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RECEIVED AMBASSADORS.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 18.—United States Ambassador Choate and the other ambassadors and ministers to Great Britain presented their credentials to King Edward at Marlborough House at noon today.

KING CHRISTIAN'S BIRTHDAY.

(Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, March 18.—Dowager Empress Marie of Russia will arrive here tomorrow and will remain until after the celebration of the 83rd anniversary of the birth of her father, King Christian IV. The King and Queen of England were expected to be present at the celebration, but have postponed their visit until later in the year. King Christian will go to Wiesbaden in April. Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and her consort are expected here shortly.

CADBURY'S GIFT.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 18.—George Cadbury, the chocolate manufacturer, has presented to the city of Birmingham an estate of 416 acres, valued at £180,000, upon which to build houses for the working classes.

HOUE'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES

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Are Better Than the Best.

The Bear Backs Down

Russian Diplomacy Reported to Have Received a Check In Far East.

Claims to Exclusive Rights in Mongolia and Turkistan To Be Abandoned.

Tien Tsin Situation Unchanged—Number of Guards Has Been Reduced.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 18.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking, says Chinese officials say they have been informed from St. Petersburg that Russia abandons her claim to exclusive rights in Mongolia and Turkistan and consents to modify the stringency of her control of the civil administration of Manchuria, agreeing that the convention shall be published as soon as it is signed in St. Petersburg, a fortnight hence.

This is the first check inflicted upon Russian diplomacy in China since Lord Salisbury was ejected into the withdrawal of the British troops from Port Arthur in 1898, and it cannot fail prominently to modify the situation by convincing the Chinese that there still exists international combinations, capable of maintaining the equilibrium of the Far East.

Will Be Settled.

New York, March 17.—In referring to the territorial dispute between Russia and Great Britain in China, Mr. Isaac N. Ford, in his cable to the New York Tribune, says: "The foreign office is silent regarding the occupation of the railway siding at Tien Tsin by Russian troops after Indian sentries had been protecting the workmen. It is probable the matter will be settled by diplomatic means, after protests have been exchanged between the military commanders. The siding is claimed as territory within the Russian concession and has been occupied, although the North China railway contains that it has clear proprietary rights. If Gen. Barrow does succeed in settling the dispute, although the situation is fraught with danger."

No Change in Situation.

Tien Tsin, March 18.—There is no change in the situation developed by the Anglo-Russian railway dispute here. The Russian and British forces are still represented by small detachments, with officers, encamped on opposite sides of the siding. The latest frontier news is exhibited toward the other by the opposing parties, but as a measure of precaution the guards have been reduced to 27 on either side, in order to prevent any possible collision during the negotiations.

Troops May Be Withdrawn.

London, March 18.—On the highest official authority the Associated Press is authorized to announce that the difficulty at Tien Tsin between the Russians and the British over the connection of a railway siding in territory claimed by both, probably will be settled by the withdrawal of both the British and the Russian troops from the ground of dispute.

Waiting for Instructions.

Peking, March 18.—Little was accomplished at today's meeting of the foreign ministers on account of the delay in the Russian and British forces are still represented by small detachments, with officers, encamped on opposite sides of the siding.

Will Dismiss Governor.

Beilin, March 18.—A dispatch received from Swatow says that on the demand of the German consul at Swatow the district governor of Hai Hing will be dismissed on account of his anti-Christian attitude and his dilatoriness in dealing with German claims. Two Chinese participants in the anti-German riots have been beheaded.

Earl Li Improving.

London, March 18.—A dispatch from Shanghai announces the sailing today of United States Minister Conger.

The condition of Li Hung Chang has improved.

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MAN SHOT DEAD.

Crowd Threatened to Lynch the Murderer, Who Was Saved by Police.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, March 18.—As a sequel to a chicken theft, Chas. Rinck was shot dead by Daniel Peters. Within ten minutes after the shooting a large crowd gathered at Peters' house and threatened to lynch him, but the arrival of the patrol wagon with policemen prevented any mob violence. The cause of the trouble was the theft of 15 chickens from a hen roost. Four of the missing hens, it is said, were found in Peters' coop. Rinck started out to get a warrant for Peters' arrest, when he met Peters near the latter's house, and accused him of stealing the chickens. When Peters drew his revolver and fired four shots at Rinck, all taking effect.

PRISONERS TORTURED.

Bulgarians Declare They Were Ill-Treated Order to Make Them Confess.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, March 18.—At the first continuing trial of Bulgarian prisoners accused of belonging to the Revolutionary committee at Sofia and of fomenting disorder in Salonica, Monastir and Kousovo, recently begun at Salonica, a sensation was occasioned by a declaration by two of the accused that the confessions previously made by them were extorted by the use of the bastinado and by other ill-treatment to which they were subjected while in prison. They now deny the charges brought against them.

Fight With Pirates

They Murdered Portion of Crew and Passengers of Small Trading Junk.

Italian Cruiser Opened Fire on Murderers Killing Twenty-Nine Men.

(Associated Press.)

Tacoma, Wn., March 18.—Mail Oriental advices give details of a sharp fight last month between an Italian cruiser and a large junk loaded with 40 pirates, which was caught overhauling a small trading junk, a portion of whose crew and passengers had been killed and injured before the cruiser reached the scene.

The fight occurred on the coast of Tai Choo, near Che Kiang. The cruiser opened fire with machine guns as soon as she got within range of the pirate junk and home down so swiftly that only 11 out of the 40 were left alive when the cruiser towed the junk into Xing Po, where the five pirates were delivered to the governor for punishment.

