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Pursuing The Boers

Burgbers Retired When Troops Arrived to Reinforce Gen. Gatacre.

And Are Now Being Chased by Cavalry—Situation in Cape Colony.

Gen. Buller Holds His Position North of the Tugela—British Casualties.

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 8.—2:15 p.m.—Presumably Gen. Buller is fighting again to-day in his third attempt to relieve Ladysmith, and news of the greatest importance may arrive at any moment. Yet there is more doubt here than exultation, for even if the recollection of Gen. Buller's two disastrous failures after suspicious starts were not keen in the minds of the public, the list of casualties published to-day would be a sufficient reminder of the tremendous difficulties of his task.

The fact that he occupies Vaal Krantz, the key to the lower ridges, while a praiseworthy and gallant achievement, by no means signifies that he and Gen. White will inevitably join hands. Before Gen. Buller there are

Several Days of Hard Fighting.

The British forces are smarting under defeat and will undoubtedly be nerved to more desperate efforts than ever before, and if furious gallantry can carry Gen. Buller over the kopjes that face him, Ladysmith will be relieved within a week.

It is more than likely that Gen. Buller at Chiereley is strong enough to advance on the Tugela and render valuable assistance from the southeast, while the beleaguered garrison itself, according to the first dispatches, should be able to create a potential diversion, when Gen. Buller shall have overcome

The Initial Difficulties

in the kopjes immediately north of the Tugela.

Turning from the transcendental interest in Ladysmith, the whole war area presents a scene of important activity.

The Boer attack of Gatacre's forces, reported on February 7th, failed out. The artillery of the burghers, after shelling the camp, retired upon the arrival of the British reinforcements. The affair scarcely warrants being called a skirmish. The British casualties were one man killed and four wounded.

The latest advices from Sterksfontein announce that Gen. Gatacre's cavalry is in pursuit of the Boers. While nothing has resulted from this affair, it indicates that the burghers are fully alive to the importance of the concentrating which is on the verge of occurring between the forces of Gatacre, Kelly-Kenny and French, and they do not hesitate to

Take the Aggressive

against established positions in an attempt to thwart it, though it is believed that a sufficiently large body will soon be massed at Colesburg to ensure the

WESTERN BORDER.

British Troops Are Operating Towards Douglas—Burghers Holding Trenches Near Magerfontein.

Modder River, Feb. 7.—Gen. Maudon maintains his position at Koudoesberg Drift. His movement has evidently disconcerted the Boers, and at the same time safeguards the operations of a portion of the Belmont garrison in the direction of Douglas, where there are still a few Boers.

The British casualties are two men.

The 9th Lancers made several attempts to draw out the Boers, but were unsuccessful.

The British hold the highest portion of the kopje. It is impossible to mount artillery. The usual daily shelling here continues.

The outposts report that the Boers are making advanced trenches in the open plain in front of Magerfontein Drift, presumably to prevent the British horse and field artillery from approaching within range of their positions.

Near Colesburg.

Reusburg, Feb. 8.—The Boers' position was vigorously shelled with lyddite for an hour early this morning, eastward from opposite Slingerfontein and westward from the top of Colekop, a fifteen pound shrapnel gun paying special attention to the sights of Boer guns, which have been unusually active lately.

The Boers held a position on the direct road between Reusburg and Colesburg, and they shelled Porter's Hill yesterday ineffectually.

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THE CASUALTIES.

In Tuesday's Fighting There Were 233 Killed and Wounded.

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Terrible Experience

Two Men Cling to an Uprturned Boat for Thirty-six Hours.

One of Them Died an Hour Before Assistance Was Rendered.

Murderous Assault by a Chinaman—Boy Scalded to Death.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Feb. 8.—One dead man and another who was picked up just before he expired, were brought to the city last night by the steamer Comox.

The two men, Geo. Clarke, nearly 60 years old, and Chas. Johnston, a braver logger, had a terrible experience in the storm that swept up the coast on Monday night. They were in a fishing sloop and were overturned at seven o'clock that evening. They succeeded in getting on to the top of the boat and remained there all through the night, being nearly swept off by the waves several times. They were carried into Desolation Bay, Kinshorn Island, and were not picked up by the Comox until Wednesday morning, after they had been on the boat for 36 hours without food or drink.

The old man's sufferings were terrible. He went practically insane early on Tuesday and gradually succumbed. On Tuesday afternoon Johnston tried to swim ashore, but the surf was too rough and he just had strength to pull himself on to the bottom of the overturned boat again.

On Tuesday night the Comox passed them on the way north, but the men could not make themselves heard.

An hour before the Comox found them on Wednesday morning, Clarke died. Johnston pulled the body up on the boat and hung on to it until the Comox appeared, when he was found too weak to move.

Alex. Holland, bartender of the Avenue Hotel, was murderously assaulted this morning by Tim Lung, Chinese cook. Holland had a quarrel with the Chinaman and was paying him off when the latter broke a tomato catsup bottle over Holland's head. This stung the bartender, and as he sank to the floor the Chinaman stuck the jagged piece of bottle into his face many times. Both were drenched in blood before the Chinaman was pulled off by a man who happened to step in.

Prof. Christie was entirely outclassed by McKell in a boxing bout last night, and was just saved from a knockout in the third round.

The two-year-old son of Harry Hodgkin was scalded yesterday and died last night.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting at Toronto—The Visit to British Columbia.

(Associated Press.)
Toronto, Feb. 8.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association convened here this morning. Reading a paper on "Sheldon's Ideal," T. H. Preston, M.P.F., proprietor of the Montreal Witness, went beyond Sheldon's ideal and proved that such a daily could be not only conducted without loss, but with profit. He urged Canadian editors to make their papers more ideal.

Addressing President Duggan, in his annual address, said the pressmen, after their visit to British Columbia last autumn, came back impressed with the possibilities of Canada. He urged the members to talk more about their country, even brag about it.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 8.—A delegation is here to-day seeing the government with a view of getting a bounty on beet sugar.

Hon. J. I. Tharte is still confined to his bed in the House of Commons. He has been told to be removed to his residence, and has had to spend the last two nights in his room at the House. He is suffering from a wound in his side, caused by an operation which he had performed while in Paris.

Hon. W. Mulock has given notice of a redistribution bill. It is understood that its provisions will be the same as last year.

Mr. Housman will move a resolution on the first occasion on which the House goes into supply—desiring the sovereignty of parliament—and that the sending of the first contingent is not to form any precedent, all governments being free to act as they may see fit.

IMMIGRATION.

(Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Sir Christopher, a prominent legislator from Manitoba, is going to Iceland in the interests of the Immigration Department, with the intention of inducing thousands of his fellow-countrymen to settle in the Dominion.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

(Associated Press.)
Halifax, Feb. 8.—Nova Scotia legislature was opened this afternoon by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Daly. Among other matters referred to in the speech from the throne was the war in South Africa, and Canada's sympathy with the Motherland.

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Provincial Legislature

Captain Irving's Resolution Regarding Mr. Speaker and the Party Caucus Defeated.

Third Night Sitting of Session—Mr. J. Martin's Bill to Repeal Alien Law.

Victoria, Feb. 7th, 1900.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2.15 p.m. Prayers by the Rev. Canon Beaudouin. With an order paper filed down to the 100th line of the fourth page, it looked like a business day. A slight hitch occurred, however, in the recess of fifteen minutes to allow the private bills committee to reconsider a report.

Petitions.

Mr. Joseph Martin presented a petition from the Vancouver City Club, with respect to the Vancouver Incorporation Bill. It is as follows:

To the Hon. the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Parliament assembled.

The petition of the Vancouver Club, of the City of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

(1) That the Vancouver is an unincorporated social club.

(2) That a petition of the corporation of the City of Vancouver has been presented to your honorable House praying that an act may be passed revising, consolidating and amending the Incorporation Act of the said City of Vancouver, being 49 Vic., chap. 22 of the statutes of British Columbia, and an act has been brought down to your honorable House styled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act."

(3) That the said act as read and brought down a first time prejudicially affects the rights of the members of the said club.

(4) Your petitioners object to the provisions of the said act, to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act contained in sec. 85, which enables the city council of the said city to pass by-laws for licensing clubs.

(5) That the city should not be empowered to exercise any supervision or control over its affairs. That the giving and exercising of such powers would be an unwarranted interference with the private rights of the members of said club.

(6) Your petitioners respectfully pray that your honorable House may grant leave to your petitioners to be heard by council and to present in support of the objections to the provisions of the act to which exception is taken.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable House may be pleased to give consideration to your petitioners' objections herein taken.

Dated this 7th day of Feb., 1900.

(Sd.) H. G. ABBOTT, Pres.
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Question of Privilege.

Mr. Higgins rose to a question of privilege, and drew attention to a legislative note in the Victoria Daily Times of which he was the hero. It related the manner in which he had come to be left behind at Vancouver, and he wished to explain that it did not happen exactly as the Times said. Mr. Prentice said he had been a member of that committee, and he could say there was a great deal of truth in the Times's article.

Reports.

Mr. Green, for the private bills committee, reported that the rules had not been compiled with the petition of the Western Telegraph & Telephone Co. He also reported favorably upon the petition of the Anglican Synod of New Westminster.

Mr. Joseph Martin, on the motion to receive the report, asked if it were not the case that other petitions which had not complied with rules had been received on payment of double fees.

