

THE CHRISTMAS TIMES

On the Morning of Christ's Nativity.



I.
It was the winter wild,
While the heaven-born child
All meanly wrapped in the rude manger lies;
Nature, in awe to him,
Had doff'd her gaudy trim,
With her great Master so to sympathize:
It was no season then for her
To wanton with the Sun, her lusty para-
mour.

II.
Only with speeches fair
She wooes the gentle air
To hide her guilty front with innocent
snow,
And on her naked shame,
Painted with sinful blaine,
The saintly veil of maiden white to throw;
Confounded that her Maker's eyes
Should look so near upon her foul deforma-
ties.

III.
But he, her fears to ease,
Sent down the meek-eyed Peace,
She, crown'd with olive-green, came
softly sliding
Down through the turning sphere,
His ready harbinger,
With gentle-smiling amorous clouds
dividing;
And, waving wide her marble wand,
She seiz'd universal peace through sea
and land.

IV.
No war, or battle's sound,
Was heard the world around;
The idle spear and shield were high up-
laid,
The hooked chariot stood,
Unstained with hostile blood;
The trumpet spake not to the armed
throng;
And kings sat still with awful eye,
As if they surely knew their sovran Lord
was by.

V.
But peaceful was the night,
Wherein the Prince of Light
His reign of peace upon the earth began;
His winds, with wonder-whist,
Smoothly the waters kiss'd,
Whispering new joys to the mild Ocean,
Who now hath quite forgot to rave,
While birds of calm sit brooding on the
charmed wave.

VI.
The stars, with deep amaze,
Stare'd fixed in steadfast gaze,
Bending one way their precious influence,
And will not take their flight;
For all the morning light,
Or Lucifer that often warn'd them thence;
But in their glimmering orbs did glow,
Until their Lord himself bespake, and bid
them go.

VII.
And, though the shady gloom
Had shrouded her room,
The Sun himself withheld his wonted
speed,
And hid his head for shame,
As his inferior flame,
The new-enlighten'd world no more
should need.
He saw a greater Sun appear
Than his bright throne or burning axle-tree
could bear.

VIII.
The shepherds on the lawn,
Or ere the point of dawn,
Sat simply chatting in a rustic row;
Full little thought they then
That the mighty Pan
Was kindly come to live with them below;
Perhaps their loves, or else their sheep,
Was all that did their silly thoughts so
busy keep.

IX.
When such music sweet
Their hearts and ears did greet,
As never was by mortal finger strook,
Divinely warbled voice,
Answering the stringed noise,
As all their souls in blissful rapture took;
The air, such pleasure loth to lose,
With thousand echoes still prolongs each
heavenly close.

X.
Nature, that heard such sound,
Beneath the hollow round
Of Cynthia's seat the Airy region thrilling,
Saw was almost won,
And that her reign had here its last ful-
filling;
To think her part was done,
She knew such harmony alone
Could hold all Heaven and Earth in hap-
pier union.

XI.
At last surrounds their sight
A globe of circular light,
That with long beams the shamed face
Night arrayed;
The helmed cherubim
And sworded seraphim
Are seen in glittering ranks with wings
displayed,
Harping in loud and solemn quire,
With unexpressive notes, to Heaven's new-
born Heir.

XII.
Such music (as 't is said)
Before was never made,
But when of old the Sons of Morning
sung,
While the Creator great
His constellations set,
And cast the dark foundations deep,
And bid the weltering waves their oozy
channel keep.

XIII.
Ring out, ye crystal spheres!
Once bless our human ears,
If ye have power to touch our senses so;
And let your silver chime
More in melodious time;
And let the base of Heaven's deep organ
blow;
And with your nine-fold harmony
Make up full consort to the angelic sym-
phony.

XIV.
For, if such holy song
Enwrap our fancy long,
Time will run back and fetch the Age of
Gold;
And speckled Vanity
Will sicken soon and die,
And leprous Sin will melt from earthly
mould;
And Hell itself will pass away,
And leave her dolorous mansions to the
peering day.

XV.
Yea, Truth and Justice then
Will down return to men,
Orbed in a rainbow; and, like glories
wearing,
Mercy will sit between,
Throned in celestial sheen.

XVI.
With radiant face the thinned clouds
down steering;
And Heaven, as at some festival,
Will open wide the gates of her high
palace-hall.

XVII.
But wisest Fate says No,
This must not yet be so;
The Babe yet lies in smiling infancy
That on the bitter cross
Must redeem our loss,
So both himself and us to glorify;
Yet first, to those yehal'd in sleep,
The wakeful trump of doom must thunder
through the deep.

XVIII.
And then at last our bliss
Full and perfect is,
But now begins; for from his happy day
The Old Dragon under ground,
In straiter limits bound,
Not half so far casts his usurped sway,
And, wroth to see his kingdom fall,
Swinges the scaly horror of his foiled tail.

XIX.
The Oracles are dumb;
No voice or hideous hum
Runs through the arched roof in words
deceiving;
Apollo from his shrine
Can no more divine,
With hollow surge, the steep of Delphos
leaving;
No nightly trance, or breathed spell,
Inspires the pious-eyed priest from the pro-
phetic cove.

XX.
The lonely mountains o'er,
And the recessing shade,
A voice of weeping wails and loud lament;
From haunted spring and dale
Hedged with purple thorns,
The piping timbrels with sallow sent;
With power invok'd tresses torn
The Nymphe in twilight shade of tangled
thickets mourn.

XXI.
In consecrated earth,
And on the holy hearth,
The Lays and Lemmas, music with mild
night plaintive,
In urns, and altars round,
A dread and dying sound
Affrights the flames at their service
quint,
And the dull marble seems to sweat,
While each peculiar power forgoes his
wonted seat.

XXII.
Desert and Basilm,
Forsake their temples dim,
With that twice-battered gate of Palestine;
And moored Ashdodim,
Heaven's queen and mother both,
Now sit not girt with tapers' holy shine;
The Lybe Hannon shrieks his horn;
In vain the Tyrian hands their wounded
Thammuz mourn.

XXIII.
And sullen Moloch, fled,
Hath left in shadows dread
His burning idol all of blackest hue;
In vain with cymbals' ring
They call the grisly king,
In dismal dance about the furnace blue;
The horrid gods of Nine and Ham,
Isis, and Orus; and the dog Anubis, haste.

XXIV.
Nor is Osiris seen
In Memphian grove or green,
Trampling the unshowered grass with
lowings loud;
Nor can he be at rest,
With his sacred beast;
Nought but profoundest Hell can be his
shroud;
In vain, with imbelied anthems dark,
The sable-toed sorcerers bear his wor-
shipped ark.

XXV.
He feels from Juda's land
The dreaded Infant's hand;
The rays of Bethlehem blind his dusky
eye;
Nor all the gods beside
Longer dare abide,
Not Typhon huge ending in snakey twine;
Our Babe, to show his Godhead true,
Can in his swaddling bands control the
darned crew.

XXVI.
So, when the sun in bed,
Curtained with cloudy red,
Pillows his chin upon an orient wave,
The flocking shadows pale
Troop to the infernal jail,
Each fetter'd ghost slips to his several
grave,
And the yellow-skirted fays
Fly after the night-steeds, leaving their
moon-loved maze.

XXVII.
But see! the Virgin blest
Hath laid her Babe to rest,
Time is our tedious song should here have
ending;
Heaven's youngest-teem'd star
Hath fixed her polished car,
Her sleeping Lord with handmaid lamp
attending;
And all about the courtly stable
Bright-harnessed Angels sit in order ser-
viceable.

Composed 1629.

By John Milton.

IN THE SUNLIGHT

BY R. C. E. MILNE.

I was sitting at the door of my bungalow... I had had a hard day on the estate... By my side stood a table with some tea; my pipe was lit, and I felt at ease with the world...

On the coast the evening fire was rising... The murmur of the Dikoya, rushing noisily over its steep and stony bed, rose pleasantly to my ears... "One word described him—'lehabod'."

It was a delightful trip, the scenery being very grand... The figure was before us, however... "I thought occurred to me."

is a delightful trip, the scenery being very grand... From Comox upward the mountains seem to grow higher until north of Seymour Narrows, and then they gradually dwindle until the north end of the island is reached...

MEDINA'S GROVE

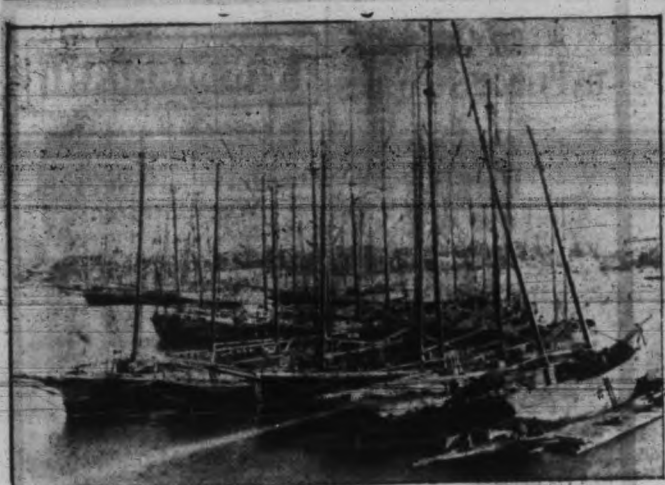


THE map of the world will find it not a grown-up child who has played there, coming back to visit it will see streets running through it... In winter we learned to skate in the swamp corner. We had Dutch skates with a long man's horn grow on them...

Our Island Wealth. NORTHERN SETTLEMENTS. As Seen By GERALD H. CROSS.

Gerald H. Cross, who returned to Nanaimo from an extended trip to the northern parts of Vancouver Island a few days ago, had a number of most interesting experiences on his route... The principal industry is sheep raising. The island is peculiarly well adapted for this branch of agriculture...

THE CHARM OF HEALTH. HEALTH AND BEAUTY, health and happiness, are inseparably linked together. Life's grandest prize and beauty's greatest charm is health—robust, vigorous health. It is health that makes life worth living and gives one the ambition and energy to accomplish great things...



SEALING FLEET IN VICTORIA HARBOR.

Victoria's Sealing Industry.

As years roll by the history of the genesis and growth of the sealing industry of this port, the headquarters of the sealing fleet, becomes more interesting. Indeed, no other animal has played so prominent a part in American history as the seal.

Like the grim, devourer of the forest, which roams instinctively into wide where-in its wants can best be appeased, the little fur-bearing animal has its own peculiar haunts. It has its particular water, its breeding grounds, and its own peculiar climatic preference.

Hunters of seals have made fortunes in the business, and to this wealth Victoria owes to-day no small number of her most charming homes. The sealing business has long been regarded as one of the most important industries of the city, and none perhaps in the commerce of the sea has been more remunerative.

The industry owes its inception to the Hapon trading ships, which as far back as 1800, would secure Russian hunters and go as far south as the Farallones in pursuit of the game. No effort, however, was made then to make a specialty of the business, and old-timers say that for a period subsequently it was completely lost sight of, its hunting being done except along the coast of Alaska, where the Russians continued to follow up the business to a certain extent.

Whor' de tall trees look lak skelintous a-stretchin' er der bones! Two Chrismus in de cabins, in de valley, on de hill, En de darkies dey wuz dancin' in de quadrille, fit ter kill!

BACHELOR SEALS ON THE PRIBYLOFF ISLANDS.

McKay, and the latter by Captain Warren, were accordingly fitted out and equipped for regular expeditions. In 1800 the Favorite, still one of the home fleet, was hired by Capt. Spring as Sealer, and then followed other vessels, and many have been built at home and several having been brought from points in Eastern Canada, until now there are employed in the craft, probably 100 schooners, each carrying a crew of from one to two dozen men. In sailing the sea down as far south as the Farallones, or as has been the case in recent years, cross to the coasts of Japan and the Copper Islands, in which event their cruises are extended from about the present until late in the fall of the next year.

Christmas Eve Chez Paquette.

Entre, M'sieu. Ros'lie, une alimette, Holo, c'est vous? An' so you don't forget To viset your ole friends? Dat's good, moa vieux— Shek hands, an' make embrace wid Ma'm Paquette.

EXTRACT FROM THE TRADITIONAL HISTORY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Being a Tale of the Terrible Sill-Koos, in its Connection With Mee-Acan, or Beacon Hill.

These traditions have been collected during a residence of 40 years on Vancouver Island and in other parts of British Columbia, and from quite a MS. volume, which, sooner or later, may be published.



DUTCH HARBOR IN BEHRING SEA.

will bear in mind that I present traditions drawn from various sources and from my own imagination. Over all the above mentioned large tract of country are to be found earth works and strongly fortified places of various shapes and sizes. Old Indians say these were built by their forebears in order to afford protection against the marauding Kootenah. Along with all of these strong-holds are a number of cairns of various shapes and sizes, from a small one of three feet in circumference up to one of twenty-

had nearly left, some of the others returned. They had not been long at home until someone suggested a walk to the point in order to see how it fared with the others. On reaching the point, they were surprised to see no one, not to have any answer to their calls. Having gained the inside of the fort they were horrified to find not one alive, men, women and children lay dead in every house, while the appearance of everyone showed plainly the post had been in their possession. With heavy hearts they returned to their comrades in the village, and a messenger was sent to call absent relatives, who soon came, for they were few in number. After resting awhile, they went together to dispose of the bodies. With doleful wailings, with piteous wails, and with many a mournful groan, they wended their way from the gates of the fort on the point to the top of the hill, where each and all of the bodies were placed in holes prepared for them, and afterwards, as they were able, their relatives prepared for them a cairn, in order, perhaps, to show to coming generations the graves of the last dwellers on this point.

This account of the chief and family, or rather party, I have kept as near the original as I could while rendering it into English. As regards their dying victims of the Sill-Koos, I have only the legend to go by, which legend I have had from two or three different parties with but little variation. I cannot say how much is mythical in it. This far I know to be true: The people, whosever they were, who lived and died on this point, whether by Sill-Koos or otherwise, were at death buried in these cairns on the Hill. The name of the people who first took advantage of a natural stronghold by further strengthening the available parts of it, tradition seems to have lost through the transmission of ages.

mission of ages. Tradition says the cairn holders were the forefathers of the present Indians. On opening the cairns we find that the best preserved skulls had been flattened after the style in vogue by the old Indians on this end of Vancouver Island. In general these skulls belonged to a dolicocephalic or long-headed race. In one or two cairns I have found a genuine round type which belonged to a different people from the others. How they came there I am not prepared to say. In a cairn at Camox I found one of the same sort or type. Neither of them had the least resemblance to any of the others. Probably they were slaves brought from some other part of the country, or they might perchance be Japanese captives.

By burying their dead on such a lovely spot as is the top of Beacon Hill, shows, I think, they appreciated the lovely in nature. The Indian name of the Hill, Mee-Acan, signifies "belly-beans," says they, it looks at a distance like the belly of a fat man lying on his back. When it got its Indian name I can't say, but we doubt it was very long ago.

Doubtless the people whose ashes repose beneath these rude, but simple, cairns were the forefathers of the present aborigines. That they were so, there is, I think, ample proof. But if of a different and long-forgotten race, as some people maintain, it is now hard to decide.

No doubt they admired the natural beauties of the Hill as much as we do. Each lovely summer's morn, from its grassy summit, they would behold the sun, in all its splendor, while each day, toward evening, beneath the dew of evening rained its drooping head as if glad to welcome and to cheer more receive its warning rays. They would see him bright and sultry in his noonday strength, shining on the lofty peaks of the distant mountains, whose accumulated snows of a thousand centuries their icy floods to swell the billows of the gently flowing De Fuca Straits. Again from its flowery heights they would see it slowly sinking, as it were, to rest, beyond Metcosh's woody hills, whose shadows lengthening in the vales below brought again the shadows of evening, and the twilight, while high above their sun-dials, although he was unseen, his ray still left their golden flats on the rim of each fleecy cloudlet. Beneath them, at its base, the waters of the grand De Fuca, never still, ever changing, now covering each outlying rock, higher and higher, wavelet, chasing wavelet up the sandy beach, then lower and lower, leaving exposed the hard crystalline rocks, whose hollows, full of tepid water, affords an unsafe retreat to dozens of tiny crabs.

