the Royal Procession, presentation of an address at Blackrock, royal visit to Maynooth College, showing the King and Cardinal Logue; also the Countess of Aberdeen, Leopardstown race track, the races.
2. (a) Banff, (b) Selecting Wall Paper, a very severe test in color photography; (c) Athletes at Queen's Park.
3. Investiture of Prince of Wales at Carnarvon Castle, July 13th, 1911. The Water Gate, hoisting the royal standard, bluejackets signalling from the tower, arrival of the Welsh choir in national dress, Sir Schomberg McDonnell, under whose direction the castle arrangements were carried out; arrival of the mayor and corporation of Carnarvon in Castle Square, arrival of the Prince and presentation of address by municipality.
4. Same. Part 2: Arrival of the Prince at the Castle—Sounding the fanfare, hoisting the standard of the Prince of Wales, the Prince's procession to the Chamberlain tower in the castle, presentation of an address to their majesties the King and Queen in Castle Square, the royal procession to the castle.
5. Same. Part 3: The King's Procession Through the Castle—The ceremony of the investiture, on the dias in the castle, presentation of the Prince to his people from Queen Elizabeth's gate, leaving the castle, the royal standard on the tower.
- Intermission. Five Minutes.
6. Kicking Horse River, B. C.
7. Scenes in Winnipeg.
8. Bird and Animal Studies—This film shows very clearly the degree of interest combined with no small amount of instruction, that is to be derived from a visit to such an institution as a zoological garden, where the camera is able to preserve every shade and marking of the various animals' coats. An actual visit is not necessary in order to see for one's self how the denizens of the forest really look.
9. (a) Bathing at Ostend, (b) Officers' Review at Windsor.
10. Farmyard Friends.

God Save the King.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 26—5 a. m.—The pressure is abnormally high on the California coast, but is giving way in British Columbia in advance of a disturbance which is approaching Vancouver Island. Rain has fallen on the Coast and snow inland. In the prairie provinces a decided cold wave prevails throughout all districts.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Increasing southerly and westerly winds, unsettled, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Increasing winds, unsettled, with rain.

Reports at 5 a. m.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 32; minimum, 22; wind, calm; rain, .01; weather, rain.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Kelowna—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 31; minimum, 6; wind, calm; snow, .20; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 19; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow, .01; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 26; minimum, 22; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, .16; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 8 below; minimum, 8 below; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 18 below; minimum, 29 below; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday:

Temperature.

Highest..... 47
Lowest..... 37
Average..... 40
Rain, .02 inch.

Bright sunshine, 1 hour 54 minutes.
General state of weather, mostly cloudy.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday:

Temperature.

Highest..... 49
Lowest..... 31
Average..... 35
Bright sunshine, 6 hours 6 minutes.
General state of weather, fair.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday:

Temperature.

Highest..... 44
Lowest..... 37
Average..... 40
Rain, .02 inch.

Bright sunshine, 5 hours.
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NEWS OF SPORT

VICTORIA TAKES HOLIDAY FIXTURE

CUMBERLAND PROS ARE AGAIN BEATEN

Home Eleven Win by Four Goals to One on Muddy Enclosure.

Victoria repeated the victory of Thanksgiving Day at the Royal Athletic park yesterday afternoon and won easily from Cumberland by four goals to one. This result could never have been foreseen from the opening half, in which the visitors had most of the play and three times in succession only failed to score by inches. The attendance, while large, was nothing like what it should have had the same taken place in the morning, but even with the conflicting encounter at Oak Bay, which drew an exceptionally large attendance, there were plenty to cheer both teams on. The cause of the delay was the missing of the train by the miners, who appear to have failed to make boat connections at Nanaimo.

The ground was slippery, and the whole of one line was a sea of mud in which the ball rolled and splashed from time to time. In fact so greasy was the surface that on this wing neither wing made any showing, and all the good combination and attacks were on the far side of the field from the grandstand. Walter Miller replaced Pickering at centre, but otherwise there was no change in the Victoria team as picked. Cumberland had several changes from the eleven who were seen in action here on the previous holiday, and proved themselves a speedy combination.

At the outset Cumberland took up the attack, and the visitors' right wing did some useful work, the outcome of which was that Sutherland attempted a shot for a corner which was not awarded, and after another effort Miller cleared. Running up on the left Clarke got rid of an assault at close quarters, and the leather going back to Whittaker, he centred again. The visiting backs moved down, and the forward line moved down, and the forward line in combination. The attack, however, came to nothing. Miller and Newlands having some busy moments around the citadel. The first foul was awarded against Victoria for Crawford apparently pushing a Cumberland forward, though Referee McDougall held the home back to blame. The home right wing proved weak, Willie not being able to get the ball clear before he was robbed, and on this side Victoria did little. However, some uninteresting exchanges brought the home forward up, and through a joint blunder of Cumberland backs, the goal was exposed, and Muir completed a movement begun on his right wing. The ball had hardly been restarted when the same thing happened, at the other end, Cumberland equalizing from a combined effort by Harrison and Bootham.

Recommencing the defence proved impetuous, and reverting to the Cumberland end, Willie sent in a low shot which should have reached home, but it took a twist at the last, and hit one of the uprights. Whittaker took the next shot at goal, and after this attempt the ball travelled down the enclosure to the Victoria territory, where a corner was conceded in clearing. The resultant scrimmage in front of goal nearly ended disastrously to the home boys, but Willie Wilson got the ball clear, and till the close of the half the game was warmly contested. Thomas putting in a long shot, which the visiting custodian cleared. The teams crossed over with the score one all.

In the second part Cumberland men did not show to advantage on several occasions, and Victoria did much as they liked particularly towards the last stages of the game. The visitors' right wing, however, worked actively, and Adams, and later Williams came within an ace of scoring. The second goal for Victoria came from Whittaker, and although the miners tried hard to equalize, the third goal for the home team came ten afterwards. Thomas doing the trick. Play warmed up for the next ten minutes, but the men were fagged, and could not maintain the pace. Speed soon gave way to ding-dong midfield kicking, out of which Leslie appeared, and put in a fine run. Walter Miller made a clever

shot, and reverting to the Victoria end a corner was given in clearing, from which nothing resulted; however, play gravitated to the Cumberland end where it remained till the close of the match. Walter Miller scored the last goal for the home team. The final moments were without interest, and the game came to an end with the score in favor of the home team by four to one, and certainly so far as the second half was concerned, it was fair criterion of the play, though it cannot be denied that the greater part of the first period favored the northerners. The line-up was as follows:

Victoria—Goal, J. Horn; backs, Newlands and Miller; halves, Wilson, Crawford and Leslie; forwards, Wilkie, Thomas, Walter Miller, Muir and Whittaker.
Cumberland—Goal, Clarke; backs, Strang and Hinds; halves, Cairns, McAdams and McLean; forwards, Williams, Adams, Sutherland, Bootham and Harrison.

Referee—Dan McDougall.
Linesmen—H. Ree, Victoria; and P. Sherer, Cumberland.

OVER A THOUSAND AT RINK OPENING

Together 1,500 People Enjoyed Skating at Arena Yesterday.

Over a thousand people, many of them of the fair sex, attended the opening of Victoria's ice skating arena yesterday. The city band was in attendance, and with the finest sheet of ice seen in Victoria the enthusiastic skaters enjoyed two and a half hours of the great winter pastime, unalloyed by any such discomforts as cold winds and dangerous ice. The end came all too soon to judge by the faces of the skaters as they left the building.

In the evening there were not so many present owing to the fact that it was Christmas night and family reunions and turkey dinners were the order. Nevertheless between four and five hundred crowded the ice. Lester Patrick expressed great pleasure and not a little surprise at the enthusiastic way in which Victorians were taking to the sport. It reminded him of an opening day in the East, he said.

Altogether the attendance at the rink yesterday ranged around the 1,500 mark. The ice surface was very fast, particularly at the commencement. Towards the close it was covered with half an inch of fine snow.



FIELDER JONES.

Fielder Jones, former manager of the Chicago White Sox, who has been elected president of the Northwest Baseball league halls from Tomah, Wisconsin, and is thirty years old. He received his professional start in the game at Rockford, Ill., in 1901, and Milwaukee bought him from Rockford, which club in turn sold him to the St. Louis Browns. Jones jumped the goal for Victoria came from Whittaker, and although the miners tried hard to equalize, the third goal for the home team came ten afterwards. Thomas doing the trick. Play warmed up for the next ten minutes, but the men were fagged, and could not maintain the pace. Speed soon gave way to ding-dong midfield kicking, out of which Leslie appeared, and put in a fine run. Walter Miller made a clever

SCORELESS DRAW IN FIRST GAME

CALIFORNIANS RAN UP AGAINST A SNAG

Victoria Had Shade Over the Champions in Opening Cooper-Keith Rugby Match.

As was also the case last season the first match for the 1911-12 Pacific Coast Rugby championship, between Victoria University of California and Victoria, ended in a draw, 0-0. If anything, the Victorians had a shade over their opponents and deserved a victory. The predominating feature of the match was the effective dribbling rushes of the locals, whose forwards broke up practically every attempt at three-quarter play by the Californians.

In the closing session, however, with the sun and what wind there was in their favor, Berkeley did more forcing, but even then they were unable to keep Victoria back and in a few minutes preceding the final whistle had all they could do to prevent the aggressive homesters from crossing the line. Once Heinkeky did get over and it looked like a try, but Referee Moresby ruled him offside.

Victoria was in splendid form, far different from that in which they took the field against Vancouver a couple of weeks ago. The coast champions were rushed off their feet in the scrums and the line-outs almost invariably meant some ground gained by Victoria. Captain Billy Newcombe was the same old Billy, who has led the Capital City team to victory on so many occasions and he had an able partner in Morton, who though a youngster in the game used admirable judgment and rarely missed an opportunity.

The party were very fast in slipping around the scrum and smoothing the play.

The three-quarters were not given much to do, but what they did do always counted for something. The combination was sure, except on two or three occasions, and every man showed a better knowledge of his position than has been the case on previous occasions this season. Frank Nason was a little inclined to selfishness at times, but considering the fact that he is wing man that was excusable. Both he and Vincent strengthened the line wonderfully.

Williams, who replaced Boss Johnson at fullback, was the sensation of the game. His kicks were long and invariably found touch without any waste of ground. Johnson was unable to play owing to a badly swelled jaw, and much disappointment was given expression to when he failed to make his appearance; but when it was seen how Williams was playing it was admitted that his match had been substituted.

Enough has been said about the forward line already. Suffice to add that as far as the pack is concerned it looks as if Victoria has come into her own again. Never before in this season did the men play so well together, and in following up the play they excelled themselves. There was very little to choose between them, although perhaps the two Gillespies—Ronald and Sholto—Carstairs, Heinkeky, and Sweeney were the best workers.

The forward division of the Californians could not compare in any way with that of the locals, but the back division was superior to the corresponding section of Victoria's team. That is only natural as the mode of training in the southern university tends to develop the open passing game rather than the soccer like system of dribbling rushes, which is the long suit of the local loon. While they all played well Captain Stroud and centre three-quarter Hale were easily the most prominent of the visitors.

From a spectacular point of view the game was not as interesting as it might have been owing to the fact that there were few passing rushes and individual bursts. This very circumstance, however, made a grand exhibition in the eyes of the local enthusiasts for it showed that the Victorians were compelling the collegians to play the Victoria game and in that way forcing them to desert their natural element.

It would be monotonous to give a detailed description of the game owing to the sameness of the play. From the moment Ronald Gillespie kicked the ball off the Victorians attacked with great persistency repeatedly working their way with a series of kicks to touch, line-outs and scrums to within a foot or so of the California goal line. The collegians relieved by kicking, but although they tried hard were rarely able to get their three-quarter line going. The tackling of the locals was superb and when a visiting half did secure the ball and pass it to his three-quarters the latter were pulled down before they could get started.

Stewart, Ronald Gillespie and Vincent made short runs for the line and looked like going over several times, but were brought down or forced into touch before reaching the coveted territory. Ronald Gillespie had a chance to score for Victoria on a free-kick, but missed the posts by a few feet. Once the California back division opened up with a pretty passing rally and carried the ball past centre where Carew Martin with a spectacular flying tackle killed the play.

In the second half it was California's turn and for a while the locals found it hard to withstand their dashing desperate tactics. But Victoria fought them back, going ahead with sharp, short dashes until towards the end of the game when the Californians seemed to tire and the homesters once more forced them back into their own territory. A nice and three-quarter run which started with Frank Nason carried the play into the visitors' twenty-five and there it remained until the final whistle. After a fierce forward rush Heinkeky carried the ball over and touched down between the posts. A mighty shout arose from there seemed no reason why the try should not be allowed. Referee Moresby's offside decision caused some comment, but as the play was very quick and he was in the best position to see it he was no doubt right. Stewart occupied the time for a few moments during the half, when he gained about twenty-five yards with a dash from a scrum followed by another from a line-out. A dangerous looking move on California's part when they swept down the field in one of their few passing rallies was blocked by Frank Nason, who collared the wing man closely.

There were quite a number of offside for both teams and free kicks were fairly numerous, but on the whole the game was very clean and free from rough work, intentional or otherwise.

Taking it all the way through it is not too much to say that the play centred in California's territory two-thirds of the time.

The attendance was about a thousand and the crowd was very enthusiastic. In fact one might easily have thought that Victoria had won judging from the cheers that rent the air at the finish.

Victoria and California will play again at Oak Bay on Thursday afternoon and the final game takes place on New Year's Day.

How the teams lined up:
Victoria: Positions: California Fullback: Bogardus
Three-quarters: Minnie Vincent; Hale
Stewart; Pearl
Martin; Five eights: Evans and Stroud; Halves: Newcombe and Morton; Forwards: R. Gillespie; Malatesta; Carpenter; Carstairs; Crane; Heinkeky; Holden; Pocock; Miller; Houston; Miller; Allen

VICTORIA'S FIRST WIN.
The Victoria grass hockey team won its first match of the season from the 72nd Highlanders, of Vancouver, on the Albion cricket ground on Saturday afternoon. The score being 6-0. The visitors had a fair share of the play in the first half, but were hopelessly outclassed in the second. White, I; McKenzie, 3; and Ford, 2, were responsible for Victoria's goals.

SAM LANGFORD LOST TO McVEY ON POINTS
Two Negro Heavyweights Go Twenty Rounds in Sidney, Australia.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—In the fight here yesterday between Sam McVey and Sam Langford, both American pugilists, McVey won on points. The bout went the scheduled twenty rounds. In the first and second rounds both were fairly even, both men showed some points and landing hard. In the third round Langford scored a heavy right to the jaw. McVey came back with a hook which sent Langford to the floor, but he got to his feet immediately. The fifth round was McVey's. He continued to send the left to the jaw and Langford's mouth and tongue were bleeding and he seemed dazed. In the ninth round McVey had piled up many points and Langford had been cautioned for using his forearm. He showed signs of punishment, and Langford had a marked discoloring and swelling over his right eye. McVey's mouth and nose were bleeding.

In the second division the James Bays and Garrison were scheduled to play Saturday, but owing to the non-appearance of the majority of the players the game was called off.

The first division standing follows:

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
North Ward	5	2	2	12
Garrison	5	1	1	11
Victoria West	4	0	0	8
James Bay	2	4	1	5
Sons of England	2	4	0	4
Foresters	1	4	0	4

VANCOUVER "PROS" COMING.
Soccer Game Between Victoria and Terminal City Team Here New Year's Day.

A picked Vancouver team of professional soccer players will meet Victoria at the Royal Athletic grounds on New Year's Day. Such was the announcement made by President Sullivan of the local "pro" soccer club, this morning. A telegram was received from Vancouver stating that the team will arrive on Sunday afternoon. The game will be played in the morning, commencing at 11 o'clock.

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The members of the Garrison senior football team and their supporters are already patting themselves on the back for it looks as if the Alderman, O'Kell for it looks as if the Alderman, O'Kell place amongst the soldiers' silverware. The chances of the Garrison were materially increased, and those of the Wests, their most dangerous rivals, correspondingly lessened by the result of last Saturday's senior matches in which the Garrison won from James Bays, 5-3, and the Blue and white to the Wests, 2-0. The blue and white jerseyed civilians still have one point the better of the military men, but the latter have three games to draw on for more, while the former have only one. The Wests are still classed with the possible, but their chances are hardly noticeable.

Garrison vs. Bays.— It was a slow game that was played at the Oak Bay park between the James Bays and Garrison on Saturday afternoon. The play was not showy except inasmuch as the Bays' shooting was less accurate than usual, while that of their opponents was nearly always sure.

At Beacon Hill park last year's champions and runners-up battled bitterly to within ten minutes of the end without a score. Then Youson and Scotty McKay, of the Wests, beat McKay in quick succession and put the game away on ice. The teams were very evenly matched, and it would have been hard for anyone to pick the winner until the goals were scored.

ENGLISH SOCCER GAMES.
London, Dec. 25.—Football games played throughout England yesterday resulted as follows, the usual holiday crowds being in attendance at every match:

First Division.
Blackburn Rovers, 0; Sheffield Wednesday, 0.
Liverpool, 1; Bolton Wanderers, 0.
Manchester United, 0; Bradford City, 1.
Middlesbrough, 0; Everton, 0.
Nottingham Forest, 0; Manchester City, 1.
Oldham Athletic, 2; Newcastle United, 4.
Tottenham Hotspur, 5; Woolwich Arsenal, 0.