Mr. Green said such had been the fact in some cases.

Mr. Martin understood this petition affected a very important undertaking, and he held that this should be done in the present case.

Mr. J. M. Martin moved in amendment that the petition be referred back to committee for reconsideration. The amendment was carried.

The House then took a recess of fifteen minutes to allow the private bills committee to deal with the matter. On returning the bill was reported and the report was duly adopted.

Motions.

The Hon. Mr. Henderson asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899.'"

Mr. Jos. Martin asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to repeal chapter 50 of the statutes of 1899, being the 'Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899.'"

The Hon. Mr. Hume asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metals (Termines Mines Act).'"

Leave was granted, the bills were read a first time and second readings set for next sitting of the House.

A Slip at the Speaker.

Mr. Irving noted the following resolution: That in the opinion of this House, it is a menace to parliamentary institutions for the Speaker of the House to attend party caucuses.

Mr. Speaker requested Mr. Kellie to take the chair, and he took Mr. Kellie's seat.

Mr. Irving said that in making the motion every member of the House was well aware the Speaker had attended party caucuses. Reports to that effect were in circulation outside the House. The position of the Speaker was supposed to be impartial.

The Premier had been very considerably interested in looking over the order paper to see this particular motion. He wondered what it meant, and how par-

liamentary institutions were going to be maintained by a Speaker attending a party caucus. He had waited to hear the answer advanced some arguments to sustain his allegations, but all he had heard was a mere repetition of the statement. He would ask the hon. members if the Speaker was not always selected from amongst the members of the House, and to select a strong, well-known member for that position. He could not understand how the Speaker could be more of a partisan now than he ever was before. He would like the members to satisfy themselves that parliamentary institutions had been maintained by himself had seen no danger.

Mr. Turner was rather surprised to hear the remarks of the Premier respecting this motion. It had been placed on the order paper by the member for Cassiar entirely on his own account. It ought to be the sentiment of any House that the Speaker should be independent of either party in the House. It is the unwritten law respecting the Speaker. He questioned if such a thing had ever taken place in any House as a Speaker attending a party caucus. If a Speaker did he must become a partisan. No one is charged in this resolution with having done anything of the kind, but it simply expresses the opinion of the House that such things should be avoided. He had been in this House a number of years and no Speaker during that time had ever attended a party caucus. True, on more than one occasion he had invited Speakers to attend caucuses and they declined; more than that they had declined to attend even the ministerial dinners. It was evident the Speakers of British Columbia had considered it to be most important that they should thoroughly disentangle themselves from anything like partyism. He failed to see how any objection could be advanced from either side of the House to a resolution like this.

What are they? Mr. Macpherson—the honorable members over there had better keep quiet—they will hear more than they will care to listen to. (Cries of name, name, order, and what are they?) Mr. Macpherson then said that such things as certain members of the house being button-holed in the lobbies for purposes that ought not to be allowed, and instigated to position benches near the leader's aid-eries of order from the members in that vicinity. He would repeat that this resolution was nothing but a drive at the present occupant of the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Pooley had been a member of the House for eighteen years and no Speaker during that time had ever attended a party caucus. Mr. Mara would not attend even a ministerial dinner, and he himself, when Speaker, followed the same course. When he took the Speakership, he considered that he was occupying a judicial position, exactly similar to that of a judge who is selected to take a position on the bench. It was because he had strictly held himself aloof from all party concerns during his incumbency of the position of Speaker that he had won and retained the respect of the whole House.

Mr. Deane rose to speak on the motion, but on touching on the motives affecting the mover was checked by Mr. Jos. Martin, who demanded a ruling from the Speaker as to whether Mr. Deane was in order in that respect. Mr. Deane continued, said that holding certain views he would certainly vote against this resolution, though with the spirit of it he was quite in accord. Still, why a resolution of that kind should be introduced into this House he could not understand. This was simply in line with the systematic attacks levelled against the Speaker by the Colonial and other opposition papers. He went on to say that the only object in introducing this motion was to provide further material for the mouthpiece of the opposition, which was determined to drive the present Speaker out of his position. The opposition had decided he must go because he was a straight, honest, plain man.

Mr. Richard Hall would vote for the resolution simply in the abstract. He was not much in sympathy with sitting on the Speaker. (Applause.)

Hon. Dr. McKechnie considered that the present Speaker was one who had proved himself, under the most trying circumstances, to be perfectly impartial. He had

Often Admired the Speaker on those occasions, and believed him to be in every way fitted to maintain the dignity of the position. Dr. McKechnie was utterly opposed to the design of this resolution.

Mr. McBride thought that the resolution would pass the House without a dissenting voice. (Laughter.) He blamed the Premier for inviting this discussion. This resolution concerned a matter of principle, and whether the government principle was wrong or otherwise. He held that it was wrong at any time for the Speaker to attend party caucuses.

Mr. J. M. Martin thought it very queer that hon. members opposite had never hit upon bringing in this resolution before, instead of keeping it to themselves up to the present time. He was not going to impute any improper motives. It would be utterly impossible to sit here where he had, opposite that array of innocence (indicating the opposition with a sweep of the hand) and get up and attempt to impute motives to them except of the purest. (Roars of laughter.)

Mr. Kellie admired for once the unmitigated assurance of the honorable members opposite when they got up in this House and told the House they had never heard of a Speaker attending a party caucus. (Laughter.) He asked the mover of the resolution to withdraw it and have the matter introduced into the rules of the House. Otherwise it would go out to the country and create a most painful impression.

The Attorney-General said if this resolution passed it would go out that the Speaker was biased. He intended to oppose this resolution. They had received the assurance of the Speaker that he had ceased to attend party caucuses as soon as the situation became acute; the House should have enough confidence in the Speaker's judgment to believe that he would conduct the business of the House in a proper and impartial manner. For himself he could say that the rulings of the Speaker had been perfectly impartial, sometimes Mr. Speaker's hand had pressed heavily upon members of this kind of the House. A resolution of this kind was quite unnecessary, and it cast a reflection upon the Speaker, and for-

that reason he would vote against the motion.

On a division the motion was lost; 17 for and 19 against.

Chilkat Pass Railway.

Mr. Kellie moved the second reading of the Chilkat Pass Railway & Navigation bill, and briefly outlined the course proposed to be taken.

Mr. Jos. Martin pointed out some of the difficulties in the way of railway construction in the neighborhood of Lynn Canal, and warned the House to be very careful as to its decisions in this regard, in view of the negotiations pending between the governments of Great Britain and the United States. He was very strongly in favor of railway competition, but the situation of things in the North at present was very peculiar. It was undoubtedly the duty of British Columbia to be guided by the Dominion government in this connection as a province. On his suggestion the debate was adjourned.

Second Reading.

Mr. Baker moved the second reading of the Crow's Nest Pass Light & Power bill, Mr. Green the Taku & Atlin Railway bill, Mr. Tisdall the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway bill, and Mr. Helmcken the Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway bill, and all passed their second readings.

The House then adjourned at 5.40 p.m., until 9.30 p.m.

NIGHT SITTINGS.

House resumed punctually, with a full attendance of members and public.

Petitions.

Mr. Macpherson presented a petition from the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council in favor of the eight-hour law.

The Companies Act.

The House went into committee on the Act to Amend the Companies Act, Mr. Robertson in the chair.

Mr. McPhillips moved the following as a new clause: "Notwithstanding any law to the contrary it shall be lawful for companies incorporated under any statute of this province, whose principal and main business is to acquire tracts of land with the object of subdividing the same into lots and selling such lots when so subdivided as aforesaid, provided such companies have paid all debts legally owing by them, or have made ample provision for the payment of the same, testified by a statutory declaration made by the secretary of the company, and the statutory declaration of one who is not an officer or accountant, who also exhibits with a statutory declaration, verifying the same, a full, true and correct account of the liabilities and assets of the company, such statutory declarations to be filed with the registrar of joint stock companies, to declare and pay dividends out of the sale of their lands so subdivided as aforesaid; and all such dividends and payments shall be taken and considered as a reduction of the capital of such company."

A resolution passed by the shareholders holding at least two-thirds in value of the paid-up capital stock of the company, at a meeting duly called for that purpose, shall be necessary for the declaration and payment of such dividends; and such resolution shall only be passed after the expiration of ten days from the filing of the statutory declarations herebefore required to be filed with the registrar of joint stock companies.

A copy of every resolution, under the seal of the company, and certified by the secretary of the company, shall be filed in the office of the registrar of joint stock companies within ten days after the passing of the resolution, and ten days shall elapse after the filing thereof before payment out of any such dividends a share of every such resolution, with the registrar of joint stock companies, the said registrar shall, by a public notice published in four issues of the British Columbia Gazette, declare to what sum the capital of any such company by such payment of dividends stands reduced.

The clause was adopted. The committee reported the bill complete with amendments.

Supreme Court Bill.

The House went into committee on the Supreme Court bill, Mr. Prentice in the chair. Considerable discussion took place on the vacation clause.

Mr. Jos. Martin submitted a new section fixing the date for sittings of court at Rossland and Nelson six months before hand. He pointed out that it was absolutely necessary to fix these dates in the districts named, as the people had been placed in a most unfortunate position for some years owing to the irregularities of the sittings. He gave several illustrations in support.

The section was laid over. The committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Westminster Relief Bill.