The governor of Xing Po gave the officers and crew of the cruiser a handsome present of cattle and fresh vegetables.

Six of the pirates were executed, the rest of the others were to be beheaded later.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Mr. Peck Coming West to See About a Landing Place—Conservative Tariff Policy—Budget Debate.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 18.—E. P. Peck, London, Eng., of the Commercial Cable Co. is in the city on his way to Vancouver. He goes to the Pacific Coast to see about a landing place for the Pacific cable.

Mr. McGreevy introduced a bill in the House to amalgamate the Great Northern system and Mackenzie & Mann roads in Manitoba.

Col. Pflor complained of the quality and style of clothes given to the South African police.

In reply to Col. Pflor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that government agents in British Columbia were instructed, as far as possible, to employ Canadian labor.

R. L. Beiden, leader of the opposition, resumed the budget debate. In support of his motion, he attacked the large subsidy granted to the tobacco and sugar industry.

He said that the Conservatives had a definite policy in regard to tariff, that was protection, while the Liberals had none.

MINERS AND THEIR WAGES.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, March 18.—Superintendent Samuel M. Robins, of the New Vancouver Coal Company, informed a deputation from the Nanaimo Miners' Union, appointed to ask for ten per cent. increase of wages now that the contracts have expired, that he could not grant it. The deputation strongly argued the question, but Mr. Robins refused the firm. Before the deputation retired he told them that not only was he compelled to decline the requested advance, but he must inform the miners that within six months the present wages would be reduced.

The whole matter is to be considered at a special meeting of the Miners' Union next Saturday night.

A FLAG INCIDENT.

Vancouver, March 18.—A sensational incident occurred yesterday in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the city of Vancouver. A flag in the city hall under the Union Jack, led by J. S. McDonald, was being hoisted when the flag was being hoisted, ordered the caretaker not to put it up. The question will be discussed at the council meeting this evening.

Boers Lost Heavily

Last Month Five Hundred and Sixty Were Killed and Wounded.

While One Thousand Lay Down Their Arms or Were Captured.

Dewet's Commando Has Been Broken Up—Victoria Boys Reach Halifax.

(Associated Press.)

Pretoria, March 18.—The prospects of peace are considered still hopeful. The Boer losses last month were 160 killed, 400 wounded and 1,000 captured and surrendered.

Owing to heavy rains Gen. French's transport difficulties are still enormous.

Commando Broken Up.

Capetown, March 18.—Gen. Dewet's commando has been broken up at Senekal, Orange River Colony.

Canadians at Halifax.

Halifax, March 18.—The Elder Dempster liner Lake Champlain arrived in port yesterday from Liverpool, among her passengers being 28 returning Canadian soldiers.

Among the 28 Canadians were the following British Columbians: Ptes. H. Winifred, R. W. Winemars and J. P. Neville; of Nelson: H. Fraser, N. W. Yeiman, C. W. Shaw, Vernon; J. Spencer, W. Winkie, W. Fraser and J. Elliott, Victoria. None of the men were invalided, but had remained in England visiting friends after their corps had left for Canada. They all belonged to Strathcona's Horse.

Constabulary Excused.

Ottawa, March 18.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association on Saturday it was decided that as the South African Constabulary is distinctly a permanent Imperial organization, its members are not included amongst those for whose benefit this fund was raised.

Private O'Brien Returned.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, March 18.—Pte. O'Brien, first contingent, arrived this afternoon from South Africa.

Col. Steele's Denial.

Ottawa, March 18.—Col. Steele writes as follows to the Ottawa Citizen: "I notice an item in Saturday's Citizen stating that I am about to commence the work of recruiting another 1,000 men for the South African Constabulary, and that I have the necessary authority from the Imperial war office to recruit, equip and issue commissions for the proposed force. This is entirely incorrect. I returned to Canada in command of Lord Strathcona's Horse and have no authority to recruit, equip or issue commissions to any force proceeding from Canada to South Africa."

"Signed" S. B. Steele, Lt.-Col., South African Constabulary.

THE MISSION FAILED.

German General Met With a Cool Reception in St. Petersburg.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, March 18.—Parliamentary circles relate that Gen. von Werder, who was sent on a special mission to St. Petersburg, this time met with a cool reception at the Russian capital, and that the private mission with which Emperor William entrusted him and which was intended to explain away all misunderstandings which have arisen lately practically failed. It is understood that Count Lambsdorff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, also recently questioned Gen. von Werder regarding the German mission in favor of the annexation of Austria's German speaking provinces.

TAX REFORM IN DENMARK.

(Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, March 18.—Although the tax reform bill which occasioned such political bitterness as almost to wreck the ministry has been referred to a conference committee of the Riksdag, it is not likely the measure will reach a final vote at the present session. The cabinet has abandoned the idea of dissolution as the term of the Riksdag expires early in April and new elections will be held for the following, or lower house. These will be fought on the tax reform bill. Both parties are strong. Both parties are making strong efforts to secure the agrarian vote.

CARNEGIE FOR MAYOR.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 18.—Andrew Carnegie has been suggested for mayor of Greater New York by Abraham Gruber, Republican leader of the twenty-first assembly district. Mr. Gruber declared that he made this suggestion seriously and that he intended to encourage sentiment in favor of the nomination of Mr. Carnegie.

LAIN AT REST.

Remains of Ex-President Harrison Were Interred To-Day.

(Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., March 18.—Surrounded by 15,000 of his fellow citizens, the remains of Benjamin Harrison were yesterday afternoon interred in the family lot in Crown Hill cemetery. Close by the grave were the members of his family, President McKinley and other visitors of distinction, and the most intimate friends of the late President. It is doubtful if any public man, at least in this generation, has been honored in his last resting place among so many manifestations of respect. Of passionate grief there was but little outside members of his family, but the tribute of respect was universal.

The Riders of The Plains

Mr. Davis Recalls Incidents of His Connection With Mounted Police.

Some Stories of the Early Days of the Force in the Northwest.

The following very interesting paper was read by W. Davis at the Veterans' meeting last Friday evening. When the paper was finished a short programme of songs, recitations, etc., was rendered.

In the paper which I am about to read I will not attempt to give a description of that splendid body, the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police, whose achievements have been told by a blurbous thin mine.

The force to which reference has been made was organized in 1874, and numbered at that time about three hundred men.

Three years later a second contingent was recruited in the East, to reinforce this main body. I had had previous military experience, and attracted by the novel and hazardous nature of the service, volunteered for it.

Our destination being United States territory, we were obliged to part with our arms before proceeding further, our Salsder carbines (with which the Police were then armed) being forwarded in bond.

It was on this trip that we got our first taste of fighting, although the part we played in it was a somewhat inglorious one, owing to the country having been so long and the weather so bad.

At Ross Benton we were met by Col. McLeod, who, as the adjutant, Del. McLeod, had accompanied her husband.

Our next stopping place was St. Mary's, from which we proceeded to Mill River. Here we dined on lager beer and two or three kegs of whiskey.

Fort McLeod was at that time the headquarters of the Police, C. and B. troops, comprising fifty men each, being located at this point. Our barracks were pleasantly situated above the river, and were constructed of logs, which had been cut and stacked between the logs with mud.

ed us very much, and we decided to use a little stratagem to capture them. Having completed their meal the men went down the river to bathe, and we dashed out of the scrub in which we had been secreted, and secured their horses, arms and goods before they could rejoin them.

All danger did not lie in Indians or smugglers. The rigors of that northern climate often proved as deadly as bullets. One day, when two of our men went out to Holly River and their mounts returned without riders, and next morning we found them frozen to death.

After a probationary stay at this place we were transferred to Shoal Lake, where another three months were spent. Here, under the direction of Capt. (now Colonel) Herchmer, suitable barracks were put up. Trouble breaking out at Prince Albert with Minnesota Indians, we were ordered in November to Prince Albert to quiet those bucks.

I was an eye-witness of the great ceremony connected with the consummation of the treaty with the Blackfoot Indians during the controlship of Fred White. The pow-wow lasted three weeks, and there were one hundred of us detailed for duty during the entire period.

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Fashionable Head-Wear

Geranium, Cactus Red and Metallic Shades Are New Colors in Vogue.

Flat Hats Are the Style—Grand Display in Spencer's Arcade.

Now geranium, cactus red and metallic shades, are the fashionable colors in head wear this spring. Black, as usual, holds its own. Hats are flat, while the latest American and French outing design has entirely replaced the sailor style.

Such, in brief, is the information gleaned from the ladies in charge of the big millinery department of Spencer's Arcade. She says there has never been so many flowers in use as are to be seen this year, the queen of all, the rose, being of course the favorite.

The Arcade department, with its beautiful collection of artistic hats and bonnets which fill the largest showroom on every hand, almost defies description. It is decorated with palms, flowers and drapery of all kinds and warm words of praise in eulogy of the magnificent display are heard from the crowds which visit the place.

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Sporting News

INTERNATIONAL CABLE MATCH. London, March 16.—The British Chess Club has at last settled the question of dates for the International Cable match between Great Britain and America.

THE HUNT CLUB. SATURDAY'S RUN. The Victoria Hunt Club held their weekly cross-country run on Saturday, starting from the Gorge bridge.

THE WHEEL. THE SIX DAY RACE. Philadelphia, Pa., March 16.—The six-day 200-200-pace race, which began in the Industrial hall at midnight last Sunday, was ended to-night.

LAWN TENNIS. TOURNAMENT DATES FIXED. At a meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, of the executive committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, the tournament dates, among others, were fixed as follows:

California Lawn Tennis Club, San Francisco, May 23rd; Pacific State Lawn Tennis Association, Pacific Coast championship, Pasadena, Cal., July 2nd; United States Lawn Tennis Association, Western championship, doubles, and Western championship, singles, Kenwood Club, Chicago, July 8th; Eastern championship, doubles, and Longwood, singles, Longwood Country Club, Boston, July 22nd.

THE GUN. THE ELK BEING EXTERMINATED. In a Cumberland exchange an article recently appeared complaining that there is not a law for the protection of the elk, an animal which Vancouver Island possesses.

IMPORTATION OF QUAIL. Last week, the Cumberland Game Association received a shipment of six dozen Virginia quail from Wichita, Kansas. The birds were liberated the same evening between this place and Conroy.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. WON BY DEFAULT. The two league games scheduled to take place between Hill last Saturday afternoon only one was played, that between the Boys' Brigade and Victoria West.

BASKETBALL. THE VICTORIA WESTS TRIUMPHANT. The result of the basketball match in the drill hall on Saturday night was such as to evoke a lusty yell of triumph from the Victoria West team and adepts, and the lamented disappointment on the part of the coast city players.