To him the ever changing waters would resemble life, so full of trouble, and as safe as the shallow tepid pools to the little crabs for surely a life which had to be protected by such strongholds against an ever conquering race, was unsafe and full of trouble.

If they had any poetry in their soul it would lead them to wish to lay their wearied bones on a spot where so much beauty and repose could be found.

Few, if any, of the many who in the lovely evenings of summer and autumn wander out from Victoria to spend a few hours on the Hill gazing on a scene so fair, think, or even know, while seated on the green sward or on the rough mossy stones which abound on the brow of the Hill, that within those low silent mounds behind them lie the remains of an unknown, long-forgotten race, who, hundreds, or perhaps a thousand, years ago sat on the same stones watching the progress of their friends passing and repassing, or wept in silent admiration of the beautiful landscape on every hand.

Traced lightly, ye children of another race, ye strangers from a far distant land, on these rude but simple monuments erected by doubtless sincere and loving hearts and hands to the memory of their dear departed.

To show the extent of their shrewdness and love for departed friends I can tell you I have seen in cairns, opened by myself and others, that the amount of labor spent in their construction was simply astonishing, especially in cairns from thirty to one hundred and fifty feet in circumference at their base. In others, piled over the receptacle containing the remains, were stones over a ton in weight. A people who would erect monuments like these over the remains of deceased relatives, were not surely destitute of love or affection for them.

I would very much like to open one or two of the number on the Hill, but then again when I think that by doing so I might leave an ugly mark it were better to leave them alone. It is a great pity the large one after being dug into was not adequately preserved, because the fine surface was destroyed. I hope someone will soon have the goodness to restore it, and for the benefit of inquirers and strangers who visit the Hill a stone or something else might be set up, with this inscription, or something like it, engraven thereon:

"These rude but simple mounds were erected by an unknown people whose place of abode was on the fortified point below. At death their bodies were carried to the top of this hill and these cairns erected as memorials over their remains, as is to be seen all around."

This would be a boon to hundreds, who look at them and go away wondering what they are. Will anyone be kind enough to subscribe a few dollars for such a good purpose, and place it beside one of these cairns.

The above was written in 1877; since then many changes have been effected on the Hill. During the summer of 1897, in company with an eminent ethnologist from Chicago, I visited this ancient cemetery and tried to show him these cairns, but I am sorry to say none could be found, all of them had been removed, and their places levelled, without, as far as I could see, touching the bones beneath, or what might be left of them.

From the Hill we went down to the Point and I must say I was ashamed to see the condition of such a venerable relic of by-gone days. Who is responsible for its condition, I am unable to say. When the guns were removed these ugly holes ought to have been filled up and the Point made to look as near the original as possible.

Something ought to be put on it by way of information to strangers, if it was no more than the following: "On this point was an ancient fortified village." I earnestly hope something will be done for its preservation before many years have passed away.

ONCE UPON A TIME.

Eugene FLEM. My little child come to my knee, And tugging, pleads that he may climb Into my lap and hear me tell The Christmas tale he loves so well— A tale my mother told to me, Beginning, "Once upon a time."

It is a tale of skies that rang With angel rhapsodies sublime, Of that great host serene and white, The shepherds saw one winter night; And of the glorious stars that sang An anthem, "Once upon a time."

This story of the hallowed years Tells of the sacrifice sublime, Of One who prayed alone and wept, While his awaited followers slept; And how His blood and Mary's tears Commingled "Once upon a time."

And now my darling at my side, And echoes of the distant chime, Bring that sweet story back to me— Of Bethlehem and Calvary, And of the gentle Christ that died For sinners, "Once upon a time."

The mighty deeds that men have told In ponderous tones or flowing rhyme, Like misty shadows fade away; But this sweet story bides for aye, And, like the stars that sing of old, We sing of "Once upon a time."

WHEN IT HURTS TO COUGH. The cough that hurts, the cough that gets tight in the chest, is daily getting deeper and deeper into the bronchial tubes and is making directly for the lungs, to become pneumonia, inflammation of the lungs or consumption. Such coughs yield only to the wonderful efficiency of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Limes and Turpentine, which loosens the tightness and eases cough and cold together. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents, sold everywhere.

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AN UNRECORDED MIRACLE.

By Florence Morse Kingsley.

The lark fell headlong through the bright air, striking the earth not ten paces from the spot where her nestlings, eager-eyed and open-mouthed, awaited her return. The nestlings, hearing the sound and concluding in their innocence that their mother had already come back to them, stretched out their yellow throats with eager twitterings of joy and confidence. But it was not the brown head and bright, wise eyes of the mother lark which leaned compassionately above the nest. A brown head and bright eyes indeed interrupted the flickering sun-motes which made their way betwixt the thick, green leaves; but the head was that of a child. The nestlings shivered vaguely and beat their naked wings against the yielding walls of their cradle. In her hand the child—she was herself little more than a nestling—held the dead bird. As this innocent witness of the sudden tragedy stood gazing at the hapless orphans her rosy lips drooped suddenly; then her bosom leaved and two large, limpid tears appeared in the large, sweet eyes of the child. She appeared and lingered in irresolute, preparatory to a swift descent upon smooth, sun-flashed cheeks. "Mara, Mara! where art thou?" The voice was both familiar and well loved, therefore the child laid the bird aside, by down in the shelter of the bush and, emerging into the sunshine, looked inquiringly in the direction of the stream. The owner of the voice—a boy perhaps a year older than herself, but in his own thought wiser by uncounted moons—beckoned to her imperiously. "Come quickly, small one," he cried, "and see what I have found in the water. A red stone—red, with spots of pink, of yellow and of green; thou hast seen nothing so beautiful!" The little maid shook her head. "I do not like stones," she said, whereat the irresolute drops, which had lingered about her long lashes, fell off inconspicuously and smacked just in the vicinity of the heart of a little blue flower at her feet. "I do not like stones," she repeated with decision; "I do not wish to see one."

He paused after delivering this weighty reason and stared hard at Mara, who still asserted her right to see her mother. "Thou shalt see thy mother, small one," he said tentatively, but with rising impatience. "I also wish to see my mother; by this time she will have cooked the red lentils into a porridge. They are good—red lentils. Come, we will go." "I cannot go, and I want to see my mother!" "And I say that thou must go—if thou wilt see thy mother. Little foolish boy; thou art not fit to be the companion of a man! I also have hurt my foot. Do I weep? Look thou! He thrust out a bare foot. Mara stopped, crying for an instant, "I see a great thorn; she said, "Assuredly! Now behold me while I pick it out! Again, do I weep? Come, there is a fountain below; I know the place; there are pink flowers there. We will cool our feet in the water; afterward we will go home." In the quiet, green, translucent shadow which wrapped the fountain and hid it from the scorching sun-rays, as a jewel of price is hidden from the greedy eyes of the passing crowd, a man sat quietly. Perhaps it was a stray sunbeam which dazzled their eyes, so that they could not see him—clad all in a seamless robe of white—who sat at the water's edge, but the children came quite up to the fountain, fearless as sparrows. "It would have been so beautiful to have seen her fly away to her nest once more," Mara was saying with a faint sob, "so beautiful!" Then she stopped short, and turned with wide eyes of clearest sweetest brown. "There is a man," she cried, "a man!" Dan rubbed his eyes. "Ay, truly," he began; and he also stopped short. The stranger was regarding them, a faint yet tender smile touching his features, with radiance. "How it was they knew not, but in two or three minutes they had told him all; first the boy, then Mara, his short, disheveled, eager sentences. The lark died; he had been crying for food; their hope; their bitter disappointment. "It would be so beautiful to see her fly away to her nest," sobbed Mara, and hid the early lark, sadly ruffled body of the dead bird in the outstretched hand of her new friend. A soft stirring of disheveled plumage; a quick lifting of a helpless head; bright eyes glancing fearlessly into the eyes of her Maker; and the mother lark rose into the sunlight air with a long, loud trill of triumphant life. When, within the hour, the followers of Jesus of Nazareth made their way to the resting-place beside the hill foun-

The Woodman's Axe. As thro' the silence of the forest deep I strode, with wayward steps and musing heart. While fir and pine and cedar-scented air Of some great vision in an old-world sleep. Sudden there came a sound that took mine ear With the vague burden of a long-drawn strain, Like voices from the pines, baptismal main Within earth's sacred caress re-echoing clear. The wind grew busy with the Autumn leaves; Then all was still; but yet again the sound Rose rapturous, living, vivid, to confound Each lighter fancy that the mind receives From green-grey shades, mid girdling solitude Where life feels life, and cases can't intrude. Hark, once again! The quivering echoes fill Each wistful pause—Lo! 'tis the woodman's stroke That, midst the forest's virgin silence, woke The din of toil; what time the human will, In first endeavors, here triumphant man Nobly thro' chaos and the grime of time, Rich deeds of every race, in every clime, Like crystals arching life's celestial span, Shedding a splendor o'er the simple earth, That showed the shimmering metal 'neath the rust. Till, step by step, man rose above the dust An incarnation of a holier birth, And with God's grace—whatever the temporal creed—To bless the doing of each worthy deed. The axe is silent, and the woodman sleeps Beneath the sod. I hear the forest trees Once more responsive to the fitful breeze, As o'er the earth the evening twilight creeps. Not not in vain the woodman's task is done, For soon his arms were weary, and his mind Wax'd thoughtful with the work that lay behind; For soon his day its circling course should run. The axe is silent; nay, it ringeth still; True effort ne'er is lost—its virtue blends With the appointment of diviner ends; The woodman's aim performed the Sovereign will; His work shall ripen from this sacred sod; Work was his prayer: the worker works for God. Victoria, B. C. FREDERIC IRVING TAYLOR.



VICTORIA HOCKEY TEAM. Back Row—(from the left)—J. H. Austin, R. H. Swinerton (vice-captain), A. S. Gore, J. A. R. Rome (secretary), J. H. Gillespie, R. Jaegers. Centre Row—J. J. Hart, D. M. Rogers, A. McLean, F. A. Fitcher (captain), L. S. V. York, A. Gillespie, G. Maclean. Front Row—K. Scholefield, W. W. Berridge, T. B. Tye.

tain, they found their Master in close conversation with two small children, both of whom were leaning upon His knees. His eager eyes fastened upon His face. And the sight displeased the would-be princes and potentates, who had in truth lingered long by the way in heated argument. Verily, there were other matters to bring to the attention of their Prince; matters of precedence, of purple robes, perchance; of armies, of captains of crowns, kingdoms and authorities. And so it was that they advanced into that cool and quiet spot with feet which tramped rudely on the opening flowers, and with loud, harsh voices which scattered the tiny creatures of fur and feathers which had crept near to bask in the profound peace of the place and hour. As for Dan and Mara, they started back with a fright before the frowning faces. The boy, indeed, would have run away, but Mara only clung the closer to the kind hand. Then Jesus called to the little lad and drew him to His side. "Verily I say unto you," he said, and silence fell upon them all—"except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of Heaven. And whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me; but whosoever shall cause one of these little ones which believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hung about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea." And to this no one of them all durst make any answer.

NOAH SHAKESPEARE, POSTMASTER. The above will be recognized as a cut of the genial postmaster of this city, Noah Shakespeare. He is one of the province's self-made men. Although a native of Staffordshire, he came to this province early in life, landing in Victoria in 1863. From a humble position he worked himself up until, in 1882, he became mayor of the city, being returned the same year for the Commons. In 1887 he was re-elected to the Dominion House, continuing to represent the city until his appointment to the position of postmaster, which he has ever since filled.

VICTORIA HOCKEY CLUB. The Victoria Hockey Club, though a comparatively young organization, is a decidedly popular one, and it has a large and influential membership. It was formed in 1897, and has this year wrested the championship honors from Vancouver. Twelve months ago the local team won one game and lost one in playing against the Terminal City representatives, but now as the tables have turned it is hoped and confidently expected that the provincial laurels will continue to rest here. Few changes have taken place in the composition of the team since the accompanying photograph (the last taken) was obtained, but the picture includes both active players and spare men. The team affords a splendid illustration of what faithful practice can achieve. It is also thoroughly representative of the young manhood of this city. SAW DEATH NEAR. "It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It is absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c, and \$1.00 at F. W. Fawcett & Co. Trial bottle free. OF COURSE. Visitor—And your father painted this beautiful picture? Mrs. Upstart—My daughter painted it? No, indeed! Her teacher did the work. Considering what we pay him for lessons, it was the least he could do.



NOT-YET-DECIDED. "Er—I want some sort of a present for a young lady." "Sweetheart or sister?" "Er—why—she hasn't said which she will be yet."

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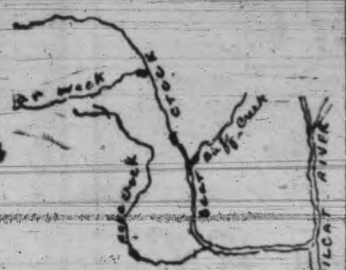
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THE PORCUPINE GOLD FIELDS.

By a "TIMES" Special Correspondent.

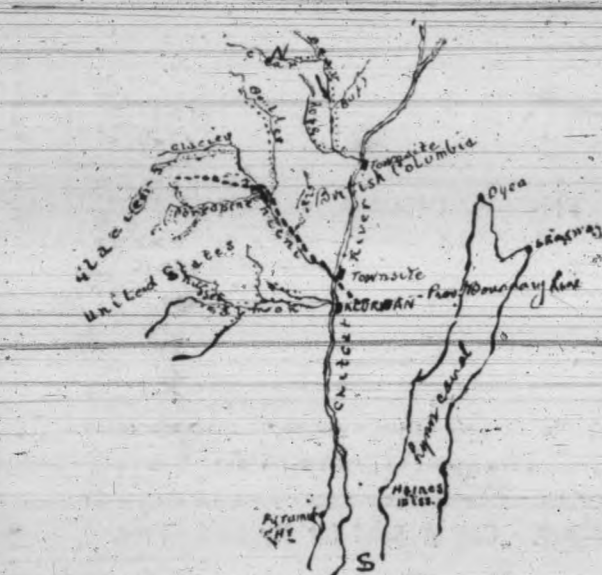
No such good, bad and indifferent news has been in type in Victoria about the new placer finds, that it is hardly necessary for me repeating, but a few errors have crept into print, and it may be as well to correct some in the general course of this letter. One cannot overestimate the possibilities of the district both in quartz and placer, as well as hydraulic ground, and the extent is considerable. Discoveries have been granted on four creeks as per sketch.



The approximate lengths of the creeks are:

Creek	Miles
Bear from its mouth emptying into the Chehalis river	25
Clear creek	15
Rose creek	10
Buff creek	2 1/2

The claims are 1,000 feet each, except Buff, which has 500 feet for the two locations. Gold has been found in all the creeks. Of course the important thing to know is if the gold is in payable quantities. Very little prospecting has been done to ascertain this, but what has been done, in my opinion is promising. The four discoverers are experienced placer miners, having been up in this country many years, and one of them made the Atlin discovery in '98. They were also helped and guided by Messrs. Larn, another of the Atlin discoverers, who was sent for in all haste to Atlin beginning of September. The actual gold the four men took out in one day on Bear just below Clear, with two boxes and one half ton was about two ounces, which was divided up. They went into the country early in June, and prospected more or less all the four months all the way up Bear creek for about twenty miles, and found encouraging prospects all the way. Many others rushing in after the discoveries were secured, dug a few holes and panned here and there with varying results. It is generally conceded by all who have been on the ground that the future is promising. In fact, although no gold was found, many stampedees say "the gold" of the creek and all the surrounding district should encourage miners to prospect and take up ground. I do not have a map (such a one as is issued by the department at Ottawa, which is reliable so far as the Dalton Trail route is concerned) before me, but you can judge from the following sketch the position the creek occupies in the gold belt west from Skagway.