The House went into committee of the whole on the New Westminster Relief bill, Mr. Macpherson in the chair. The bill was reported complete without amendments. Report adopted and bill read a third time.

Revenue Tax Act.

Hon. Mr. Carter Cotton moved the second reading of the Revenue Tax Act Amendment bill. The object of the bill, Mr. Cotton said, was to allow the government to collect the poll tax throughout the whole province, in Vancouver, Victoria and other cities where it was now collected by the municipal authorities. The change was made necessary by the proposed alteration in the public school act.

Mr. Higgins asserted that this was a change in the incidence of taxation, as it amounted to taking away from the municipalities and appropriating to the government.

Mr. Eberts said this was simply a new impost upon the people. The government was taking away the three dollars which formerly went to the municipalities and were taking it themselves.

Mr. Cotton pointed out that it was merely a change in the collecting, not a change in the appropriation of the money. Instead of the municipalities collecting the money the government collected it.

In reply to a charge by Mr. McPhillips that the government were proceeding irregularly, Mr. Cotton said the government were not asking any favors in this matter. If they had been ill advised in the matter they were quite willing to put anything right that was proved to be incorrect.

Railway Assessment Bill.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Henderson the Railway Assessment bill was read a second time.

Legislative Notes.

Mr. Joseph Martin's bill to repeal chapter 50 of the statutes of 1899, being the mining act amendment act, 1899, simply sweeps away the alien labor enactment.

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On the motion of Hon. Mr. Henderson the Railway Assessment bill was read a second time.

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ITCHING PILES

Torture twenty-five per cent. of all Men and Women.

If you are one of the twenty-five and have not yet used Dr. Chase's Ointment, this announcement will prove of great benefit to you, provided you profit by the advice given and procure this remedy without delay.

The record of cures established by Dr. Chase's Ointment is unparalleled in the history of medicine in Europe or America. It has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any description whatever.

The first application stops the itching, and continued use will absolutely rid the system of this torturing and loathsome disease.

There's not a town or village in Canada where Dr. Chase's Ointment has not made many cures. Ask your neighbors about it. Few families are without it in the house.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is beyond doubt the world's greatest cure for itching skin diseases. It is invaluable to women as a cure for the itching to which they are subject. It drives away pimples and blackheads and beautifies the skin. It stands pre-eminent as the only guaranteed cure for piles. 60 cts. a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Mother's favorite remedy for croup, bronchitis, asthma, coughs and colds is Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, 25 cents a bottle.

In reply to a charge by Mr. McPhillips



Ladies Tell Each Other

of the comfort and security afforded to them by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Headaches and Backaches that come expectedly or unexpectedly are charmed away, and the rich, red blood made by

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People

shows itself in the rosy cheeks and clear, bright eyes of those who use them. These pills are not a purgative; they give strength instead of taking it away. They act directly on the blood and nerves; invigorate the body; regulate the functions, and restore health and strength to the exhausted woman when every effort of the physician proves unavailing. Mothers anxious for the healthy development of their growing girls should insist upon their taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

IN A DECLINE.

Mrs. W. Goodwin, Argyle Sound, N.S., says:—"After the birth of my first child I was in poor health and unable to recover my strength. I had a severe pain in my left side and lung, which almost made it impossible for me to breathe. I had a bad cough day and night, and was troubled with night sweats, and on awakening found myself very weak. My complexion was sallow, and my appetite entirely gone. All my friends believed me in a decline. Our family physician attended me for a long time but I got no better. Then a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Acting on this advice I bought a supply, and continued their use for a couple of months, when my health was fully restored. I am sincere in saying that I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life."

The wonderful success of this remedy has led to many attempts at imitation and substitution, but these never cured anyone. Refuse any package that does not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Put up in packages that look like the engraving on the right, the wrapper printed in red ink. Sold by all dealers, but if in doubt send to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.



matter for regret that the company could not give a second engagement to this city in order that those who were unable to secure good seats last evening might have done so to-night.

A DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCE.

"The Little Minister" Presented by the Frohman Company to a Crowded Theatre Last Night.

The Frohman Company, which held the boards at the Victoria Theatre last evening, afforded Victoria playgoers an evening of the most delightful enjoyment. "The Little Minister," charming and beautiful in the pages of Barrie's famous novel, loses none of its beauty when dramatized and presented by such a capable company as interpreted it last night.

In the title role of Gavin Dishart, "The Little Minister," Adolph Jackson was hardly equal to his opportunities. The character of the adored clergyman of the parish, wooed from his duties by the ravishes of a wild gypsy girl, is one which the spectator could not fail to wish had fallen to the lot of an actor like Roberts at his best. The latter, when playing in Victoria in the role of the clergyman in the "Silence of Dean Maitland," was charged with the portrayal of a character, more intense, perhaps, but still resembling that of Gavin Dishart. Jackson made but an indifferent Dishart in comparison.

But Lady Babbie—sweet, sane, and quaint, coquettish Lady Babbie—carried not only the little minister, but her audience as well by storm. From the moment when she dances on to the stage and into the life of the hero in the Candace Wood and badgers him into sounding the signal which arouses the villagers against the soldiery, until she makes her station as mistress of the "maison" through the minister with her wifely ways, or beating down the arrogance of her titled father by cajolery and coddling, she displays the very witchery which makes her assumed role of gypsy so beautiful. Little wonder that audience, preached and grave elders all alike fell under her subtle and fascinating personality.

Of the support those most worthy of mention were Kate Ten Eyck, who, as Xannie Webster, the gushing, cooing, old spinster, made a conspicuous success out of a part which in other hands would have been only a minor one. The custody of the dame which led her to seek far and wide to match the rose that was found in the minister's coat-lapel, was only outdone by the true Scottish reverence with which she regarded this fugitive, a stern word from whom would set her a-trembling with fear.

—Marion Couvres as Follie, the French maid whose original test for ascertaining when a girl is in love was but one of her many original devices, was immensely enjoyed, while Bob Dow (Giles Shine), as the reformed drunkard and loyal supporter of the minister, was also true to life.

The climax of the play differed very much from the ordinary curtain, the scene ending not in the marriage of the hero and heroine, but in a laughable illustration of the prying curiosity of their parishioners.

The theatre was packed, and it is a

MOTHER'S FAVORITE.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is mother's favorite remedy for croup, bronchitis, asthma, coughs, colds, and sore throat. It has by far the largest sale of any remedy for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to the taste, prompt in action, and is an absolute safeguard against consumption and pneumonia. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

Levi Stewart, colored, who with the object of robbery knocked down "Old Jim Ross," another colored man, with a club, the blow proving fatal, was hanged at Sandwich goal yesterday.

"HE MISTAKES THE EFFECT FOR THE CAUSE." That is what the person does who tries to cure rheumatism or any other disease by relieving the symptoms. Hood's Sarsaparilla attacks the cause of these diseases. It neutralizes the acid in the blood and thus permanently cures rheumatism, it tones and strengthens the stomach, restores its natural digestive fluids and permanently cures dyspepsia.

HOOD'S PILLS cure constipation. Price 25 cents.

It is better for a city to be governed by a good man than even by good laws.—Aristotle.

The Man Who Originated



DOANS KIDNEY PILLS

In 1858 Mr. James Doan, the well known druggist of Kingsville, Ont., first manufactured and sold Doan's Kidney Pills.

That was many years before any other kidney remedy in pill form had been put upon the market.

Doan's Kidney Pills, therefore, are the original kidney pill, and this statement can be backed up by sworn proof.

Nowadays these pills have many imitations—dozens imitate the name on the wrapper, but none can imitate the pill itself, whose intricate merit in curing kidney complaints, from the simplest backache to the severest bright's disease, has made it a household necessity from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont.

Foot Elm

Positively Cures Clammy Feet.

STOTT & JURY, BOWMANVILLE, ONT.



MR. SPEAKER.

Under our political system it is inevitable that certain of our legislators shall ascribe partiality to the Speakers of our assemblies; and it is not impossible that a certain amount of unconscious bias may exist.

And while we believe the Speaker owes that much to the House as a whole, there are some things due to the Speaker from the opposition. The Speaker's difficulties are increased as the strength of parties becomes nearly evenly balanced, and while he must always be firm without being discourteous, he is not expected to bow submissively to arrogant assumption of authority by the leaders of the minority.

Mr. D. R. Ker, in a letter to the Board of Trade under date of November 7th, asked that the board take some action to have soundings taken with a view to having the channel deepened to 13 feet from the entrance of the harbor as far as Sayward's mill. This suggestion was adopted and the request of the board was forwarded to Ottawa.

The result of his work has been shown in a chart which he has prepared, in which it is found that the thirteen-foot depth which Mr. Ker desires exists over the entire stretch of harbor which he wished to improve with the exception of three points. This area even includes the greater portion of James Bay and is of the minimum width of three hundred feet.

This preliminary work was undertaken promptly by the department of public works when asked to do so by a representative body of business men, and we feel sure that no apprehension need be felt that the claims of the port will be neglected by the present government.

There is no connection whatever between constitutional criticism and personal attack. They are as wide asunder as the poles. The representatives of the crown may, and indeed ought, to be criticized in the fullest possible way, but of all persons within a province, a lieutenant-governor ought to be free from personal attack. We know that the Times will not be able to see the distinction.