VICTORIA WEST WIN. The old rival, Boys' Brigade and Victoria West, met again on Saturday when the former were defeated by a score of 20. The Victoria West team played with the wind in their favor during the first half.

VICTORIA WIN. The Victoria senior team journeyed to Nanaimo on Saturday and defeated the Coal City eleven in a league game by the British Columbia cup by four goals to nil.

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first to attack, Morrison making a good attempt to break through the Victoria defenses, but Goward cleared in fine style, York and Livingstone came down fine, but were pulled up by Wilkinson. A pretty passing movement between Simpson and J. Lorimer ended in S. Lorimer getting within shooting distance, but Morrison, the Nanaimo center, saved at the last moment without a struggle, and we had the satisfaction of seeing salutary justice being meted out to them shortly afterwards.

It was assumed it was evident that Victoria had a new strategy. The Nanaimo front rank making only five incursions to the Victoria goal, and on each of these occasions Goward could always be relied upon to return the blow to the Victoria front rank. Johnson now got within shooting distance and sent in a beautiful shot, but the Nanaimo custodian was equal to the occasion and did not let his opponent score.

For the winners, Goward, Johnson and J. Lorimer, the latter scoring the third goal for the Victoria team. Shortly after Simpson and J. Lorimer kicked the ball towards Morrison, and Livingstone banged it through the Nanaimo goal for the fourth time. After this three corners and a penalty kick were conceded to the Victoria eleven, but they were opposed by an exceptionally stout defence.

THE THISTLES. OF NANAIMO, arrived in the city at noon on Saturday, and in the afternoon at the Calcedonia park played and defeated the Columbian in the final game for the intermediate championship of British Columbia. The score at the end of the game stood two to one in favor of the Thistles. The local team put up a hard struggle, but could not stand against the superior weight of their opponents.

Shortly after play commenced Adams scored the first goal for the visiting team. The Columbian now braced up and tried their best to hold their opponents down, which they did with great success until half time. In fact on one or two occasions it looked as if the Columbian were to score and make things even, but the Nanaimo goalkeeper, Halston, prevented the ball from going through.

THE KING'S LIKING FOR RED. It is perhaps not generally known that our King is always pleased to see a soldier dressed in red. To Edward VII scarlet is emphatically the color for a fighting man. An officer who served in Parrow's Mounted Infantry during the Zulu war, and who was there, as indeed he is still, noted for a good look, happened, when got up in the full war paint of his regiment—the 20th Hussars—to pass under the eye of the then Prince of Wales.

THE ROD. BIG CATCH. The fishing season opened on Saturday with a beautiful weather. The special trains leaving the E. & N. on Saturday and Sunday were crowded. The lakes along the line were greatly patronized, although parties also went to other spots, and the numerous streams in the vicinity of the city. In most cases those returning from Shawhan had the biggest baskets. About the largest number caught by one man, however, was 71, and others came near that mark.

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ANTICIPATION. "Now, auntie, you know I want to marry Jack, and you know you are going to leave me all your money so we can set ourselves up nicely."

THE COUNTY COURT ROOMS. Commencing at 10 a.m. The Commission will be pleased to receive suggestions bearing upon the question from anyone. All parties interested are invited to communicate with the secretary, F. J. DEANE, Deane Hotel.

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DISINTERESTED TESTIMONY. "I believe the presence of the Chinese in our province to be an industrial and moral menace." Such is the evidence of Rev. W. L. Clay, given not in the witness box at the instance of a "working" or any other denomination of demagogues, but in the pulpit of a church of one of our principal religious denominations. This testimony is particularly interesting at this time, because it is so directly at variance with the beautiful altruistic and theological theories which gentlemen in the East without any practical knowledge of the subject delight to weave and to promulgate. Mr. Clay as a Christian believes that it is his duty to do all that lies in his power to secure the preaching of the gospel to the heathen at home or abroad, but he has the interest of his own province sufficiently at heart to recognize and speak of the injury which it is inflicting now from the influence for evil merrily and the unwholesome commercial and industrial competition of Mongolians. The Christian workers of Victoria know the Chinese nature better than most of us. They have had practical experience through more or less intimate relations with them in teaching and instructing. Their zeal has been tempered by practical knowledge of the race the depth of whose degradation has aroused their sympathies. There are no missionaries in British Columbia, we believe, who advocate the leveling down of barriers and the admission of the coolie hordes in order that we may "do them good." That is a beautiful, airy, romantic, high-flown theory or doctrine which has a truly "lovely" flavor when promulgated in tender, soothing tones before a luxurious Eastern congregation. Here in the West the enlightenment lent by distance is entirely lacking. It is a condition—and a very loathsome, unhealthy condition—and not a theory which confronts us.

with our race. The very idea is repugnant beyond measure. We want to see the British Columbia of the future white and British, not inhabited by a hybrid race with all the ennobling virtues of the higher type obliterated and the vices of Caucasian and Mongolian flourishing and sinking the unfortunate combination into depths beyond conception. These things being so, assimilation, being out of the question and a system akin to slavery being foreign to them. These things being so, assimilation which we do not desire and which can never be incorporated in the body politic be forced upon us by theorists who will not take the trouble to properly inform themselves? As the sentiments of our people are so pronounced, we conceive it to be the duty of all in authority, provincial or municipal, to do all in their power to place the facts before the Dominion commissioners. The future of British Columbia is in a great measure dependent upon their report to the government.