Gold as shown by the dots is found in more or less payable quantities. The distances are:

Location	Miles
Haines to Klaskan	23
Haines to police station and recording office at boundary line	26
Haines to mouth of Bear creek	36
Haines to Bear creek discovery	45
Haines to Clear creek discovery	53
Haines to Porcupine W. S.	41
Haines to Pleasant camp (N.W.M.S.)	47

In summer Bear creek is reached by canoe in about two days more or less. Unfortunately the river is shallow in places, making steamboat travel difficult, but it is quite feasible. To go down stream means only one day. One's difficulty only begins on arriving at Bear creek mouth. Bear and Clear creeks may be classed as canyon creeks, as a continuous canyon runs all the way, from about three miles up from the mouth for about 15 to 20 miles, and access is exceedingly difficult. The best time to get in is on the snow in about March and April, when one can travel up through the canyons on the ice. About 100 claims have been recorded, and are mostly all creek claims. Few benches have been staked, because the sides are so steep and cannot be classed as benches. There are about 15 miles of creeks to locate yet, and this would have been all taken up but unfortunately the winter season set in and deprived many men from getting ground. Many had to return for various causes, chiefly grub running out, mountainous trails, and snow. Rose creek discovery was only recorded when nearly all the men were out of the district, so that few locations have been made. About eight miles or so are open ground yet, and will remain so

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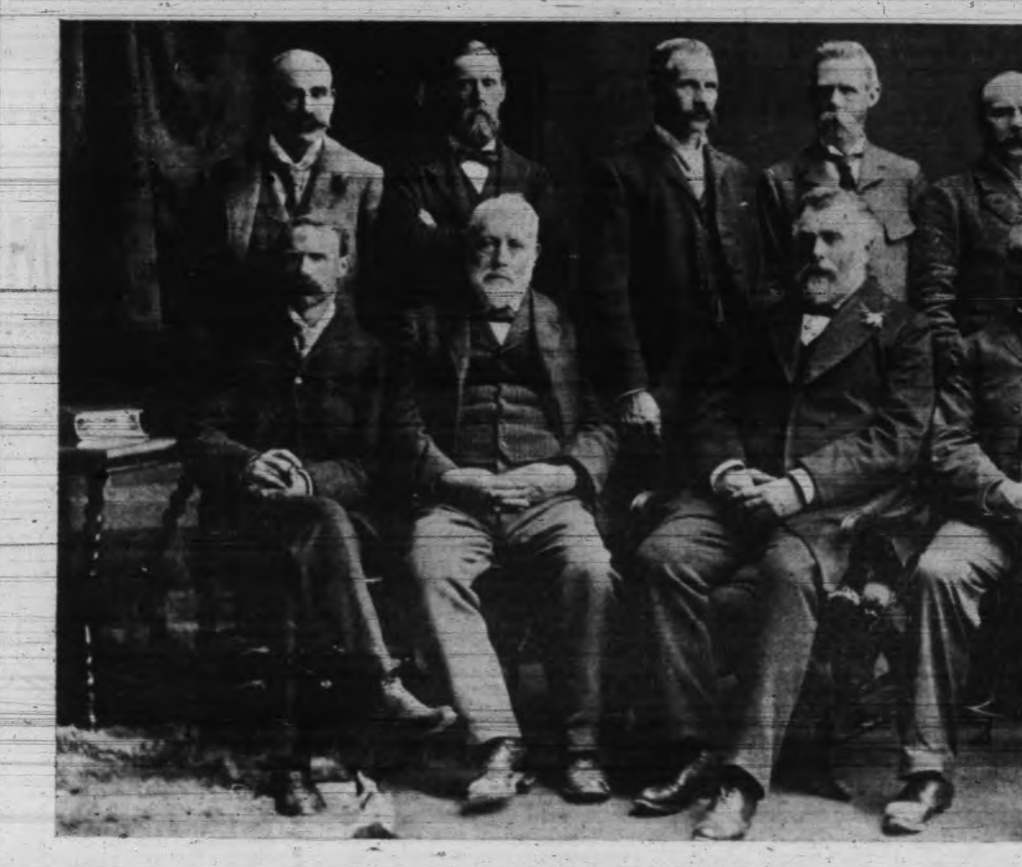
Report of Meeting of Shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Praise For the Staff in Service of the Bank of British Columbia.

Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was held in the Banking House, Toronto, on Tuesday, 11th December, 1900, at 12 o'clock, to consider and, if approved, to confirm the agreement with the Bank of British Columbia for the purchase of the whole of its assets. Among those present were: Hon. Geo. A. Cox, W. E. H. Massey, Robert S. Thompson, John Hoskin, Q. C., T. L. D., M., Leggat, A. Millar Jarvis, William Spry, H. A. Ware, Robert Kilgour, J. W. Flaherty, Dennis Tenban, W. B. Hamilton, H. B. Walker, E. J. D. Smith, Philip Browne and Miss Robinson. On motion, the president, Hon. George A. Cox, was requested to take the chair, and Mr. J. H. Plummer, the Assistant-General Manager, was appointed secretary.

have been taken to establish the wisdom of completing the transaction. Our first step was, of course, to satisfy ourselves as to the quality of the business and assets of the Bank of British Columbia, and immediately after the passage of the resolution on the 29th August the assistant general manager, as stated by several branch managers, proceeded to examine in detail the business of each branch. This examination having satisfied us as to the quality of the bank's assets, and as to its earning power, the next step was undertaken, namely, the inspection of the bank in order to actually verify the assets and liabilities. This involved commencing on the same day the inspection of the cash, securities and accounts of ten offices in British Columbia, Oregon and California, and one in London, England, requiring on this side alone the services of about 25 experienced officers. The inspection has now been concluded with satisfactory results. In valuing such a business, in addition to the task of setting a price upon the assets existing at the moment, two points of great importance had to be kept clearly in view: First, the quality of the business, a somewhat different matter from the mere ability to realize the purchase price; and second, the quality of the managers and staff. The business of a bank might be bought at a very good price, so far as the power to realize on the assets is concerned, and yet it might all be of a quality inferior to our own standard of accounts, and would therefore have to be liquidated, thus destroying the goal will. In like manner a staff might be acquired, but if not a good staff the same process of liquidation would have to take place. It is therefore a great satisfaction to be able to report that the current business of the bank is in every

garded as the price we pay for the good-will of the selling bank. It is to be remembered that we undertook to place the officers of the selling bank in as good a position regarding our pension fund as if they had been in this service instead of that of the Bank of British Columbia, and the cost of this which may be as much as \$75,000 to \$100,000, must be considered in connection with the price paid for the business. The completion of the purchase will, as you are aware, call for the creation and issue of \$2,000,000 of new stock, increasing our capital from \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000. Your approval of the agreement, followed by the approval of the governor in council, will be sufficient authority for the issue of this new stock. As the figures showing the result of the amalgamated business will be placed before the public in the first government return made after the consent of the government to the purchase has been obtained, it will be necessary to deal with the profits arising from the transaction before the end of our fiscal year. We therefore propose, with your approval, to transfer from these profits and from the ordinary profits of the bank the sum of \$750,000, which when done will make our reserve fund \$2,000,000, in accordance with the hope already expressed. The secretary then read the agreement after which the chairman called upon the general manager and the assistant general manager to address the meeting. Mr. Walker—The deed of purchase and sale which has been read to you is precisely the same in its intent as the agreement already passed by you but the amendment to the bank act passed since our meeting requires that the deed in its present form shall be submitted to you. As to the trans-



VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL, 1900. Standing—(from the left)—Abd. John Hall, J. Bredon, A. Stewart, W. G. Cameron, R. T. Williams, J. L. Beckwith. Seated—(from the left)—Abd. J. S. Yates, I. Kinsman, Mayor C. Hayward and Ald. H. Cooley.

was excellent, and that it is in charge of managers of ability and experience, who, with the other officers of the bank, will be a welcome addition to our staff. In valuing the items in detail, particularly certain parcels of real estate which fell into the hands of the Bank of British Columbia as a result of the expansion in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia some years ago, we

action itself, I need say nothing further, except to assure you that the examination by this bank has been most carefully conducted. We realized, as the president has said, that we had a great deal more to consider than merely whether the value of the assets of the Bank of British Columbia would result in a handsome premium on our stock. We had to be sure that we were buying a business which we would desire to keep. We also wanted to make sure when we did so, serious as a thing as to take over the staff of another bank that we should have men who would be a desirable addition to our staff. These are not the matters which are most prominent in the minds of the shareholders, but they are of great importance in the minds of the executive officers. On these points we

ers in this bank who rendered assistance in the work of inspection. A great corps of them was required, and some of them gave their holidays for the work. With regard to the transaction itself, I have said that we are satisfied upon these points which largely determine the loss on the public mind, namely, the character of the business and of the bank officers. So far as the premium resulting on the stock is concerned, that is about what we expected. After we have written the assets down we have a premium of a little over \$800,000 on our \$2,000,000 of stock. The item of real estate is one to which we should like particularly to draw your attention. We knew that the Bank of British Columbia had suffered misfortunes in connection with which real estate came into their hands, but when I state that the real estate as it will appear in our accounts is only about 1 per cent. of their entire assets, or about \$150,000 in all, you will realize that it is not a serious thing from our point of view, and that our position will be a comfortable one in this respect. We could have taken a more favorable view of this item and this shown a larger premium on our stock, but we concerned ourselves a great deal more as to whether the business we were taking over would enable us to make good earnings in the future than as to the premium on our stock. Mr. Plummer—I am very glad to hear words about the staff of the Bank of British Columbia. I met most of the men in that service while I was in the West, and I found them to be a body of men which any bank might be proud to have in its service. They will certainly be a welcome addition to our ranks. We are gaining many valuable officers, and from what I learned of

Dr. Hoskin. The putting of this resolution to the meeting practically closes the business for the time being, but the papers are being prepared I should like to say a few words which I and others here think should be said. It is an easy thing to come here and criticise the work that has been done, but only those who have seen and adequately appreciate the labor and skill and anxiety that has been involved in reaching this result. The shareholders, I am sure, are very much indebted to the general manager and assistant general manager, and the members of the staff who have been engaged in bringing about the consummation which has been presented to you today. Mr. Plummer headed the staff that went out, and I am very much struck when hearing the reports made by him from time to time, with the amount of labor involved and the skill required in dealing with such a matter. I think the gentlemen I have named are entitled to the thanks of the shareholders for all that they have done, and done well to the advantage and benefit of the shareholders of this bank. I therefore move that the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the general manager, the assistant general manager and the members of the staff who assisted in the examination. Mr. Elaville—I have great pleasure in endorsing what Dr. Hoskin has said. As a shareholder of the bank, I am pleased that this resolution has met with approval, but is rather a spontaneous expression of the appreciation of the shareholders of the services rendered by the executive officers of the bank, and particularly by the general manager and assistant general manager. As Dr. Hoskin has fairly said, it is difficult for the shareholders, indeed for any of us, to recognize in the short form of agreement that has been presented to us, and in the various figures that have been brought before us, the amount of patient labor and intelligent hard work that were necessary to accomplish this result. I regard the transaction as an entirely satisfactory one for the shareholders, and I think, as I am sure the shareholders will agree, that it reflects great credit upon the officers of the bank, and especially upon Mr. Plummer and his staff. I would like to add a word of appreciation of the spirit in which the inspecting officers were received by the managers and other officers of the Bank of British Columbia. Inspection is never a very pleasant work for those who are inspected, but nothing could exceed the cordiality and good-will with which we were met. We are indebted for much kindness and many courtesies and assistance in our arduous work.

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THE COOK'S REMARK.
"Husband—Didn't you tell that cook I wanted my breakfast right on the minute?"
"Wife—I did."
"And what did she say?"
"She said that we all have our disappointments."

The Battle of Cape Mudge.

A Pioneer's Story.

By T. L. Graham.

Adam Grant Horne is well stricken in years, and the memories of his pioneer days have led to an active life...

Clark of Nanaimo. The Forward, which was commanded by Captain Robertson with Mr. (afterwards captain) Clark, as first lieutenant, after coaling at New-castle Island, there was then a coal mine, proceeded north along the coast searching for the Hydahs.

With Her Starboard Battery (four sixteen-pounder carronades) with shell, canister and grape, Captain Robertson ordered the gunners to direct their fire at the canoes which were moored near the shore, and the round shot as they ripped amongst the canoes sent the splinters a hundred feet into the air with the most appalling crash.

The Hydahs were looked upon as the principal tribe of the Coast Indians and they had extended the scope of their power far beyond the limits of their own peculiar domain, the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Tremendous Shout of Defiance. Captain Robertson ordered away the dingy with Officers Horne and Gough aboard, and two seamen to row. Mr. Horne's instructions were to tell the chief to come aboard the gunboat, as the commander wanted to confer with him.

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Innumerable battles were fought between the rivals, the brave and enterprising Cowichans being amongst the most resolute of the Hydahs' foes. Every time the Hydah war canoes would appear off Cowichan Gap the Cowichans would put to sea and boldly engage the intruders, hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives being lost in those sanguinary naval conflicts.

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The Scene of Massacre at the very moment sheered off and sped on to Victoria and gave the alarm. The news spread instantly, the Hydahs on the Sound being apprised of it almost as quickly as telegraph could have done it.

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Heaps of Pillage in the big canoes. There would be about two hundred canoes in the flotilla, carrying on an average, from eight to ten men, though the long war canoes carried many more than that.

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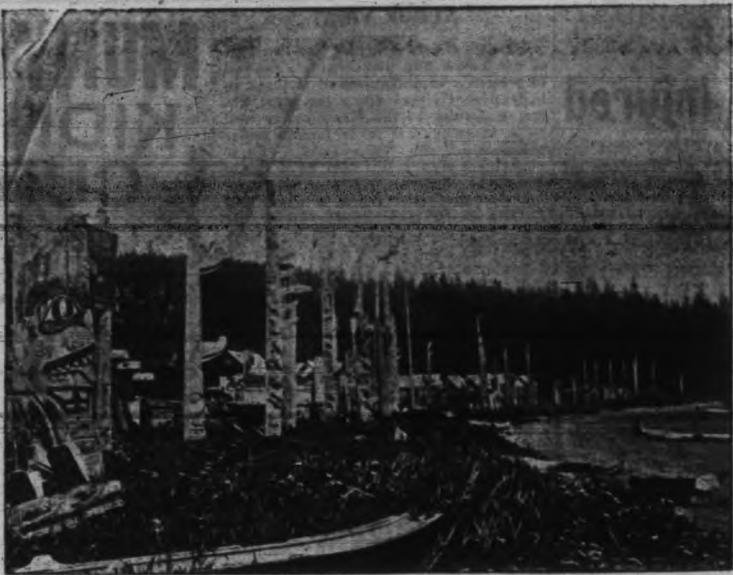
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The Sun Totem.

A Tale From the
Hidery.

By
James Deans.

In his introduction to his book "Tales From the Totems of the Hidery," James Deans writes: "My object in placing these folk tales before the intelligent public, is by doing so to make it possible for them to be preserved, because they are rapidly forgotten, lost beyond a chance of recovery, owing to the passing away of the old folks, whose memories were so well stored with these old tales that they could spend hour after hour and night after night repeating them to admiring listeners seated by the evening lodge fires. In that manner they have been handed down from sire to son. Another means of their preservation was the crest columns or Totem Poles. As soon as a person had the means he had to build himself a house with his totem pole in front of it, with all his crests and all the stories connected with them carved on it."

Mr. Deans has kindly furnished the Times for its Christmas number with the following on the Sun Totem:

The sun, like the moon crest or totem, belongs to the raven phratry, or brotherhood. Of the two crests the Sun ranks highest. It is generally painted as a face with points or rays around it. Among the Hidery tribe the sun and moon are painted much alike. The sun totem never had so many representations in the Hidery land as among the Mainland tribes from whom the Hidery seem to have adopted it—with all its stories. When shown on the totem poles in front of the Haida house it generally represents the sign of their raven god Coo-ah or Ne-kist-less, who got the box containing the sun from the old chief Settin-ki-jess, from whence he put it in the heavens. On the totem posts it showed either that the man who built the house, or his wife and family belonged to the Sun crest, or that the Sun crest. Not only was the sun a crest, but to a certain extent they used to offer prayer to it. A sample which I give is a prayer in wet weather: "Oh thou good Sun look down upon us. Shine on us, oh Sun. Take away the dark clouds that the rains may cease to fall, because we want to go a fishing, or hunting, as the case may be. Look kindly on us, oh Sun; grant us peace in our midst as well as with our enemies. Again we ask, hear us, oh Sun."