There is a wide one, nevertheless. The criticism directed against Lieutenant-Governor McInnes was because he had done a perfectly unconstitutional act in an unconstitutional way; in other words, not that he had no right to dismiss Mr. Turner, but that the reasons for the dismissal were constitutionally insufficient.

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constitutionality of His Honor's action. The fury of the defeated ministry and the ferocity of their supporters at their loss of power and patronage incited certain of their organs to make gross personal attacks upon the Lieutenant-Governor because he performed his duty to the province and "constitutionally" dismissed a ministry which had not a working parliamentary majority when it became evident that that ministry intended to hold on notwithstanding that fact.

The Times's description of how Mr. Higgins "got left" at Vancouver, which was accepted by the House in the spirit in which it was intended, is described by the Vancouver World as "backwardly" and "falsification," and the writer is referred to as "some headless penny-a-farthing." It is unfortunate that our Vancouver contemporary should use exaggerated and very offensive language about very trivial matters. It does the World much harm personally and helps to lower the profession of journalism in the eyes of the public.

The appointment of a Russian consul to Canada shows that the government of the Czar have had their eyes opened to the importance of the position of Canada as their neighbor on the shores of the Pacific. The Dominion of Canada probably more nearly approximates to Russia in the extent of its territory than any country under the sun, and he would be a rash man who would undertake to define the limits of the business which may one day be transacted between the two great nations.

The Shanghai Mercury has made a remarkable discovery—no less than a Chinese official who is a poor man, "and the love of money does not seem to be in him." This unique Chinaman is named Chung Chihung, and his official designation is Vice-roy of Hupeh and Hanan. We are informed that he might have been one of the richest men in the empire, for his opportunities for storing up wealth have been many and peculiarly favorable.

The Toronto World has the spelling reform bee buzzing in its bonnet just now, and its columns are disfigured with such words as thruout, thoroely, etc. The appearance of the World is not calculated to encourage other papers to follow its example.

Anyone who is a member of the bar of any province in Canada is entitled to admission to the bar in the Yukon country. Application must be made at Dawson.

Oliver Journal. Opening comes to the Dominion parliament big with an opportunity for members of all parties to sink small partisan prejudices in discussing the imperial situation and Canada's relation to it.

People of Kansas are entitled to the sympathy of the country. A minister is to fill an editorial chair, and an editor is to fill a pulpit.

London Advertiser. If it takes 28 speeches of an average duration of two hours to induce one Conservative to enter the field in seven by-elections, how many years after 1915 will it be before the present opposition at Ottawa manage to achieve victory?

Vancouver World. Matters, indeed, have come to a pretty pass, when in this country of freedom of thought and action, Mr. J. M. Kettle, member for North Kootenay, desires legislation to be passed restricting the growth of a person's hair who works in the mines to six inches!

Hamilton Spectator. Yesterday this great family journal unintentionally did one of its estimated local contemporaries great injury by crediting to the Times a paragraph clipped from our sporting contemporary the Herald. It was the fault of the general who commends the proofreader's left wing, and who proved himself to be a poor koppel holder.

Hamilton Spectator. Handling the criticisms of German, French and certain American "experts" has just about convinced us that the Germans captured Paris after a siege of fifteen minutes; that France knocked Germany out in one round in 1870, and that the Northern army captured Richmond about an hour and a half after Fort Sumter was fired on.

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Louisville Courier-Journal. The boy of 17 and the girl-child of 13 who eloped from Pike County, Kentucky, and were married at Donkey, Va., displayed remarkable discrimination in selecting the place for their nuptials.

Victoria Colonist. It is this that responsible government was restored in British Columbia. A very fine stock of sideboards, book cases, wardrobes and other useful furniture at Weller Bros.

BAND IS PARK.

To the Editor:—On perusing report of city council proceedings published in your issue of last night, my attention was drawn to the recommendation of the park committee whereby they strongly recommended that the services of the Fifth Regiment band be availed of to dispense music at the park during summer months, and that an appropriation of \$500 be made for that purpose. I would respectfully call the attention of our mayor, aldermen and citizens generally to the fact that there is now in existence, and has been for some time past, an organization known as the Victoria City Band, which has, from its inception, been conscientiously practicing and is composed of citizens able, from a musical standpoint, to compete with any other like organization in the city; also, they are individually possessed of the full franchise the law of citizenship allows. With these things in view, they are entitled to some recognition in the disposal of any contract the city may make in this respect, and I would suggest that the city fathers take the claims of the Victoria City Band into consideration before final action thereon.

NEWS NOTES FROM DAWSON.

Wolves and Martin Are Plentiful—Belief of Ancient Miners.

According to a late arrival from Dawson wolves and martin are plentiful this year along the Yukon. The former killed and ate a husky dog at Reindeer last week and a domestic dog at Nane-Mile within a couple of nights ago. Each killing took place close to occupied cabins.

Two men trapped fifteen martens on Indian river and shot two moose at the mouth of the river. The mail carrier got six martens.

Miners working on Jack Wade creek were astonished recently by the finding of a part of a badly rusted prospector's pan, which was uncovered from the bed-rock at a depth of twenty feet from the surface. It is thought the Russians worked the creek during the time of their occupancy of the country, years ago, and the pan is a relic of that time. There are now 1,000 miners at work on Jack Wade creek and its tributaries.

The price of eggs, fried or boiled, in Dawson, has been raised from \$1 to \$1.50. Eggs by the case are worth \$90. Meat has climbed to 75 cents per pound and potatoes have taken a jump upward. Many of the restaurants are serving moose and caribou meat in place of beef, as it is much cheaper in price.

The City Council of Dawson is, considering the advisability of allowing \$375 a month for the maintenance of a free public library.

During the excitement attendant upon the recent fire Robert B. Switzer, the youthful clerk and stenographer of the police court at Dawson, was left alone in the office. He had with him money to the amount of \$1,545, which had been received during the day for fines. He says a man came into the office and beat him into insensibility, after which he robbed him, and the police are investigating the case.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Hammond Reef, Golden Star, Olive, Superior 42, and Copper.

WRECKED BY A CYCLONE.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—A cyclone is reported to have struck near Collinsville, Ill., four miles east of here. Several houses are reported destroyed. Doctors left Collinsville for the scene.

B.B.B. Better Than Doctors. Mrs. John Brown, Melboro, P. Q., made the following statement: "I suffered nearly twenty years with constipation and headache and could get no relief from physicians. I then tried Burdock Blood Bitters. I took in all three bottles, which entirely cured me, so that my bowels have been quite regular ever since."

Parlisan Foot Powder. It is used in water. Try it for Corns, Bunions, Burning, Sore, Fired or Sweaty Feet. Ask at your drug or shoe store for it.

Spencer's Friday Bargains. 150 Girls' Hats, tam shaped, trimmed with quill, worth 75c to \$1.00, now just in. Friday, 50c. 50 Pieces Gauze Ribbons all colors, worth 15c. Friday, 2c yard. 100 Boxes F. S. Cleaver's richly perfumed Toilet Soap, 3 cakes in a box. Special Friday, 25c a box. 100 Boxes Albert Soap Co.'s Toilet Soap, just as good for hard as soft water, 3 cakes in a box. Friday, 10c a box. 60 Lengths Sheeting and Pillow Cottons, less than mill price on Friday. 150 Boys' Serge Caps, glazed peaks, regular 35c. Friday, 25c. Boys' Cloth Caps, new checks and plaid patterns, 35c. 48 Ladies' White Wool Vests, regular 50c. Friday, 25c. 95 Children's Combination and Sleeping Suits, regular \$1.25. Friday, 75c. 15 Ladies' Wool Combination Samples, only one of a kind, regular \$2.75 to \$4.00 each. Friday, 1.50 each. 80 Pair Misses' Strong School Boots, regular \$1 35. Friday, 85c.

WANTED.

WANTED—Reliable man to deliver and collect. Salary \$15 per week and expenses. Address Globe Co., 725 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa. WANTED—Experienced miners. Call at Room 2, Oriental Hotel. WANTED—Teacher, holding second class certificate, for the Block Creek school, salary forty dollars per month. Apply before March 1st by letter to Henry Fitzpatrick, Secretary of School Board, Block Creek, B. C. WANTED—A thoroughly experienced sales-lady. Apply at Columbia House, 31 Douglas street, between 3 and 6 p.m. AGENTS WANTED AT ONCE—A patented perforated put and kettle cover. Fast seller. Big profits to agents. A complete line of new and useful household novelties. Address The U. S. Specialty Co., Adelaide, East, Toronto. WANTED—Old copper brass, zinc, lead, scrap iron, rope, saws and other metal. Best prices given. Apply Victoria Junk Agency, 30 Store street. B. Aronson, Agent.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Private boat house and boats, next to Yacht Club boat house. Address B. C. Times Office. STEAMSHIP CO.'S STOCK FOR SALE.—A limited number of shares of the British Columbia Steamship Co., Ltd. will be listed for sale for 10 days from date at the company's office, No. 40 Yates street, where particulars can be ascertained. FOR SALE—A good pipe boiler, with pump, heater, etc. Apply W. Hulman, Sitwatagan Lake Lumber Yard, Discovery street. FOR SALE—On easy terms, several houses on Stanley avenue, \$2,500 to \$2,800; 3 lots on Stanley avenue, \$200 each, corner lot, \$900; cottages, James Bay, \$1,500; two cottages on Speed avenue, \$1,000 each; 3 houses, Victoria West for \$1,000; 2 cottages off Oak Bay avenue, \$700 each; cottage and 7 lots, off Esquimalt road, \$2,000; 3 lots on Oak Bay, Victoria West, \$1,000; large house and lot, Esquimalt road, \$1,500; 4 lots near Cedar Hill church, \$400; valuable water frontage on the Gorge, near Point Ellice on an other A. W. More & Co., 38 Government street.