Second Division.
Barnsley, 4; Bristol City, 1.
Bradford, 2; Clapton Orient, 1.
Bury, 1; Blackpool, 1.
Fulham, 0; Chelsea, 1.
Huddersfield Town, 2; Glossop, 1.
Hull City, 4; Birmingham, 0.
Leeds City, 4; Gainsborough Trinity, 0.
Derby County, 2; Grimsby Town, 1.
Luton, 1; Wolveshampton Wanderers, 1.
Stockport County, 2; Northampton, 1.

Southern League.
Brighton and Hove Albion, 2; Northampton, 1.
Swindon Town, 3; Stoke, 0.
Coventry City, 1; Bristol Rovers, 2.
Westham United, 2; Leyton, 0.
Norwich City, 0; Millwall Athletic, 0.
Queens Park Rangers, 3; Crystal Palace, 1.
Brentford, 4; Southampton, 0.
Plymouth Argyle, 3; Exeter City, 1.
New Brighton, 3; Reading, 0.
Luton, 1; Watford, 1.

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BURLINGTON ROAD RACE.
The fifth annual Burlington road race was run yesterday at Hamilton over a course of 11 1/4 miles. Jim Corkey, I. C. A. C., Toronto, was first; R. Oberston, I. C. A. C., second; and Gus Grossell, Buffalo, third. Corkey's time was 1:04.31.

HERALD ROAD RACE.
The annual Herald road race was run at Calgary, Alberta, yesterday. The distance was six and one-fifth miles. The results follow: 1st, Heppburn, Calgary; 2nd, Smith, Vancouver; 3rd, McCahy, Edmonton; 4th, Clarke, Calgary; 5th, Perry, Calgary; 6th, Grenville, Calgary; 7th, Johnson, Calgary. Time, 34:57.2-5.

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MR. BANTLY'S PUPILS

This is a flashlight group of some of Benedict Bantly's pupils taken at the eighth Pupils' Recital at his studio, 1125 Fort street, on December 26. The programme, which was splendidly rendered, reflected great credit upon the pupils for their diligent work and upon their master for the careful rendering of the various classical compositions. Programme was as follows:

- 1. Two Planos—March Triumphant. Gorla Messrs. Algernon Dolson and Benedict Bantly.
2. Piano—Fantasia in D Minor. Miss Louise Hayward.
3. Piano—Murmuring Zephyrs. Miss Maria T. Garesche.
4. Violin—Fantasia from "Lucia". Donizetti. Mr. Horvaci.
5. Piano—Nocturne in B Major, Op. 22, No. 1. Miss Ina Gordon.
6. Piano—Nocturne in D Flat, Op. 27, No. 2. Miss Muriel Collis.
7. Piano—(a) Etude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 25, No. 7. Chopin. (b) Etude in A Minor, Op. 25, No. 11. Miss Lotus Griffith.
8. Violin—Concerto in D Major, No. 1. Seitz. Mr. Fred Walker.
9. Two Planos—Valse from Eugene Onegin. Tchaikowsky. Miss Nellie Fugate and Benedict Bantly.
10. Violin—Andante from 2nd Concerto. De Bériot. Miss Bessie Forbes.
11. Piano—Adagio from Sonata Pathétique. Beethoven. Miss Charlotte Foot.
12. Piano—Witches Dance. Macdowell. Mr. Bert Bittancourt.
13. Piano—Marche a la Turque. Beethoven. Mr. Fred Stiemler.
14. Violin—Concerto in A, 1st Movement. Mozart. Mr. Edward Gregson.
15. Piano—Concertatueck. Weber. Mr. A. Dolson.

GOD SAVE THE KING

WOMAN KILLED IN STREET-CAR WRECK

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viewing the body, taking identification evidence and then adjourning until Thursday next. The first evidence will probably include that of Captain Alfred Deacon, husband of the victim, as he has to leave to rejoin his ship at Plymouth, England, his leave having expired.
After the opening of the inquest, Coroner Graham proposed that the jury visit the scene of the tragedy, where an interesting test was being carried out by the street railway officials. A car of the same type as that which was wrecked was weighted with iron bars and run at full speed over the route taken by the ill-fated car, the motorman, however, lost his nerve as the car struck the curve, and applied the emergency brake, causing a full stop. Experts who watched the test said that with the weight of passengers the test car would have gone over, reproducing Sunday night's accident. Car No. 1652, the wrecked

vehicle, was removed last night by street railway employees to a spot where it would not obstruct the traffic. A special policeman was detailed by the coroner to see that its mechanism was not tampered with pending an investigation by experts.
Coroner Graham to-day engaged two consulting engineers, J. E. H. Wyse, of the Ontario railway board, and James Banton, of Toronto, city engineer's department, to report on the condition of the wrecked car's equipment.
At the hospital to-day it was stated that Robert Hall, 726 Gerrard street, was sinking, and was not expected to live through the day. The base of Hall's skull was fractured. Arthur Blou of 77 Victoria street, who has a severe scalp wound and internal injuries, is also in a critical condition. The other injured persons are doing well and are expected to recover.
Moore, the motorman, held on a charge of manslaughter, is still detained at the Walton avenue police station, bail being refused him because of the absence from the city of Crown Attorney Corley. It is probable that he will be released on bail to-morrow.

STANFORD ALSO SUFFERED DEFEAT

STUDENTS BEATEN BY VANCOUVERITES

Game Was Played on Snow-covered Field—Resembled the One Here.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Genuine old-fashioned Canadian weather greeted the Stanford collegians in their first game of the exhibition rugby series here yesterday and the unusual conditions proved entirely too much for the California team, which went down to defeat on a snow-covered field at Brockton Point by a score of 18 to 8. Six times the home team crossed the varsity line for tries, and each time the kick for goal failed, while Stanford registered two tries, one of which was converted.

The visitors scored all their points in the first ten minutes of play by clever three-quarter work and looked as though they would run away with the game, but they were seldom dangerous thereafter, for the simple reason that Vancouver, having a marked superiority in the pack, made the game largely a forward display which prevented the visitors back division from getting many opportunities. With their three-quarters held safe in this manner, the sting was gone from the Stanford attack.

The Stanford pack suffered in comparison with the Vancouver forwards, both in the close work and in dribbling. The backs were very fast, however, and given more opportunities they might have altered the complexion of affairs. The game was remarkably quiet considering the heavy condition of the grounds and the spectators were treated to the best and most interesting display of rugby they have been afforded hereabouts in a long time. The mantle of snow which covered the field did not seem to bother the home talent very much, but it undoubtedly hampered the Stanford back brigade who were lost in the heavy going.

The line-up:
Stanford Position Vancouver
Fullback B. Erb (captain) Sweeney
Three-quarter B. Erb (captain) Sweeney
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Five-eighths Kenning
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Bly Gray
Haley R. R. Mathews
Darcey Chaffey
Harriett Murray
Schupp Smith
Schnawyer McLellan
Woodcock Leggett
Referee—Mr. T. E. D. Byrne, Vancouver.

CHINA'S PREMIER IS NOW WAVERING

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Leaders Protest.
London, Dec. 26.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the revolutionaries are incensed at the imperialists for the capture of Tao Yuan Fu in Chan Shi province, and have protested to Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kai at the peace conference, against the repeated breaches of the armistice. They have demanded an indemnity, the withdrawal of the troops and punishment of the officers upon whom the responsibility rests.
The revolutionary leaders insist that unless Yuan Shi Kai replies at once to the demands of the conference they will elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president. Tang Shao Yi explained that the imperialists had occupied Tao Yuan Fu only after the rebels had deserted the town. He forwarded the demands to Peking.

Premier Submits Proposal.
Peking, Dec. 26.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai has submitted to the more prominent Manchus here the proposal emanating from Shanghai for the holding of a special national assembly to decide the future form of government which shall be adopted for China. This step by the premier practically means that he asks the court to decide its own fate, because the members of such a national assembly would decide in favor of a republic.
Word comes from Pao Ting Fu, one of the important military centers, that the hospitals there are making preparations to care for many wounded, expected to be brought there soon. This, along with other signs, is taken to indicate that the imperial government intends to renew hostilities.
An edict issued in the dignified terms that have characterized such denunciations since Yuan Shi Kai assumed the premiership confers posthumous honors on the imperialist commander, who committed suicide when the city of Szechow was captured by the rebels. This is one of many such honors recently bestowed by Premier Yuan, which the former regret did not dare to bestow, and it means that Yuan Shi Kai has not been intimidated.
Thirty-four queenless rebel prisoners have reached Pao Ting Fu. This has aroused comment because prisoners are seldom taken in China. The Chinese have difficulty in understanding the western idea of capturing and caring for prisoners.

A reliable Chinese report has been received from Chungking that Tuan Fang's head is being taken to Hupoh for ransom. Tina Fang formerly was director general of the Hukwang railroad. He had been recently appointed viceroy of Szechuen province, and, according to information reaching the missionaries, Chang King was killed by his own soldiers at Tschow. Tuan Fang, it is reported, has been severely disloyal, and, after attempting to bribe the officers, tried to escape with his brother, but the soldiers hacked him to pieces.

MAINTAINS CLAIM TO LAND.
Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The citizens of Winnipeg were to-day reminded of the little war between the C.P.R. and the corporation as to the proprietorship of the land covered by a granite walk in front of the Royal Alexander hotel. The sidewalk is enclosed by a series of solidly planted iron posts, bearing strong chains, and the passage to the door of the hotel is guarded by a porter in uniform. It is the annual performance of the company to so enclose the property referred to for 24 hours at a stretch to maintain the company's claim to the soil.

FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL.
Toronto, Dec. 26.—A man who registered on Sunday afternoon at the Prince George hotel under the name of F. J. McLean, of Acton, Ont., was found dead in his room yesterday. So far the cause of death has not been definitely ascertained. The body was identified by a relative as that of Charles Porter, a druggist from Acton, aged 28 years. In his grip there were a number of drugs of different kinds, and it is thought that he took one of them in a moment of despondency. He had trouble with his eyes and this may have been the cause for his suicide.

SPORT NOTES

It is reported that Joe Bayley may get a chance at Charlie Griffin, the lightweight champion of Australia, who is now on the coast and is trying to arrange matches with the leading lightweights of the country. Griffin will proceed east, where his manager will dicker with Allen, the holder of the Flanagan belt, for a match, but will stop in Calgary if a match can be arranged with Joe Bayley or Billy Iander.

Seattle has asked that the final Cooper-Keith Rugby game, scheduled for Monday afternoon here, be played in Vancouver. That, of course, is impossible, but there is just a slight chance that California and Victoria will arrange to play a game in the American town after the championship series has been played off.

Seattle, Dec. 26.—Multnomah's great football eleven, made up of heroes from Oregon's leading educational institutions and a sprinkling from eastern and middle west colleges, triumphed over Tom McDonald's Seattle All-Stars yesterday afternoon on the Varsity campus by a score of 9 to 0.

The Y. M. C. A. football team was defeated by the Foresters' second division squad at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon, two goals to one.

A pleasant run was held by the members of the Victoria Hunt Club over the country around Mt. Tolmie on Saturday afternoon. Among those present were: Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. Cox, Misses Davey, Holden, Bawley and Dennis, and Messrs. Crawford, Clark, Gillespie, Breurey, McCleave, S. McCleave, Henderson, Marshall and Major Grahame.

ZBYZSKO WON BUT—
Queer Ending to Wrestling Match at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 26.—A wrestling bout between Zbyzsko, the Polish wrestler, and Racovich, the Italian champion, broke up in a muddle at Madison Square Garden last night. Most of the 4,000 spectators left the garden declaring the Italian had won, but the referee, Tom Jenkins, awarded the decision to Zbyzsko.
The Polish wrestler had agreed to throw Racovich three times in 90 minutes. It took him 27 minutes and 20 seconds to secure the first fall, which was by a forward double-arm hold. In the second bout, after three minutes of wrestling, Racovich got just such a hold on the Pole as he had been floored with. One shoulder, how-

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ever, was off the mat, and Jenkins tapped the top man with the idea of giving him warning, but the uproar from the crowd drowned his voice and the Italian, thinking he had been tapped as the winner, jumped up and ran to his dressing room.
The crowd thereupon moved out of the garden without hearing the announcement of the referee that Racovich had not got his man on the mat and there was no course to take but to award the decision to Zbyzsko.



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Prince Rupert on New Schedule Was Able to Remain Here Yesterday—Heavy Gale.

Operating on her Christmas and New Year's schedule the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince Rupert, Captain Barney Johnson, sailed from this port yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock for Prince Rupert. The vessel arrived here at 6 o'clock in the morning and remained in order to give her officers and crew an opportunity of spending Christmas ashore. The Rupert will sail at the same hour next week for the northern terminal. Among the passengers who left on the steamer yesterday were the following: Robert Tuksey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Monroe, P. Godfrey, Mrs. Simon, W. E. Christensen, W. K. Priden and Mrs. Kingsley.

SHIPPING GUIDE

Table with columns: OCEAN STEAMSHIPS, From the Orient, From Liverpool, From Mexico, From Antwerp, For the Orient, For Australia, COASTWISE STEAMERS, From San Francisco, From Northern B. C. Ports, For Skagway, For Northern B. C. Ports, For the West Coast, CHELOSHIN IN TO-MORROW.

The steamer Cheloshin, the latest acquisition of the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia, should reach Vancouver early to-morrow morning. The vessel was reported putting in to San Francisco Friday evening to take on bunker coal and sailing northward on the last leg of the long voyage at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. The Cheloshin reported all well. The vessel is making a good trip to Vancouver. She sailed from Belfast on



NEWS OF THE SEVEN SEAS

MAKES LONG VOYAGE FROM THE FAR EAST

Strathlyon Takes 21 Days to Come from Yokohama—Had Christmas Mails Aboard.

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Coastwise & Barge Company Purchases Steamer—Has Been Idle at Esquimalt.

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Many C. P. R. Steamers in Port and Nearly All Freighters and Tugs Tied Up.

AT VANCOUVER FOR INITIAL CHRISTMAS

Empress of Japan Has Never Spent Day in Port Before—Skerries Undamaged.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

December 25.
Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: President Meteor, San Francisco; Humboldt, Skagway; Honolulu, Tacoma. Sailed: Santa Rita, San Francisco; Nevada, Bellingham.
Aberdeen, Wash.—Arrived: Centralia, Erie.
Los Angeles, Cal.—Arrived: George M. Elder, Portland; Excelsior, Coos Bay. Sailed: Rose City, Portland.
George W. Elder, Portland.
Astoria, Ore.—Arrived: J. A. Chanter, San Francisco; Nehalem, San Francisco; Rosecrans, San Francisco. Sailed: Yosemite, San Francisco; Johan Poulsen, San Francisco; George W. Fenwick, Puget Sound.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 26, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Snowing, wind N. E., 30.05, 32, sea moderate.
Cape Lazo—Snowing, wind S. E., light, thick seaward, 30.08; 32, sea smooth.
Tatoosh—Light rain, wind S. E., 12 miles, 30.12, 39, sea rough.
Pachena—Cloudy, calm, 29.87, 34, sea smooth.
Estevan—Overcast, wind S. E., light, 29.70, 37, sea moderate.
Triangle—Foggy, rain, wind S. E., 29.65, 39, dense seaward.
Ikeda—Raining, wind S. E., 29.38, 38, sea rough.
Prince Rupert—Raining, wind S. W., 29.60, 37, sea smooth. Spoke Latouche at 10.30 p. m. off Lawyer's Light at 9 p. m. In communication with Jefferson at 11 p. m. due at Ketchikan at 8 a. m.
Dead Tree Point—Raining, wind S. E., sea rough.
Noon.
Point Grey—Snowing, wind S. E., thick seaward, 30.06, 44, sea moderate.
Cape Lazo—Raining, wind S. E., strong, 29.86, 36, sea rough.
Tatoosh—Light rain, wind south 12 miles, 29.25, 41, sea moderate. In Crown of Galicia at noon.
Pachena—Cloudy, wind S. E., strong, 29.62, 41, sea moderate.
Estevan—Raining, wind S. E. strong, 29.40, 40, heavy swell. Spoke Tees at 11.30 a. m. off Cape Cook.
Triangle—Foggy, wind S. E., 28.93, 36, dense seaward.
Ikeda—Raining, wind S. E., light, 29.25, 45, sea rough.
Prince Rupert—Snowing, wind east strong, 29.44, 36, sea rough. Curacao will arrive at 4 p. m. southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy, wind S. E., sea moderate.

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MARINE NOTES
The Princess Mary, Capt. Brown, left this morning for Comox and Nanaimo with many passengers and considerable freight. The Otter has left for the east coast.
The steamer Alameda sailed on Saturday night for southwestern Alaska ports with a heavy freight cargo and a light passenger list, made lighter by reason of the Christmas season.
The U. S. cruiser Raleigh, which arrived at Bremerton Saturday on a voyage down from the north, ran into the teeth of Thursday's gale that tore up the sea on the inside passage. It required all her power and skillful

SPECIAL SERMONS IN THE CHURCHES

PASTORS PREACH ON CHRIST'S INFLUENCE

Christmas in Its Devotional Aspect—Real Significance of the Anniversary.