This is from the Simshaans on the Skeena.

The Daughter of the Sun.
Far down in the dim and distant past, in this part of the world, lived two brothers, who both about the same time took to themselves wives. In due season these wives presented to each of their husbands a baby, to a boy and to a girl. The names of each, I could not learn. As sitting the disposition of each, the boy I shall name Sun Cloud, and the girl I shall name Snow Flower.

The boy, always plain, grew more so as the years passed over him, until he came to be considered the plainest person in the village. Although endowed by nature with little facial beauty, he was of a loving, kind and gentle disposition, ever ready to help the needs, or to say a kind word to the downhearted; in fact his was a noble soul within a rough exterior. A dark dreary storm may hide the face of the sun, yet, withal he shines behind it in all his wondrous splendor; such his name, Sun Cloud implies.

The girl, always fair of face, grew fairer every year, and when she reached her teens was considered the prettiest maiden in the village. Soon she had plenty of admirers and flatterers, who told her, a willing listener, that she deserved the handsomest as well as the richest man in the village for her husband, and if they were as pretty as she was, they knew whom they would have. Many a good looking young fellow sought her company, in order to be able to boast that he had walked or sailed with the prettiest girl in the whole village. With all her beauty, she sadly lacked the better qualities of her noble-minded cousin; she was cold hearted, coquettish, and proud. Those who knew her best said: "She was as beautiful as a mountain flower, and as cold as the snow bank behind which it bloomed," hence her name, Snow Flower.

These two cousins, living near each other in the village, were often in company. While out together fishing, she would steer from place to place, while he watched the lines. Again in the berry season they would often spend days in each other's company, gathering a stack of wild fruits. In those days no thoughts passed between them, but those of friendship. By and by a time came when Sun Cloud, following the natural bent of mankind, cast about him for a wife. For a long time he had a kindly feeling towards his fair but fickle cousin. Something he had scarcely could

he tell what it was, that made him feel better while in her company, and sad in her absence. At last a time came when he revealed to her his feelings and asked her to become his wife. She looked at him and replied she was too young yet to think of marriage. Hearing her say so only served to make him press his suit with more earnestness and candor.

Placing that amongst the number of her admirers she had one, at least, who was serious, in order to annoy the others, she very foolishly led him to understand that she loved him more than all the others, while in fact she did not care much for any of them. Her ambition led her to have lots of beaux, in order to make other girls jealous of her. With this assurance of her favor, Sun Cloud pressed her to name the day when he could claim her as his bride and so he happy, because without her he could never be anything but miserable. Thinking to tire him out of his love-making for her, she tried the following game: Finding he was ever ready to do anything for her, or to go anywhere, however far it might be, to get her anything she wished, she would ask him to go to such and such a place for her, telling him that each time he went that when he returned she would try and let him know when she would be ready to marry him, according to the promise. When he returned and reminded her of what was said before he left on her message, she only laughed and said she made it only to try him. Also, she would ask him to do many things with the same promises. When done, every one had the same results.

One day, returning from a long journey on her behalf, being tired and hungry and doubtless not in a cheerful mood, when she told him she was not ready, "What do you mean?" he asked her. "I now see you are only fooling me. It is very unfair of you to serve me so. You ought to be ashamed of yourself for not doing it, let me see you no more. Go and think over it."

—Here let me pause awhile in the course of my story, in order to say a few words by way of explanation. Until recent times these people kept slaves which they acquired by warfare and by purchase. In order to distinguish between free men and women, their hair was cut short and kept so as a mark of subsistence. A free man or woman by having the hair cut short not only lost caste and became on a level with the slave, but could not re-enter their own caste until again their hair was long. To mark this respect of him no doubt Sun Flower firmly believed he would not on any account do such a thing, even if his expressions of love were true. Then if he failed to do so she would consider herself clear of him. No doubt when Sun Cloud heard this last, request he had a hard struggle within himself, a struggle between true love and dishonor.

Reaching home, true love prevailed. He went to a friend's house and had a close cut. Afterward, hoping all would be well he went over to her house, in order to claim his reward. As soon as she saw what he had done for her love she said: "You fool, do you think I would wed a slave? Go, and let me see you no more; when I wish to marry it will be with a free man and not with a slave." With these remarks she turned and left him disdainfully. This was a death blow to his long cherished hopes. It was more than he could bear. So, sad and sorrowful, he turned away and wandered onward, he knew not whither, without resting or sleeping. Life at length became to him a burden, which led him to wish for a lonely place where, unknown and unseen, he could lay down and die. Wandering thus aimlessly about, he at length came to a house; unwilling to be seen, he was passing quietly when a kindly-looking woman came out. Seeing him sorrowful and so woe-begone, she told him to come inside and rest awhile, which, after a deal of pleading on her part, he considered to do and went inside. In answer to her question of what was the matter with him, he told her from first to last.

When he had finished a recital of his troubles, she addressed him thus: "Before you came hither I knew all about you and your troubles; you have told me all and have kept nothing back. Had you kept any of it you might have saved yourself. As a reward for your many hardships, you before long shall get the best wife, as well as the prettiest in the land—Your wife shall be the daughter of the Sun. Before you leave this house you must rest and have some food, after which I will show the way to where she lives." When he was ready

to depart she went outside with him and showed him a narrow way leading straight onward from her house.

"You must," she said, "follow this pathway, turning neither to right nor to left until you reach an exceedingly high mountain, up to the top of which you must climb, regardless of every dif-



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fruity place you may find in your way. Always look onward and upward, never look back. When you gain the top you will find the path still leading onward. Follow it until you reach a large and beautiful palace. If you do not see anyone, knock and someone will come who will inquire what you want. When they come tell them that the old woman who lives beyond the mountain sent you to marry the daughter of the Sun, and remember her only you must choose. These are my instructions; you know the way; farewell."

With a light heart Sun Cloud pursued his course along the narrow pathway until he reached the mountain. Looking upward along the steep and craggy side his heart failed him. After resting awhile he thought if I try and get to the top I shall be well rewarded for all my misfortunes. If I lose heart and return I shall be worse off than ever before. I shall try; I will never look back until I gain the top. So thinking of nothing but onward and upward he finally, after a deal of climbing, reached the top.

Here we leave him to rest awhile and look ahead. From the top of the mountain, where he sits, is another pathway leading to a large and beautiful mansion

Being rested and fresh he again started in his travels, happy in the thought of being so near the end of his journey. His expectation seemed to lend swiftness to his feet, for in a little while he reached the palace. While seated on the mountain he was dazzled by a distant radiance of its buildings. Looking around he saw none, and everything being so beautiful he was afraid to knock; after awhile he ventured courageously and knocked. In answer to his call a man came, who asked him what he wanted. After delivering his message the man opened the gate and made him welcome. He remained a few days, during which he related to them all his misfortunes, telling them of the false promises of the girl he loved so well; how on her account he left home and friends; how he wandered aimlessly about until he arrived at the woman's house, where he was kindly cared for and directed on his way to this place, where he was to be provided with a better wife than if he had married his first love.

After hearing his pitiable story, they said they could help him in his search for a good wife. So saying, they sent and called the daughter of the Stars, a pretty little maiden with bright twinkling eyes. In answer to the question of how he would like her for his wife, he replied, "She, no doubt, is as good as any the one I came so far to get." So they sent her back and called the daughter of the Moon, who came and stood before him in all the splendor of her cold radiant beauty. Gazing at her for some time in silent admiration, he at last said: "She seems so pretty and yet so cold that I feel she is not for me." So they sent her away and in her stead brought the brightest and best of all, the daughter of the Sun.

When she came out here was so dazzled with her beauty that he was unable to look on her for a long while. At length taking her by the hand he said: "Thou, daughter of the Sun, much have I suffered and far have I come to meet



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these. Now that I have found you I am like a new man. In fact, I can consider myself well repaid for all my past sorrows and troubles, inasmuch as I have found such a wife."

After a while they together paid a visit to his relatives at the home of his childhood. All were glad to see them and to welcome them home. Soon every one of the village was enchanted by the lady's loveliness, and also by her kindness of disposition. To the sick her presence had a healing virtue, which soon restored them to health and strength. When the sorrows of the heart sought relief by a flood of tears he kindly smile cheered the heart and dried the tears. Loved and respected by all the people they lived happily together until a ripe old age, while a long line of their descendants called themselves the children of the good daughter of the Sun. As for Snow Flower, when years with lengthened numbers passed along her pathway, leaving her with none of her original beauty and having nothing better to offer, no one seemed to care for her, which led her sadly to regret the lost chances of bygone days. Soon she was glad to take for a husband



COPPER-COLORED CENTENARIANS.

in the distance. This is the palace of the Sun to which our hero is bent, on it his hopes are centred. In it he will find the fair one he has come so far to meet—the daughter of the Sun.

one whom all the girls had refused. She also became comparatively unknown, whereas her cousin with better qualities and his estimable wife soon became a power in the land.



SOME INDIAN TYPES.

MEN V. METHODS.
St. Mary's Argus.

One of the defects of our present system of teaching is the laying of too much emphasis on methods of teaching and too little on the men who teach. The supposition that the art of living and the art of getting on are one and the same thing; the training of men for certain professions to the neglect of the interests of his country, town, neighbors, friends and the woman he marries. In short the tendency of university training to produce lawyers, doctors, preachers, instead of men.



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GREETINGS TO TEN NATIONALITIES.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Hungarian—Vig Karacsny unnepekkel és boldog Újévet.
German—Froliche Weihnachten und glueckliches Neujahr.
Danish—En glaedelig Jul og et godt Nytaar.
Swedish—En glad Jul och et godt Nytaar.
Icelandic—Gledileg Jól, Gledilegt Nytaar.
French—Nous vous souhaitons une bonne et heureuse nouvelle année.
Gallic—Nollaig taitneach agus bliadhna mhath uaid duibh smoran duibh.
Russian—Веселых и счастливых новогодних праздников.
Polish—Wesołych świąt oraz sliwego nowego roku.
There is little hope in this age for the man who talks too much.

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The most remarkable ruler in the world has turned author.

The Khan of Afghanistan, Abdur Rahman Khan, has now in press with John Murray, the great London publisher, his autobiography.

If fully told it should be stranger than any romance ever printed.

It should tell the story of an Eastern monarch who waded through blood to his throne in the good old way, yet who has set his face towards modern progress; who strikes terror to his frisky subjects by almost unimagineable tortures, yet interests himself in schools and colleges; whose lightest word may mean death by impalement, yet in whose hands European travellers see safe.

Without it is the life story of a great war lord who holds the balance of power between the two mightiest nations of earth and whose nod might plunge Asia in the greatest war of the century.

As Abdur Rahman himself says in the fragments from his book published in the "Monthly Review," his country is "a goat and at which a lion (British India) from one side and a terrible bear (Russia) from the other side are staring ready to swallow at the first opportunity."

You will note that the Emir doesn't call himself a sheep or a lamb. He has horns and can fight.

As he says, in possible excuse for killing people and setting them on fire when they misbehave, "It takes a lion to rule over wolves."

Some Stories of Abdur Rahman.

Once a beggar asked alms of the Khan.

"Did you ever work?" asked the ruler.

"Never, O Khan."

"Then we can do without you," the Khan reasoned. Whereupon he ordered the man to be hanged.

Once a man was sentenced to have his ears cut off. The chief secretary happened to be the culprit's friend.

"I'll do the job myself if it be in your presence, O Khan," said the secretary.

"I've never done this thing before," said the secretary, flourishing his knife.

"Will the presence design to show me about where to cut?"

The Khan, wise in such matters, did so, whereupon the secretary dropped the knife and quoted a passage in the Koran saying that anything touched by the Almighty's vice-gent on earth was sacred. So the ears were saved.

The Khan rules a bicycle and wears false teeth. Sometimes in council he will absent-mindedly remove his teeth, polish them up a bit with a brush and place them back in his mouth.

But no one need venture to laugh. It isn't altogether a laughing matter and might result in the offender's being tortured to death for what Kaiser Wilhelm would call "Majestats-beleidigung."

When any of his unruly people rebel the Emir's favorite punishments are these:

"The Russian candle" setting a man up, tied stiff, pouring oil over him and setting him alight.

The cage—putting the man in a barred pen and letting him go mad with thirst.

Impalement—you sharpen a long stake, hitch horses or oxen to the man's legs, set him on the stake and draw him on it. Then the stake is planted in the ground and the man left, perhaps to live in agony for two days.

One of the Emir's punishments has been made famous by Kipling.

A young man once rushed to his durbar (court) to warn him that the Russian army was coming to attack him.

So the Khan led the man to the city wall and made him mount a tree to give warning of the graycoats' approach.

And he set soldiers under the tree with bayonets fixed and pointing upward; the guard was relieved from time to time. The young man hung in the branches until "sleep the knots of his hands unfastened," when he fell on the bayonets and was killed.

It was some time after that before any one warned the Emir of anything.

A more cheerful anecdote.

"Once when the band was playing," says the Emir himself, "I noticed a man beating time to the music with his foot. I knew he must be a European, as Asiatics are not in the habit of doing this."

"Later when the man came to my durbar, I charged him with being a Feringlee, which he denied. However, I did not press the matter, being afraid that if suspicions had been aroused his life might not have been safe."

The man was Arminius Vambery, so skillfully disguised as to deceive all but the Sherlock Holmes Emir.

In the "Ballad of the King's Mercy" a humorous little incident is recorded. A certain Yar Khan having attempted to kill the Emir at night, the monarch grimly told him that he should get beg for and receive a royal favor. So they set Yar Khan in an open place and they stoned him in the middle field when dawn was drawing in the sky.

According to the written word, "See that he do not die."

Upon the second night Yar Khan's pride broke with his silence, and they sought the King among his girls, and risked their lives thereby.

"Professor of the Faithful," give order that he die."

But the Emir was in no hurry. He waited until morning and then gave the order. And when he (Yar Khan) heard the watchlocks click, he blessed the King again.

The "Strenuous Life" in Asia.

In his day the Emir was a man of powerful frame, though now somewhat shrunken.

He is the nephew of Shero Ali Khan,

former Emir, and in the civil war of 1864 won several battles against him.

Never did he forgive Shero Ali for having ousted his father, Mahomed Afzul, from the throne or rather, since this was fair play in the East, for having broken his Koran oath to entrap Afzul and cast him into prison. He was made Governor of Balkh, but in 1868, after his father's death, was deposed and driven out of the country of his cousin, Yakoub Khan, Shero Ali's son.

He fled to Russian country, where Gen. Kaufman gave him a pension of 25,000 roubles and let him live in Samarkand. In 1870 he invaded Afghanistan and was in the following year made ruler and recognized by the British government.

The Twenty years of Abdur Rahman's rule since then have been the golden age of Afghanistan. He gets a subsidy of £150,000 from Great Britain every year, with gifts of cannon, rifles and ammunition, that he may make the better fight against Russia if it is ever necessary.

The Emir has established in Cabul one of the greatest factories in the world. There he manufactures not only rifles of the best type, cannon, ammunition, saddles and bridles, but even clothing and machinery. The factory is managed by an Englishman, Sir Salter Pym.

Every Afghan is a soldier—a hardy, skin-clad veteran, trained to ride a mountaineer by instinct, difficult to rule but terrible in action, as hardy as the Boer, but not so good a shot. These are the men of whom the Emir says: "We cannot hot rein wild horses with silken bridle."

The Emir is a terrible ruler—so terrible that his own Governor of Herat, a brave soldier, was on one occasion, unable to open a letter from him on account of the trembling of his hands; yet he writes himself as if he were a rather

ing, he has to be attended by these persons.

gentlemanly, Lord of the Seal, head of the royal kitchen, footmen, waiters, tea-bearers, water-bearers, spring-water bearer, page boys, grooms, purse-bearers, storekeeper, pipe-bearers, servants, erier, tailors, valets, physicians, professional chess and backgammon players, personal companions, readers, and a story teller.