TO LET.

TWO GENTLEMEN can have room and board, private family, terms moderate, on car line. A. B. Times Office. TO LET—Comfortably furnished rooms, modern conveniences; 7th and Douglas streets. A FRONT BEDROOM TO LET, furnished, and housekeeping rooms. Apply 129 Vancouver street. TO LET—On car line, furnished rooms, with or without board; modern conveniences. Mrs. Gray, 117 Menzies street. FULLY FURNISHED ROOMS, single or double; modern conveniences; good dining rooms. Sample rooms for commercial use. M. Watt, The Vernon, 66 Douglas street. TO RENT—Office in the Times building, ground floor. Apply at Times office.

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COAL AND WOOD.

LUMP COAL, SIFT COAL, SACK COAL, SLACK COAL. Telephone 654. Munro, Holland & Co., Troncaud and Broad street. MISCELLANEOUS. A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE.—We have in connection with our newly repairing department a female that is up-to-date in repairing men's underwear, which is often thrown aside. Flower Dyeing, Tailoring, Cleaning and Pressing Works, 75 Douglas street. T. W. Pierre.

SOCIETIES.

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p.m. B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

Notice of the Sale.

WRECKED STEAMER "MIAMI"

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on Tuesday, the 14th day of February, 1900, at the hour of 2:30 p.m. of said day, at the place of the wreck, sell by Public Auction for cash, for the benefit of whom it may concern, the entire wrecked steamer "Miami," together with her engines, boilers, tackle, apparel and furniture thereon at the time of sale, as she lies upon a submerged rock or reef situated in the waters of British Columbia, at a point about one thousand feet northwest of White Rock, in Stewart Channel. Purchaser to assume and discharge any and all obligations, if any, provided by law, rule or regulation, for the removal of wrecks from British waters, and any and all expenses of every nature, accruing after sale, including all duty, if any, imposed by British or Canadian law or authority. The highest or any other bid not necessarily accepted; the right to reject any and all bids being expressly reserved. The right to remove the whole or any part of cargo remaining on day of sale is also reserved, provided, however, the owners thereof may, if they so elect, abandon such right in whole or in part on day of sale.

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Orders taken at Geo. Marsden's for delivery of Daily Times.

DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

The war in South Africa has made one thing at least quite apparent: that some common action must be taken for the defence of the British Empire. The present system, if there be any system, is utterly lacking in every essential means whereby in time of danger the resources of the nation can be brought to bear against a common enemy. The steps which are necessary for the accomplishment of this great end will have to be decided on by the military chiefs of the country; but the defects which at present exist are perfectly plain to all. The people of Canada, or of Great Britain, for that matter, do not in time of peace prepare for war; that is, they do not make adequate preparation. Under our system of government the reason of this is not far to seek. Our statesmen are directly responsible to the people, when when a programme containing proposals for large expenditures for defensive purposes is laid before them are prone to condemn the proposed outlay as extravagant and unnecessary. In very few of the other nations of the world are such stringent constitutional checks imposed on rulers, therefore the objections advanced to the military leaders' measures are not so great. The time appears to have arrived when the colonies should unite with the Mother Country in devising some scheme for the defence of the Empire as a whole. A suggestion has been made that the question should be taken entirely out of the hands of politicians and handed over to an Imperial council, which would of course be quite removed from the narrow sphere of party and could view everything from the lofty eminence of national necessities. Canada has sheltered herself behind the skirts of Britannia quite long enough. Let us now give some evidence of the true Imperial spirit and show that we are prepared to do our share in this most important matter. Something will probably be said on this subject before the adjournment of the House now sitting at Ottawa.

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SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Tug Cleve, which took Messrs. H. Logan and J. F. Trowbridge up to the assistance of the ship Louis Walsh, which was almost driven ashore in the gale of Monday night, returned last night. She brought news of much damage done in that vicinity by Monday night's gale, which, strange to say, blew from the northwest down here, while it blew from the southwest down here. The crew of Capt. Gibson, which was wrecked in the gale, turned turtle and all the apparatus, with the exception of the donkey engine, which fortunately was lashed to the deck, was lost. Three men were thrown into the water, but all were saved. The Louis Walsh, which was anchored near the wrecked collier, was to load coal from the wreck and broke adrift and lost one of her anchors and seventy feet of chain. The other anchor dragged, and she drifted from Rugged Island to near Kelpie Point, about a thousand yards. It was feared that she would go ashore. Assistance was telegraphed for, and the Cleve went up to her. With the assistance of the Daisy she was towed into Oyster harbor. The tug Topic had started out from Oyster harbor with two scoops loaded with coal just before the gale was encountered. She was obliged to abandon her tow, which broke apart and drifted on to the shore near the Louis Walsh. A barge belonging to Capt. Gibson broke away from her moorings at Chemainus and went breaking his leg. Capt. Thomas replaced him on the Waia's Waia.

Steamer Walla was late in arriving from San Francisco. She did not come in to the outer wharf until 11 a.m. today, fully ten hours late. She was delayed by head winds. She brought an average freight cargo, including some big wool shipments for the Eastern States. She loaded 55 tons of general merchandise, consigned to Victoria merchants. The passengers numbered 150 in all, of whom 40 were for this port. Capt. Hale was not to be seen on the bridge of the steamer this trip, that well-known mariner having been the victim of an accident at San Francisco. He slipped on some orange peel and fell, breaking his leg. Capt. Thomas replaced him on the Waia's Waia.

The disabled steamer City of Seattle arrived at Tacoma yesterday in tow of the tug Tye. While the steamer was at Juncos Point, Capt. Conell sent out invitations for a dance to be held on the vessel, but when the guests assembled the dance had to be called off. An injunction was served on the master restraining him from allowing the dance. The injunction was secured by the Pacific Coast S.S. Co., who have a salvage claim against the steamer, and feared that further damage might result to the disabled steamer, lessening her value.

Steamer Queen will sail for San Francisco this evening. Those booked to sail by her are: Mrs. E. G. Smith, Mrs. Langley, Miss A. and I. Fox, Miss E. Marrach, Miss I. Baker, Miss A. Waddell, Miss F. Johnson, Miss C. Phillips, Miss C. Hughes, Mrs. R. W. Clarke, T. McNeely and wife, Mrs. Fouts, W. J. Thwaites and wife, Mrs. R. G. Goodacre, J. C. McNeely, C. G. Lee and P. La Croix.

Ship Siko, which was posted as overdue and eight per cent. reinsurance quoted on her, was towed into the quarantine station yesterday by the tug Pioneer. Her delay was due to the fact that she took an unusual sailing course, and encountered heavy weather on route. She goes to Chemainus after being disinfected and fumigated to load lumber.

Tug Pilot returned this morning from Oyster harbor. She had a busy week. After tending the wrecked collier Miami she towed the coal hulk Robert Kerr from and to Vancouver. News was given by her that the Miami is now falling farther apart.

Notice is given by the C. P. N. Co. that after Tuesday, Feb. 20th, the Vancouver boat will leave C. P. N. Co.'s dock, Victoria, at 7 a.m. every day except Monday. Sunday's night's boat will leave Victoria at midnight instead of 11 o'clock as formerly.

Steamer Ties sailed for Skagway last evening. Her passengers were F. Walton, J. Burns, J. Giehrst, A. and J. McCannan, R. Roland and Mrs. Scharschmidt and family.

COOPERAGE DESTROYED. (Associated Press.) Escanaba, Mich., Feb. 8.—The National Cooperage and Woodware Company's plant was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$250,000, insurance unknown.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET. (Associated Press.) Montreal, Feb. 8.—Stock exchange, morning board: War Eagle, 164 1/2; 164; Payne, 104, 103; Montreal and London, 30, 28; Republic, 94, 91. Sales: War Eagle, 500 at 105, 3,500 at 104, 580 at 103, 1,500 at 105, 1,000 at 99, 1,500 at 100, 5,500 at 105, 1,750 at 103, Republic, 9,000 at 90, 5,000 at 91, 1,000 at 92.

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Unimportant Items This Week—List of Companies Incorporated—New Justice of Peace Appointed.