In all the churches the Christmas festival was marked by special services and the music was appropriate to the occasion. The majority of the edifices were decorated in honor of the season with greenery, Christmas trees, and Christmas motes. In all the congregations at the several services were large. Yesterday service was held in all the Anglican churches.

There was a congregation at the Christmas Day service in Christ Church Cathedral which filled it to overflowing. The number of communicants at the early and the midday celebrations was double that of last year, testifying to the growth of the congregations both of the cathedral and of its chapel-of-ease. St. Mary's, Oak Bay. The cathedral had been tastefully decorated and the music was very fine.

Dean Doull preached a thought-inspiring sermon on the words in St. John x.10: "I am, come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." He said:

St. John x.10. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The Christian world to-day is celebrating the birthday of its Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To those who grasp the profound and solemn truth which it proclaims it is of necessity the most joyful day of the whole year. For it assures us as nothing else could of God's stupendous gift to the world in that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Death, spiritual death, that is separation from God who is in Himself the eternal source and fount of life, had entered the world as the penalty due to man's rebellion against the loving purpose of his creator, life, eternal life, that is union with God was brought back and restored to man through the Incarnation of the eternal Son.

And we are glad to have one day in each year specially set apart for the purpose and object of rendering special thanks to God for this gift, the reality of which we more because in ourselves, in our fellow Christians, and in the world at large we perceive the results of that life and are sharers and partakers of its benefits.

One always feels that greater festivities, such as Christmas and Easter, are days for worship chiefly and above all, and that the time occupied by the sermon ought to be confined within the narrowest limits.

Yet our worship and our adoration will be the more joyous and heartfelt if for a few moments we think of some of the manifold benefits which are ours because of the life, the teaching, the example, and the widespread influence of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

1. And first we find it in the home. Christmas is the home festival. We all feel that, and so the members of each family do make it a special point of being home for Christmas if they possibly can.

The Atlantic liners crowded to their utmost capacity with those bound home from all parts of Canada, travelling many of them there and back 12,000 miles, afford striking testimony to the power of the home over all the season of Christmas. Here is an historical fact the home is the gift to the world of Jesus Christ. It was Jesus Christ who Jesus woman to that position which she occupies and occupies only in Christian lands, that position which is essential for the existence of the home; it was Jesus Christ who brought and made possible that high standard of purity and love upon which the stability of continuance of the home absolutely depends. The incarnate life first manifested in the home at Nazareth, still finds its primary manifestation in the homes of Christians.

2. We find the power of that life manifested in the hospitals and charitable institutions of our land. Christmas is not only the home festival, it is the festival, thank God, when we all realize more than at any other time that God has made of one blood all nations of the earth, that we are members of one family, one creation in Jesus Christ. And so our love overflows the bounds of our own immediate circle, and, in the true spirit of Christmas has touched us, we care for the needs of those who either through poverty, sickness, misfortune or infirmity are dependent upon the generosity and help of others.

But again history teaches us that for the existence of hospitals, for the existence of benevolent and charitable institutions, for the existence of the spirit which thus seeks to alleviate pain, sickness and suffering and to provide for those who cannot provide for themselves, the world is indebted to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, who went about doing good without so much as possessing a place where He might lay his head.

3. And yet again we note the power of the Christ life manifesting itself in that freedom which we enjoy as citizens of a Christian Empire. The vast majority of men and women at the time when Jesus Christ was born were in a state of actual or semi-serfdom and slavery. But Jesus taught the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and slowly these great fundamental principles have largely accomplished their task so that actual slavery has disappeared from all lands which own and honor the name of Jesus Christ. Much remains still that must be done before perfect freedom is accorded to all God's children, but the heaven is at work which is slowly, silently hurrying it to pass, and for that heaven we give thanks to God when we thank Him for the birth and life of Jesus for the heaven has been inserted by him into the lump of human nature, human thought and human activity.

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Lastly we give God thanks for the incarnate life of His eternal Son as we see it manifest in His gift of peace to mankind. He came to be the Prince of Peace and at his birth the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased."

Has He failed to justify his title? True, much remains to be done, for peace is ever the result of conflict and the conflict between the principles of the Prince of Peace and the principles of the world still goes on.

But great strides towards peace have been made since the Prince of Peace was born. Wars, alas! are still waged between Christian nations, but they are nearly always now defensive, not offensive, and conducted with a consideration for the sick, the wounded, the women and the children, which was totally unknown before the advent of the Prince of Peace, and is unknown to this day amongst non-Christian nations except where they have been influenced unconsciously by the precepts of Jesus Christ. The Hague conference, the recent understanding between Great Britain and the United States whereby arbitration takes the place of an appeal to force, the growing feeling that war is an antiquated and barbarous method of settling disputes as between civilized powers, all these are evidences of the power of the Christ life in bringing universal peace to mankind.

"His name shall be called the Prince of Peace," so the prophet foretold as he looked forward to the times when Messiah should come and rule in truth and righteousness, but he was thinking not alone or chiefly of man's temporal but of man's spiritual needs and aspirations, of that yearning of the Lord for peace which God, and God alone, can give and harbor.

No man ever knew better what the desire, and conflict for peace means than St. Augustine, who sought it in worldly pleasures, intellectual pursuits, philosophical speculations, and found it not, till he came to the Prince of Peace and learned the meaning of His words which He wrote at the end of His struggle: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and the heart knoweth no rest till it find rest in Thee."

Has Jesus Christ justified His title by being able to satisfy man's yearning for peace within the heart and soul? Ask the question and from millions in all ages there comes the answer: Yes! Ask the question and from the lips of countless men and women in our own day and generation there comes back to us the firm, clear, definite reply: Yes! Thou Lord art true. Thou hast never failed them that seek Thee. The spiritual experience of millions under the benediction as unworthy of our attention and consideration, and their testimony proves the power of the incarnate life to give peace to the soul, satisfaction to man's highest ideals of aspiration.

These are some of the plain historical facts for which we are thankful, and for which we offer to God our heartfelt praise and thanksgiving on Christmas Day.

The eternal Son of God born of the ever-virgin mother, came to bring life, and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested unto us. Manifested, yes, and being manifested day by day in the sight of those who have eyes to see, so plainly manifested that we feel indeed on firm ground as year by year we sum up all our thanksgiving expressed in carols, hymns and songs in those glorious words of the Eucharistic preface for Christmas and its octave, "It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, because Thou didst give Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us, who by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary His Mother, and that without spot of sin to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, Lord most high. Amen."

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form of God He thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men." His name, like His nature, is "wonderful." He is called "Immanuel—God with us." "Great is the mystery of Godliness: God manifest in the flesh." In the words of Henry Van Dyke, Christmas Day was "the beginning of the human life of God." This is the charm and wonder of Christmas, that the condescension of Deity should be so complete as to come in the person of a helpless babe to the grotto cave of a village inn and surrounded by weak-kneed cattle should be wrapped in swaddling clothes and should in a manger lie. He did not linger on the sunlit summits of our humanity, but descended to the lowliest lot of our common life. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich." The inn that was too crowded to find Him room that night was a ministering of the world in which He lived for three and thirty years. Knowing that He was come from God and went to God expresses His view of His earthly life. It was a part of the eternal movement of Divine love objectifying itself in human life with the purpose of realizing itself in enriched fullness by bringing many sons to glory. The world was an inn to Christ where He might have expected hospitality, but as at the beginning there was no room in the inn so at the end, he died outside the city wall, disowned by friends, denied by disciples, rejected by judges, refused by Jerusalem, having nowhere to lay His head in life, and buried at last in a borrowed tomb—surely "He came to His own and His own received Him not."

Still He comes to the inns of life. In the dust-laden Josephs and Marys—the tolling millions of wage-earners and bread-winners. In the little children, victims of the modern Herods, who toll in factories and live in hovels, stunted in body, dwarfed in mind, degraded in soul, in the movements for economic equality, social betterment, intellectual freedom and international peace. The danger is that life shall be too crowded with selfish interests and personal aims to give hospitality to the ever-coming Christ.

There is no condition of life to-day which craves a Christmas message more than the crowded life in which most of us are living. The question of "room" is a more pressing one with us and a more persistent one than it was at Bethlehem. Life is crowded not so much by what is put into it, as by what is left out. Refuse to give hospitality to the Christ that comes in the many new and claimant movements of our complex civilization, and your present quarters that you think are now too crowded begin to grow smaller, and your time becomes scantier. Just as by the crowding out of prayer, the personal spiritual life becomes contracted and feverish. When prayer is left for a few days, disorder creeps in, time is lost on every hand in unaccountable ways. Life is made more spacious by prayer; yet men neglect it to gain time. The remedy for our crowded life is not the empty life, but the full life. The crowded life and the empty life are really the same thing. As the water turned on at full force from the faucet will drive itself out of the glass you hold for it, and leave it empty no matter how much water is passing through, so much of our so-called crowded life is emptiness. Only as we make room for the room-maker does the abundant life become ours.

We plead at this festive season that the Christ shall not be crowded out of the own church. Here is a danger of filling church life with so much machinery, of its becoming stored and stocked with formulas and tradition, and of its being so engrossed with its own little detail and routine business, that it has no room for the Christ who is coming in the many movements of our time. It was at the door of a church which thought it was rich and increased with goods and had need of nothing, that Christ stood and knocked and waited for admittance. It was carrying a load of useless lumber. Its possessions made it poor for they were no longer convertible into spiritual values. Let us beware of stocking our church life up with dead material, and making it a crowded room, instead of a palace beautiful in which Christ shares with us His feast of life and love.

Christmas is a day for the home. Home-life has been elevated and purified by the coming of Christ. At must be admitted that at one end of the social scale it is becoming an institution so crowded as to offer scant space for spiritual culture. Leisure and fellowship are threatened. Expressive and extravagant luxury, ostentatious display, the follies of fleeting fashion, make such demands on many homes, that Christ is crowded out. On the other hand, the conditions of life are so strenuous, the struggle for existence so keen that it is impossible for many to have not so much a home as a hovel. What is the slum and the tenement district, but home life too crowded by the spirit of mammonism and greed to admit of the coming-in of Christ. His advent into our modern life would relieve the congested area, would banish the slum and give to every home-maker a chance to rear a family under the most favorable conditions. Boom prices in real estate, exorbitant rents drive families into living under crowded conditions, which eventually mean immoral conditions. It is all the result of excluding Christ from the realm of modern life. Make room for the Room-maker. His spirit incarnate in our civilization would make spacious homes where women and children could conserve the physical, cultivate the intellectual, develop the social and make the spiritual a daily communion with Him who has "set the solitary in families." Business life is an inn where, were Christ admitted He would make room for both employer and worker. The struggle and strife in our modern industrial life is largely a question of "room." Men find their condition to be one which does not afford them the fair proportion of the result of their productive toil. No room, no time for culture or leisure, no spacious outlook for a happy and contented old age. The laissez faire principle of unfettered competition, with

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Table with 3 columns: The Esquimalt Waterworks Company has completed its steel main from Goldstream Lakes to Victoria. This main is to-day capable of delivering, for use in Victoria, seventeen million gallons of water every twenty-four hours. During the period between January 1 and November 1 of this year, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company has actually delivered to the B. C. Electric Railway Company fourteen million gallons of water per day.

The Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell this water to the City of Victoria, in such quantities as the city may desire, and at prices far below the cost at which the city can bring water from any other source.

Table with 3 columns: To construct the Sooke Lake system the addition to the indebtedness of the city will be TWO MILLION DOLLARS, at the very least. We want every Taxpayer to consider and analyze figures truly and honestly representing actual conditions and showing in the next seventeen years a saving of almost TWO MILLION DOLLARS to be made by buying water from this company, as against installing the Sooke Lake system. To construct the Sooke Lake system the addition to the annual tax levy of Victoria City will be \$119,000, at the very least.

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Table with 3 columns: 17-YEAR BASIS The fair method of testing a public utility system from the basis of cost to taxpayers is to provide for time of construction and fifteen years' operation. The Engineer fixes 2 years for construction, and adding the first 15 years' operation, we have a period of 17 years affecting present ratepayers. On this 17-year basis, multiplying the yearly cost of \$119,000 by 17, we have \$2,023,000 as the amount in taxes which the present ratepayer will have to pay for the use of Sooke Lake water. During this 17-year term the city's use of water will raise from the minimum of 3,500,000 gallons per day to a maximum of 10,500,000 gallons per day; giving an average of 7,000,000 gallons per day for the 17-year period.

Table with 3 columns: Under the Sooke Lake project the present ratepayers will have to pay for double the quantity of water which can by any possibility be used, meaning increased taxes and a dead loss. The estimate of cost prepared by the City's Engineer is \$1,700,000 to complete the Sooke Lake system. This is probably an underestimate, and any figures published to show a contract at a lower figure are false. The contract is being made on a piece-work basis, and not for a lump sum. The Engineer has definitely decided that no revenue from power can be earned with the Sooke Lake system.

Table with 3 columns: Esquimalt Waterworks Company guarantees to reduce taxes \$100,000 per year for 10 years. As against the Sooke Lake cost of not less than \$119,000 per year, and a Sinking Fund cost of \$40,000 per year, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell to the city ten million gallons of water per day for a ten-year term for \$50,000 per year, delivered in the City. This will effect a saving of \$100,000 per year to the Taxpayer when the Sinking Fund is taken into account. It will effect a saving of \$80,000 per year over the lowest figures claimed on behalf of the Sooke Lake system. Esquimalt Waterworks Company guarantees the city a saving of \$100,000 per year for 10 years.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A. J. Morris is in the city from Prince Rupert.

At the Dominion Hotel is J. C. Copeland, of Glenavon, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins spent Christmas in Vancouver.

J. H. Downey, of Sidney, was a guest at the Dominion yesterday.

At the Empress Hotel is F. H. Monell, of Oxford, England.

J. V. Nimmo, of Lytton, arrived on Sunday at the Empress Hotel.

A. J. Farquharson, of Frenc, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. Douglas Henderson spent last week in Vancouver with friends.

J. W. Radd, of Ladner, arrived in the city on Sunday on a brief visit.

Mr. Owen Hartley, has returned from a visit to friends in Ladysmith.

R. and Mrs. Montrell are registered at the Dominion Hotel from Killarney.

George H. Deans, of Glasgow, Scotland, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Macrae, of Vancouver, arrived in the city on Saturday.

Hon. Angus McDonnell spent Christmas with friends on the Mainland.

Fred Heal, Jr., has returned to the city after a five-months' trip to Europe.

Mr. A. W. Vowell spent several days last week with friends in Vancouver.

Mr. J. H. Tenny is making a business tour of the population centres of the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McLennan, of Vancouver, spent the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hall visited Port Alberni on Thursday and Friday of last week.

D'Arcy Tate, solicitor for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, arrived in the city on Sunday.

Charles Lacey, of Skidegate, is visiting in Victoria, and is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lawson, of Vancouver, arrived yesterday in the city for a brief visit.

Drs. R. S. Smith and Hugh J. Dickey, of Vancouver, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Ross and daughter have been spending a few days in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Master Roy Shihren have arrived at the Empress Hotel from Vancouver.

William Erickson, of the office staff of R. P. Rithet & Co., spent Christmas at his home in Alberni.

William D. Copenkall, of Austin, Nevada, spent Christmas as a guest at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. D. J. McKay, inspector of timber for the province, is in the Kootenays on official business.

Mr. R. M. Stewart is making most satisfactory progress toward recovery after his operation recently.

Chief Justice Macdonald of the Appellate Court, spent the greater part of last week on the Mainland.

Mrs. R. B. Dier and family of Ladysmith, have been the guests of relatives in the city for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCosh have removed to this city from Ashcroft to take up permanent residence here.

Mr. F. H. Maitland-Dougall, government agent at Duncan, has been enjoying a brief visit in Vancouver.

Mr. M. E. Carlin, who has important business interests in Golden, has just returned from a visit to that city.

Mrs. Ralph Nicholson and Miss Mona Bickerton, of Ladysmith have been visiting in the city with friends.

Mr. D. W. Higgins, once speaker of the Provincial Legislature, is reported to be seriously ill in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lovell Wiseman, of Montreal, arrived in the city on Saturday, and registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Pisch and daughter, Linden avenue, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, of Vancouver.

Visitors in the city on Saturday from Vancouver included Mr. and Mrs. Raymond N. Bond and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Roberts.

Bishop McDonald has returned from a short stay on the Mainland as the guests of His Grace Archbishop McNeill.

Mr. Roy W. Brown, managing editor of the Vancouver Daily Province, and Mrs. J. H. Brown, of Victoria, spent Christmas as a guest at the Empress.

A quiet wedding took place Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. James Hewitt, 245 Twentieth avenue east, Vancouver, when Miss Maude Hill, of younger daughter of Mrs. Ann Hill, of

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron



And so it really is all over at last—the day that we've worked and planned for so long. This is the day after Christmas and it's time for us to take our annual count down daily found again, and "forget it till another year be gone."
But before you do forget it, just a word or two. Another year is coming. Doubtless you can scarcely realize that in your present day—after hoods, and perhaps it is hardly a welcome realization, but it's true just the same. And the reason I speak of it is because there are so many ways in which you can help yourself, by sowing the seeds of preparation for another Christmas right now, and not waiting until it is too late for them to take proper root.