The Mayor of Toronto was elected to his position as a Tory. He wants to transact a large part of the corporation business in secret. The people who pay his salary have no right to know through the press what is being done with their money, according to Mayor's Howland's theories. He must be a Tory of the old school. Perhaps some of the blood of the Family Compact flows in his aristocratic veins. The population of the whole world is about 1,500,000,000. Of this Great Britain and her colonies have 25.9 per cent.; Russia, 8.09 per cent.; France, 6.3 per cent.; United States, 5.7 per cent.; Germany, 4.6 per cent.; Austro-Hungary, 3.1 per cent.; Italy, 2.2 per cent.

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM. No. II. It is not disputed by anyone that during the last decade a great mining industry has been built up in Kootenay. It is only disputed by a few that the main factor in building up that industry was the construction of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway. In my last article I endeavored to show how integral a factor in the development of the country this railway had been. But many while admitting this are apt to retain the opinion that the industry so built up is of no advantage to the United States. "It is only a 'tributary' to the United States and has ministered solely to the enrichment of towns in the United States. The trouble in dealing with a statement of this kind from a matter of fact business point of view is that it makes an auxiliary of a national prejudice. Patriotism is a very different thing. The patriot looks to the good of his own country with the eye of reason, the victim of national prejudice to the good of his neighbors with the eye of envy and hatred. Because our mining industry confers benefits on the United States it does not therefore follow that it is detrimental to Canada. In the mutual advantage of commerce there is nothing necessarily detrimental to either party to it. Certainly it, what were commonly said about the dependence of our mining industry were true, then there would be many elements in it excessively detrimental to Canada, or rather Canada might fairly be said not to be getting the full advantages of her mineral riches. It happens, however, that what is said is demonstrably false. Even if it were true it could easily be shown that the railways to the south, far from having had the effect of building up United States cities at the expense of Canadian cities, have had the precisely contrary effect of building up Canadian towns and Canadian industry with the money which the people of the United States are willing to pay for our gold, silver, lead, copper, coal and coke. An industry which is tributary to a foreign country must be so in some particular respect. It will not do to say: "It is tributary" and satisfied with having appealed to a prejudice to stop. Men are after all reasonable creatures (or supposed to be); it is impossible to argue on any other supposition and a prejudice unsupported by reason and fact though it is a dangerous and beastly thing, may be dissipated. I wish first to compare two districts, West Kootenay and Yale, with a view to their comparative advantage to the province in the way of contributing to the provincial revenue. Yale and Kootenay are both mining districts and their future capabilities were discovered practically about the same time. Yale is immensely greater in area than West Kootenay, and is now known to be immensely richer in mineral and other resources, that is, it is quite as rich per square mile, and there are a great many square miles. The one difference between the two countries is that West Kootenay possesses an easy and complete system of transportation to the south and Yale does not. In 1893 Yale contributed the sum of \$85,700.19 to the provincial revenue, and West Kootenay the sum of \$54,402.61. Yale's contribution was 50 per cent. larger than that of West Kootenay. In 1894 Yale paid \$132,208.57 in the treasury, West Kootenay paid in \$294,019.41. The revenue from Yale was 100 per cent. smaller than that from West Kootenay. The revenue from Yale increased during 1895-1900, from West Kootenay over \$200,000. The one great difference between the two countries was that while West Kootenay had a southern railway connection Yale had not. The fact that Yale had and has a much larger territory and much greater natural resources makes the comparison more startling. It is evident that the Southern railway connection has ministered very largely to the enhancement of the provincial revenue and to the advantage of the province in this respect. It is frequently charged that the Southern railway connection has made our mining industry antinational—"tributary" to the United States—because the merchants supplying the mines buy their goods in the United States. There are seven parts in British Columbia, three of which are situated in the mining districts of the interior and four on the coast of British Columbia. I am here dealing with the customs returns to 30th June, 1898, the latest available to me. There may be changes now. It does not matter. Later returns would point the moral and adorn the tale I have to tell still more strongly. I find that the three parts in the interior exported merchandise to the value of \$8,258,452 in that year and imported merchandise to the value of \$1,165,842. The result is a balance of trade of \$7,092,610, all of which was spent in Canada except the profits which went abroad to shareholders, and these were not conspicuously large. We have then the manufactures and commerce of Canada enriched during that year by the expenditure of \$7,092,610. Not much to be forgotten that while the expenditures for machinery and supplies on capital account, which were important, appear