The Provincial Gazette, to be published to-night, contains the notice of the incorporation of the following companies: The Banner Group, Gold Mining Co., Ltd.; capital, \$1,500,000; headquarters at Roseland, B. C. The Black Bear Mining Co., Ltd.; capital, \$500,000; headquarters at Kimberley, East Kootenay, B. C. The Canadian Pacific Lumber Co., Ltd.; capital, \$40,000; headquarters in the district of New Westminster. The Greenwood Miner Printing Co., Ltd.; capital, \$10,000; headquarters at Greenwood, B. C. The Porto Rico Lumber Co., Ltd.; capital, \$25,000; headquarters Nelson, B. C. The Britannia Copper Syndicate, Ltd.; capital, \$250,000; headquarters at Vancouver. A certificate of registration of an extra provincial company has been granted to the Vancouver Mounties' Club Mining Co.; capital, \$5,000, divided into 500,000 shares of one cent each; headquarters at Spokane, Washington State. Notice is given that Rex H. Clarke, of Roseland, B. C., has been appointed the attorney for "The Enterprise Gold Mining Co." in place of D. T. Wheeler, of the same place. Notice is given that the Nelson Saw and Planing Mills, Ltd., intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for a lease of saw mill, factory, lumber yard, warehouse and other buildings and premises in Nelson, West Kootenay, including a portion of the foreshore and of the bed of the west arm of Kootenay Lake. Notice is given of the assignment of Harry G. Smith and Martin Dufour, of Grand Forks, B. C., to H. G. S. Heisterman, also of Grand Forks, for the benefit of the creditors. Charles Henderson, Mont. of Vancouver, and George Henry Cottrell, of Victoria, in the gentle furnishing business in Vancouver, have assigned to the British Columbia Trust Co. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the offices of the assignee, 441 Hastings street, Vancouver, on Friday, Feb. 9th, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The assessor and collector of Revelstoke division of West Kootenay district has given notice that all taxes collectible within the district are now due for the year of 1900, and are payable at the court house, Revelstoke. Sealed tenders properly indorsed will be received by the chief commissioner of lands and works up to Wednesday, Feb. 14th, for the installation and completion of hot water heating apparatus at the court house, Victoria. Tenders must be made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer. The lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

Hold Conference to Arrange for a Reduction in the Letter's Estimates—Nothing Accomplished.

Nothing definite was accomplished at the conference last evening between the board of aldermen and the school trustees, which had been arranged for the purpose of discussing the advisability on the part of the latter board of a reduction of the amount of the estimates placed before the council for the current year. The school board, however, are strongly impressed with the desirability of the full amount being granted, and were not disposed to consent to a modification of their demand. The conference was of a most amicable character, those in attendance being His Worship Mayor Hayward, A. D. Stewart, Brydon, Beckwith, Williams, Yates and Cameron, and School Trustees Belyea, Hall, Drury, Mrs. Helen Grant, Mrs. M. Grant, Brown and Dr. McPherson. In commencing the discussion Mayor Hayward and Ald. Yates hoped that the school board would be enabled to reduce the estimates submitted by them, the latter suggesting that the reduction be made in that portion relating to repairs. Trustee Belyea directed attention to the urgent necessity for these repairs, and pertinently inquired whether it was not possible for the city council to make a reduction in their own estimates for the current year. He was certain that the school board would not consent to a reduction of the estimates, but that a reduction in the per capita cost for educational purposes in Victoria was as low as in any other city in the world. In the matter of making the increase of teachers' salaries, Trustee Drury, in referring to the critical condition of the school board's estimates, pointed out that only \$450 was asked for this purpose. Trustee Hall and Belyea expressed their opinion that there would come a time not very far distant when a still greater amount would have to be paid by the city for educational purposes. As to the extraordinary expenditure of \$30,000, asked by the school board, Trustee Belyea voiced the opinion of the board that a new high school, was absolutely necessary, the present building being wholly inadequate for the purpose. Trustee Hall drew attention to the scarcity of room in the Central and Spring Ridge schools, which would be obtained by the erection of a new high school. Further informal discussion of the conference was adjourned.

SINGERS AND THEIR SONGS.

Rev. J. C. Speer repeated his interesting lecture in the A. O. U. W. Hall last night. Although handicapped by a small attendance, the lecture, which Rev. J. C. Speer delivered in the A. O. U. W. hall last night was one of the best ever given by the reverend orator in this city. Mr. Speer was in excellent form and the address proved to be one of the very deepest interest to the audience. The speaker opened his remarks by saying that while songs may be repeated, verses are rarely successful when delivered for the second time to the same constituency, which perhaps accounted for the comparatively small attendance. All true music, he added, came from the heart and all harmony from God. Reference was then made to nature as God's orchestra, after which the speaker proceeded to refer to artificial music, that all had for its standard the human voice. The microphone was now able to reproduce music from the sunbeams, and a prophetic view was given of the music of the future, when the whole universe would be brought into glorious harmony. Speaking of the wonderful musical inventions of the last forty years, the speaker said we had been passing through a musical zone, and gave it as his opinion that every home should have a musical instrument if it were only a comb and a piece of paper. Even business men, he said, were using the music which might be put in increasing time, and one patent medicine company alone had recently cleared \$1,000,000 by a judicious use of this agency. While the singer might fade from the mind the memory would still cling to the words, and the melody of childhood would remain with men as long as life endured. Even prisoners were strangely moved upon hearing the songs of childhood. The speaker gave several instances of the marvellous effect of song during the American rebellion, and on other occasions. A reference followed to the influence of patriotic songs, the lecturer saying that one song had run King James out of three kingdoms. The influence of the music of the harp upon the Scots, of the drum upon the French, etc., was also dwelt upon. Proceeding to the music of the churches, Mr. Speer said that it first began when the morning stars sang together. He traced the development of this branch of worship down through the centuries, marking its evolution from the weird songs of the darker ages to the finished productions of modern times. Turning to the church choirs, he said that the fact that they were a constant lot was not to be wondered at. They were generally composed of good musicians. They were pitched at high nervous tension, and were consequently easily put out. Choirs were always high toned. Their singing was an integral part of the service, but they differed from the pastor inasmuch as they could repeat their compositions as often as they felt the fit, while he was departed from so doing. The lecture was concluded with a number of excellent character sketches, after which a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered the speaker on motion of Dr. Lewis Hall and Rev. Dr. Reid.

See the Funny Comedy at the Savoy Theatre to-night.

The annual meeting of the Firemen's Relief Association will be held in the chief's office on Monday evening next. Among the business to come up for consideration will be the annual reports of the various officers. There will also be an election of officers for the ensuing term. The association is in a most prosperous condition both financially and numerically, and with the commendable object of assisting firemen in their day of trial, it will always receive hearty support.

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LEGISLATURE TO-DAY.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m., prayers by the Rev. Canon Beaudouin. Night sittings having been resumed, this providing ample time for the public to attend in the galleries at the opening showed a marked falling off. The session of the order paper is a resolution by Mr. Joseph Martin setting forth that as the government has a very narrow majority, if any and may at any time be defeated, and an election consequent party took strong ground against the present unfair distribution of seats, therefore before any further business is attempted the government should bring down a measure giving a fair and equitable redistribution of seats and their failure to do so is against the public interest. Mr. Martin was early in his seat, he never absent from prayers, and from appearances was ready for any emergency. The order paper to-day contains eleven motions and sixteen second readings.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Macpherson moved that the petitions from the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council be received and printed. Carried.

A Baby's Taste.

Guided to GRAPE-NUTS

Rev. S. V. Robinson, Brooklyn Hill, N. Y., says: "A few days ago an incident occurred in my home that may interest you: Our baby boy, a fine specimen of two years and three months, was brought downstairs immediately after he awoke. He was teething, and had eaten but little for two or three days, and had to be coaxed to do that. On this particular morning his first request was for Grape-Nuts, of which he is very fond. His mother had some cornmeal mush cooked, and served him with that instead, but after he had looked at it for a moment, he pushed it away indignantly saying, 'I don't want that. I want Grape-Nuts.' He would not be satisfied until Grape-Nuts were served to him, which he ate with evident enjoyment. We were interested in his discrimination, and you will doubtless appreciate the boy's taste." Probably no food in existence, not even excepting the very best prepared baby foods, is as well adapted to the use of infants as Grape-Nuts, well cooked, and for children should be cooked a few minutes in hot water, when it becomes a mush, and should be treated with cream and sugar. It contains the elements required for building the bones; and the gray matter in the nerve centres. A child or an adult fed on Grape-Nuts will show a marked improvement in his physical and mental ability. Many of the elders testify to the removal of physical ailments by abandoning portions of the food that have been in use, and taking up Grape-Nuts regularly. Sold by grocers everywhere, and made at the pure food factories of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

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A Sheep Without Wool. These sharp, shilly eweings and mornings is in a rare slight—this man without an overcoat. And you need haven't an excuse for not buying and wearing one now—how can you have? With our low cash prices "shorn" this way: Any \$16 Overcoat for \$12.80 Any \$12 Overcoat for \$9.60 Any \$10 Overcoat for \$8.00 Any \$7 Overcoat for \$5.60 And then there will be lots of wearing time yet before summer. W. G. Cameron CLOTHIER, FURNISHER AND HATTER, 55 JOHNSON STREET.

THIS WEEK We are selling regular 75 cents and \$1.00 MUSIC BOOKS for 25 CENTS 25. These are slightly shop worn, but otherwise are in good order. Come quickly and get first choice. M. W. WAITT & CO.'S 60 GOVERNMENT STREET.

MONEY TO LOAN. What is the Difference Between a bald-headed man under Dr. White's treatment for baldness and Dr. White's Patent? One has hair apparent and the other has a hairy parent. B. J. MATTHEWS. Agent for the Preparation, 101 Douglas Street. Special sale of carpets and drapery goods at Weiler Bros., commencing February 6th.

BOWEN, THE CHEMIST, WILL REMOVE TWO DOORS NEARER BANK OF MONTREAL.