In the first place, be sure to have a box in which to put away Christmas ribbons, the nice soft paper that your gifts were wrapped in, the left over "Christmas stickers," stamps, mottoes, tags, the Christmas card that didn't get sent, and all the other little odds and ends of Christmas that will come in so handy and save so many such needed pennies at another holiday season.

Another way of preparing for Christmas, and incidentally for your birthdays that will be likely to claim your attention, is to keep a weather card open to receive, the disappointments of your friends and relatives. "I was rather sorry that no one happened to give me," etc., or "I did want such and such," are extremely good foundations for a new year's resolution. "I was for a year also build on the admiration and envy aroused by other people's gifts. If one friend raves over a pretty hatpin or dainty apron which another friend received, you can safely set it down that a welcome from her, probably receive a welcome from her. Last year I wrote you about a resolution which I had made to buy a gift a month all the year, and thus lessen the final financial strain, take advantage of sales, and make my final Christmas shopping much less strenuous."

I want to tell you that I kept the resolution and that it proved quite as much a blessing as I had hoped. My mind left me with little more than an afternoon's shopping to do, and in better financial shape to do it, than I have ever been.
I heartily recommend it to every one who has found the past Christmas too strenuous, either physically, mentally, or financially.

Ruth Cameron
CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOL.
Resident Who Has Seen School Pass Through All Its Vicissitudes Attends Last Function.

An interesting incident in connection with the closing exercises at the Craigflower school Friday, when the old school finally closed for the last time, was the presence there of Mrs. Thompson, who first came to Craigflower in 1852, and remembers distinctly the foundation of the school three years later. Her memory covers the whole career of the school, which will be preserved as an historic landmark. Inspector Deane made the suggestion that the building should be used for a manual training school for boys, and domestic science school for girls. Among those in attendance were Trustees Munro Miller, W. J. Scott and Secretary Campbell. Many old friends and pupils of the school attended and took part in the ceremony. The pupils will meet in the new school when the term reopens on January 8.
Representations will probably be made to the department of education to retain the old building for educational purposes in line with the suggestion made by the inspector.

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The Funny Little Treemouse

NE of the most perfect gymnasts in Birdland is the little bluish gray bird commonly known as the treemouse, but the real name of which is the white-breasted nuthatch. He has the same gift of equilibrium as the fly, which astonishes us by walking across the ceiling upside down, as it were.

It is as interesting as a circus performance to see the funny little fellow swing fearlessly from the lottiest branches of a towering pine tree, glide along the under side of limbs with the same calm assurance as though he were on top or run down the trunk head foremost. We can only explain this by examining his claws.

These have sharp little hooks, which easily catch in any small scabious or crack on the bark. They are quite curved and so strong that they easily support the bird's weight; with their help it does not seem to matter whether they run up or down, and their ligaments are so fashioned that they can stretch their bodies away from their feet at the most peculiar angles imaginable.

They have very long bills which reach far into the holes in the tree bark and the summer, where they nest. They are migrants, and so when nesting-time is over and autumn has come we see a good deal more of them. They have a very queer name, don't you think? Who would ever dream of cracking a nut with a great, clumsy hatchet? But it is evidently because they use their bills in this capacity that they have been so called.

With these they hack apart the thin-shelled nuts, such as beech, hazel and chestnut. They like sunflower seeds, and are very partial to kernels of corn. They are thrifty little creatures, and during the summer, when insects are plentiful, they live entirely on them, storing away their nuts and seeds in the crevices of the bark, so that when the frost kills the grubs and insects they may not go hungry. They know exactly where they have deposited each nut, and fly to the spot when hunger bids them, back patiently away with the strong hatchet of their bills, the blows of which can be heard to a good distance. Sometimes we are prone to think the nuthatches do not bother making a nest, although they have such an excellent tool wherewith to do this, but instead, locate in a woodpecker's nest or that of a chickadee.

The red-breasted bird has a curious habit of smearing the entrance to his home with pitch for some unknown reason. But some wise persons think that he does this to prevent his own smokes, squirrels and so forth, from robbing his nest.

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MANITOBA'S NEW TELEPHONE RATES

NO FLAT BUSINESS RATE IN WINNIPEG

Roblin Government Severely Criticised—Comparison of Rates With Victoria.

Following closely on the announcement of the telephone commission of Manitoba that \$150,000 had been lost on the operation of the telephone service in that province in 1911, there came the declarations that there would have to be a reclassification of the service given and rentals charged in the various exchanges. Having allowed ten days to elapse after this preliminary statement the telephone commission has promulgated the schedule of new rates which it is stated will become effective on April 1, 1912.

The increase in rates comes after four years of state operation of the utility. When the government of Manitoba purchased the telephone systems of the province from the Bell Telephone Company of Canada the people generally believed that government ownership and operation meant an almost certain decrease in charges for service within a reasonable time after the state assumed control. Having possessed this idea for four years the telephone users received with consternation the announcements of a deficit and the increased schedule of rates. On December 12 the new rates were approved by the provincial cabinet and it was made public. Notwithstanding the fact that the public had been prepared to expect a change in the rates, it is plain from the published views of many well known citizens of Winnipeg that they were astounded by the extent of the increase. Just now there are many predictions of trouble for the Roblin government at the polls

next election day if the proposed tariff is enforced.

Increase of General Interest.

The determination of the Manitoba government to increase charges for telephone service is of general interest to the people of Canada in many obvious ways and at the present time it is of particular interest to the people of Victoria because of the announced intention of the B. C. Telephone Company to advance the scale of charges in effect in this city.

In Victoria the proposed increase in rates does not affect residence telephones, charges for which will remain as at present. In Winnipeg all business and professional telephone users are to be placed on measured service. In Victoria both a measured and a flat rate business and professional telephone service will be given, the former at \$4 per month for 100 outgoing calls with a charge of 2 cents each for additional calls, and the latter at \$5 per month for an unlimited number of calls.

The Times on Saturday published a lengthy article dealing with the reasons given by the telephone commission of Manitoba for the proposed advance in rates in that province. Today the Times publishes the proposed government tariff, also some of the comments made by citizens of Winnipeg as published in the Manitoba Free Press. That newspaper summarizes the points of the new telephone rates as follows:

The introduction of the measured rate.

Flat rate of \$48 per year for private residences.

No flat rate for business offices.

Eighteen dollars a year will give a residence one call per day.

Twenty-five dollars per year will give a residence two calls per day.

Forty-eight dollars per year will give a business office 1,200 calls.

Two cents will be charged for each additional call.

Compared with the present rates:

Twenty-five dollars per year gives a residence an unlimited service.

Fifty dollars per year gives a business office an unlimited service.

Protests From Users.

In chronicling the views of Winnipeg people on the matter the Manitoba Free Press says:

"A number of business men in the city who had gone into the rates as announced are sitting in the corridors of their offices and saying that many of their customers will as a result of the changes discontinue the telephone, and as a consequence business will suffer greatly. A storm of protest has come from private telephone users all over the city.

"The change means simply this that private residences pay \$18 per year, and are restricted to only one call a day. If they wish to make other calls it will cost them an additional two cents for each call. If for instance they only made two calls a day it would cost them \$24 a year, which is the present rate for a continuous and free use of the phones at all hours of the day and night. The only alternative is that subscribers pay a flat rate of \$48 a year for a free use of the telephone as at the present time.

"In the case of business phones there is no opinion, and business firms must pay \$48 a year for the use of the phone about three times a day. If they wish to use the phone further than this it will cost two cents for each additional time.

Based on Measured Rate.

"The changes, which are many, are based mostly on the introduction of the measured rate. That is there will be a certain charge for a number of calls, and after that number has been passed, the subscriber will have to pay two cents per call. This system has been introduced in Great Britain and in many of the large cities of the States, and has worked well there. The rates, however, as proposed in Winnipeg, will make a great increase in the charges, particularly in the case of those who use the phone to any great extent. Houses are certainly allowed a flat rate of \$48 a year, but that is nearly double the present rate. There is to be no flat rate in business offices and the proposed rate of \$48 per year only gives 1,200 calls per year. This rate is only two dollars less than the present rate for an unlimited service for business offices and the difference in the number of calls announced in the new rates, there being now less than four a day allowed, is somewhat alarming to the business men of the city. They are now to be called on to pay 2 cents for each additional call over 1,200. In view of the promises of the government that they would give the province the very cheapest rate that was possible and the increased rates are said by many of the prominent business men in the city to be an infringement on the confidence of the people."

Views of the Public.

The Manitoba Free Press quotes prominent citizens as follows:

"I. H. Ashdown—I consider the proposed rates an impossibility. I cannot understand on what they are based. To speak of thirty calls a month or one call a day for a residence is nonsense. The telephone will be utterly useless under these circumstances. The same thing applies to business phones with their one hundred a month or four per business day.

"J. A. Banfield—I certainly look for very great increases in the tariffs for our telephone service. Our calls run from 100 a day. Our service now costs us about \$300 a year; under the new tariff we shall have to pay \$1,072. My own idea is that there has been too rapid extension of the system into the country, and that these services are not paying one per cent. on the capital sunk in installation outfit. I think it is a question of the city paying for the service given to the country. I agree that with an increased number of subscribers there should be a greater charge, but the proposed ratio is absurd. Mr. Patterson speaks of the scheme now proposed being used in Great Britain and in Denver, Colorado. What about Toronto and Montreal and the Canadian cities we are interested in? What are they paying, and how, for their services? It's the retail trade that is going to suffer."

"F. Rannard, Rannard Shoe Co.—Candidly, I consider the enactment of

this increase an outrage, for which the public will not stand. I am sure that if the commission is allowed to carry the new schedule into effect there will be a competing company started. Wherever there is competition in United States cities there is a very cheap rate in force. The high rates will hinder progress in business, and as for private phones, I am certain that more than half the phones now installed will be ordered removed. We have grown into the habit of using the telephone till it is almost an absolute necessity, but the people will not stand for extortion. I hope the sentiment of the people will be brought out so strongly that the government will see the folly of making an increase instead of the reduction promised.

Fears for Government.

"Mr. J. E. Holland, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the J. C. Wilson Company, Ltd.—It was with amazement that I read in the Telegram a new schedule of rates of the Manitoba government telephones. I have been an ardent supporter of the Roblin government, and an enthusiast in favor of municipal and government ownership of public utilities. The new schedule of rates are simply an outrage, and are practically prohibitive to the great masses of the people who are now using them. It will certainly act disastrously to the Manitoba government. I sincerely trust that Mr. Roblin will reconsider the matter before putting them in force. I am sending this protest to you as I do not suppose it would be published if sent to the government organ.

"W. A. Mackie & Co., coal merchants, Portage avenue—It certainly looks as if we shall have to cut down our telephone service. It is absolutely ridiculous on the face of it. The general public was given to understand that when the Roblin government went into power it would cut the telephone rates down, but now the government is doing quite the opposite.

"F. S. Carson, manager of Henry Birks & Sons—That's ridiculous. It means that one-half the people having telephones will give them up. In Montreal they pay \$50 for an unlimited business service, and \$35 for a similar residential service. This is an awful hold-up, and it will cost us a lot of money. I suppose, roughly speaking, we make 300 calls a day.

"Mr. J. R. Lamb, manager of the Bank of Toronto, said that he thought the principle on which the new charges were based was good, but he had not yet studied how the rates worked out.

"F. B. Bennett, the manager of the Traders' Bank, said—the charges are absolutely ridiculous. We use at least one hundred calls per day from our bank, and the expense will be increased enormously.

"Alexander Davidson, contractor—I don't think the public of Winnipeg will stand for it, and I for one will have the telephone taken out, as it is absolutely ridiculous paying that price for a private telephone.

"D. E. Adams—it strikes me it will take a fortune to pay our telephone bills now. Our firm has, on an average, 400 calls a day. I should imagine it would cost us over \$1,000 a year. The Manitoba department is following the United States plan, and it has not worked out satisfactorily. No doubt they are trying to help out the rural systems in this way. They would help the farmers and make the city people pay for it."

What Chairman Thinks.

F. C. Patterson, chairman of the government telephone commission, in discussing the new rates with the Manitoba Free Press, is reported to have said that the chief feature was the introduction of the measured rate which had worked so well in Great Britain and in certain cities of the States. The scheme was brought in now to obviate the difficulties which had arisen oftentimes from the overuse of the phones by those who had no need of using it for the time being. There were every day complaints of congestion in the city business owing to lines being

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engaged and delays were frequent and of great loss to the persons involved.

Taking the average of the calls per day per subscriber in Winnipeg it worked out about 12. That was an inordinately high figure, and comparing it with the average in other cities it was far in excess of what it should be. In cities of the population of Winnipeg the average was about 2.4 calls per subscriber per day. The introduction of the measured rates it is expected will reduce the number of calls by about 50 per cent.

This will enable the department to dispense with the services of a large number of their employees, and there will be little of the business congestion in the city which is now so much heard of among the offices in town. There will be none of the indiscriminate use of the phone by women and children for useless purposes.

"The proposed rates," continued Mr. Patterson, "will save parties who make but sparing use of the phone to have one in the house for \$18 per year. That is \$7 less than the present rate allowed. It may seem absurd to speak of only one call per day, or 30 per month. But there are hundreds of phones in the city where no more use is made than that at present. For the benefit of private subscribers where a large use of the phone is made, a rate is introduced for houses of \$48 per year. There will be no flat rate for business purposes, and the rate will be \$4 per month with 100 calls.

Conditions Outside Winnipeg.

"The greatest development made by Manitoba during its four years of government ownership of telephones has been in the rural or farming districts, where thousands of miles of lines have been built to give the farmer of this province one of the greatest advantages that it is possible to give him outside of the postoffice and schools. As this tremendous development extends, it all becomes more expensive to operate and maintain than when the exchanges were small. It has therefore been found necessary to reclassify the exchanges according to the number of subscribers, extent of area covered, and also provide for giving continuous service where it is possible to do so.

"The revised schedule will show that in all exchanges with less than one hundred subscribers having a daily service only, the rates are even a little lower than they have been up to the present time. When an exchange has night service, and more than one hundred subscribers, the rate will be based on the extra cost that such service involves. As the exchange grows from one hundred to a larger place there is a slight rise in the rates per annum for each additional one hundred subscribers, because it necessarily means increased cost for operating, maintenance, and for replacement of equipment.

"During the last three years there has been no difference made in the rate for an exchange with fifty subscribers, having only a day service, than the larger places like Dauphin, Souris, Virvden, Neepawa and Carman, all of which have systems of more than 500 subscribers, where it has been found necessary to establish permanent buildings, more expensive switchboard apparatus, and where the exchanges have now reached a stage where they demand readjustment of the rates. All the rates for provincial cities, towns and rural districts will be subject to ten per cent rebate for prompt payment semi-annually in advance."

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Individual Line, Prepayment Nickel Service—10c a day guarantee; each call 5c, but 2c rebated by the collector monthly on each call over such guarantee in that month.

Extension Telephones, 50c a Month—A charge of \$2.50 will be made on all new installations. All contracts subject to approval of the Winnipeg Commercial Superintendent.

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100 to 200 and under 100, with continuous service	31.00	18.00 25.00 22.50
Two hundred and three hundred	32.00	19.00 26.00 23.50
Three hundred to four hundred	34.00	21.00 27.00 24.50
Four hundred to five hundred	36.00	22.00 28.00 25.10
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One thousand to five thousand	45.00	27.00 36.00 32.40

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL

Individual Line, Flat Service—\$5.00 per month.

Individual Line, Measured Service—\$4.00 per month for 100 out-going calls. Excess out-going calls 2c each.

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the state holding the ring to see that the combatants observe the rules of the game, is now generally admitted as not being sufficiently spacious for the doctrine of the brotherhood of man to find full scope for exercise and application.

Whether civilized man is ready for the opposing ideal of a co-operative commonwealth or not may be a matter of difference of opinion; be that as it may, it will be by giving hospitality to the spirit and teaching of Jesus that the industrial order shall become spacious enough for men to dwell together as brothers and at the same time develop the distinctive features of their individual lives. The one hope of better days lies in the moralizing of deeper conception of the common good; the capitalist viewing his work as a social function and his gains as a trust bestowed upon him for the public good, and the worker viewing his work as public service and his wages as consideration of public advantage. This deepening and expanding sense of the common good will come with the recognition and recognition of Christ as the Saviour of the individual soul, the Saviour of the individual soul, which is based upon a materialistic philosophy of life, which has no room for Christ, is sure to fail to meet the deepest needs of humanity; for without Him life cannot become perfect. He is its crown and consummation, and He must assimilate humanity unto Himself.