Here is a picturesque detail in the life of one who can trust nobody.

"I am always ready as a soldier on the march to a battle, in such a manner that I could start without delay in case of emergency. The pockets of my coat and trousers are always filled with loaded revolvers and one or two leaves of bread for one day's food; this is changed every day. Several guns and swords are always lying by the side of my bed on the chair in which I am seated with in reach of my hand, and saddled horses are always kept ready in front of my office, not only for myself, but for all my courtiers and personal attendants, at the door of my durbar room. I have also ordered that a considerable number of gold coins should be sewn into the saddles of my horses when required for a journey, and on both sides of the saddles are two revolvers."

Here is a picture from the "Arabian Nights." It is a description of the Emir's home.

"I had my sitting rooms and bedrooms, all as in those of our wives, my daughters, all sorts of beautiful fowers, plants, pictures and pianos and other musical instruments are placed, together with choice pieces of china and other ornaments, Persian and Herat carpets, nightingales and other singing birds, beautiful and valuable furniture and everything that I can think of to add to the pleasure of those who associate with me are to be found in my palace."

Workmen Injured

They Jumped From Window of Factory in Which Fire Was Raging.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Ven. Archbishop Boddly, of St. Peter's church, is celebrating his 56th year in the ministry today. He was ordained on December 21st, 1850.

Matthews Bros. & Co.'s moulding and picture frame factory was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Eight or nine of the workmen, alarmed by the smoke and flames, and their escape by the stairs being cut off, jumped out the windows and were more or less severely injured. The fire was caused by a boy dropping a lighted candle among shavings. The loss on contents is about \$35,000, and on building \$25,000.

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Leonard, who conducted two large street goods stores, 571-573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 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In the Eyes Of Japs

How They Regard the Conduct of Western Troops Now in China

British Are Third on the List, Being Guilty of Petty Pelfering Only.

Imperial Edict Authorizes the Opening of Wu Chang to Foreign Trade.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 22.—The Evening Standard publishes the following from its Shanghai correspondent, dated yesterday: "Chang Chih Tung announces the receipt of an edict authorizing the opening of Wu Chang, opposite Kankai, to foreign trade. Wu Chang is the centre of an important trade and the site of the terminus of the Canton railway. The Chinese papers assert that the anti-dynastic rebellion in the province of Kiu Su is becoming serious, and is likely to compel the court to depart."

The Tokio correspondent of the Times, in the course of a long letter, gives the views of Japanese observers upon western military methods in China, especially the conduct of the troops with regard to the graver crimes of robbery, incendiarism, murder and outrages. "The Japanese agree," he says, "in declaring the American troops free from all these excesses. The Germans are second on the list, and the British third, the latter being charged only with petty pilfering, and being fully acquitted of murder, arson and outrages. The French who are fourth on the list, are given to loot and outrage, but not to murder. Of the Russians, the Japanese speak with horror as combined ferocity with lust and the love of plunder."

Signing of the Note.

London, Dec. 22.—It now appears that the British foreign office has not received direct notification from Peking that the joint note has been signed, but in view of the fact that it has received assurances from the ambassadors in London to the effect that all the ministers had signed, the foreign office accepted as correct the alleged semi-official dispatches from Berlin and Paris announcing the signature. The foreign office still declares it has every reason to believe the signing is an accomplished fact, and that the telegrams to the contrary are possibly anterior thereto.

FOOT RECOVERED.
Men Who Open Bank Vault Failed to Get Away With Money.

(Associated Press.)
Tullahoma, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Five men dynamited the vault of the Coffee County Bank at Manchester, Ky., early today. They secured \$5,000 in currency, stole a handcar and escaped in the direction of Tullahoma. A police man and deputy sheriff, heavily armed, caught the handcar and one man, who proved to be the one who carried the treasure. All the loot was recovered. Bloodhounds were put on the scent of the other four.

TRUST FUNDS.
May Now Be Invested in Dominion Inscribed Stock.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A cablegram received at the department of finance states that official notice has been given in the London Gazette of the admission of Dominion inscribed stock to the list of securities in which trust funds may be invested. This is a consummation of the agreement between the Imperial and Canadian governments that was announced by Hon. W. S. Fielding last session.

MAJORITY REDUCED.
Worsley Taylor Returned for Blackpool in Succession to Sir M. White-Ridley.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 22.—Mr. Worsley Taylor, Conservative, has been elected to represent the Blackpool division of Lancashire in the House of Commons in succession to Sir Matthew White-Ridley, who, according to parliamentary usage, regularly relinquished his seat in the lower House on being elevated to the peerage, with the title of Viscount Ridley. In this election, the Conservative majority was cut in half. In the last general election Sir Matthew was unopposed.

PRINCE IN POLITICS.
Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—A great sensation has been caused throughout Denmark by an article in the government organ Berlingske Tidende, written by the Crown Prince Frederick, defending the Prime Minister, M. De Schouster, from the attacks of Count Frijs. The action of the Crown Prince in mixing in party politics has made a bad impression.

DEAN LAUDER DEAD.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Dean Lauder, Ottawa, died at New Brighton, England, today. Deceased was chaplain to the Senate.

About 8,000 watches are made in the world daily.

TREATY AMENDMENTS.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty, with the senate amendments, was received at the state department shortly after noon today. The department will forward the amendments in the usual course to the British government, and they will be on their way to London by the steamer which leaves New York next Tuesday. The action is rather more rapid than is usual in treaty making. Once it is taken there will be nothing more for the state department to do until the British government shall have passed upon the amendments, provided an unseasonable period of time shall not be occupied.

KIMBERLEY THREATENED.

London Paper Says Report Has Reached the City That Diamond Centre is Menaced By Boers.

London, Dec. 22.—The Evening Standard says it hears a report has reached London that Kimberley is seriously threatened by the Boers. Some of the leading South African firms interested in Kimberley have received information tending to confirm the Evening Standard's report. The war office, in the announcement issued last evening, says three thousand extra horses, beyond the usual monthly supply, have been contracted for.

Another Force of Invaders.
Capetown, Dec. 22.—The invaders, commanded by Generals Heretoz, Philip Botha and Haarbroek. Besides the commands already reported, a force has crossed at Zoutspan to reinforce the Boers occupying Philippstown.

Approves of Boer Stand.
Kingston, Ont., Dec. 22.—Principal Grant is out of accord with the British military authorities for annexing the Orange Free State. He approves of the stand De Wet and Steyn and their comrades are making.

BODY RECOVERED.
Remains of Purser Barber, of Alpha, Will Be Interred at Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The steamer Victoria, from Skagway this morning, brought 47 passengers, who had a very odd trip from Dawson, leaving there on December 3rd. The steamer City of Topeka is reported to be breaking up in spite of the effort made to float her.

The body of J. H. Barber, purser of the steamer Alpha, has been recovered, and will be interred at Vancouver on Monday.

USED THEIR REVOLVERS.
Many Strikers Injured in Fight With Policemen at Antwerp.

(Associated Press.)
Antwerp, Dec. 22.—A fresh attack was made by the striking dock laborers and others on non-unionists at the Ockelsharf wharf. A detachment of fifty policemen charged the strikers, firing their revolvers into the crowd. Thirty men were wounded, ten of them severely. The strikers then withdrew, taking some of their wounded. Their attitude is menacing. The police are being reinforced, and more fighting is imminent.

CONFESSED MURDER.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Edward V. Higgins, who resided in Colchester, Cal., has confessed that on December 4th he murdered his mother and Wm. Sheehan, a sheepherder, with an axe. A body has been found in a grave on the hillside, where Higgins said he buried his victims.

AUDITOR SHOT.
Washington, Dec. 22.—P. H. Morris, auditor for the war department, was shot at 2:15 this afternoon in his office in the Winner building, by a man named McDonald, formerly a disbursing clerk in the office. Morris is thought to be fatally hurt.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.
The Trading Stamp Case Remanded Until Next Friday—Other Items.

This morning's session of the police court was not profitable of any incidents of more than ordinary interest. The greater portion of the session was occupied in the hearing of the case of Thos. Walker, charged with the theft of a sealing boat belonging to Capt. Cameron. The case was remanded until Monday. The defendant has retained R. A. Powell.

Robert Irvine was charged with drunkenness. He was fined \$5 and 10 cents, or ten days' imprisonment. Jeff Thornton was charged with vagrancy. He pleaded not guilty and submitted to the magistrate's certificate to his poor character. The latter, however, pointed out that he could not accept thereof, but the defendant should bring him some witnesses to the court.

The case of the Dominion Trading Stamp Co. and three dealers charged with refusing to pay their licenses was remanded until next Friday, the defendants' counsel, owing to a misapprehension as to the time set for the hearing, not putting in an appearance until 10:30. When Messrs. Duff and Cleland, for the defence, arrived, however, the former explained that he understood that the case would be called at that hour, and had come prepared to go on. Finally, after some discussion, it was decided to remand the case as above mentioned.

Protests Dropped

Parties in Nova Scotia, it is Reported, Will Not Proceed With Election Cases.

Well Known Shoe Man Found Dead Under Elevator—Mysterious Case.

Real Estate Agent's Fatal Fall—Disappearance of C. P. R. Superintendent's Wife.

(Associated Press.)

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The lifeless body of J. A. Chevalier, a well known shoe man of St. Roch, was found under the elevator in his establishment last evening. How the accident occurred is a mystery. Deceased was 35 years old.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Patrick Creary had a rib broken while riding in a street car near Toronto Junction last night, caused by the tongue of a wagon attached to a runaway team plowing the car. Jas. Cooper, a retired real estate agent, 73 years old, while crossing Sherbourne street, near his home at midnight, slipped and fell, striking his head heavily on the pavement, which resulted in almost instant death from hemorrhage of the brain.

Mrs. A. Price, wife of Supt. Price, of the C. P. R. of this city, has disappeared, and her friends are in great distress over her absence. She has been nervous and low-spirited lately. She was taken down to do some Christmas shopping on Thursday afternoon and has not been seen since. Her home relations were of the happiest sort.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Chas. O'Reilly, a city fireman, has been arrested, and will be charged with the murder of Mrs. McKeown, of 322 St. Andrew street, who died last night from injuries sustained last Tuesday afternoon. It is alleged, of blows received from O'Reilly, who is said to have quarrelled with her. No marks of violence were visible on the unfortunate woman, who remained unconscious from Tuesday night till death last night in Water street hospital.

Prize fights by professionals will no longer be permitted to take place in this city.

Goal Bark In Distress

Highland Light Roughly Battered and Dismasted in Saturday Night's Storm.

Anchored and Leaking Badly in Barclay Sound—C. D. Lane in Trouble.

The American bark Highland Light, one of the oldest craft in the coasting trade, is now at anchor in Barclay Sound with her mizzen mast smashed, her hull works torn away, her boats all gone but one, and her hull leaking badly. She is lying about two miles from Eglimegan Island, and will have to be towed back to port for repairs.

She was loaded with coal and carried in the neighborhood of 2,000 tons, being bound from the Sound for San Francisco, last Saturday night, at about the time the Alpha met her doom in Baynes Sound, and the City of Topeka crashed on the rocks in northern waters, she was struck by the same terrific wind that shook Victoria, and was swept from stem to stern by the high sea rolling.

For a time it seemed as if the old wooden craft would not have a chance of staying afloat, but she was brought back to port. She labored heavily, and when her seams began to open and the water to come into her hold the circumstances were enough almost to cause all hands to give up in despair. They stood by their posts, however, and their faithful efforts were ultimately rewarded.

The Highland Light for long has for Messrs. Deans and Sons in the Island coal trade, and is therefore familiar to shipping men of this port. In fact, it is not so long ago since the vessel was on blocks in Eglimegan undergoing repairs.

The Highland Light, as stated, was a wooden vessel. She is owned in San Francisco, and for some time has been engaged in the coal trade of Seattle, running from that port to the Golden Gate. She was of 1,315 tons register, was built in Bath, Maine, in 1874. Her present experience recalls another venture which she had a year ago, when she was damaged off the Straits and grave anxiety was felt for her when she finally made Victoria and went on the ways for repairs.

The Charles Lane, the vessel reported elsewhere in this paper as apparently in distress off Cape Flattery, was also on her way to South America. Before going to sea she had considerable difficulty at Port Townsend in getting a crew. Last summer she was employed in the Nome trade, but had become too antiquated for this coast and was being taken South by her owners in the hope of disposing of her.

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To Sail Next Week

Reinforcements of Mounted Men Men Will Be Sent to Africa Immediately.

Increasing the Colonial Police—Boers Routed by Gen. French's Force.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail says: "We understand that private reliable advice has been received in London to the effect that virtually all the districts of Cape Colony in the vicinity of the Orange River are in more or less open revolt, and there is likely to be sharp fighting on a rather large scale before the invasion is crushed. The tactics of the Boers in rallying as many as possible of the Dutch in the back country to their cause are proving successful."

From Capetown the Mail has received the following: "The second invading force was designed to occupy Britstown, but, being checked by the troops, it has disappeared into the Cederberg mountains. An enormous concentration of troops is being made on the rebel country occupied by the invaders, but it is not likely that the Boers will offer battle in large numbers. There is a renewed demand for the wholesale proclamation of martial law."

A dispatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says that the Kommando have driven the Boers out of Houtkraal, the enemy retiring westward.

As the outcome of statements made during the recent session of parliament, and since referred to, the effect that some of the colonial troops have refused to fight again in the war office last night issued the following explanation from Lord Kitchener:

"A number of men belonging to two of the South African corps refused to march on one occasion, owing to some mistake to carry out their discharge at the expiration of their term of service. Lord Roberts, on the ground that they had a grievance, overlooked the matter, simply reprimanding them. The men of both corps have since done good work in the field, and it is absolutely unfounded to say that there was a mutiny, or that force was used against them."

The secretary of state for war, Mr. William St. John Broderick, announces that in view of the prolongation of the war in South Africa, members of the Imperial Yeomanry will be paid 5s. instead of 1s. 2s. per day. Militiamen are promised priority of return over regulars.

The war office made the following announcement last evening: "In view of the general position in South Africa, the following reinforcements of mounted troops have been arranged: 'Eight hundred will start next week. Two cavalry regiments have been ordered to leave as soon as the transports are ready.'

"The colonial police will be increased 10,000. Detachments will leave as fast as they are formed. Further drafts of cavalry will be dispatched at once. Australia and New Zealand have been invited to send further contingents."

Derailed a Train.
Capetown, Dec. 21.—General Baden-Powell will attend to the Boers tomorrow.

The Boers derailed a train, killing an inspector and others.

General Prater's commander of the newly raised colonial division, has been ordered to the front, and will start tomorrow.

Thornhill's Gen. French has routed 2,500 Boers with four guns and a pom-pom.

Reprisals.
Johannesburg, Dec. 21.—The Boers attacked Zaufontein on December 18th, but were beaten off.

Fighting For Arbitration.
London, Dec. 21.—William T. Stead has just returned from the Hague, where he had a long conference with Mr. Kruger, and has presented at first hand the views of Mr. Kruger and his counselors as to the present situation and future prospects. Mr. Stead has written the Associated Press in part as follows:

"First of all, nothing is decided about his visit to the United States at present. President Kruger has not abandoned all hope of securing the support of the governments of the civilized world in his demand for arbitration. Until the last government refuses absolutely to say a word in support of the principles which they solemnly laid down at the Hague conference, Mr. Kruger will not partake in popular demonstrations. Mr. Kruger is emphatic in disclaiming any desire to involve other nations in war on behalf of the Boers. What he asks is that the governments which at the Hague declared their determination to use their efforts to secure amicable settlement of disputes by means of mediation and arbitration, should make a united effort to bring the verdict of the civilized world to bear on Great Britain. I cannot put their position better than in the words of one of Mr. Kruger's counselors:

"England be our accuser, England is the sole witness against us, England is the judge, England is the executioner, and England hopes to profit by our death. We appealed for arbitration before the war; we are fighting for arbitration to-day; we have the right to expect the sympathies of the civilized world."

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"I found Mr. Kruger hale. His bearing is not so good as it was. His mind moves somewhat slowly, but now and then the old fire flashes from his eyes and you hear the deep resonant voice which has so often called the lancers in battle."