WREATHS BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Feb. 8.—5 a.m.—A trough of barometric low pressure extends from Vancouver Island to Eastern California, and is causing rain and snow on the Coast. In lower California the pressure has risen and eastward from the Rockies to the Lakes a widespread area of high pressure prevails. In centre reading 30.70 at 8 a.m. Current, with temperatures ranging from 30 to 40 below zero. The indications are that colder weather may be expected within the next 36 hours.

Forecast.

Victoria and vicinity—Continued unsettled, with rain or snow. Lower Mainland—Continued unsettled, with rain or snow. Report. Victoria—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 35 minimum, 33; wind, 6 miles N.E.; rain, .02, weather, rain. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.83; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, 6 miles N.E.; snow, 10; weather, snowing. Nanaimo—Wind, 8; W.; snow, 2 in.; weather, snowing. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 40; minimum, 37; wind, 4 miles N.W.; weather, clear. Barkerville—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 12 below; minimum, 14 below; wind, calm; weather, clear. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

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Provincial News.

SALT SPRING. News has been received here of the drowning of L. Sparrow, of Fulford Harbor. The fatal occurrence happened on the California coast, where he had gone on a sealing cruise from Victoria.

A magic lantern-entertainment was given at the Victoria school house on the 29th ult., by Rev. Mr. Osborne, of Duncan. Many scenes of Scotland pleased the visitors present.

ROSSLAND. Since the smallpox scare first came to notice, over 1,200 persons in Rossland have been vaccinated. Dr. Reddick, the medical health officer, has treated some 75, and the city physicians have treated the others between them.

KAMLOOPS. Pete Barnhart, the popular proprietor of the Commodore Hotel, has taken over the Grand Pacific Hotel, and will in future run both places.

VANCOUVER. The newly appointed policeman, Messrs. Arthur Davies and George Miller, were on Tuesday sworn in before Magistrate Russell, and undertook their duties at once.

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NEW WESTMINSTER. At the meeting of the City Council on Monday the fire committee suggested the adoption of the following: In accepting the resignation of Mr. McPhie as chief of the fire department, the council wishes to express its sense of the valuable services rendered by him during his term as chief, particularly with regard to his work in supervising the erection of buildings and preventing the alteration of those already erected, mainly in the Chinese quarter. Carried.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO.

Wharf Street, Victoria. Time Table No. 47—Taking Effect November 1st, 1900. VANCOUVER ROUTE. Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 1 o'clock a.m. Sunday, 11 p.m. Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, at 8 p.m. o'clock, or on arrival of C. P. E. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE. Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner and Lulu Island—Sunday at 11 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock, Sunday's steamer to New Westminster only with C. P. E. Train No. 2, going east Monday. For Plumper Pass—Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. For Pender and Moreby Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock. Leave New Westminster for Victoria—Sunday at 6 o'clock p.m.; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock. For Plumper Pass—Friday and Saturday at 7 o'clock. For Pender and Moreby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

ALASKA ROUTE. Steamships of this company will leave every Wednesday at 5 p.m. for Wrangell, Dyea and Skagway. BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE. Mr. Williams leaves Victoria for Alberni and Soan's ports on the 1st, 10th, and 15th of each month, extending latter to Seattle and Cape Scott. The company reserves the right of changing this time table at any time without notification.

FOR CAPE NOME. The Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. Limited, will dispatch their staunch iron SS. AMUR. CAPE NOME. MAY 1st, 1900. The Amur has been thoroughly overhauled and is specially fitted up for this service, and is provided with accommodations for passengers and freight of an exceptionally suitable character.

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FOR ALASKA. LEAVE SEATTLE 9 A.M. Cottage City, Feb. 9, 24, Mar. 11, 26, April 10, 25, May 10, 25, June 9, 24, July 18, 31, Aug. 14, 29, Sept. 11, 26, Oct. 10, 25, Nov. 8, 23, Dec. 6, 21, 30, 1900. The steamer Cottage City will call at Victoria, B. C., Feb. 8, 24, Mar. 11, 26, April 10, for passengers and freight. For further information obtain folder. The company reserves the right to change steamers, sailing date and hours of sailing, without previous notice.

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J. B. Athletic Association

A Synopsis of the Year's Work Submitted by the Management.

A Review Compiled of the Different Branches of Sport.

Below will be found the annual report of the committee of management of the J. B. A., submitted at the shareholders' general meeting on Tuesday night.

To the Shareholders and Members of the J. B. A.:

The managing committee of the J. B. Athletic Association have the honor to submit their annual report on the condition and progress of the club during the year just ended.

We are again able to state that the past year has been one of the most satisfactory in the history of the association, the enthusiasm prevailing in all club sports and the large number taking an active part there in very greatly exceeding all previous records.

The secretary-treasurer's financial statement herewith presented also shows a healthy improvement. During the year our membership has increased from 155 to 212.

We will now present for your consideration, under appropriate heads, various matters that have arisen since the last annual meeting.

House. The house committee at the commencement of the year delegated to each of its members the management of a particular portion of the work, and the system was found to work very satisfactorily, each branch being very carefully looked after.

The interest in the winter sports has not been so great as in previous years, owing, undoubtedly, to the strong counter-attraction of hand-ball, which has filled the gymnasium nightly. Nevertheless a number of interesting tournaments were held during the winter months.

In the early summer a very successful smoking concert was held in the gymnasium, and the holding committee would suggest that a series of these entertainments be given during the coming year, as a means of bringing the members together and of introducing new members and visitors to the club.

The annual festivities in connection with ushering in the New Year were duly observed by the club, and again all records were broken, both in point of attendance and in the excellence of the entertainment provided. Fully one hundred and twenty members and friends of the club were present and everyone voted the affair an immense success.

Athletic Sports. A strong effort was made to revive public interest in field sports, a branch of athletics which has fallen to a low ebb in Victoria in the past few years.

Invitations and entry forms were forwarded to all athletic clubs on the Coast some twenty-three in all, and favorable replies were received from several of these.

Invitations were held for local athletes failed to evince the slightest interest in the sport, and it was reluctantly decided to abandon the project rather than to hold any but a first-class meet. This result is very much to be regretted, and it is a great pity that a city of the size of Victoria cannot support at least one good amateur athletic meeting in the year.

Basket Ball. Our 1898-1899 basket-ball team have

again demonstrated their superiority, by winning the local championship for the year, from the five other teams belonging to the Victoria-Basket Ball League, having nine out of ten games won to their credit and only one lost.

The game that was lost by our players was won, after a brilliant game, by a score of 2 to 0 by the No. 3 Company of the Fifth Regiment, who hold the distinction of being the only team from the date of the match to the present time who have lowered our colors in this line.

The aggregate of points scored by our players in the ten matches was the large number of seventy-six, an average twenty-two scored by our opponents.

Your committee had the great satisfaction of securing as one of the features of the celebration in honor of Her Majesty on the 24th of May, an open air match between the Seattle Y. M. C. A. and our own team. The game was a very close and interesting one, and, as usual, resulted in a win for the association.

We are glad to report that the excited expectations which the late committee expressed in their last report regarding the introduction of hand-ball in the club's list of games have been fully realized. There has been a steadily increasing number of enthusiasts throughout the year, three very successful tournaments have been given up and your committee have at all times been alive to the interests of this branch of sport.

During the month of December the committee assisted a number of the members in securing the services of Prof. Christ as instructor in boxing, fencing and wrestling, a class of twenty-five was organized and made good progress. The professor was unexpectedly called North in January, and the class, we regret to say, had to be disbanded.

The floor of the gymnasium has been stained, and it is hoped that the club will be able to paint the walls during the coming year. The old gas fixtures have been removed and the electric lights furnished with powerful reflectors, thereby saving the club a considerable amount of money.

We fully realize that during the winter months the gymnasium is the most attractive branch of the club, and we would strongly recommend that at all times every effort should be made to further the interest of your gymnasium members.

Boating. Your committee have much pleasure in reporting that our association have again shown their superiority over the crews of the Northwest, and have succeeded in securing the absolute ownership of the hand-some challenge cup, which has occupied a place in our cup case for the past three years.

Contrary to expectations, our crew, consisting of Messrs. McKay, Loring, McNeil and Jones, entered in the 24th of May regatta, and suffered defeat at the hands of our Vancouver friends. While this is to be regretted, still your committee think that it will do much to increase and enliven the interest in this branch of sport, and hope that it will be the means of ensuring the attendance of outside crews at the regatta from year to year.

The annual regatta of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen was held at Vancouver on the 30th of June and the 1st of July, at which we were in the proud position of being able to enter for every event.

The Junior fours took place on the first day, and resulted in favor of the Portland crew—our boat, unfortunately, being damaged a short distance from the starting point by striking some obstacle.

Our old friend, Mr. O'Sullivan, entered for the Junior singles, but as is his usual

custom gracefully gave way to his opponents, and lost the race.

On the following day, however, the fate was more kind. For the sixth year in succession our senior crew, composed of Messrs. O'Sullivan, Scott, Jones and Williams, captured the championship for the North Pacific Coast—a record of which we have just cause to be proud.

Mr. W. I. Scott again showed his superiority over his opponents, and secured the championship in single sculls for our association, and, with the assistance of Mr. O'Sullivan, gallantly went down to defeat before the Vancouver crew in the doubles—our crew having entered simply as a matter of event, though handicapped through having no boat of our own.