Education is also an inn of life which can only become sufficiently spacious for the culture of body, mind and soul

national and international life. Let the complaint is that the curriculum is too crowded already to admit of religious education. It will be readily conceded that the aim of all education is to develop character. It is natural then to suppose that the form of substance of knowledge which is most likely to give a large place in our educational system, and what is it but Christian knowledge. All knowledge is not truth, and what is truth, but that part of knowledge which is convertible into character, Christ is the Truth. The true makes free; that is, it enlarges life. The impartation of that truth to all who are charged with the sacred task of creating character by means of education. What we want to see in the nation tomorrow we must put into our schools and colleges to-day. If we would a Christian nation we must provide a Christian education. To crowd it out by religious prejudices and jealousies or by a list of lumbering studies of facts and figures and facts, is to make the life of the nation a narrow and a shallow thing. Legislation is still another line of life from which we cannot afford to crowd Christ. He comes knocking for admission at the doors of our civic councils, our legislative assemblies, in the movements that seek the enfranchisement of women, the protection of children, the destruction of the liquor traffic, the extirpation of social vice, the abolition of war, the preventive and restorative measures for social betterment. Our national life is crowded and burdened almost beyond endurance by oppressive taxation to maintain law and order, to keep up prisons and asylums, to support armies and navies which the spirit of militarism insists shall be ready for the Armageddon, which we are told must sooner or later be fought.

Who does not see all this is due to the exclusion of the Christ from our

national and international life. Let the song of the seraphs "of peace to men of good will" make its melody in the hearts of the people; may, let it become the social and national, the imperial and international policy of the legislators, and what then? With the prolific causes of crime destroyed, with the causes of war removed, what an enlargement of life, what a scope for the development of the peaceful arts, what expansion of the ideals of universal brotherhood. This is what Christ comes to do—to make space for the soul to expand, for the race to put its foot in a larger room. Science has given us a roomier universe, but it is Christ alone who can lift the roof of our human life and open it up to God. He alone can take down its walls and expand it to eternity, and this is what He is seeking to do when He comes to the Inn of our manifold life. Let us first of all give Him a larger place in our own individual lives and cease not to labor and to pray that He may gain an entrance into the social, industrial, educational and political departments of life; for the room He takes is only the standing ground He needs to expand and exalt the life that accords Him hospitality and gives Him space.

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Quite like grandmother's dance frock is the model of pink silk and ecru lace. The top of the bodice is collarless and ecru lace is crossed in fichu line. Over one shoulder a pointed ruffle of lace is draped, headed with a fringed quilling of silk. By all means use this quilling, that is really a strip of box-pleated silk, the edges frayed out. There is a lace tunic that suggests the coat of a medieval knight. The skirt is trimmed

with rows of heavy lace topped with the quilling.

Back to our notice has come Kate Greenaway. With the cap and gown to match, the young woman is ready for any dance that you ask of her. You will notice that the style is quite simple. The yoke is of hand-tucked net and a double fichu of circular cut is placed around the bodice. One side differs from the other. Lace and frillings are used to decorate this important note in the gown. Embroidery decorates the front of the skirt between the bands of lace and quillings of velvet and valenciennes. A girdle of velvet encircles the waist and ends at the fichu. The cap is of lace over silk, with a band of roses above the frill. This frock in any plain chiffon, silk, muslin or sheer net is charming.

Pale blue chiffon is used with pink roses at the girdle. A draped folded fichu is edged with a pleating of the same material. The sleeves are draped and have pleated ruffles. A shirred band of chiffon with pleating trims the skirt.

Many materials are used on one gown. Lace, valenciennes and duchesse, velvet, fur and satin are combined in the next-frock. The crossed line of lace at the bodice is here; the lace is draped to form sleeves also. A

tunic of lace drops down in a wide panel over the pink silk. Rows of valenciennes lace are used on the lower part of the skirt above a band of black satin and fur. The art is entirely in draping over a silk foundation.

A bolero frock is in high favor. Allover lace is trimmed with bands of lace and a quilling of wide valenciennes. Irish lace and ball fringing trim bodice and skirt. The sleeves of the bolero jacket are slashed on the under side, and gold insertion gives a brilliant touch to the white frock. The back has a hanging panel of lace trimmed with lace and silk.

Last in our group is a green satin gown with an overdress of ecru chiffon, the important feature of which is cutwork. The bodice is decorated in these new square and triangular holes that are buttonholed in silk. Sleeves are of lace and are trimmed with ruffles of silk and caps of lace and chiffon. There is a jacket effect given by the pleating of lace at the waist line.

If you cannot buy expensive lace, use net; use sheer materials over last year's frocks, and a little time in draping and trimming will give you delightful exploitations of evening dresses for the young woman.

FESTAL DAY IN THE INSTITUTIONS
GOOD DINNERS AND EVERYBODY HAPPY

Benevolent Entertainers, Provided Pleasure for the In-mates Large and Small.

In the various institutions about the city yesterday different forms of entertainment were given to commemorate the annual Christmas festival. Perhaps, in this connection, one's first thoughts would turn to the unfortunate people who are shut away from the world behind the prison walls, but here a kindly benefactor in the person of Mr. Franter, has for over twenty years unfailingly spent most of his Christmas day in contributing to the unhappy prisoners' entertainment.

The government annually makes an allowance of tobacco for the men of whom there are about one hundred in the provincial jail at the present time—and as the day is a holiday and the prisoners have the unusual freedom they are allowed to sit about and smoke the much-loved pipe during the morning, during which they chat with each other about the happier times when they enjoyed the luxury without restraint. The supply of tobacco which is sent by the government is sufficient to last for the two annual holidays—Christmas and New Year's—and no one but a prisoner, who enjoys the privilege of a smoke but twice a year, can appreciate how keenly the relish of the second pipe a week hence is already anticipated. After the morning smoke and chat the prisoners had dinner, roast beef and plum pudding with vanilla sauce, and coffee with the special addition of milk and sugar, forming the menu; for supper bread and butter and jam were served with the tea, to which also, as a reminder of the occasion, milk and sugar were added.

At about half-past two Mr. Franter, according to long custom, arrived with his small army of entertainers, and provided a delightful programme of songs, instrumental music, and recitations. In addition to this, each man and woman was handed a bag with candy and fruit in it, a gift which was much appreciated by the inmates. The function was presided over by Mr. Lee, who has occupied the chair for the last three years at this annual entertainment. Those who took part in the programme were: Major Muttter and Mr. Franter, who gave addresses; Miss M. Miller, Miss Davis, and Miss Wiseman, who sang; Mr. Stewart, who recited; a male quartette, and the Y. M. C. A. orchestra.

In the city jail no special arrangements were made for the prisoners, except the usual dinner.

At Jubilee Hospital.

Out at the Jubilee hospital the Daughters of Pity made the patients mindful of the occasion with lavish decorations of ivy, holly, and red bells, with Christmas trees in the various wards. In the children's ward, parties were given, the season was a joyful one for the little patients, as there a large decorated Christmas tree was Santa Claus' medium of distributing gifts to the wee folk, the matron and Dr. Hasell presiding. For all those patients who were able to go, a sumptuous dinner was served at 12 noon in the library, to which about twenty men sat down, none of the women patients, unfortunately, being well enough to leave their rooms.

St. Joseph's Hospital.

The patients at St. Joseph's spent their Christmas very quietly, most of them remaining in their rooms during the day. There were very few visitors, but something in the way of a cheerful reminder was provided by the serenade which floated through the windows from the street below where the Salvation Army band played. Their recreation was a city during the day, playing at both hospitals, and at the services which were held in the open, in addition to other serenades which they held before people's houses. They were greeted kindly by nearly all the people, at one place being invited to tea in a body. The money, which the band collects is to go toward the purchase of new instruments. Special services were held last evening at the Salvation Army barracks, Ensign and Mrs. McDonald conducting. The Christmas tree will not be given until Thursday evening of this week.

At the Y. W. C. A.

Perhaps one of the pleasantest informal entertainments provided during the day was that given to the young women at the Y. W. C. A. Here a big gathering of happy people and their mothers and friends to the number of fifty-two, sat down to a Christmas feast at 12.45, no less than four tables being required to hold the good things and to seat the guests. The dinner was pronounced by all to be absolutely perfect, and the hospitality which was shown by the matron and the residents at the Y. W. C. A. was immensely appreciated by all the girls. During the afternoon games were played, and after high tea at six o'clock the visitors sat about chatting gaily. At a later hour an informal entertainment of songs and recitations contributed to the evening's fun. The rooms were very prettily decorated with holly, cedar boughs, ivy, and artificial roses, the dinner table being arranged daintily with fresh flowers. In the morning, those who were staying in the house were busy interchanging gifts, and a pleasant atmosphere prevailed.

Y. M. C. A.

At the Y. M. C. A. dinner was served at 1 o'clock, to which about forty-five young men—both residents and strangers—came down. The executive committee of the Dormitory Club arranged the programme which followed, Mr. C. W. Whyte, president of the club, occupying the chair, and making a short

speech to the boys. Mr. Francis, of the office department, responded. Music was provided by the Association orchestra, and added not a little to the pleasurable nature of the gathering.

The Strangers' Rest.

The Strangers' Rest entertained about 150 people at dinner in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church, which was followed by an informal and pleasant afternoon. In the evening about 200 sat down to supper, and a good programme of songs and recitations was furnished by many friends of the society, considerable talent being exhibited. A splendid spirit of generosity and general helpfulness marked the occasion, everyone seeming anxious to contribute to the happiness of his neighbor. Rev. Mr. Holland gave an address of welcome to the guests, who all went away much happier for this Christmas greeting.

The Orphanage.

Although the Christmas tree, so dear to the hearts of all children, will not distribute its bounties until Thursday of this week, the children at the Orphanage yesterday dug down to the loam of their stockings in search for apples, oranges, nuts and candies. After a good dinner, the children were taken out for a motor drive by Mr. and Mrs. MacIntyre, who brought a number of cars up to the home, those who lent their cars being: Messrs. M. Ferguson, T. F. McConnell, Sargison, J. O. Dunford, J. H. Mitchell, Lorne Bell, Pemberton & Son, F. Landsberg, C. McRae, the Western Motor Co., Styler's Garage, and Colonel Currie.

The children at the Children's Aid were also taken out by the same kind people for a drive during the afternoon.

Defending a claim by her father-in-law, an old gentleman of 81, for \$40, a defendant in Shornditch County court said she had handed the money to her to keep for his funeral expenses.

LOCAL TRADE WAS GREATEST KNOWN

FULLY HALF LARGER THAN A YEAR AGO

Merchants All Report That Business Has Never Been So Brisk.

A Christmas trade which was on the whole about fifty per cent. better than that which has marked any previous year is reported by all the retail business men of Victoria this morning. There is a feeling of the utmost optimism among them all and the outlook for the coming year is regarded as exceedingly bright.

The amount of money in circulation is greater than ever before in the history of the city, giving one more proof of the steadily increasing prosperity of the Capital and of the solidity of the foundations upon which its citizens are building up what will be one of the finest cities on the Pacific coast.

Inquiry among leading merchants to-day elicits the most satisfactory statements from all of them as to the business which was done during the holiday shopping season and which has not ceased yet by any means. In volume the goods sold came to half as much as ever before and the quality

demanded has been much higher than formerly. In no city of its size, probably, has such a large retail business been done in proportion to the population as here.

It is known, of course, that a considerable mail order business goes out of the city on the part of eastern and old country people who get sentimental or other reasons for getting goods of various sorts from outside, but in spite of all this the retail stores of the city are all increasing their yearly turnover and many of them are finding it necessary to move into new and more commodious stores or to greatly enlarge their present premises where they cannot secure others.

"The best general trade we have ever had and the most satisfactory for the new year," said one of the leading firms of clothiers. "The people have the money to spend and they are spending it at home, where they find they can obtain what they want at reasonable prices as anywhere else."

"Our Christmas trade has been from forty to fifty per cent. greater than it was last year and fully indicates that there is no lack of money in Victoria," was the comment of another well-known clothier.

"In all my experience of Victoria I never knew so prosperous a Christmas trade," said an old-established jeweller. "There was a large demand this year for the best goods, and while the demand for the gifts within the reach of the average man was greater than ever it was noticeable that there was a brisk demand for more costly gifts than heretofore, showing that there is plenty of money in circulation. We are thoroughly satisfied with the trade done and are looking for a continuance of it during the new year season, and for a better year than any next year."

"The demand for books for gift pur-

LITTLE ANGELO'S ROMAN CARNIVAL

"WAS the Roman carnival. Little Ercole had a holiday, and the shop-keepers got into their macaroni. They told glowingly of their afternoon experiences, and ate hurriedly, so as not to miss the fun, and to get back as early as possible on the Corso."

"We have only spent half," said Angelo, triumphantly, to his parents, "and tonight—oh, tonight!" But the vision of his future recklessness was too much, and the sentence was never finished.

"Ercole tried to look bored, but failed, and ended by saying, 'I, too, have fun.'"

"Oh, the good signora, the good signora! Today the Madonna bless her! Come, Ercole, what shall we buy?"

"Fifteen centimes," said the vendor.

"Impossible," said the man, "fifteen centimes is the lowest."

"Now, you know," said Ercole, "that cannot be. Say two for twenty."

"Why not now?" asked Angelo, impatiently.

"Because then it will be more fun! Many more people will be out."

directions and got all the pleasure, and more besides, that twenty such bags usually contain, and that night at supper two tired but very happy little puncheons sat down to their macaroni. They told glowingly of their afternoon experiences, and ate hurriedly, so as not to miss the fun, and to get back as early as possible on the Corso."

Confetti and other carnival stuff filled the air. Angelo and Ercole were wild with joy. Their father showed them everything and even let them join in a small torchlight procession. Would they forget this day and night? They asked each other over and over.

"No, you are too small to here."

"Will Ercole stay?" he asked almost tearfully.

"No, Ercole must go also," said his father, "and we must now hurry back."

Ercole looking up, "It will buy more now than it would this afternoon."

The boys' eyes beamed, and soon calling their meal, they rapidly prepared for the evening's sport.

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Such a good time as they had! The streets were so full one could hardly move. All was laughter and excitement.

"We will all go home together, dear father," said Angelo reproachfully, "and next year at carnival I will show these how good I can be!"

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poses, and for all the little knick-knacks of our stock, surprised us," said the head of one of the leading book and stationery stores. "Speaking generally the business done this Christmas far outdoes any year we have had."

And these expressions could be multiplied, being but the experience of the storekeepers in every line throughout the city.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital Saturday of Joseph KILLAPARE. Deceased, who was 36 years of age, is survived by a mother and sister, both resident in this city, and by an uncle at Ladysmith. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Victoria Undertaking parlors.

Mrs. Lucy Fairall died at an early hour on Sunday at St. Joseph's hospital, after a short illness. She was 31 years of age, and was a native of Peterborough, Sussex, England, and is survived by her husband, five children (four girls and a boy), three sisters in England, and one brother. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 from the Victoria Undertaking parlors, the Rev. R. Connell conducting the services.

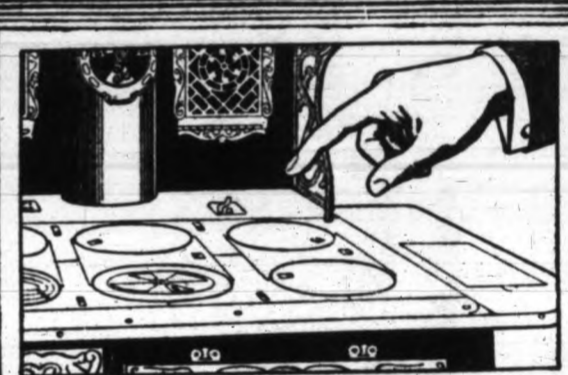
Hallburton Renwick, son of the late Dr. Renwick, died at Roseland on Sunday last of pneumonia. The deceased, who was 32 years of age, was born in Nagasaki, Japan, and came here with his parents while still a child. He was educated in the local schools, and was a surveyor by profession. He is survived by an only sister, Miss Renwick of this city. The body will arrive in town to-morrow afternoon, and the funeral will be held on Thursday from the B. C. Funeral parlors at 10.15 in the morning, fifteen minutes later from St. John's church, Rev. Percival Jenks conducting the services.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alkman took place on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 1195 Fort street, the Rev. Dr. Campbell conducting the services. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Simon Leiser, Jas. S. Yates, W. S. Chambers, Harry Briggs, Frank Higgins, Chas. E. Wilson, H. E. A. Courtney, and David Leeming.

The death occurred on Sunday last of Mr. Edward Finkler. The body has been removed to the funeral parlors of Hanna & Thomson, pending funeral arrangements which will be announced at a later date.

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HOW RICH PEOPLE SPEND THEIR MONEY

Fortunes Lavished on Freaks and Whims—Vagaries of the Millionaires

Millionaires have fallen on evil times. When anybody thinks of millionaires it is usually America that rises in the mind—the land whose wealth creates millionaires and multi-millionaires. But America is not alone in the matter, for many countries have their idle rich. But in America the rich are not as a rule idle, although the wives and daughters of the American rich men have succeeded marvelously in giving that impression.

Americans—and in this article the terms is to be understood to apply to that portion of the North American continent, known as the United States—for in these days Canadians, not without reason, delight to consider themselves as something different from the Americans—used to be proud of their millionaires, just as they used to be proud of mere bigness in many things. This was before the popular American novelist had begun to peer into the habits of the American rich, and before the more serious minded writers—men of scientific methods and analytical minds—had begun to follow the steps of the novelist, equipped with their microscopes and purifiers and before preachers had found courage to hurl anathema from the pulpit.