"Queen Wilhelmina is kindness itself. She has displayed pluck, in remarkable contrast to the timidity of any of her official advisers."

"I found the old man's spirit unshaken by his reverses. He disclaimed any desire to humiliate England, and said they only wanted their rights. It may interest Americans to know that Mr. Kruger's appeal to the civilized world would be received everywhere with unanimous enthusiasm were it not for the deep-seated distrust and jealousy of the dynasties of Hapsburg and Hohenzollern against the president of a republic. If he were a king, the courts would have been open everywhere. This feeling, it is well to note, is not shared by Russia, which would not listen to any proposal for a compromise. Failing independence or arbitration, they will prefer to die fighting."

German Aggression

Shot Many Imperial Troops Who Were Suppressing Boxers at Lung Ching.

Reported to Have Looted Houses and Shops and Taken Many Prisoners.

London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Peking says it is reported that German troops visited Lung Ching last Saturday and shot sixty imperial soldiers who were engaged in suppressing the Boxers at that place. They also shot thirty other persons and took 200 prisoners. It is also said that the Germans looted many houses and shops. The expedition was contrary to the understanding that no measure of the kind were to be taken pending negotiations. Much of the country is defenceless, because the Chinese troops are not allowed to do anything. The foreign troops are absent or engaged in looting.

Field Marshal Count von Waldersee has failed to secure accord just because of a discriminating policy, and the Germans on many grounds are gaining a worse reputation for severity than even the Russians have.

Will Deliver Note.
London, Dec. 21.—A representative of the Associated Press was informed at the foreign office here today that the joint note of the powers signed at Peking would be presented immediately to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang. The text will be published as soon as it shall have been delivered.

The Regulars Fled.
Berlin, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from Field Marshal von Waldersee, dated Peking, December 19th, says: "Gundal's column, marching from Shun Nai Kuan, successfully encountered a force of Boxers on December 14th at Yung Ling, near the eastern Imperial tombs. Five hundred Boxers were killed."

"One thousand Chinese regulars, under Fang De Jang, have been driven out of Lu Tai. They fled to the mountains, northwesterly, on Gundal's approach."

RESULT OF A QUARREL.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—In the police court to-day Emery Carisse, who stabbed and killed Joseph Dauncelle as a result of a quarrel, was remanded for a week.

HAVE SIGNED THE NOTE.
Berlin, Dec. 20.—The Cologne Gazette in an article dealing with the Chinese situation announces that all the ministers signed the preliminary joint note to-day (Thursday), and that the note will be sent immediately to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang.

It also declares that the note embodies the principles of minimum demands of Germany and the powers, and that it was agreed on the proposal of Great Britain that until the demands were satisfied there should be no withdrawal of the troops from Peking and the province of Chihli.

NEW GLUCOSE COMPANY.
New York, Dec. 20.—E. T. Biddleford, of the Standard Oil Co., confirms the report that several large capitalists identified with that corporation are about to organize a \$3,000,000 glucose company to operate a large plant at Shady Side, N. J., independently of the Glucose Sugar Refining Company or any other company. The new plant is to have capacity of 20,000 bushels of corn a day, and this may be doubled later.

COUNCILOR ARRESTED.
Potsdam, Dec. 20.—Councilor of Commerce Sandon, recently a director of the Prussian Hypothekbank Aktien B. A., was arrested this morning and confined in the Meath prison. A dispatch to the Associated Press from Berlin last night said that the banking house of Admit & Wagner was in difficulties owing to its connection with the Prussian Hypothekbank Aktien Bank.

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Amendments To Treaty

Their Object Explained by Senator Lodge in the United States Senate.

Desire to Dispose of Clayton-Bulwer Treaty in a Friendly Way.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The following is the statement in part, which was made by Senator Lodge, who had charge of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in the Senate:

"Let me first say that the amendments were not dictated by hostility towards Great Britain, and still less were they in any degree a reflection upon the Secretary of State, whose patriotism, purity of purpose, knowledge, accomplishments and high achievements in dealing with our foreign relations—especially in China—are fully and cordially recognized by men of all parties and all shades of opinion in the Senate. The amendments were made by the Senate solely in getting inside the three mile zone, to pass unimpeded through the canal. This may, or may not, be a practical question, and it is of no consequence whether it is or not. It was a solemn promise to permit a hostile fleet to seize the canal. That promise we either intended to keep, or else we made it knowing that it would be broken. If it was broken, it then it was a promise a nation ought to make. If we knew that we should not keep it in time of war, then it was only honest and fair to relieve ourselves of the obligation in the treaty itself."

"This was the purpose of the second or Davis amendment, which entirely disposed of any such promise, and which follows exactly in principle, and almost exactly in words, Article X of the Suez convention, which reserved similar rights to Turkey, whose interest in the Suez canal is trivial compared to ours in that proposed in Nicaragua. The third amendment strikes Article III, by which we engage to invite other nations to adhere to the treaty, and thereby become parties to it. Had there been no Clayton-Bulwer treaty we would have negotiated with no one except Costa Rica and Nicaragua as to building the canal. With Britain, owing to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, we were obliged to treat; but as respects European powers, we have no such obligation. It seemed to the Senate unwisely, however excellent and liberal the intention, to invite European nations to share in an American treaty and thus give them the right to

Middle in American Affairs
at any point. Such are the purposes of the three amendments, which in no wise derogate from the intention of the United States that this canal shall be a neutral highway for the world's commerce."

"Do you think that Great Britain will accept or reject these Senate amendments?" the Senator was asked.

"This is a question I have been asked many times, and upon which I don't think it would be right or proper for me to express an opinion," was the reply.

"But I think I can with propriety say a word as to our view of the amendments. It is well recognized in international law that when the conditions under which a treaty has been made have radically changed and new conditions and new demands have arisen, this fact is an ample ground for seeking an abrogation or modification of the original instrument."

"The United States people desire to build and mean to build and control the Isthmian Canal. They recognize that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, made fifty years ago under conditions no longer existent, stands in the way. They have no desire to clear it from their path in a violent passage, but formally denouncing it, or by passing laws and taking action in contravention of its provisions. They wish to remove it by amicable arrangement in a suitable and becoming manner. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty was framed with this object."

"The Senate is part of the treaty-making power, and treaties sent to it for ratification are not strictly treaties, but projects for treaties—they are still in chaos. In the exercise of its undoubted rights, without the slightest reflection upon anyone, and

Without a Shadow of Hostility to a friendly nation, the Senate, continuing the negotiations begun by Mr. Hay, offers three new propositions to Great Britain. They ask her to omit the clause inviting other nations to adhere to what does not touch her at all. They ask her to conform to her desire by agreeing in unmistakable language to the suppression of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which is the whole purpose of the negotiations. They ask her finally to accept in this treaty the reservation of rights in time of war which she granted Turkey in the Suez convention, and which, as possessor of Egypt, she is now herself the beneficiary."

"These propositions are all essential to United States interests, and are fair, reasonable, friendly, and in no way affecting Great Britain's interest in 'fixing the route' but, for it is great or small, is second only to that of the United States, for she alone has, like the United States, large possessions in North America and both on the Atlantic and Pacific coast. We agree that all vessels of commerce and of war shall pass through the canal, on the same terms as our own, and in war between other powers, we agree to

Preserve the Neutrality
of the canal towards all belligerents, in deference to the wishes of Nicaragua and Costa Rica in regard to this treaty, and not to any we may hereafter make with them, we relinquish the right to make permanent fortifications; and, although there is no need of such fortifications, the right to erect them is an important right, and its relinquishment goes to the last verge of concession."

"The vast expense of this canal is ours, the maintenance and defence of it ours, the United States people will never permit a rival there which they do not control, because the defence of the United States overrides every other consideration. In building and maintaining the canal we assume a great burden, by which the whole world will benefit; and if we bear the burden alone, and the control must be ours alone also."

"We desire to dispose of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty in the most friendly way possible. We are most averse to any other disposition of it. Great Britain does not intend to go to war with the United States to prevent our building the canal; and if it is physically possible to build it, we mean, in any event to do so. Under these circumstances, we are very clear that it is as much for Great Britain's interest as ours to

Accept the New Propositions
in the friendly spirit in which they are offered, and thus end a controversy over an outworn treaty which is only a stumbling block to both nations. It is not to be doubted that the British ministers whose ability, experience and reputation are known to all the world, will rightly comprehend the purpose of the Senate amendments, and the spirit in which they are presented."

Revival of Old Customs

Christmas Entertainments in England Will Include Dances in the Servants' Hall.

Letters Bearing on Maybrick Case to Be Presented to New Home Secretary.

London, Dec. 22.—There will be a merry Christmas in England, though in the duller spots in the United Kingdom. The fashionable world has deserted the metropolis and sought refuge in the country places. There will be such a round of parties as has been unknown for several years. They will be accompanied by the revival of the queer, old customs, which, a century ago, made the season the occasion for

Unrestrained Merrymaking
among rich and poor alike.

At Osborne, the Queen will be surrounded by the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess of Battenberg and several of her grandchildren. At Sandringham the Prince of Wales will entertain the Duke and Duchess of Fife and their children, with royal Christmas trees, Wallace Abbey, Bloenheim Palace, Hatfield House and all the stately houses of English aristocracy are filled up with scores of guests, prepared to make the most of Yuletide. Balls, amateur theatricals and entertainments have been arranged, conspicuous among which is the old English custom of a dance in the servants' hall.

At the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's, Earl and Countess Spencer's, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry's and other places of the nobility, Christmas Eve will be marked by

The Strang Spectacle
of butlers dining with duchesses, footmen with countesses and grooms with the daughters of belted earls, while lady's maids, chambermaids and cooks will hang on to the arms of cabinet ministers and other male heads of illustrious line. The ancient practice of the landowners enjoying the servants' quadrille had almost lapsed, except in

the case of a few families. The revival is, perhaps, no little due to the increasing necessity for pampering the British servant.

The Onlooker says the householders now have to study the comfort of their domestics as much as their own, and quotes one country house, where a set of rooms is especially allotted to them for recreation, comprising a ballroom, music room, library and billiard room, in which a marker is kept for the servants' sole use.

Once again Mrs. Maybrick appears an unhappy

Christmas in Her Prison Cell. In spite of the various reports, her chances of liberty are no brighter than last year. Secretary Hay has forwarded to Mr. Cassin several private letters, which will shortly be presented to the new home secretary, Mr. Ritchie, in accordance with the custom of approaching each new occupant of that office. But, the Associated Press learns, there is no possible chance of anything being done as long as Lord Halsbury is lord chancellor. Were the cabinet to discuss the matter, as it did once before, it could only refer to the crown's chief adviser, Lord Halsbury, who apparently made the Maybrick case the basis of a feud with the late lord chief justice, Baron Russell of Killowen, and cherishes it just as bitterly now as before Lord Russell's death. When a new chancellor is appointed Mrs. Maybrick will have a good chance of freedom.

W. B. Hobbs, head of the recently formed

Canadian Furniture Combine, now in London, has decided that the Canadians have no need of the assistance or cooperation of English financiers, which was originally projected. A significant fact, showing Canada's progress, is that sufficient funds are easily obtainable there, while the new law, coming into force January 1st in the United Kingdom, imposes a most prohibitive taxation on new importations.

Another American woman is likely to be soon elevated to the British peerage, as Lord Salisbury intends to recognize the Right Hon. Arthur Smith-Barr's services to his party by putting him in the House of Lords. Mr. Smith-Barr married the widow of Mr. Arthur Post, of New York, whose sister, Mrs. Adair, is also well known in London society. Others mentioned for a peerage include Mr. Henry Cosmo Orme Benson, chairman of the Southeastern railway, and Mr. Jas. Lowther, M. P. Lord Salisbury has already created nearly ninety peers. If the present rate is kept up the Upper House will soon be in numerical superiority over the Commons.

AFTER SIX YEARS.
Decision in Royalty Case, in Which Amount Involved is Twelve Million Dollars.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Justice Colt in the United States Circuit court to-day decided in favor of the American Bell Telephone Company in the royalty suit brought by the Western Union Telegraph Company. The case is known as the stock ticker case, and has been in court since 1894. The amount involved is \$12,000,000.

REFLOATED UNDAMAGED.
Manila, Dec. 21.—The United States cruiser Albany, while returning from Sulig Bay a few days ago, ran on a reef, which had not been charted, and for a time her position was perilous. With high water, however, she slid off and proceeded without having suffered serious damage.

SENATE ADJOURNS.
Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate at 12:05 p.m. to-day adjourned until January 3rd, 1901.

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CHRISTMAS.

The world is on the eve of the last Christmas of the century. The season of annual family reunions has arrived, and in all parts of Christendom this evening the great pilgrimage to the scene of early Christmas joys has commenced. To many in British Columbia the pleasure of this annual visit to the homes of their fathers is not possible, but in spirit they will hover around the old places and share in the feelings which it were well for all mankind never to let die.

During the year the Empire has passed through heavy tribulation, but with the sorrow that has been falling upon the home of Great Britain there mingles the thought, which must have been some consolation to all the bereaved interested in the future of their country, that the burdens and woes of the nation were no longer confined to its great central part. The men who would have dismembered the Empire of Great Britain were in reality the instruments of a higher power in binding it together in hands stronger than ever. Canadians and Australians and Englishmen and Irishmen and Scotsmen are living in a last "fraternal embrace" in the plains of South Africa, and it is the anguish of the thought of these things which has knit us all so firmly together. When President Kruger issued his "insolent ultimatum" he knew not that he was about to set in motion forces which would furnish the world with an example of the power and the might of the British Empire.

But the approach of the anniversary of the birth of Him who was to bring peace on earth is perhaps not the time to dwell upon such things. The day has not yet come when men shall practice the art of war no more, it is true, but it will come. Compared with the conditions one hundred years ago a great advance has been made. There is no field at the present day for a Napoleon or any man who would set the nations upon each other like jugglers. It would perhaps be rash to say that the public opinion of any great nation would not permit of a declaration of war against another great power, but the responsibility of such an action in any of the enlightened nations would be something which few statesmen of the present day would not shrink from. If Oom Paul and his followers had paid more attention to the teachings of the New Testament and meditated less upon the deeds of the warriors of the Old, if they had kept pace with modern progress in all things and been less puffed up with misty, taken ideas of their prowess with the rifle, there would have been no tale to tell of terrible loss of human life and great destruction of property in the year 1900. But the war is practically over. At this season we should look on the bright side of things and hope that the present will be the last armed contest of any account in which the British nation shall be compelled to take part.

No part of the world has more to be thankful for at this Christmas time than Canada. As a people we have prospered exceedingly. In this western part poverty may be said to be unknown, although no doubt in our own city there is sufficient misfortune and distress to call forth the kindly ministrations characteristic of the season to the fullest extent. To all imbued with the true Christmas spirit the Times wishes God-speed in their good work, and to all our friends the fullness of joy and happiness incidental to Christmastide.

In the special number which we present to our readers today will be found a great deal of excellent matter appropriate to the season and reminiscent of the things which have passed or are rapidly passing away in our own province of British Columbia. Contributions from some of the brightest of the writers of the city and the province are printed in this issue, as an examination of the contents will disclose. The illustrations, too, are not only excellent. They furnish a notable example of the

Industrial progress made in Victoria during the year.

AMERICAN COMPETITION.