Month should here be made of the kind treatment accorded our representatives while in Vancouver. Among the many courtesies extended was a dainty supper served in the Vancouver Club, in which probably the largest number of oarsmen (either past or present) participated who have ever gathered together in this province.

It is a source of great pleasure to your committee to state that our efforts in this branch of sport did not confine themselves to our own shores, but that a large number of members entered with enthusiasm into the club races held from time to time. Our annual regatta, as usual, proved a success, a large number of yachts being present, in spite of the counter attractions. The Plumcroft, was after a number of spirited races, captured by a crew captained by Mr. J. K. Macrae.

At the commencement of the boating season it was arranged to hold a series of club races, in order that the interest in rowing might be increased among the younger members of the association. Although not as many took part in these races as should have been the case, considering the large number present, still the series proved a success, and should encourage the incoming committee to see every endeavor to carry on the same and encourage the sport in which this association has for so long been efficient.

Your committee also beg to report that, acting upon the suggestion of a large number of members, they have placed an order with Mr. T. Jones for a tub pair, which should prove of great service to those who are not sufficiently expert to use the single-stroke.

At this point your committee would draw your attention to the loss we have sustained owing to the fact that Mr. W. I. Scott, one of our foremost oarsmen, has joined the Canadian contingent and is now serving Her Majesty in South Africa, with the rank of sergeant. It is a matter of great satisfaction to think that this club has a representative at the front, and we trust that our Mr. Scott will be just as much in the front in active service as he was in rowing, and will return to us ere long covered with glory. We also have much pleasure in attesting our appreciation of Mr. E. W. Gemble, one of our newest members, accompanying Mr. Scott as one of the Canadian contingent, and hope he as well will return covered with honor.

The association has lost one of its most valued and enthusiastic members through the death of our late vice-president, Mr. George Byrnes, who for many years took the keenest interest in all matters pertaining to the club's welfare. By his death, the club has lost a true friend and one whose assistance in any time of need was always cheerfully given.

We have also sustained another loss through the death of one of our young members, Mr. W. A. Lobb. An enthusiastic athlete and a true sport in the best sense of the word, his death which occurred in the prime of life was deeply regretted by all his companions.

In conclusion, your committee would express the hope that they have merited the confidence reposed in them at the last annual meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN, President.

A. J. DALLAIN, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Quick Mail Service

Excellent Time Made by the Teams of the Canadian Development Company.

Eight Days From Bennett to Dawson—A New Winter Record.

(Dawson Weekly News, Jan. 5.) Eighteen sacks of mail matter for Dawson, Eggle City and Circle City, coming through from Bennett to Dawson to Bennett in eight days last Monday evening by the Canadian Development Company's courier and dog teams.

The mail service in and out of Dawson is gradually being reduced to such a perfect system that it is safe to look for regularly now every week. The excellent service is largely due to the splendid arrangements, perfected by the Canadian Development Company, which has the contract for carrying the mail in and out, and which has in its employ the most experienced men and dog teams that money could procure. The trail, too, has for nearly two months been so very bad with open water, ice and slush that no speed could possibly be made, and it has resulted in halting the mail along the route, both coming in and going out, at various points along the route between here and Bennett. The cold weather of the last three weeks has closed all open water and improved the trail so that to-day good time can be made over the route, which was evidenced by the arrival of 18 sacks of mail Monday evening, which came through from Bennett in eight days, a speed which so far beats the record for this winter. Agent Tom A. Davis of the Canadian Development Company yesterday checked up the mail sacks with Postmaster Hartman and finds that there are no back galls anywhere on the trail and that everything is up to date.

In the future, Mr. Davis expressed the belief that the mail will arrive in from six to seven days from Bennett, and that a regular weekly service can safely be maintained upon.

The outgoing mail is expected to reach Bennett with the same speed. Nineteen sacks were taken out in two sleigh loads by Tom Cook and Geo. Bell this morning, the two men making the start at 3 o'clock. The mail usually reaches Tulare the first day out, namely 102 days, or 120 miles. From there is gone to the Yukon, and from there to the Canadian Development Company's cut off from Carmack to Lake Lebarge, which saves about 80 miles over the old river route. This cut off is now greatly improved, especially in the last two weeks.

Canadian Development Co. has now perfecting the system of dog teams only between Dawson and Selkirk, and horses from Selkirk out to Bennett.

The incoming mail leaves Bennett every Wednesday morning simultaneously with the outgoing mail from Dawson.

So much for the transportation of the mail. The public has reason to feel deeply indebted to Postmaster Hartman and his efficient and obliging corps of clerks, for the extra time one and all put in day and night in order that as little time as possible shall be used for distributing the mail between its arrival and its delivery to the public. This was illustrated last Saturday night and again Monday evening, or New Year's day. On both occasions the postmaster and his force cheerfully turned out both nights and distributed the mails so that the public received its mail early Sunday and yesterday morning. This is enterprise that deserves commendation, and the public has not been slow to recognize and appreciate the good service that is now being given.

BROWN WRITES SMITH ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES.

My dear Smith—Your pointer was a peach. I left for Chicago immediately after I saw you, and of course bought my ticket over the Wisconsin Central Ry. from St. Paul to Chicago. I had plenty of time to go up to my train and get my suitcase, as my train leaves St. Paul at 7:40 p. m.

I returned to the depot about 7:20. When passing through the gates, the gate man said, "There's your train to the right." I hurried up the stairs to the platform where you were in my berth. (You will notice I call this my train, while it really belongs to the Wisconsin Central. I could not help but feel that I owned the train, and even the road, the employees are so kind.) I then prepared myself for the comforts in store. Well, talk about travelling! I have travelled all over the wide world, but never had a more delightful trip than this one from St. Paul to Chicago over the Wisconsin Central Ry. I retired about 10 p. m. and enjoyed a good night's rest in the Pullman passenger car; only woke up once during the night, and that was when the porter punched me and said: "Mr. Brown, please don't snore so loud, you disturb the rest of the passengers." I set once fell asleep, and awoke again about 7 a. m., and prepared myself for breakfast; went into the dining car about 8 a. m., and partook of a most sumptuous meal. All meals are served in this car, as you know. My entire trip was a most delightful one, and I will never cease to praise the Wisconsin Central Ry. and I know that your sentiments are the same.

Our friend Jones reached Chicago via another route, and was six hours late. Consequently he missed connections for New York, and cannot make connection there with steamer for the Paris Exposition. Hence has given up his trip, and will return home via the Wisconsin Central Ry. Your friend and yours, BROWN.

P.S.—Since you were in Chicago, the Wisconsin Central Ry. have changed their terminals, and are now running into the Central Station, at Park Row and 12th St. This report is also used by the Michigan Central Ry., Illinois Central and C. & N. Y. & N. E. Ry.

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SEALED TENDERS, properly indorsed, will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to Wednesday, the 15th February, for the installation and completion of hot water heating apparatus at the Court House, Victoria.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 10th day of February, next for the purchase of that parcel of land described as the south half of the south half of lot 48, Chesham Estate, as shown on a plan filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., numbered 57, and on a modern two story brick dwelling and other outbuildings. Mortgage registered in Charge Book, vol. 14, folio 472, is No. 17710. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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TENDERS. SALE OF STOCK AND FIXTURES, ETC., OF C. E. MASTERS, OF NANAIMO.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Monday, 12th Feb. instant, at so much on the dollar in country price, for the stock in trade of dry goods, fixtures, etc., of C. E. Masters, of Nanaimo and Wellington amounting as per Stock List No. 1, to \$14,100, and as per Stock List No. 2, to \$1,250.80.

Inspection of the stock and inventories can be had on application to H. Harford, at the Nanaimo Store.

Torus cash, or half cash and balance on approved security at 1, 2 and 3 months. Tenders must be made separately on Lists No. 1 and No. 2. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Dated this 23rd day of February, 1900.

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NOTICE. I beg to announce that I have purchased from Thomas Shaw the Marine Iron Works as a going concern, from January 20th. All debts will be collected and all liabilities assumed by Mr. Shaw previous to that date.

ANDREW GRAY.

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To the Public of Victoria.

In view of the possible introduction of smallpox from the neighboring state of Washington, the provincial government has in contemplation the putting into force of "The Regulations of the Provincial Board of Health re Smallpox."

These "Regulations" give the Local Board of Health power to compel all persons who have not been vaccinated within the last 7 years to be vaccinated.

In the opinion of the Local Board the present circumstances do not indicate the enforcing of "compulsory vaccination" but for the purpose of safeguarding the public health the Board would earnestly advise all persons to whom these "Regulations" would apply to be at once vaccinated.

Any one unable to pay will be vaccinated free by any physician in Victoria. A supply of pure fresh bovine vaccine is in the hands of all the physicians in the city. I have the honor to be, etc.

H. L. FRASER, M. D., Medical Health Officer.

Silver Band Mining Co., Ltd.

The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, 14th February, 1900, at 8 p. m., at the office of the company, 74 Water street, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE. Rock Bay Bridge is closed to traffic during repairs.

C. H. TOPP, City Engineer.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for a transfer to John Colquhoun of the license now held by me to sell spirits and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Telegraph Hotel, situate on Store street, in the City of Victoria.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, B. C., for a transfer of the retail liquor license now held by me of the New Hive Saloon, situate at the corner of Fort and Broad streets, to Donald Gray.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1900. (Signed) P. HURKE.

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