It is not these alone but the average man, hustling on his way to wealth and eager for more dollars than he owns has come to the conclusion that it is far from right for one man to be so mightily rich when there are so many in absolute misery.

Two new books have been published on this subject and they have formed the basis of numerous articles that have appeared in the reviews with the object of presenting a plausible defence for the millionaires. Both the book writers take the ground that the millionaires ought not necessarily to be a thing of evil—great in vulgarity as in wealth and immense in selfishness and relentless in the power he exercises over the lives of the poor toilers who create his fortune. Both books however, admit with painful candor the utter baseness of many of the class.

One is called "Passing of the Idle Rich," by Frederick Townsend Martin, and the other has a more indefinite title, but it is written by Gerald Lee, more obviously in defence of the ideal millionaire, whom he practically admits does not exist.

Mr. Martin has many scandalous stories of the way millionaires spend their money.

He tells one story of a millionaire who bought a house in New York City for \$2,000,000.

On his garden, to make space for which he tore down a building that had cost a hundred thousand and the new owner spent five hundred thousand dollars. His bedstead is of carved ivory and ebony, inlaid with gold. It cost two hundred thousand dollars. The walls are richly carved and decorated with enamel and gold, they cost sixty-five thousand dollars. . . . The wardrobe in this famous bedroom represents an outlay of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the dressing-table, sixty-five thousand. The washstand cost thirty-eight thousand, and the bed-hangings fifty dollars a yard.

The author describes a number of "freak" dinners, in which there were mad orgies of extravagance. At one of them each guest found in one of his oysters a magnificent black pearl. When the host Pole was "discovered" an enthusiastic American gave a "ten thousand-dollar dinner," with icebergs round the dinner-table, waiters dressed as Eskimos, and stuffed polar bears round the walls.

The wife of a Western mail owns a pet monkey. The little beast lives in a private room, and is constantly attended by a valet. It rides abroad behind its private trotter, has its own outfit of clothes, its dining-table, and a bed made of solid ivory tipped with gold ornaments. All told, perhaps, a dozen human beings minister to the comforts of the little simian, and the mistress pays cheerfully from ten to fifteen thousand dollars yearly on this one extravagance.

Indignation at this debauchery of wealth pales before pity for the misery of these idle rich who in search of happiness spend fortunes on a freak and vast wealth on a passing whim, and remain in the miserable state of having to devise new vanities by which they might get rid of some of their burden of money, which crushes them down and destroys their human nature and human interest.

In Mr. Lee's book there is a good deal of rhapsody about inspired millionaires. Inspired laborers and inspired poets and world singers. These are going to make a new heaven and a new earth.

The millionaire is going to break away from Philistinism . . . and associate with artists, and with men of genius, men of ideas, inventions, visions. Inspired millionaires, the most envied men in the world, and inspired artists and inventors. . . . are going to be inevitably thrown together. They have the making of the planet between them."

Mr. Lee has some hard things to say about the rich men who make their wealth by crushing out the souls of men who mind the world's machines, but he thinks that this evil may be remedied by making men equal to the machines with which they work. "We believe that the way out for us modern men, struggling with these huge machines, is not to creep back from our souls, into the machines, but to come out and face the machines, and

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"My husband bought some 'Fruit-a-tives' and inside of ten days, I was able to leave my bed. My stomach got strong and I could eat, and regain my food. To-day, I weigh 125 pounds."
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lift ourselves to the machines, loom up with our souls beside them, and be men with them. So we face the issue. It is the final challenge of Matter, live, terrible, steel-fingered, roller-scotched, to the manhood of the earth."

These two books might make the man of humor shout with laughter. For in their serious discourse on what to do with millionaires they reveal in every word and line the reverence for great wealth, the respect for material prosperity, the homage to the power of money over the lives of men, which is held to be the cure of the modern world and the cause of the millionaire's vulgarity and ostentatious luxury. Neither of the two writers realize the eternal, deadly conflict, between matter and spirit, between the things of this world and the kingdom of the soul. They profess to believe that the man who grows immensely rich on the toil of others may have done so by a life of pure and simple philanthropy.

The facts are against their theories, for all evidence shows that great wealth does not come to men with the qualities of St. Francis of Assisi, not to men of humble heart and divine unselfishness, but as a rule to men of cunning, and greed, and craft, and selfish ambition.



Montgomery and Stone in "The Old Town."

Montgomery and Stone, whose reputation for theatrical successes is assured, will be at the Victoria theatre on Thursday night. They will give George Ade's newest play, "The Old Town."

Those clever entertainers have been associated with musical comedy since they first made themselves known to the patrons of the high class theatres in "The Wizard of Oz," some eight years ago. The methods of Montgomery and Stone in winning their auditors to laughter and applause are not always the methods of John Drew or E. H. Sothern. However, the public know that Montgomery and Stone are first-class entertainers; that George Ade's whimsical genius can usefully be depended upon for the creation of quaint character types and amusing situations; and that Charles Dillingham, the managerial sponsor of "The Old Town," inevitably gives every piece he produces the advantage of adequate incidental investiture and a carefully and well selected cast.

Besides the two principal comedians there are a number of well known entertainers in the cast, prominent being Clara Palmer, Flossie Hope, Edna Bates, Helen Filmer, Peggy Preston, Virginia Kendall, and the Messes, Charles Cox, Howard Russell, Mack Whiting, Howard Dyott, W. J. McCarty, Fred Perine, Ed. Bealer and James G. Reaney.

A special added feature is the engagement of "The Old Town" cast, comprising eight well known and admirable technique, with addition to their dancing numbers, will introduce several novelties.

Seven Days.
When Messrs. Wagenhats & Kemper will present the Rinehart-Hopwood comedy "Seven Days" at the Victoria Theatre Jan. 1st, New Year matinee and night it will be with their New York Astor Theatre cast and production whose distinction it is to have been identified with the play's third year on Broadway. This comedy which by a quarantine imprisons an oddly assorted company in a house for a week, is a ceaseless bombardment of fun and an unbroken storm of side-splitting laughter.

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Majestic Theatre.

The pictures for to-morrow will all be of high class, and in addition to regular show will be seen part one of special film, "The Seven Capital Sins," which is a beautiful Biblical production in natural color. "The Half-Breed" depicts in the Canadian Northwest a half-breed's pretty daughter altered away by a young miner who departs her. He is visited with the vengeance of heaven in response to her application of her father to the Great Spirit. "The Deacon's Reward," a story of a very kindly, good-hearted old man and his nephew. "The Engineer's Daughter" shows a pair of elopers on

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AMERICA ORIGINAL HOME OF CAMEL

Lived on Plains From Texas to Montana, Declares Scientist

A herd of camels was brought to America a half century ago and taken to the arid region of the Southwestern Territories to grow up with the country and serve as beasts of burden in American deserts, according to the statement of a scientist in Chicago. At that time it was believed that animals of this worthy breed had never trod the soil of the New World except as zoological objects of curiosity. Not long afterward, however, paleontologists made the discovery that until only a few hundred thousand years ago there had been camels living in the plains and mountains from Texas to Montana. Later still it was learned that America, far from being an alien country, is the native land of the whole cameloid family.

The story of prehistoric menageries is related by E. S. Riggs, assistant curator of the division of paleontology in the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago. In support of his statement and for the understanding of laymen, Mr. Riggs points to a fossil skeleton now on view in the museum. This skeleton, differing at first sight from the modern camel skeleton only in its littleness, was dug out of the sand in Western Nebraska.

"Camels in Asia and Africa," said Mr. Riggs, "are descendants of North American ancestors, or, at least, we have almost every reason for believing this. On this continent the camels had a life history that extended over, perhaps, 2,000,000 years and ended about 200,000 or 300,000 years ago, some time before the glacial epoch. The American varieties include some smaller and others larger than the bactrian camel of to-day."

"The camels are the oldest cloven hoofed animals known in America. Their earliest deposited fossils are found in the plains of southern Wyoming. Specimens of different periods are found as far east as Kansas and as far south as Texas. It is quite possible that these beasts may have ranged further east, though the land east of Kansas was not favorable to the preservation of the skeletons.

"We can trace the development of the camel from Montana to Texas. The early fossils are of animals not larger than the modern gazelle. These small skeletons are found in the mountain basins of Wyoming and Montana. As the mountains were raised, erosion filled up the basins, burying skeletons in successive layers that are now easily accessible.

"With the advance of time the camels became larger. Eventually they developed long legs and stood from one and one-half to two feet taller than the modern bactrian. Before this, however, a migration is supposed to have taken place across the Pacific ocean. Parallel occurrences of species in the different continents lead us to believe that a land connection existed somewhere in the northern Pacific a half million years ago. We do not know just where that connection was, but species in those of America appeared at that time in Central Asia in the region south of the Himalayas.

"Beyond the difference in size, which varied through the ages, the early camels differed from those of the present day in the formation of the feet and the presence of biting teeth in the upper jaw. The smaller camels walked on the ends of two toes. We may assume that the change into the padded, footed foot of the modern camel was an adaptation to the desert environment. Somewhat the same thing may be said of the change in tooth structure.

"The habitat of the early camels in America was a semi-tropical region, moist and abounding in vegetation. The little camels had habits like those of the deer. As they moved into the barren lands in Kansas, Nebraska and Texas they adapted themselves to the different conditions.

"But there was one change to which the camels could not adapt themselves, we believe, and that was the change in climate with the approach of the glacial age. In the north all living things were exterminated by the southward movement of the continental ice cap, and beyond the limit of the ice at the south the air must have been heavily laden with moisture.

"On the sunny slopes of California the camel made his last stand, but the comparatively sudden change proved fatal to the southern variety; then accustomed to dry lands. The temperature fell with the advancing sheet, and when this had receded the camel, ship of the desert, had disappeared from his ancient home in North America. He is survived by his cousins in Asia and Africa, and in South America the claims may be a vestige of the northern species. If excavation for fossils is ever carried on to any extent in Mexico the known range of the early camels may be extended far south."

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Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

Public Meeting

At the request of the Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria, a public meeting of the ratepayers will be held in the Municipal Hall, Oak Bay Avenue, on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1911, at 8 p. m., to hear the proposals of the Mayor and Council with regard to the extension of the city limits.

J. S. FLOYD,
C. M. C.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, on the eighth day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality, as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1912, at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for Reeve shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality, of the Assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

The qualifications for a councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality, of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the nomination, and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Oak Bay, B. C., the 22nd day of December, 1911.
(Signed) HENRY F. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

COURT OF REVISION OF VOTERS' LIST

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay Avenue, on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1912, at 8 p. m.

J. S. FLOYD,
C. M. C.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay that I require the presence of the said Electors at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing three persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the Public Schools Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District, is eligible to be elected or to serve as School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1912, at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve will be entitled to cast his vote for three candidates for the members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for each candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

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ATTEMPT TO ROB BANK AT LADYSMITH

Man Demands \$1,000, But Flees When Cashier Covers Him With Revolver.

The hold-up man has reached Ladysmith. On Saturday morning shortly after 11 o'clock a daring attempt was made to hold up the teller of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, says the Ladysmith Chronicle. There was nothing unusual in the man's appearance, and Mr. Ray was not ready for the sudden demand to hand over \$1,000, the stranger accompanying the request with a revolver pointed at the teller.

Mr. Ray has a habit of thinking quickly, so he replied, "Nothing doing," at the same time covering the hold-up man with the revolver which is kept on the bank counter. He kept the intruder covered until the latter reached the door and ran down the street.

The whole thing occurred so quietly that Mr. de Gex, who was in his private office, knew nothing about the occurrence until the hold-up man had started on the run from the bank.

Mr. Ray was perfectly cool, and so far as appearances indicated a few minutes later, standing off bank robbers might be regarded as an everyday occurrence with him.

The police were immediately notified, and are now on the lookout for the man. Fortunately Mr. Ray was able to get a good description of the man, and it is more than likely that an arrest will be made shortly.

CONFESSES MURDER.

Nelson, Dec. 26.—The confession of Albert P. Balsom has solved the mystery of the double murder which occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning, when Caleb Barton and Jack Gould were shot to death in the Manhattan saloon.

The sound of shots attracted the police to the saloon about 4 o'clock. They found Barton lying dead, with a bullet wound in his head, and two in his stomach, and Gould was also dead, with two wounds. A revolver lay beside the dead men. The place where the bodies lay was swimming with blood, which also bespattered the walls.

Across the room lay Balsom, drenched in blood and in a state of frenzy. He was almost insensible, and said to the police, "It was the nigger who did it," afterwards explaining that a big negro had entered the saloon, demanded \$20 and had immediately emptied the revolver at the three men upon being refused.

The police detained Balsom, and immediately arrested a negro who was in bed asleep at the time. The negro was afterwards released, and it developed that Balsom's story was untrue. He was then charged with murder, and soon afterwards made a written confession.

Balsom had been in the saloon on Friday evening, and he had attempted to borrow \$20, but was refused. He waited outside until Barton and Gould locked the doors of the saloon and went to supper. He then attempted to break in the door, but was unable to do so. Turning his attention to the safe, he broke off the hinges and was opening the door when Barton and Gould returned. He opened fire immediately, wounding Barton and shooting Gould in the head. A struggle then commenced, in which Barton was killed and Balsom was injured.

The prisoner is a recent arrival from England and has a wife in Nelson. He worked for some time in a mine and earned \$200, which he spent.

WOMEN VOTERS.

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—A request has been forwarded to the city council by the District W. C. T. U. that smoking be prohibited in the polling places at the municipal elections next month, as it is stated that if this is not done many women will not vote. It is also asked that a place be provided at each polling booth where a committee of women with voters' lists may meet women voters, not, it is explained, to canvass on behalf of the candidates, but to instruct the women in the proper method of marking their ballots, this being the first time they have had that privilege.

The resolution covering these requests was passed at the regular meeting of the District W. C. T. U. held recently in the board room of the Central Mission. The vice-president, Mrs. McPhie, occupied the chair, and Mrs. Curtis president of Mt. Pleasant Union, conducted the devotional exercises.

NEW WESTMINSTER MAYORALTY

New Westminster, Dec. 25.—Ald. Bryson announces that he has acceded to the demands of his friends that he be a candidate for the mayoralty at the civic elections in January. He will oppose Mayor Lee, who is endeavoring to obtain a third term. Ald. Bryson has served in the city council as alderman for two years, being chairman of the water committee. He is an old-timer, having lived in New Westminster for thirty years.

Ald. Bryson has opposed Mayor Lee on several important questions during the year and an interesting campaign is looked for.

UNEMPLOYED MEN.

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—It appears that 996 men have applied for work at the Civic Employment Bureau, and only 215 have been accommodated with work. It was proposed that some city work should be found for those out of employment, and on Wednesday next the board of works is to take up the question whether something cannot be done to find work in the way of removal of gravel from the dredge now at work on the First Narrows and its use in places in the city.

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MINERS FAVOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Resolution Passed at Ymir Convention—Officers Are Elected

Nelson, Dec. 25.—Declaring for the principle of woman suffrage, and passing resolutions urging the provincial government to place legislation on the statute books of British Columbia which would extend the scope of the eight-hour law by making a day of eight hours legal on all government work, in glory holes, quarries and similar operations and to compel employers to pay employees who have left their service compensation for any time lost while awaiting the payment of wages, the fourteenth annual convention of District 6, Western Federation of Miners, came to an end after a tremendous session during which a compromise was reached which was accomplished in a businesslike manner.

It was decided to ask the executive board of the federation to consider means for organizing the Goose Bay district in the north of the province where the Granby company is carrying on extensive operations. Nelson was chosen as the place for the next convention, after a contest with Silverton, Greenwood and Rossland.

The following officers were elected: President, William Davidson; first vice-president, M. P. Villeneuve; second vice-president, William M. Ross; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Shilland; delegate to Provincial Federation of Labor, James Roberts; fraternal delegate to U. M. W. of a convention, George Heatherston.

TO HIM THAT HATH.

Montreal—Witness Discusses Ethics of Rockefeller Transaction.

The charge of the Merritt brothers against Mr. John D. Rockefeller, which they made before the Stanley Steel Investigating Committee, has naturally aroused the greatest interest among all classes of people. The Merritt brothers were lumbermen in Minnesota and discovered the enormous iron deposits there. They started to build a railway, but had not money enough to finish it, and were invited to come to New York to see Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller proposed a consolidation of all the ore and railway properties; that this was done, and that by the manipulation of stocks and bonds and the injuring of their credit, the

SUPREME COURT REVERSES DECISIONS

Judgment in Action Arising Out of Sale of Land for Taxes

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—In a dispatch received from Ottawa it was announced that the Supreme Court of Canada had allowed with costs the appeal of R. A. Anderson versus the Municipality of South Vancouver. Sarah Ralston, Mary C. Fleming et al. versus Mr. Justice Broder, however, differed from the rest of the members of the court and gave a dissenting vote.

This decision has a far-reaching effect in South Vancouver, as it directly affects the titles of considerable property in this municipality. It reverses the decisions of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, as well as the full Court of Appeal.