in the statement of imports, there is no way of getting at the large expenditures on the same account made in Canada, which of course do not appear in the balance of trade, although for the purpose of a full comparison in this respect they should. In order to bring into full relief the meaning of this balance and its value to the manufacturer and commerce of our country permit me to compare with it the statistics for the same year of the ports on the coast of British Columbia. I find that these ports exported merchandise to the value of \$8,961,255 and imported merchandise to the value of \$7,524,421, so that there is left a balance of trade to enrich the manufacturer and home commerce of Canada of \$1,436,834. I hardly think it is necessary to explain or elucidate these figures any further. They dispose of this question once and for all. It is true that the inhabitants of Kootenay may use more imported goods than the figures show. But if they do, they buy them in other parts of Canada and they are goods incorporated in the ordinary demand of all the people, and not peculiar to the needs of the people of one section of the country. The figures dispose absolutely of the idea that Kootenay brings no commercial and manufacturing advantage to Canada, because it is "tributary to the United States." It is the Southern railway connection which has made the Kootenay of so great commercial importance. Yet people who have the interests of Canada at heart have actually been unwise enough to prevent actual business deriving the same advantages from a developed southern connection as its easterly neighbor, and many people hope and expect to see the Fernie coal industry deprived of this advantage also. These are the reasons for the continuous reservation made earlier that men were merely supposed to be reasonable beings. It having been clearly shown that not merely in spite of but actually because of its Southern railway connection Kootenay is a most valuable contributor to the provincial revenue and a magnificent market for Canadian manufactures and commerce as a whole, still another statement is to be confronted, that the profits of the mining industry have been and are being poured into alien pockets, that princely fortunes and princely homes have been built up in Spokane out of British Columbia mines. As a matter of fact, to-day I only know of one great mine in British Columbia owned by Americans, and that with never said any dividends yet, but with its development and smelter, represents an enormous outlay of capital. I had occasion to analyze the dividends paid during a period of this year and I found that 80 per cent. went to Canadian shareholders 15 per cent. to English shareholders, and 5 per cent. to American shareholders. I only wish that much larger and more regular dividends were going to all parts of the world where capital is abundant, for then capital would be poured into this country in an ever increasing stream. As for the millionaires of Spokane or elsewhere, somebody will have to take the same risks as they did when they made the same profits. Let us emulate their example instead of begrudging their success. One never hears of the Americans who brought a little money and lots pluck into this country, and who left it broken men or are still in it without having made a success of it. But this sort of thing did not have made the same profits. The final sense in which it could be maintained that the mining industry is tributary to the United States is that the towns, located in the mining districts are populated by aliens, and foreign and disloyal to Canada in sentiment. The greatest number of aliens in the country are to be found among the actual miners employed in the mines. 85 per cent. for the actual miners employed, Rossland and Nelson, the two towns which are connected with this Southern railway connection, are as completely Canadian towns as could well be found. With regard to the mines themselves, a census was taken recently among the B. A. C. employees at Rossland. This company in its various mines employs 819 men, of whom 438 are British subjects, 191 American citizens, 77 Swedes, 64 Italians, 19 Poles, 15 Frenchmen, 14 Germans, 3 Austrians and 1 Pole. The percentage of British subjects is 53, of Americans 24. People who talk about the alien population in Kootenay are people who sharply lived in Kootenay. When the percentage of American miners is only 24, the percentage over the whole population must be very much less. In and case, except our own people, they are the best class of citizens we have and assimilate just as readily to Canadian ways of living as Canadians do to those of the United States. From the extraordinary frequency and persistence of this cry of the mining industry being tributary to the United States I have thought it worth while to go into it pretty fully. I expected to be able to take up the Kettle River railway and the Northport question in this article, but must leave these important questions to my next.

Rubber Bargains. It's no trick to get cheap rubbers. They are everywhere. When the market is flooded every fall with the imperfect product of the rubber factories, sold at auction— Then the cheap man buys his 69c. rubbers, and the wearer— well, he buys them as often as they wear out. In the long run he pays three times as much, gets a poorer rubber service, and ruins his shoes because the cheap, ill-fitting rubbers chafe and spoil them. Knowing these things, is there an intelligent man who would not pay A dollar for the Branded on the sole "The Slater Shoe Rubber"? J. FULLERTON AND J. H. BAKER, SOLE LOCAL AGENTS.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 18, 5 a. m.—The barometer is about 30 inches over the entire western portion of the continent, it is highest over Oregon and Washington. With the exception of showers on the Lower Mainland, north of Victoria, and on the Washington coast, the weather has been fair throughout the Pacific slope. A moderate cold wave has appeared in the Territories, where from 2 to 6 inches of snow has fallen, and is still falling at Prince Albert, Battleford, Swift Current and Medicine Hat.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly easterly, generally fair and cool.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mostly easterly, generally fair and cool.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, 56; minimum, 35; wind, calm; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.58; temperature, 58; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 52; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

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Up-to-date business men should read the adv. of the B. C. Investment Loan & Savings Co. of Vancouver.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Daughters of England will be held in the lodge room, A. O. U. W. hall, on Wednesday, when all members are requested to be in attendance.

Mrs. Florida Frances Crawley, wife of J. Kenneth Crawley, of Hatley Park, Colwood, died on Saturday. The funeral has been arranged for Tuesday from St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, at 2 o'clock.

The Victoria Building Society held a general meeting in the William Wallace hall on Saturday evening, when Jno. Fullerton was elected a director, after two ballots, to succeed Robt. Erskine, who resigned.

D. G. S. Quadra had the large blue ensign of the fisheries protection service of Canada flying from her masthead yesterday. St. Patrick's Day, in honor of the memory of the brave and loyal Irishman who has fallen to such a fate upholding the integrity of the British Empire.

Darwin Wood, the boy organist whose fame as a musician is known all over the continent, has been engaged to give a recital in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst. The talented youth is said to be only eleven years old, and to possess rare ability as a player.

To-morrow is spring millinery opening day at the Home House, and it promises to be the most successful exhibition of millinery Messrs. Henry Young & Co. have ever held, for in addition to the Parisian patterns received, Miss Shannon has been to New York, Montreal and Toronto, and personally selected the most striking and latest millinery creations to be found in those great millinery centres. The new silks will also be shown to-morrow.

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The annual meeting of the Johnson street mission, conducted by the Willard W. C. T. U. of Victoria, was held at the hall a few evenings ago. Rev. Dr. Wilson presided. A large number were present, and a very interesting resume of the year's work was given by Mrs. Spofford, showing that in that figure 4,000 visits had been made to the reading room, and 1,100 lunches served. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Grant, showed the receipts to have been \$734.15. The assets and liabilities showed a net deficit of \$25.80. Resolutions were passed by Misses Arson and Bussell, and addresses were given by the chairman, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Vichert and Rev. Dr. Campbell. Rev. Messrs. Barracough and Blyth were also in attendance. During the evening refreshments were served.