We have read so much of late of the superiority of the methods of Americans as applied to manufactures compared with the alleged absolute system in vogue in Great Britain that we are somewhat taken aback by the testimony of an expert, published in the Scientific American, on the subject. This investigator is a shipbuilder, and here is what this able technical journal says of his report: "It is just here, in discussing the cost of marine machinery, that the author brings out a fact which will be certainly very astonishing to those of us who have believed that in economy of shop management we are far in the lead of Great Britain. As an explanation of the cheapness of British marine engine construction, he tells us that every part of an engine is a first-class establishment made to order, and when finished by the tools is sent to an expert examiner at a large surface table, who determines if every operation performed by the tools has been accurately done. If the work is not perfectly accurate it is returned for reworking, or if it is not of sufficient quality, it is entirely rejected. The pieces thus produced that go to make an engine when brought together, are not erected by fitting each piece to its place by a file or chisel, but they are placed in stock ready to be assembled in a few hours on receipt of an order for an engine of the size they represent." The expert further explains that as a consequence of the thoroughness of the system thus devised the British shipbuilder is able to produce his machines at a cost one-half less than that of his American competitor, and we can easily arrive at the reason from this one instance alone why in spite of the "encouragement" which is being extended to shipbuilders by nations which are anxious to get at the top of the industrial ladder Great Britain still remains in a class by herself as a creator of navies. The gentleman who thus rudely casts our cousins down from the high pinnacle upon which they had placed themselves as the builders of the "finest ships in the world," is quite frank in his criticism. He does not confine himself entirely to the mechanical details of the workshops. He tells his countrymen that they have also to learn something about marine architecture. "As regards the question of skill, the British designers labor under the severe restrictions of Lloyd's register, and Mr. Dickie gives them full credit for a thorough understanding of their profession and great skill in turning out economical designs that conform to the rigid requirements and restrictions of the register. Given an American register of shipping that would lend itself more readily to the tendencies of American design, he believes that the American architect will show himself to be quite abreast of his British cousin." Possibly after such a revelation as this our friends may have misgivings as to whether what has been said about shipbuilding does not apply also to many other lines of manufactures. The year which is drawing to a close has been one of the most prosperous in the history of Great Britain. The contracts for engines and bridges for colonial railways were secured by United States firms for the simple reason that the home builders were so crowded with orders that they could not turn the articles out in the time given. The people of Great Britain are not overcome of the doctrines of the protectionists. They have been taught to buy their goods in the cheapest market, and there is no tariff as an obstacle in the way of their doing so. Their manufacturers are absolutely excluded from the republic, although their countrymen purchase more from the United States than all the rest of the world combined. It is a business matter with them, and although some argue that there should be some sort of a reciprocal arrangement arrived at there is no indication that public opinion will call for such a measure for many years to come. Great Britain has flourished under free trade and it will take a most tremendous wrench to make her depart from it.

The officials of the Bank of Commerce speak in very high terms of the servants and the business of the Bank of British Columbia. The two institutions will shortly become one, we hope with profit to themselves and benefit to the communities in which they do business. These are the days of great undertakings, and it seems as if railways and banking institutions to be up-to-date must extend their ramifications from ocean to ocean.

One by one the men who attended the Christmas festivities in British Columbia in the early days are passing away. Mr. Mackay, the latest of the pioneers to be numbered among those who are not, was among the best of the types of the old-time and his friends of the old and the present day sincerely mourn his departure.

Senator Lodge is most liberal in his opinions. He concedes that Great Britain has some interests in America. Perhaps he will also admit that she has the right to protect those interests and to ask the United States to abide by the terms of its covenant.

As we have remarked before, these are great times for children and school teachers. Well, even if we cannot have holidays ourselves, it is good to see others enjoy them.

Fully one-third of the female population of France are laborers on farms.

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It is said the teachings and the practices of the Mormons in Utah are beginning to have their effect on the people of the surrounding states. According to the St. Paul Pioneer-Press the indifference or phylidly with which the people of Idaho and other bordering states look upon Utah's enormities, and tolerate their transfer to their own communities, shows the insidious nature of the moral disease communicated by familiarity with polygamy. Ex-Senator Edmunds, who was opposed to a constitutional amendment which would make possible the abatement of the evil, has made himself familiar with all the facts possible for a Gentle to gather, as the following letter from him, read at a meeting in New York, will show:

"I am very glad to learn that you and your associates are endeavoring to persuade congress to propose to the states an amendment to the national constitution prohibiting polygamy. Until within a year or two I was of the opinion that such an amendment was unnecessary, inasmuch as this office was particularly responsive to the moral sense and social instincts of the people of every state and was punishable as a crime by the law of all the states. Under existing circumstances, however, and looking to the indefinite future, I have come to the conclusion that it is much safer, and perhaps, indispensable in respect of some portions of our country on this continent, as well as in respect of other portions of the globe to which our dominion has been extended, that such an amendment covering nothing else ought to be adopted, and I wish you every success in promoting it."

It is said that Mr. Clergue, the gentleman who has transformed the face of Ontario, is ambitious to become the manager of a transcontinental railway, in addition to his iron, pulp and other works of great magnitude. He has already built a portion of the line in Algoma, and is said to be looking for a means of extending it East and West. That he will succeed if he takes the matter in hand there is little doubt. There seems to be no such word as failure in the vocabulary of that extraordinary gentleman. He has gone to Europe to arrange for a line of steamships to convey the products of his undertakings to the other side of the ocean and to land five hundred immigrants a month in the territory which he is opening up. Sault Ste. Marie, the centre of his operations, has more than doubled in population in five months, although his schemes may be said to be merely in their embryonic stages. There are fields for several men like him in British Columbia.

It is true that the United States proposes to build the Nicaragua canal, but British ships will prevent the locks from falling to pieces for lack of exercise and their owners will be the chief contributors towards its maintenance when it is built.

General French has been heard from and Helen Powell will soon be in harness again. Dewet might as well surrender.

Yesterday was the "shortest day," but you will not notice any "great stretching" for some time.

WIDE OPEN.
Philadelphia Record.
The joyous time now draweth nigh,
The time of turkey, pudding, pie;
Nor do we dream of after ills,
Of squalls and pills and Christmas bills!

ENTERTAINMENT FOR KRUGER.
Montreal Herald.

If Mr. Kruger really feels that his visit to Europe cannot be counted a success unless he sees Lord Salisbury, some one, perhaps the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, ought to see that the thing is brought about. It would, of course, have been more complimentary to the British Premier if Mr. Kruger had intimated his intention of dropping over to Westminster before those unfortunate experiences at Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg, but so much should not be made of an inadvertence, undoubtedly due to unfamiliarity with court customs. If he comes it may be safely assumed much will be found to interest and amuse as well as instruct the venerable statesman. The war department, with the practical workings of which Mr. Kruger is somewhat familiar, the office of the Colonial Secretary and its plans for the development of Britain's new South African colonies, both would have much to interest the visitor, to say nothing of certain documents dealing with the Afrikaner Bond and a long quiet talk with Lord Salisbury, to wind up the day. By all means let Mr. Kruger come.

SUDDEN CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT.
East London (Cape Colony) Dispatch.
Melbourn, in the Orange River Colony, has undergone some remarkable experiences of late. Both the English and Dutch forces have occupied it such a number of times that the inhabitants hardly know, until they look at the flag over the magistrate's court, whether the town for the day owes allegiance to Her Majesty or is claimed by Theron's guerrillas. Since May 23—four months ago—it has changed its rule no less than seven times.

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A wonderland of toys for the little folks. Every kind of toy that gladdens the heart of childhood. Toys that go by steam, toys that wind up, toys that go by a spring, toys for girls and boys.

One chance in a year, 25c, 35c and 50c toys, **100 EACH.**

Come early Monday morning if you can, as we expect the afternoon to be a record breaker; come any way. A hearty welcome to all.
Christmas All Over the Store.

Gifts for Women, Gifts for Men, Gifts for Girls, Gifts for Boys, Gifts for Everyone.

- Purses, 25, 35, 50c up to \$7.50 each.
- Card Cases, 50c and up.
- Chatelaine Bags, 50, 75c up to \$3.50.
- Beautiful Hand Embroidered French Hand Bags, \$3.75 to \$9.50.
- Manicure Pieces, 50c.
- Stick Pins and Hat Pins, 25, 50c and up.
- Hand Mirrors, 25, 50, 75c and \$1.00.
- Tea Spoons, small size, for gifts.
- Silver Mounted Dressing Combs, 75c and \$1.00.
- Jardiniere, 15, 25, 40 and 50c.
- Button Hooks, 25c to \$1.25.
- Shoe Horns, 50 to \$1.25.
- Nail Files 25 to 75c.
- Paper Knives, 25c to \$1.00.
- Nail Brushes, 50c to \$1.25.
- Tooth Brushes, 50c to \$1.25.
- Glove Stretchers, \$2.25.
- Embroidery and Nail Scissors.
- Pocket Knives, 50c to \$2.00.
- Blotters, 50 to 75c.
- Vaseline Jars, 25c to \$2.75.
- Ink Stands, 25c to \$2.00.
- Tooth Brush and Powder Jars, 50c.
- Toilet Bottles, \$1.25 to \$2.00.
- Napkin Rings, \$2.00.

Xmas Handkerchiefs

- Gentlemen's Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 25, 50 and 75c each
- Gentlemen's Plain and Twill Hemstitched Silk, Plain and Initial, 50, 75c and \$1.00.
- Ladies' Embroidered Linen Lawn, Swiss handwork, 25, 50, 75c and \$1.00
- Real Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs, \$1.50, \$2.00 up to \$5.00.
- Leather Travelling Bags, for Ladies and Gentlemen, \$17.50 to \$35.

Kid Gloves for Ladies, Kid Gloves for Men, Kid Gloves for Children.

(Lined and unlined); popular makes, popular shades and popular prices, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 pair.

Xmas Slippers

In the Boot and Shoe Department, Broad street end, a beautiful display of these pretty, serviceable, useful and appropriate Xmas gifts.

Slippers for Women, Slippers for Men, Slippers for Children.

- In great variety.
- Men's Fancy Velvet or Alligator, with patent leather back, 90c.
- Men's Dongola, Juliet style, worth \$2.25; only \$1.75.
- Very Fine Kid Slippers, high front and back, hand turn soles, in chocolate, tan and black; \$2.75.
- Felt, Juliet style, fur around top, blue and cardinal; \$1.25 to \$2.00.
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- All kinds of felt Bedroom Slippers, 25c to 75c.
- One word for Ladies' Boots. See our stock of "Queen Quality", the famous Shoe for women, at \$3.75.

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WANTED—A position as clerk in commercial office, by youth of 19; typewriter; excellent local references. K. E. V. P., Times Office.
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CANARIES FOR SALE—Good singers. Apply to Mrs. Lange, 84 1/2 Douglas street, up stairs.
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Santa will hold a Grand Reception at The Grotto up till 10 o'clock to night, and give away Boxes of Candies.

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Magnificent realization of the Fairy God-Mother transforming Cinderella into a Beautiful Lady.

Santa's Xmas Tree and the Dip Ponds

Follow the Red Line - It leads from the Grotto to Santa's Xmas Tree.

Tremendous Sale of Kid Gloves

This is the greatest Kid Glove day of the year. We're prepared to do the Biggest Glove Trade in Victoria by offering the greatest inducements ever offered in this city.

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One bottle of fine Perfume given away with every pair of Kid Gloves purchased at The Westside TO-DAY and MONDAY.

Prices of Kid Gloves.

Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, every pair is guaranteed. 90c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 per pair. Gents' Gloves, Dent's celebrated Gloves, dog skin or kid. \$1.00



Great Handkerchief Sale

Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs... Fine Hemstitched Pure Linen Handkerchiefs... Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs... Children's Initial Handkerchiefs



Ladies' Silk Waists

Rich and Pleasing Xmas Gifts... Black Taffeta Silk Waists... Colored Taffeta Silk Waists... Colored Bengaline Silk Waists



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Ladies' Brown Fur Muffs, \$2. Ladies' Natural Opossum Muffs, \$3.50. Electric Seal Muffs, \$4.50. Black Sea Otter Collars, \$5. Alaska-Sable Collars, \$12.75 to \$30. Mink Fur Collars, \$9 to \$23.

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The Craigflower bridge repairs have been completed, and that thoroughfare has again been thrown open to traffic.

In the County court yesterday afternoon, the plaintiff in the case of Taylor vs. Jensen were not suited. In the Chinese case judgment was rendered.

The regular weekly matinee, conducted by the Savoy management in the A. O. U. W. hall is being held this afternoon. An excellent programme has been arranged.

The remains of the late Charles M. Christie will be laid to rest tomorrow afternoon. The funeral will take place from the residence of the brother of the deceased, No. 100 North Chatham street. Members of the I. O. O. F. will attend.

William Wright has complained to the police that some of his clothing is missing. He alleges that he left them at a saloon with the understanding that the proprietor would take charge of them. When he went to recover his property he was told that his apparel had been appropriated by another individual. The police are investigating.

Before Mr. Justice Martin this morning, E. B. Gregory made application to make absolute a rule nisi for a writ of habeas corpus to produce the body of Collins, the defendant in the suit of Bullock vs. Collins, and discharge him. Collins, it will be remembered, was committed to jail for debt of over \$4,000, which he had incurred in administering Bullock's estate during the absence of the latter in England. The application was resisted by Mr. Barnard, and the application was refused. Mr. Gregory has already appealed from the original order of commitment, and this appeal will be heard by the Full court in January. The writ of habeas corpus was applied for in order, if possible, to have Collins released before Christmas.

Ladies, think! At this time of the year you are looking for gloves for yourself and friends, particularly for your friends. Now you may be satisfied with a glove not up to the standard of best for yourself, but good taste demands that you give only as presents to friends an article that is up to date in style, quality and price. Our gloves have steadily gained favor by their inherent merit, and besides, the treatment we have accorded our patrons by way of exchanging gloves that have been fitted on and broken or found otherwise defective has so largely increased our trade that we can now show the largest variety of gloves in the city. In fact our name on the button is a guarantee of quality and of satisfaction. All gloves \$1 up; that may be found faulty in shade, size or manufacture will be pleasantly exchanged and fitted at the counter after Xmas. Geo. R. Jackson.

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Grand Military Assault at Arms, Philharmonic hall, Thursday and Friday, December 27th and 28th, under the management of A. G. Beech. Admission 50c. Reserved seats a limited number. Tickets at Lombard's Music Store, 75c.

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HOLIDAYS COMMENCED

Final Exercises in the Schools Were Held Yesterday Afternoon.

An excellent programme was rendered in Pemberton gymnasium yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the closing exercises of the Girls' Central school. To the bearing of the "soul-stirring drum" the girls marched in a grand procession where a large number of relatives and friends had assembled. The interior of the building presented an attractive appearance. Among those present were: Lady Joly, the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Hon. J. D. Prentiss and Mrs. Prentiss, Mr. Henry and Lady Crozier, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. E. S. Rowe, Lieut.-Col. Grogery, Major Williams, Trustee Drury, Mrs. Bayne, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Jay.

A feature of the programme was the presentation of a trophy by Lieut.-Col. Gregory to No. 2 Company, commanded by Miss Lena Marks, for the best drilled contingent in the competition on Thursday afternoon. The trophy is a handsome silver cup. The next competition will take place in the summer, preceding the mid-summer closing examinations. The trophy must be won two years successively before its possession becomes final. The prize for the long distance swimming competition, held during the summer - a handsome ebony hand glass - was presented by Bishop Perrin to Miss Nicholls. The prize was donated by Col. Benson.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. E. S. Rowe, Bishop Perrin, Trustee Mrs. Grant and Trustee R. L. Drury, and the following programme was rendered: Carol - "Rejoice With Alleluia"; Piano Duet... Kindergarten Song... "Lord Hosanna"; Violin Solo... "The Rose"; Carol... "The Child of Peace"; Address to Major Williams... By Mr. St. Clair Carol... "The Wondrous Story"; Speeches... "God Save the Queen."

There were over two hundred present in the assembly hall of North Ward school yesterday afternoon, where the closing exercises of the school were held. The apartment was excellently decorated with flags, evergreen and bunting, while some cleverly executed colored chalk sketches adorned the blackboards. The teachers were all presented with appropriate gifts by their pupils, the principal receiving a neatly framed photograph of Lord Roberts. The janitor was presented with a framed photograph of Lord Kitchener, and his wife with a purse by the teachers. After the conclusion of the exercises, consisting of songs and recitations, a teachers' banquet was held.

The Kingston street school held their closing exercises yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A large number were present and the room in which the exercises were held was neatly decorated. The children entertained the visitors with carols, choruses and recitations. An address was delivered by Rev. W. Leslie Gray. During the afternoon the principal made the pleasing announcement that \$50 had been collected toward the fund now being raised for the purchase of a piano for the school. The proceedings terminated by the singing of the "Maple Leaf" and the National Anthem.