The case in question arises from a tax sale held in South Vancouver on or about October 10, 1898. R. A. Anderson, as set forth in the statement of claim, was the owner of an undivided one-half interest in D. L. 701, group 1, New Westminster district (now Vancouver district), containing 20 acres. On the day of the tax sale, June 21, 1901, the municipality of South Vancouver sold the whole of lot 701 to William Mashuter for taxes. By conveyance dated on or about April 7, 1904, Mr. Mashuter conveyed the whole of the lot to Sarah Ralston, who on October 30, 1906, made application to have herself registered as owner, in fee, of the property in question. On October 29, 1906, Sarah Ralston sold a part (the westerly 15 acres of lot 701) to Amos C. Fleming, who in turn made application to the district registrar of titles in Vancouver for registration in his own name of an indefeasible title to the westerly 15 acres of the lot. He died, and in a will gave the property to his wife, Mary C. Fleming, one of the defendants in the case. The upsetting of the tax sale is very important as many other parcels of land were sold at the same time.

Merritts were jugged out of everything, and that Mr. Rockefeller got it. Mr. Rockefeller repudiated when a settlement was made the Merritt brothers signed a statement exonerating him from misrepresentations and fraud, and withdrawing all such charges as they had previously made against him. Leonidas Merritt replies: "I cannot recall exactly what I signed. I had lost confidence in my brother's death and the ruin of others. My lawyers told me to sign. If I had signed that knowingly it would only have been to relieve my family of destitution. Mr. Rockefeller gave some money to my brother and he divided it with me." It is not denied that the million dollars, and that they returned to Minnesota penniless, or that Mr. Rockefeller somehow got hold of their properties; that he later sold part of the properties for \$30,000,000 to the United States Steel Corporation, and that the United States Steel Corporation once valued these properties at \$700,000,000. At the time, however, when the Merritts and Rockefeller took place about ten millions was what they were considered to be worth. This is a startling instance of how millionaires are made out of a country's natural resources. It would be unfair to attempt to judge as to the merits of the Rockefeller-Merritt case until Mr. Rockefeller gives his version of it before the investigating committee, specifically and under oath, as he is to be ordered to do by subpoena. It is also said that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan will be summoned to give evidence. No wonder there is such a flurry in the financial dovecotes.

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Ontario still produces a little over one-third of the quantity of the lumber cut annually in Canada, but its annual cut, while increasing, is increasing more slowly each year. Ontario's 1909 cut was 17 per cent greater than in 1908. Its 1910 cut was only 7.5 per cent more than in 1909. The Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior has compiled statistics showing that 1,542,191,000 feet of lumber, worth \$29,011,000, was cut in Ontario during 1910, but that British Columbia will be Canada's premier lumber province in a short time. The diversified forests of Ontario have enabled this province to hold its supremacy up to the present, as illustrated in 1910, when the chief cut of seventeen species came from Ontario. While pine to the value of \$17,143,074 came from Ontario forests and formed 65 per cent of Canada's white pine cut. Nearly half of the hemlock cut in Canada in 1910 was cut in Ontario as was over 90 per cent of the red pine. Ontario contributed over 75 per cent of the hardwoods. Of the total cut in 1910, white pine was 35 per cent, one-half was white pine. Hard pine contributed 10 per cent, hemlock 12 per cent, leaving 25 per cent to be equally divided among the hardwoods and less important cuts. To arrive at the correct amount cut by lumber mills of Ontario in 1910, there must be added to the above lumber cut, 1,500,000 shingles, worth \$3,367,211, and 821,503,000 1 1/2 inch worth \$1,943,544.

FINANCIAL NOTES

Atchafalpa net earnings decreased 46.42 per cent. Reports are current in New York that the International Harvester Co. will declare an extra dividend after the first of the year.



TRADING BRISK IN THE COPPERS

Amalgamated and Utah Advance—General List of Stocks Strong.

New York, Dec. 26.—There was not much action displayed in the stock market at the opening to-day, and trading was quiet at the earlier portion of the session. Good buying of Lehigh Valley and Utah Copper, both of which advanced, created a bull impetus, and towards the close the market had a strong tone. Some further liquidation in Great Northern Railway did not have much influence on the rest of the list, and before the close this stock regained two points from the low. The copper market still continues bullish, and traders are heavy buyers of Amalgamated and Utah.

Table with columns: Stock Name, High, Low, Close. Includes Amalgamated, Utah, Great Northern, etc.

NEW YORK METALS

New York Dec. 26.—Copper metal quiet; spot \$13.87 1/2@14.06; Dec. \$13.92@14.09; Jan. \$13.95@14.13; Feb. \$14.01.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Dec. 26.—Raw sugar quiet; Muscovado, 99 test, \$15.76@15.81; centrifugal, 96 test, \$16.04@16.13; massed sugar, 99 test, \$2.62@2.76; refined sugar quiet.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Dec. 26.—Money on call steady, 3 1/2 per cent; ruling rate, 3 1/2 per cent; closing bid, 3 1/2 per cent; offered at 3 1/2 per cent. Time loans easier, 60 days and 90 days, 4 1/2 per cent; 6 months, 4 1/2 per cent. Close—Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, at 48 3/8 to 49 for 60-day bills, and at 48 1/2 to 48 3/4 for actual business in bankers bills at 48 1/2 to 49 for 60-day bills, and at 48 1/2 to 49 for silver, 5 1/2 per cent. Mexican dollars, 46 1/2 to 47. Bonds, governments steady; railroads easy.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; market steady to 1/2c higher; steers, \$13.50@13.75; western steers, \$13.00@13.50; stockers and feeders, \$12.50@13.50; cows and heifers, \$10.00@12.00; calves, \$4.75@8.75.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Stock Name, Bid, Asked. Includes American Canadian Oil, Canadian Northwest Oil, etc.

TRADING AGAIN QUIET IN THE PIT

Not Much Change in Prices of Wheat—Minneapolis Mills Buying Freely.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Opening prices for wheat futures to-day were not much changed from those of Friday, and trading was quiet. There was nothing of importance in the way of news excepting the visible supply, which was bearishly inclined. Minneapolis reported cash wheat strong, with mills best buyers, but flour business off. Trade is in a position to respond promptly to anything in the way of bull news, especially first proof of any important drop in the Northwest receipts. There was scattered demand for December corn at the opening, and commission men are some buying orders for May. The fairly strong opening was largely discounted by want of firmness in wheat. Stocks are light.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley. Includes Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.

WORLD'S VISIBLE SUPPLY.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley. Includes 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890.

WINNIPEG GRAIN

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Wheat—December, \$4.82 1/2; May (old), closed 58 1/2; May (new), \$4.85.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

World's shipments for last week: Wheat, 10,294,000; corn, 4,344,000. On passage statement: Wheat increase, 102,000; corn increase, 1,828,000.

VISIBLE SUPPLY

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Visible supply: Wheat decrease, 70,000; corn increase, 52,000; oats increase, 24,000.

HOG RECEIPTS

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Estimated hog receipts to-morrow, 37,000.

WHEAT RECEIPTS

Wheat receipts in carloads follow: Winnipeg Dec. 26—Wheat—Total, 1,723,000 bush. Last Year, 1,622,000 bush. To-day, Year, 1,073,000 bush. Shipments, 263,000 bush. 270,000 bush.

CHICAGO CLEARANCES

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Clearances—Wheat, 255,000 bush. Total, 10,900; flour, 20,000 bush. wheat and flour equals 69,400.

WHEAT RECEIPTS

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Chicago cash wheat unchanged; corn, 1/2 to 3/4 lower; oats, 1/2 to 3/4 lower.

COAL DEAL DENIED

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Officials of two big Columbus coal companies, who are among the largest operators in the Belmont county coal fields, yesterday denied any connection with the reported sale of coal land in the Belmont county coal field to the Grand Trunk Railway Co. Canada. It was rumored that the Grand Trunk had absorbed the Bell and River Coal Company of Pittsburg, thus taking title to 31,000 acres of coal lands in Belmont county, with an annual output of about 15,000 tons. The Bell and River Coal Company was capitalized at \$2,500,000, with \$2,500,000 in bond outstanding. The Grand Trunk is understood to have paid \$3,000,000 for the stock and guaranteed the bonds.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns: Cotton Name, Open, High, Low, Close. Includes Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.

PRODUCTION OF PULPWOOD IN CANADA

Quebec Province Leads in Consumption—Mechanical Process Greatly Used

There were fifty-one pulp mills in Canada in 1910, and these used 598,487 cords of wood. In addition to this 442,141 cords of pulpwood were exported in an unmanufactured state. For the first time, imports of pulpwood were reported, these were valued at \$49,322. Over 95 per cent of the Canadian mills cut the pulpwood used by them from their own limits. The \$4,585,154, the average value being thus \$8 per cord. From this pulpwood 474,604 tons of pulp were produced.

The total quantity of pulpwood used was 23,642 cords (3.8 per cent) less in 1910 than in 1909, but owing to a higher average price, the value of the pulpwood was \$11,074 greater than in 1909. There was in 1910 also a striking increase in the amount of pulp produced per cord of wood, the average amount being about 145 pounds greater per cord of wood than in 1909.

Quebec easily leads the other provinces in the consumption of pulpwood. It has practically half the mills in Canada (45 out of 51), and these consumed 57 per cent of the total amount of pulpwood used in Canada. Ontario, with 15 mills, consumed over one-third of the total amount. Nova Scotia ranks third for 1910 in the consumption of pulpwood, with 29,000 tons of its credit, and New Brunswick used 15,134 cords of wood, little more than six-sixths as much as in 1909.

In the Province of Quebec the average price of pulpwood per cord fell to the extent of 35 cents per cord, but in all the other provinces, except British Columbia, the price increased. The increase amounting in the case of Ontario to 110 per cord; in the case of pulpwood in Ontario was \$1.02 per cord. The cheapest pulpwood in the Dominion was purchased in Nova Scotia at \$3 per cord.

Spruce is still far in the lead as a pulpwood; it furnishes over three-quarters of the total pulpwood consumption, of 78.5 per cent. Balsam fir is steadily increasing in importance as a pulpwood. In 1910 twenty per cent of the total consumption was of this species. The quantities of poplar and hemlock were each about sixteenth of one per cent of the total. Hemlock was reported as a pulpwood for the first time in 1909, and in 1910 was used to a greater extent than poplar. Jack pine has not been reported as a pulpwood for the last two years.

The cost of pulpwood varies very greatly, some big mill-owners having all their own limits and the cost of them being merely the carrying cost of the wood to the mill, and the rest of the cost added. Other manufacturers have to buy in the open market, and add transportation charges to this price. Spruce was the most expensive species at \$6.05 per cord, an increase of sixty-four cents over the 1909 price. Balsam fir fell fifty-five cents, the average price being \$5.71 per cord. The price of hemlock was practically the same, and poplar increased eleven cents during the year.

The Quebec consumption was made up as follows—Spruce, 70 per cent; hemlock, 28 per cent; and the rest of the species, 2 per cent. Nova Scotia used only spruce, poplar and balsam fir, and New Brunswick and British Columbia used spruce only.

Almost four-fifths of the pulpwood manufactured in Canada in 1910 was manufactured by the mechanical process, one-fifth of which was the soda process. Quebec leads in manufacturing mechanical pulp, but Ontario produces the greatest quantity of sulphite pulp. Quebec makes over three-quarters of the pulp made by the soda process. Spruce is used in all three processes, and leads in all. Balsam fir is used only in the mechanical and sulphite processes in nearly equal quantities. Eighty-four per cent of the hemlock was manufactured by the soda process and poplar by the sulphite and soda processes. Nova Scotia used only the mechanical process and a small quantity only of sulphite and soda pulp was produced in New Brunswick.

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ALDERMAN HUMBER AND HIS BY-LAW

RECONSIDERATION IS SOUGHT OF MEASURE

Proposal Was Laid Over During Absence of Ward Two Representative to Council.

The city council is not yet through with the proposed by-law for playgrounds and parks which was introduced by Alderman Humber a few days ago and considered on Friday evening, when in the absence of the alderman through illness the by-law, which fixes a sum of \$175,000 to be appropriated for these purposes, was referred to the incoming council.

The opponents of the proposal took the line that the city was asking very large sums for public purposes, and to overload the request would endanger the other proposals, and also that there was nothing set out in the by-law as to what locations were required for the purpose. The supporters of the movement contended that they would sooner see the money spent that way than on the projected civic centre, but, however, the proposal was ultimately laid over, as the alderman whose committee is specially interested was away, and Alderman H. M. Fullerton, another supporter, had left the council chamber.

Alderman Humber has now given notice of a motion to reconsider the resolution passed on Friday in his absence, and there is likely to be another scene, as the mayor and the alderman have already been at loggerheads on this very question, when Alderman Humber accused the mayor of trying to steal the credit of the park being in good shape away from him.

Another action of the council which will be reconsidered, notice of motion having been given by Alderman Langens, is that empowering a committee to let a tender for towing garbage out to sea to the present contractor, Captain Gardiner, who was not the lowest bidder when the two tenders were opened recently. Michael Hare, the bidder who complained to the council at the last meeting, that aspiration had been passed on his work, succeeded in convincing the aldermen there was a case for reconsideration of the previous action of that body.

This afternoon a meeting of the committee which has power to award the contract for the combined police patrol and ambulance, will be held, and the several bids considered.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES SHOW DECREASE

Various Causes Conspire to Reduce Record of November in Public Schools.

The school attendance figures in the public schools, although not complete for December, show a shrinkage from the expansion of the previous three months, due to the sickness which has prevailed, and also to the approach of the holiday season, which has had disastrous results to the good attendance returns for the public schools of Victoria as elsewhere.

The schools which so far have made returns to the board of education are as follows:

School	Nov.	Dec.
Boys' Central	474	462
Girls' Central	397	383
George Jay	313	305
Victoria West	279	272
Kingston street	256	272
St. James Douglas	265	254
Spring Ridge	186	183
Hillside	138	137
Rock Bay	71	67

The schools yet to send in returns are: North Ward in November, 473; South Park, 306; Flanagan, 59, and Bank street, 163.

The high school figures are also not yet returned, although school closed on Friday, but they were 266 in November, and there is not expected to be much change.

The total in the nine of the thirteen public schools show a falling off in attendance in November, although school closed on Friday, but they were 266 in November, and there is not expected to be much change.

IN INTERESTS OF GOOD HIGHWAYS

WILL MARK ROUTE TO PORT ALBERNI

Representative of Canadian Highway Association Waits on Minister To-day.

In pursuance of the object aimed at by the Canadian Highway association in seeking to establish a trunk road across Canada from Alberta to Halifax, the secretary, P. W. Luce, waited on the minister of public works, Hon. Thomas Taylor, and the deputy minister, W. W. Foster, this morning to arrange for the marking of the road from Nanaimo to Alberni with the posts of the association. The Automobile Association has already marked the island road northward from this city, and the desire of this association is to carry on their work to the west coast, having in view the fact that the opening of rail communication will bring a large number of tourists next season.

The proposal is to visit the island about a month's time, and the president, W. J. Kerr, of New Westminster, will probably accompany the party who will plant the posts at suitable intervals.

The following route has been suggested by Mr. Foster as the most practicable so far as British Columbia is concerned: Alberni, to Victoria, via Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Hope, Princeton, Rossland, thence to Trail, crossing the Columbia by the new bridge now in course of construction, and via Summit Creek, along the old Dewdney trail to Creston, thence following the main trunk road into Alberta. While this route cannot be considered final until all the reports from the surveyors and engineers have been submitted to the department of public works, it is not likely that any important deviation will be made.

The Canadian Highway Association is national in its scope, and although only two months old, proposes the establishment of branches in all parts of the Dominion. The intention is to hold the next annual convention in Winnipeg.

LOCAL NEWS

Skates Ground.—

Skates hollow-ground. J. Waites, 644 Fort street. Phone 446.

W. C. T. U. Business Meeting.—

A business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Thursday at 2.30 at the Minton hall, Store street, when a good attendance is requested.

Meeting of S. S. Graded Union.—

Sunday school teachers throughout the city are reminded of the graded union meeting this evening in the Y. M.C.A. rooms at 8 o'clock. There will be the teacher training class and model lesson teaching for next Sunday. It is the privilege of Sunday school teachers to make the lesson time with their classes' very profitable moments; a planting of thought seeds that will grow and bloom, who can tell where, perhaps along some very difficult path. The graded union is the last thought for the preparation of Sunday school teachers, the one in Victoria is said to be the first in Canada. If the Sunday school teachers of the city are in earnest and support the union with their loyal presence, it can't help being most beneficial in its results. There is no charge, it is undenominational and everyone is invited. Teachers should show that they have the real Christmas spirit and, by their presence, make to-night's the best attended meeting yet.

rink Formally Opened.

Large Crowd Attend Both Afternoon and Evening Sessions Yesterday.

All the hopes and visions of the ice skaters of Victoria were realized yesterday afternoon when the big arena at the Willows was formally opened. Several hundred were on the big sheet of ice and a large number of spectators were seated in the spacious galleries.

There was very little fancy skating. It was a row over the price of the meal and at first refused to pay. When the matter was explained to him by the proprietor and a waiter the accused had loudly threatened to break the window. He left the place and immediately afterwards there was a crash of glass and the accused ran away. Constable Wright effected his arrest with \$2 damages for the broken window, and in default will serve ten days' imprisonment.