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At the sitting of the Fall court this morning the case of Cooper v. War Eagle Company was heard. This was an appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Irving. Judgment was reserved.

The remains of the late George McKee, of Cedar Hill road, who died on Friday, were interred this afternoon, the funeral taking place from his late residence at 1.30 p. m. and from the First Presbyterian church.

The death occurred at the family residence, No. 77 Henry street yesterday of Mrs. J. S. Sher. Deceased was 45 years of age and a native of Connecticut. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2.30 p. m. from the family residence.

The residents of Comox district last week presented Pte. Anderson with a gold watch and chain as a mark of their appreciation of his services in South Africa. The people of Cumberland presented the watch, while the residents of Comox presented a handsome chain. An address was read by Geo. McDonald and suitably replied to by Pte. Anderson.

A large number attended the funeral of the late Norman Gillis, which took place Saturday afternoon from the family residence, Oak Bay, and St. Columba Presbyterian church, the services being conducted by Rev. A. Fraser, assisted by Rev. W. Leslie-Clay. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. McDonald, W. Thompson, W. Gregson and Thomas Ash.

Yesterday Claus McFarish, the young son of Mrs. G. A. McFarish, while wheeling on the street, met at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets a tram car. A bullet simultaneously grazed the boy's neck inflicting a slight wound. The accident is a most peculiar one, the only supposition being that a cartridge was lying on the track in such a position that the car wheel in passing caused it to explode, the bullet in passing, striking the boy's neck. The empty cartridge case was found afterwards. Fortunately the wound is not a serious one.

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LODGE NOTES.

The committee appointed by the I. O. O. F. lodges of the city to make arrangements for the reception of Grand Master Johnson will meet in the library this evening. As announced, the Grand Master will make his official visit next Friday.

Court Vancouver, A. O. F., meet this evening, when business of importance will be transacted. The convention, at the next meeting of Victoria lodge, No. 17, K. of P., there will be work in the Page and Knight ranks.

It is expected that the Grand Lodge, K. of P., to meet in short time at Revelstoke, will be one of the largest and most important sessions of the Grand Lodge yet held. The date has been set for May 9th. The Supreme Chancellor will visit the Grand Domain of B. C., after which he will go to California to be present at the Grand Session to be held there.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will hold their regular meeting this evening, when work in the initiatory degree will be performed. The reception committee's report will be received.

The annual Primrose ball of the Compendium of the Forest will be held on Friday, April 19th, Primrose Day, in the A. O. U. W. hall.

Court Northern Light, A. O. F., at their last regular meeting, initiated two members into the order. The court has approved of the action of the Federated Societies in pushing the proposed amendments to the Medical Act, and has requested the local members to support the amendments when they come before the legislature.

Courts Vancouver and Northern Light intend holding a union speaker and concert. A committee on the same will report at the next meeting of the court.

St. Patrick's Day, falling this year on Sunday, and it being Lent, the usual services in honor of St. Patrick were postponed until the evening. The solemn vesper service, inaugurated the evening, which Bishop Orth officiated pontificaly, assisted by Rev. J. Althoff and Rev. J. Latene. After the vesper, Rev. Father Emblen, chaplain of St. Joseph's hospital, ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent discourse on the virtues and labors of St. Patrick. After the sermon the bishop gave a solemn benediction, and the choir rendered some beautiful selections appropriate to the occasion. Solos were also given by Miss McNiff and Miss E. Sehl. The spacious auditorium of St. Andrew's was well filled.

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Provincial News

VICTORIA.

A young man named Peter Jackman met with a nasty accident last week. He was chopping down a tree on Mrs. Greenwood's ranch, and in stepping away from the falling branch, his foot slipped and he tumbled forward in such a way that the falling tree struck him in the face. He was in the hospital for three days, but is now able to resume work again. His nose was badly smashed, and some time will elapse before he reaches complete recovery from his unfortunate accident.

NELSON.

There is a movement on foot in connection with the Episcopal domination to form another parish in this city and in it erect a new church. A petition asking that this be done, and to which a large number of names have already been attached, is being prepared and will be forwarded to Bishop Dart of New Westminster, who is the acting bishop for Kootenay diocese.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Chinese who burglarized the store of Charles McDougall, the other evening, and who pleaded guilty in the police court, was on Friday sentenced to 23 months' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The annual meeting of the Dairy-men's Association of British Columbia was held here on Thursday. Vice-President Major Mutter in the chair. The gathering was very representative. It was decided that the auction sale of imported stock be declared open to the world. H. L. Blanchard, of Huelock, Wash., gave an interesting address on dairy farming. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Major Mutter; vice-president, A. C. Wells; secretary-treasurer, G. H. Hadwen; directors, T. A. Sharpe, Agassiz, Shelton Knight, Sardin, A. J. Street, Chilliwack; H. J. Kirland, Ladner; W. H. Shannon, Courdale; C. R. King, F. Turgoose, S. Talmie; Victoria district, F. Harris, Hammond; T. J. Trapp, Alexander Eves, New Westminster; W. P. Jaynes, Cowichan; A. Urquhart, Comox; O. Bowman, Upper Sumas; D. Rabitt, Okanagan; A. Hawkins, Matsqui; T. Kidd, M. P., Richmond.