The closing exercises at Spring Ridge school were held yesterday morning. No closing exercises were held at South Park and Victoria West schools yesterday.

In connection with the exercises at the Boys' Central school yesterday morning, it might be mentioned that Trustee Drury presented a medal to Master Hilda Houston for demonstrating his superiority in a swimming competition instituted by Instructor St. Clair during the past summer. The lad swam 100 yards in the splendid time of 1 minute 25 seconds. In long distance swimming Master Arthur Clegg carried off the prize. A hat was presented by Mr. St. Clair to Master Charles Brown for pole climbing.

The exercises at Hillside school were held yesterday morning, when an address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Vichert. The program list is as follows: From Division I. to Second Primer - S. Blackwell, teacher - Harvey Atkinson, Charles Barnes, Mary Baines, Edward Brooks, Ernest Babchuck, George Blackman, James Cain, Willie Campbell, Josephine Cousins, Charles Catterall, Wong Chun, Irene Carter, Helen Connors, Agnes Hansen, Blanche Hampson, Nora Hewlings, Leo Ives, May Jennings, Bertram Lemon, Leslie Lane, Bak Goon Lee, Quan Luck, Edna McCarter, Thomas Morell, Hazel Morrison, Roy Meldrum, Albert Moody, Hazel McKittrick, Esther Marmont, Robert Morser, Clifford Noble, Frank Palmer, Beatrice Palmer, Alfred Smith, Alex. Simpson, Elsie Solloway, Robert Turner, Planche Yain, Richard Walker, Wesley Walker, Charlotte Walker, Sun Wong, Willie Warnock, Wallace Williams, Allen Footo and Gladys Ledingham.

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GIFTS FOR THE MEN

If you'd like to hit a man just where he'd feel it, give him a necktie or a handkerchief. Men never have too many ties, and they're always acceptable. We're showing a splendid range of new ones at

25c. and 50c. each.

Gloves are a good thing to have "on hand" about Xmas time. If you guess he's just wrong we'll change them for him after Xmas.

75c., \$1 or \$1.25

Buy a good pair. Umbrellas "are going up" all over town these rainy days. Wouldn't he be pleased with a nice one? Not expensive here.

\$1, \$1.50, \$2, or \$2.75

Silk handkerchiefs with initials, 22x22 inches square, for 50 cents

That's fifteen cents less than they're worth. W.G. CAMERON, The Acknowledged Cheapest Cash Clothes in Victoria, 15 JOHNSON STREET.



WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 22-5 a. m. - A high barometer area of moderate dimensions overlies central Oregon. The barometer is falling on our Coast and there are indications of another disturbance approaching Vancouver Island. Rain has fallen over Washington, Oregon and the districts of the Straits and Sound. In the Northwest the barometer is low, and snow has fallen at several points, but the centre of yesterday's storm has passed east of the Great Lakes.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity - Fresh or strong easterly or southerly winds, unsettled, with rain, and somewhat colder.

Lower Mainland - Light or moderate winds, chiefly easterly, higher on Straits, unsettled, with rain, not much change in temperature.

Reports. Victoria - Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 42; minimum, 30; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster - Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, fair.

Nanaimo - Wind, E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops - Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 28; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco - Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, fair.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

A few lots of Calendars, 1901, for sale. Johnston's, Douglas street.

Job lot of cross-cut saws to be sold at less than half price. Shore's Hard ware.

You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

FIREWORKS for the youngsters during the Christmas holidays. Order from Hitt Bros., Tel. 290.

The death took place yesterday of Annie Maud Morrissey at the residence of her parents, Cedar Hill road. Deceased was 19 years of age.

Xmas Presents for everyone in the finest quality of Boots and Shoes for Misses, Boys, Youths and Men at Nangle's, 66 Fort street, the People's Shoe Shop.

Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per sack, \$4.25; per gallon, \$3.00; per quart, 75c. New England Hotel.

Ladies come and see the elaborate furnished parlor on Welles' second floor. The walls are hung with handsome Tapestries, and it will be a real treat, we assure you.

Grand Military Assault at Arms, Philharmonic hall, Thursday and Friday, December 27th and 28th, under the management of A. G. Beech. Admission 50c. Reserved seats a limited number. Tickets at Lombard's Music Store, 75c.

The funeral of the late Joseph Wm. Mackay will take place from the family residence tomorrow afternoon, and later from Christ Church Cathedral. The religious services will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Beaudouin both at the church and grave.

Yesterday afternoon, when asked regarding the enforcement of the fat ban, sent forth by the board of police commissioners, Chief Langley replied that since the order was issued, all gambling resorts in the city had been closed.

Special Christmas services will be held in St. Columba's church tomorrow evening. The church is being decorated for the occasion, and a splendid programme of sacred music has been arranged. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fraser.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Sabbath school of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, will take place in Semple's hall on Friday evening, 28th inst. Tea will be served to the children from 6 to 8, followed by an excellent programme, for which the children have been in training for the past four or five weeks, closing with the distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

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Provincial News

VANCOUVER. Miss Carrie J. Martin became the bride of Milton James Yee on Thursday morning.

On Wednesday, December 19th, Rev. J. Reid united George Arrive Stevens and Elizabeth King, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Freeman, of this city.

NANAIMO.

Thirty-one pupils wrote at the examination for entrance to the High school, which was concluded a few days ago.

The police are becoming seriously concerned over the increase of juvenile delinquency in this city.

The final session of the royal commission of enquiry into the claims of the settlers within the E. & N. railway belt was held in the court house here on Wednesday evening.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

A pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Mary's church on Wednesday, when Miss Stella Hutchinson and Richard A. Gillespie were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Following the break of the lower part of the dyke on Lulu Island, which occurred on Sunday, news has been received of further damage to the sea walls which protect the farms of the lower Fraser.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Prov. Clear, Co. L. Goodere, W. S. Fraser & Co. S. D. Puroe, Mrs. Puroe, S. McFeeley & Co. G. E. Munro & Co. John Bros, Mrs. Underhill, Miss Underhill.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—E. A. Wallace, Mrs. J. Cochran, W. Wilby, T. N. Hibben, Vic. News Co. O. B. Ormond, S. B. Russell, D. E. Hall, Mrs. G. Rhodes, W. W. Coppersmith, A. Hollinger, Mrs. J. Welton, D. Jones, E. B. Thrall, Mrs. Brown, Merc. Bk. of Halifax, Miss Logie, Fred. Carne, C. Wurtel.

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Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Trench county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for cough, and never fails to cure."



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Calendars now ready for distribution.

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MUNICIPAL

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1900, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1900," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Total Amount of Arrears, etc. Lists various property lots and their owners.

Steamer In Distress

Gale in the Straits Has Compelled Several Vessels to Return to Port.

The Chas. D. Lane is in a Dangerous Position and Liable to Go on Rocks.

The steamer Robert Dallas, coal laden for San Francisco, after an ineffectual attempt to make headway against it returned here and is awaiting the abatement of the wind.

If You Are Looking...

For a suitable present for father or mother, let us suggest a pair of GOLD OR GOLD FILLED Spectacles or Eyeglasses. We exchange the glasses to suit them, free of charge, after the holidays.

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TURKEYS! TURKEYS! A carload of Eastern Turkeys just received. We have a good Turkey or Goose for every family in Victoria.

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AN INSPECTION OF OUR BRACELETS

Will sure to please and make a good Xmas Present.

When the steamer Queen City arrives back from Cape Scott, on which trip she leaves this evening, she will probably have a story of wreck.

Steamer Klambill, which cleared from Seattle on the 15th for Honolulu, carrying passengers and freight, sprang a leak when about two days and a half out, and has returned to port for repairs.

Steamer Rainier, towing the ship Gen. Frisbie, lumber laden, has returned to Seattle after a forty-eight hour voyage with the wind and waves off Cape Flattery.

There is a proposal on foot to make Dutch Harbor a coaling and supply station for the benefit of the United States transport service to the Orient.

A GREAT BUILDER—The D. & L. Knudsen of God Liver Oil is a great builder. It gives weight, adds healthy flesh, and overcomes any ailment of weakness.

A marriage took place at Tottenham registry office in which the bridegroom was eighty-five years of age. His bride was some fifty years younger.

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Notice.

The General Scavenger Business formerly carried on by the late Ed. Lines will be carried on by Mrs. Ed. Lines, who wishes to thank customers for their past favors, and hopes they will continue their patronage.

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We have had quite a large consignment of excellent Furniture sent us for America this Christmas. Part of it was sold on Monday last. We will see to the remainder WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

Monday Next, Dec. 24th, AT 2 P. M.

Including: Very fine Oak and Mahogany Centre Tables, also Oak Rockers, with top and leather seat; elegant Silver Fish Carvers, Electro-Plated Fish Set, etc.

Church Services To-Morrow

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. Preacher, morning—Canon Beaulieu; evening, Rev. W. B. Allen. The musical portion follows: Morning, Voluntary—Intermezzo, Biaz Violin, etc.

ST. JAMES. Regular services morning and evening. Rev. W. B. Allen will preach in the morning at 11, and Rev. Canon Beaulieu in the evening at 7 o'clock.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL. Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "Watchman, What of the Night?" evening subject, "Lo, I am With You."

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. D. MacLach, pastor. Services suitable to the Christmas season at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, minister. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath school at 2:30; Bible class at 3 p. m.; Prayer meetings on Sunday at 10 a. m. and Thursday at 8 p. m.

Morning. Organ—Andante, Gullmunt Psalm, 71 Anthem—Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings, 30, 32 and 35 Quartette—The Lord's Prayer, Excell Mrs. McCandless, Miss Miller, Messrs. Fraser and Barton.

MORNING PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor. Both services will have special reference to the advent of Christ, with appropriate selections of songs of praise. Sabbath school and Bible classes at 9:30; Junior Endeavor and congregational prayer meeting at 10 a. m.; Senior Endeavor at 8 p. m.

METROPOLITAN METHODIST. The pastor will preach at both services. JAMES BAY METHODIST. The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock. In the evening the story which has been read by the pastor during the month will be concluded.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL. The usual services will be held in the First Congregational church morning and evening in the Temperance hall, Pandora street, and will be conducted by Rev. David Field, the pastor pro tem. The subject for the evening will be "The Gift of Gifts." Appropriate Christmas music will be rendered by the choir. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. meets at 8:45, after the evening services.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD. Public lecture at 8:15 p. m.; subject, "Man's Limitations." Afternoon class for children at 2:30 o'clock. A mathematician has discovered that a bicyclist can travel fifteen miles over a good road on his wheel with less exertion than he can walk three miles.

Sporting News

WHIST. THE J. R. A. A. WON. The progressive whist tournament on Thursday night between the J. R. A. A. and Pacific club representatives, was won by the former by 50 points.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. MATCH SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 25. The secretary of the Victoria Association football team has received word from Extension that owing to the cancelling of the E. & N. trains on Christmas, the members of Extension United football team will not be able to reach Victoria in time to play the game scheduled to take place at the California grounds on Christmas afternoon. Consequently the proposed match cannot come off, but will be played later on in the season.

JUNIOR GAME WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. The disputed match scheduled to take place between the Boys' Brigade and the Victoria West team will not be contested this afternoon on account of the death of Mr. Moore, of Esquimalt, who was well known by the members of the Victoria West team.

Personal.

Mrs. D. W. Miquay and daughter, of Chemainus, and Mrs. D. Alexander, of Duncan, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Oriental. Capt. Steele, of the steamer Tees, is suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever at the Vancouver hospital.

A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, leaves for the Mainland to-morrow morning on official business. J. D. Warren was among the passengers from Vancouver yesterday. J. Roderick Robertson, of Nelson, is a guest at the Grand hotel.

A good Macintosh at a small figure. On Saturday and Monday we will sell the celebrated Charles Macintosh & Co. waterproof in navy, fawn, black or grey, at a reduction of one-third off the regular price. A rattling good Xmas gift. The F. R. id Co. 122 Government street.

Mr. Williams has sounded the first official trumpet blast in connection with the approaching municipal elections. He has posted a notice of motion on the bulletin board at the city hall to the effect that the nominations be held on Monday, January 15th, between the hours of 12 a. m. and 2 p. m., also that the polling for mayor be held in the police court-room on Thursday, January 17th, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., and that W. W. Northcott be returning officer.

About 9:30 o'clock this morning, just as the inbound Victoria & Sidney train reached Mack's Crossing at the head of Elk lake, the passenger coach left the track, fortunately with no serious results. There were several passengers in the coach at the time, but no one was hurt. The cause of the accident was probably the slipping of the rails. This was the only portion of the train which jumped the track, the engine and box car remaining on the rails.

A telephone message to the police station this morning took Constable J. Woods to the lower portion of Pembroke street, to solve the mystery of the find of a tin box containing several neckties and a few other articles. The box was removed to the police station, where it was subsequently claimed.

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SHIPPING NEWS. HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT. VICTORIA TIDES. By F. Napier Denison. The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average low water tide, and 38.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock. Sunday, Dec. 23. Monday, Dec. 24.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FOR SALE—Cheap, part furnishings of a cottage. Address "Furniture, Times Office." DRESSMAKING—Mrs. Russell has resumed business at 132 Fort street. Orders promptly executed at moderate prices. Evening work a specialty.

FUNERAL NOTICE. All members of the Orange Association are requested to meet at St. William Wallace Hall, Broad street, Sunday, 23rd, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of late Bro. A. C. Muir, of Esquimalt. L. O. L. 714. W. O. WALLACE, Secy. L. O. L. 1426.

TWO HORSES WANTED. Offers will be received by the undersigned up to Thursday, Dec. 27th, 1900, for purchasing two horses for the fire department. Weight to be from 1,200 to 1,400 lbs. each. Bid to include price of delivery in Vancouver. In case a satisfactory offer is received, acceptance to be on condition that the animals are sound and to the satisfaction of a veterinary surgeon. THOS. F. MCGUIGAN, City Clerk. Vancouver, Dec. 20th, 1900.

Peerless Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F. Held their regular meeting last night, which was well attended. They put on the work of First and Second Degrees in a very creditable manner, giving one brother the First Degree and two brothers the Second Degree of Oddfellowship. Next Friday night Peerless Lodge gives one brother the First Degree and two brothers the Third Degree.

Dupont, colonization agent of the Lake St. John railway, has just returned to Quebec from a business trip to the United States in the interest of repatriation. He says French-Canadians in general are well disposed to listen to appeals of repatriation, and he expects a large number of new arrivals from the state of Maine at the opening of spring.

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MARRIED. VYB-MARTIN—At Vancouver, on Dec. 20th, by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Milton J. Vyb and Miss Carrie J. Martin.

STEVENS-FREEMAN—At Vancouver, on Dec. 19th, by Rev. J. Reid, George A. Stevens and Miss Elizabeth Freeman.

GILLESPIE-HUTCHINSON—At New Westminster, on Dec. 19th, by Rev. J. Hart, wife Davis, Richard A. Gillespie and Miss Stella Hutchinson.

MUIR—On the 21st inst., at Esquimalt, Archibald C. Muir, aged 55 years, a native of Scotland.

Funeral will take place from late residence on Sunday, the 23rd inst., at 2:30 p. m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

MORRISSEY—At the family residence, Bunsford, on the 21st inst., Annie Maud, beloved daughter of Michael and Annie Morrissey, aged 19 years, a native of Esquimalt.

The funeral will take place from above residence on Sunday at 12:30 p. m., and later from Cedar Hill church. Friends will please accept this intimation.

On Saturday and Monday, one-third off regular prices on all Overcoats and Boys' Beaver Jackets at the S. Reid Co., 22 Government street.

The loyal chiefs have captured the Ashanti Queen's mother and the rebel King Kekufo, and hope soon to capture the remaining rebel chiefs.

YOU WILL BE SURPRISED. To know how far a little money will go in our store. We have: VIOLINS, from \$1.25 to \$30.00. GUITARS, from 6.50 to 40.00. MANDOLINS, from 3.00 to 40.00. AUTOHARPS, from 2.50 to 7.50. MUSIC BOXES, from 75 to 110.00. ORGANS, from 50.00 to 150.00. PIANOS, from 325.00 to 500.00.

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