The city jail was somewhat crowded over Sunday and Monday with a number of Christmas Eve celebrators whose heads were not strong enough to withstand the merriment of their celebrating party. Several were detained until this morning when they were liberated without being charged. Consequently the docket this morning was clear of drunks.

Detectives Handley, O'Leary and Carlow occupied part of Sunday afternoon in raiding an alleged gambling house in San Tan alley, and as a result three Chinese were in court today charged with gambling. They were not actually caught in the act because the detectives had some trouble in entering the place. The thirteen, however, were scurrying round like rats looking for escape or ceiling trap doors by which to slide when the detectives entered. They were remanded until to-morrow.

PERSONAL

On Christmas night a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. E. Fox, 221 Howe street, where Rev. W. Leslie Clay united in marriage Miss A. E. Chubb to Miss Marjorie Grace, the youngest daughter of Mrs. E. Fox. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Geo. Dean, and was attended by Miss Mary Fox, of Vancouver, and Miss Katie Bruskay, of Alder Grove, B. C. The groom was supported by Mr. Cyrus Cain. The young couple were the recipients of many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Chubb will spend their honeymoon in the Sound cities, and on their return will reside at Tod Inlet.

Last evening at the residence of the bride, 1322 Wildwood street, Rev. W. Leslie Clay united in marriage Mr. Edwin Allison Carlow, a native son, with Miss Elizabeth Byrle Barr. Mr. William Scott supported the groom, while Miss Mary Carlow, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid. Mr. Car-

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 25.—Archibald Thompson, of Waterloo, was killed and his wife badly injured Sunday night by being run down by a Grand Trunk train while walking on the tracks.

It is not the thing, but the sensitiveness to the thing, which is the true measure of his pain.—Thomas Hardy.

Propriety is the touchstone of virtue; it is less difficult to bear misfortunes than to remain uncorrupted by pleasure.—Laetitia.

MERRY-MAKERS FOUND TROUBLE

WHISKEY AND POTATOES GET MEN INTO JAIL

Philippine Ballad in a Quarantined House, \$70, and French Fried Occupy Magistrate.

A Christmas Eve celebration in a house quarantined because of scarlet fever, in which a U. S. A. soldier insisted on dressing himself in his khaki Philippine uniform and resting to his three more or less drunken friends, was riotously made, a ballad as he used to recite it in camp at the Philippines, and the sudden arrival of Constable Fry and Sanitary Officer Howes, resulted in a young seaman named C. Jackson, being charged this morning in the police court with the theft of \$30 from the soldier, who is now a carpenter and named Thomas Haden. The accused was convicted and sentenced to serve one month.

Haden and Jackson were in jail together Friday and released after paying fines for drunkenness. They went away to Haden's room in the Fort street lodging house and meeting two other men, a Christmas Eve celebration was commenced on two bottles of tonics which Haden sent the accused out to buy. Haden as entertainer and host, endeavored to do the thing well and decided to offer his guests a recitation of a Philippine ballad. Changing his clothes and donning the U. S. A. uniform he claims to have handed the accused \$40 in a handkerchief for safekeeping while he got into his uniform. The accused claims he received the money as described by Haden but the constable and the sanitary officer allege they saw the accused take the money from Haden's trousers on the wall.

Haden said he was certain the boy was honest and had not stolen the money. He wished to show his hospitality and they were so bright and merry. Jackson the son of Jackson the money to hold while he put on his belt, as he was about to recite a ballad in uniform for his friends. He did not think Jackson stole the money and he would not want to point the finger of scorn at him.

Acting Magistrate Prior thought that Haden was shielding the accused, and as another witness who had been of the party was not particularly clear about the points, the magistrate wished to clear up the evidence of the constable and the sanitary officer, that the accused had taken the money from the man's pocket while they were in the room, was accepted as the true version and accused, still announcing his innocence, was convicted.

French fried potatoes, all on one dish instead of on two, raised the ire of a foreign employer for some months by the street paving company, so he quarrelled about the price of the meal and then broke the window of the restaurant run by Antonio Pietro on Douglas street.

With a friend he had gone to obtain supper Christmas eve and his ham and eggs and clam Chowder were spoiled because the French fried came all on one-plate instead of on two. He said he did not quarrel but ate his food and left the restaurant. He was afterwards arrested by Constable Wright some distance from the eating house.

Constable Wright, however, said he was in the restaurant when the man raised a row over the price of the meal and at first refused to pay. When the matter was explained to him by the proprietor and a waiter the accused had loudly threatened to break the window. He left the place and immediately afterwards there was a crash of glass and the accused ran away. Constable Wright effected his arrest with \$2 damages for the broken window, and in default will serve ten days' imprisonment.

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low is well-known in Victoria and he was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents.

Ernest Heat arrived in the city Sunday from the Bulkley Valley, where he has made his home the last seven years. He is greatly impressed with the growth of Victoria during that period.

Dr. E. G. Thompson and family of Seattle, Dr. J. L. Thompson of Vancouver, and Mrs. W. Penn Conner of White Salmon, Wash., are spending the holidays with their parents, Pilot and Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. David McIntosh, 2311 McBride avenue, will receive in honor of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. McKim (nee Miss Ethel McIntosh), of Vancouver, on Thursday afternoon, December 28, from 5 to 6 and from 8 to 10 p. m.

Messrs. Harding and Willis left the city on Friday afternoon to spend Christmas with their relatives in Armstrong.

The marriage was solemnized in Nanaimo on December 19 of Mr. J. W. Iva, of Alberni, and Miss Winnifred Gilligan, of this city.

Fred J. Heal, jr., who has just returned from a five months' trip to Europe, is registered at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. W. Pollard Grant of Vancouver, is visiting Mrs. Peter Turner of 344 Linden avenue, for a few days.

In Alberni the sun rises exactly at 6 a. m. and sets at 4 p. m. throughout the year, and is directly overhead at noon.

DIED

RENWICK—On the 24th inst. at Rosebank, B. C., Halliburton Park, Renwick, land, B. C., Halliburton Park, Renwick, aged 25 years. Born in Nagasaki, Japan.
The funeral will take place on Thursday, Dec. 28th, at 10.15 a. m. from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., Government street, to St. Johns church, where services will be conducted at 10.30. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

FIVE ROOMS—We have customers for a room residences. What have you got? J. O. Stinson, Rooms 214 and 215, Sayward Block.

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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Trades and Labor Council will be held in Labor Hall, Douglas street, Wednesday, the 27th of December, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of considering the municipal elections. 427

YOUNG, CAPABLE LADY, could manage boarding house, good housekeeper; or charge of invalid, nursing experience. Box 64, Times. 428

JAMES BAY—We have customers for James Bay property. What have you got? J. O. Stinson, Sayward Block. 428

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LOST—Small Sietland pony. Phone 270, Times. 429

ALBERNI SNAP—3 lots, one a corner, close in and near station, the five for \$250 cash; lots all around selling for \$100. T. P. McConnell, Suite 49, Pemberton Building. 429

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WANTED—Tenders to lay and plaster a seven room house, at 238 Montreal St. 429

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ART TREASURES FOR SALE—Four fine sets of engravings from those wonderful allegorical paintings of the Voyage of Life, by Thomas Cole, in the possession of the Spiritist Institute, New York. These beautiful pictures (proofs) engraved by James Smilie can be seen by application to C. Taylor at 282 Court St., also the entire collection of scraps and sketches and My Sketch Book, by George Cruikshank, dated from 1820 to 1828 (100 sheets all signed). 429

A. O. H. MEETING

Victoria Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will hold a special meeting in the Club Rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Important business in connection with the Provincial Convention, which takes place in Victoria on Saturday, will be taken up. A full attendance is urgently requested. L. P. McLENNAN, President. T. BROWN, Secretary.

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The Young Men's Christian Association will receive sealed tenders for supplies and fitting eighty-three bedrooms with picture moulding, a sample to be submitted with tender, up to December 28th, 1911.
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WINNIPEG ATHLETE DEAD.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Eroll Perse, aged 21, son of J. R. Perse, of Tees & Perse, and a well-known amateur athlete, died today from complications following measles. He was a member of Winnipeg Rowing Club's ball team.

Ward Three Meeting

A meeting of the Electors of Ward 3 will be held in the old Fire Hall at Oaklands, on Thursday, December 28 At 8 p. m. All prospective candidates for the Mayoralty and Aldermanic Board are invited to be present.

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To purchase, build, own, charter, use, hold, equip, maintain, and operate steamships, motor-boats, sailing vessels, and other vessels, boats, and crafts, and to carry on business as carriers of freight and passengers for hire in all its branches.

To carry on any other business which may seem to the company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculate, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the company's property or rights.

To construct, maintain, and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the company.

To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, or control any roads, ways, tramways, bridges, reservoirs, watercourses, wharves, manufactories, warehouses, electric works, shops, stores, and other works and conveniences which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to advance the company's interests; and to contribute to, subsidize, or otherwise assist or take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, working, management, carrying-out, or control thereof.

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Dean Inge Discusses Trend of Thought in Twentieth Century

The recently appointed Dean of St. Paul's, London, Dr. Inge, made his first important public utterance outside the cathedral recently. The occasion was the delivery of the first of a series of lectures at Eton College before the Women's Diocesan Association on "The Co-operation of the Church with the Spirit of the Age."

Dr. Inge said that the nineteenth century was in many ways the most remarkable century since the beginning of history. But now the great century was over, and civilization, it seemed to him, was sitting pensively in the midst of her vast accumulations. In all fields except that of scientific discovery signs of exhaustion were very apparent. If they were asked to pick out three great men among their own contemporaries to be placed in the same rank as that which the verdict of competent judges had granted to at least thirty Victorians, they would find it impossible to meet the challenge. The future would decide whether it was a case of "Rocleur pour mieux sauter," or whether they were on the down grade, but they must face the fact that their lot was cast in an uninspiring time. The race spirit after all had been solved. Free will was again asserting itself against determinism, and even miracles were debilitated. Religious philosophy, he thought, in this century would divide itself into two camps, one materialistic, strongly ethical and Protestant, and the other half sceptical, half superstitious—that of Modernist Catholicism. Their generation, as compared with the nineteenth century, was disposed to believe in free will and spontaneity.

For the man in the street, continued the Dean, the tottering of the great industrial fabric of the nineteenth century dominated all other issues. Under the old regime of status, which was subverted by the industrial movement of the nineteenth century, competition was never very keen, and at first the new individualistic industrialism seemed only to stimulate a healthy rivalry which got out of each man the best that was in him. But every system carried within itself the seeds of its own dissolution. Work had been dehumanized and despiritualized, and the speeding up of monotonous processes imposed an intolerable strain on the nerve of the workers, the conditions of town life had ruined the physique of the laboring classes, and a progressive degeneration of the physical, mental and moral character of the people was taking place.

The outlook was gloomy in the extreme. During the last century, they had collected a population of 45,000,000 people on two small islands. That was done while Englishmen were making England the workshop of the world. Great Britain had enjoyed certain exceptional advantages of which they had made the fullest use, but some of these were passing away inevitably, and others were being wantonly sacrificed. We were no longer the most

of capital and labor, religion, learning and research would in the future more and more take the place of mere geographical divisions, and this ought to bring to an end the monstrous waste on armaments. We were living at the end of a remarkable period, concluded the Dean, and must not be discouraged if no great achievements were reserved for our generation.

He was afraid it was impossible that they could long remain the workshop of the world under these changed conditions. As surely as water found its way to the level, so surely would the transfer of industry and wealth and power to Eastern Asia be a necessary sequel to the European labor movement. When they remembered that a Japanese or Chinaman was content with one-third of the European's wages and did considerably more work in the time, they would not feel much doubt that if things went on as they were Poplar and West Ham would some day have to be turned into grazing farms. In this country, at any rate, the twentieth century was the spendthrift heir of the nineteenth. The working man seemed to have resolved to make himself comfortable by taxing capital, in plain terms, by looting the accumulations of Queen Victoria's reign and living on the rates and taxes. He thought he would have a short life and a merry one, and his children's teeth, if they had any, would be set on edge.

An even worse fate was likely to befall Australia—a nearly empty continent, within easy reach of the industrially far more efficient yellow races—which at present was guarded gratis by our fleet for the benefit of its handful of inhabitants. He could not join for these reasons the chorus of lay and clerical advocates who, when they spoke of co-operating with the spirit of the age, meant, primarily and chiefly, that they ought to co-operate with the labor movement or the spirit of Socialism. Socialism or almost every other experiment might answer in a country like New Zealand, until, at any rate, the British fleet ceased to patrol the ring fence, when the yellow men would make short work of the hampered trade unionists. But he thought that in England the conditions were almost ideally unfavorable for those who hoped to see a huge population with high wages and short hours. The soil would not support them, and when they ceased to out-work and out-earn other nations, he would not wonder if they were driven to emigrate or starve.

Discussing other popular series, the Dean said that it was quite as easy to hypnotize oneself into imbecility by repeating in solemn tones the shibboleths "Progress," "Democracy" and "Corporate Unity," as by repeating the blessed word Mesopotamia. Democracy was, perhaps, the silliest of all the fetishes that were seriously worshipped among us. The method of counting heads instead of breaking them was no doubt convenient as a rough and ready test of strength, and no doubt government must rest mainly on force; but to talk to the average member of parliament one might suppose that the ballot paper was a sort of Urim and Thummim for ascertaining the Divine will, and that the odd man enjoyed plenary inspiration. (Laughter.)

This superstition was merely their good old friend the Divine right of kings standing on its head, and was more ridiculous in the new posture than in the old. There stood the ridiculous fetish grinning in our faces, and the whole nation burned incense before it. Modern humanitarianism marked on one side real progress, but it had a soft and flabby side. The horror of taking life under any circumstances seemed to him unnatural, and probably only temporary. He thought the state of the future would take life mercifully, but more freely than they did now.

Another temporary current which was already losing force was nationality, patriotism and imperialism. International combinations in the interests

IMPROVEMENTS IN TELEPHONE SERVICE

Limited System May Be Introduced Here—Submarine Cable Repaired.

It is the intention of the B. C. Telephone company when they are able to occupy the new exchange on Blanchard street to extend the system materially, and with a larger switch-board they will be able to handle a much greater number of subscribers, many of whom have been waiting for weeks to be placed in connection with telephone facilities.

The cable has been repaired across to Bellingham by way of the San Juan Islands, and after the interruption due to the accident on Fort street recently when the fall of a tree in the wrong direction shattered the telephone and telegraph wires, and nearly wrecked a street car, and thus closed up communication by phone with the mainland, the cable is now working.

The new submarine cable by way of Nanaimo which is to be laid in the spring will greatly assist in communication with the mainland cities, as it will be entirely submarine, and free from the difficulties which have beset the present cable through the fall of trees, and other disturbances to regular exchange of messages between the island and the Mainland.

An official announcement on the rates to be charged subscribers will be issued shortly. In view of the advance in charges already intimated to take place early in the year, and with this arrangement will probably be introduced the limited system of calls, full details of which are not yet available. This plan has been used extensively in Manitoba, and elsewhere, and is claimed to produce good results.

The suggestion for business telephones is for those who desire it, and by signing an application form may arrange with the company to supply a limited service on outgoing calls. Subscribers taking out this limited service will be allowed one hundred outgoing calls a month, but no restriction will be placed on incoming calls. This service will be supplied at the same rates as exist for business telephones, with a rebate for prompt payment. Outgoing calls under this system in excess of one hundred a month will be charged for at three cents a call, as against two cents in Manitoba and Alberta.

SEALIONS DESTROY VALUABLE FISHERIES

Much Damage Done on West Coast by These Marine Mammals.

The necessity for government action in keeping down the sea lions in Barclay Sound is strongly urged in a chat which a Times representative had with H. J. Hillier, government telegraph agent at Ucluelet. He pointed out that the lions came in and killed off the young salmon, and drove the herring out to sea, the result of which was that the fishermen suffered considerably from the depletion of their fishing grounds. The West Coast Fishing & Currying Company, whose plant is in the neighborhood, suffered particularly from the depredations of the sea lions, and they were glad when parties put out and killed them off. In a recent launch trip Mr. Hillier with a companion, fired 125 shells off at the creatures, whose bodies at once sank. At the present time little value was attached to them, but there was an opportunity for developing oils and other products from these marine mammals.

The salmon suffered largely, he said, from them, while the herring, which were essential as bait for the halibut fisheries, had been driven ashore by the ravages of the sea lions. He thought a remedy would be found in the payment of wardens to shoot the animals, and so protect the fisheries, whose value did not seem to be properly realized.

The dangers of the waters around Barclay Sound were pointed out by Mr. Hillier, who, by the bye, was a participating hero of a rescue by the Ucluelet lifeboat of a gasoline launch party in October last.

Knowing that a boat was in difficulties and long overdue he collected volunteers from among the settlers on that occasion and saved the crew of the launch Ucluelet, belonging to the West Coast Fishing Company. After pulling about five miles and searching the shore as best they could on a dark and stormy evening, the lifeboat discovered the launch in the breakers, where she had drifted after dragging her anchor.

The launch was afterwards towed to shelter in Barclay Sound. The lifeboat party consisted of nine white men and two Indians, and they arrived only just in time to prevent the Ucluelet being dashed to pieces, and the occupants, two in number, drowned.

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