The Columbia of Friday gives the following account of a sad accident that has happened here: "The community received a rude shock this morning when it was announced that Robert Smith, the night watchman on the Canadian Pacific Railway company's wharf, had been drowned. Inquiry proved at least that the unfortunate man was dead, death probably being due to suffocation, while unconscious from a fall. No one saw him fall, but from an inspection of the place, it was the general impression that he had slipped over the treacherous edge of a pile of slabs and sawdust, and had fallen to the beach, about eight feet below, in this being then out. In the drop the chin must have struck on the edge of the pile-driver, or on a log, for it bears the mark. The effect must have been the same as a "knock-out blow" of the prize ring, and while lying in an unconscious state, with head and arms over a boom log, the tide probably came in and smothered him. Several times lately he had proposed going down here to see the work on the new dredge, and he probably went there soon after daylight this morning. His body was not noticed until after the men had gone to work at 7 o'clock. Even then it was quite limp and warm. The deceased was a man of 42 years of age. He was married, and leaves a widow and five children."

VANCOUVER.

Charles Rennie who died at his residence here on Friday was the father of several well known citizens in Messrs. Rennie Bros. of the well known bank, John Rennie of the Electric Railway Management and William Rennie, the contractor.

At Friday evening's meeting of the trades and labor council the parliamentary committee reported as follows: "Your parliamentary committee beg to report having met Thursday, March 14th. The following resolutions were recommended to council: Whereas a bill (No. 10), intituled an act to amend the Pacific Schools act, has been introduced and received its first reading in the House; and, whereas, sections 6 and 7 of said act contain objectionable features, section 6 making the whole board elective annually, thereby jeopardizing continuity of office against which there have been no complaints; and section 7 restricts the selection of school trustees to a privileged class having a property qualification of \$500 over any registered encumbrance or charge; and, whereas, said amendments are against the best interests of the masses, and a direct insult to all working men, branding them as being unworthy, unfit and incapable of serving the school trustees; therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby petition the government has more confidence in, and more use for, money than brains; There fore, be it resolved, that we most emphatically protest against the passing of such a bill with those sections as drafted; that we urge our members to have those two sections amended so as to

conform with the law as it at present stands; and that, failing to have that amended they vote against the third reading of the bill; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of our members and to the provincial secretary. Whereas a bill (No. 21), intituled an act relating to labor, has been introduced into the local House; and, whereas, we deem the said bill to be in the interests of the masses. Therefore, be it resolved that we ask our members to give it their hearty support in the House. Whereas, a bill (No. 20) intituled an act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation act, has been introduced into the House at Victoria; and, whereas, we deem said bill to be in the interests of this country and the miners; and in view of what has taken place in some of the mines recently; therefore, be it resolved that we ask our members to vote for and support said bill; and be it further resolved that a copy of the above resolutions be sent to our local members and a copy of resolution, (No. 3) to the member for Nanaimo City.

ROSSLAND.

The inquest on the body of John Hall who was found dead in his bed at the St. Charles hotel on Tuesday morning, was resumed on Wednesday, but from the evidence submitted there was no reasonable cause of death to be found. Neither of the doctors making the post mortem examination, Drs. Kenning and Senior, were able to state how death had come to pass. No examination of the stomach and intestines was made, as there was not sufficient time nor, indeed, the proper appliances for undertaking such a chemical inquiry in this city. Under the circumstances the coroner and jury, after inquiring carefully into the surrounding facts attendant upon the mysterious death, came to the conclusion that the contents of the stomach should be examined in order to detect any traces of poison should such be in the body. In order that this analysis should be made the inquest was adjourned till April 10th, when the results of the further examination should have been made known by the government analyst, to whom the stomach and intestines are now to be sent.

NELSON.

The Nelson Board of Trade yesterday evening took the most decided stand in the refinery question yet adopted by any incorporated body in British Columbia. Not only did the board pass a resolution dealing with the necessity for the refinery in more ample and convincing terms than any similar resolution yet framed on the subject, but it was resolved to appoint two members to interview the cabinet ministers at Ottawa for the purpose of supporting the board's position. Furthermore, the resolution is to be placed before every member of parliament and legislature, together with the boards of trade of British Columbia and the East. Such is the programme outlined, and as it stands it is probably the most extensive scheme of action ever adopted by the Nelson board. That the refinery is deemed of importance to the mining and business interests of the province is demonstrated by the manner in which the organized business men of the commercial centre of the Kootenays have gone into secure favorable legislation on the point.

The following are the results of the mill run at the Athabasca mine for last month as furnished by E. Nelson, mill manager. Period of run 19 days, total crushed 280, value of bullion recovered \$3,820.69, value of concentrates recovered \$1,416.37, total \$5,237.06, value per ton \$18.11. Tailings are now being treated in the cyanide plant.

A meeting of the Nelson Bar Association took place on Thursday afternoon. The members chose John Elliott, of the firm of Elliott & Lennie, as the association's candidate for the position of benchet of the British Columbia Law Society. The election for benchet takes place on the 25th inst.

The board of trade determined last night to take vigorous action towards reviving the Nanaimo-Alberni railway project, the charter for which was held by parties here. The following telegram was sent to-day: Ralph Smith, M. P., Ottawa: "Board of trade wish your endorsement and support and assistance of all British Columbia members to a bonus to Nanaimo-Alberni railway, a charter for which has been secured from the British Columbia government." A deputation of the most influential men in the city has been appointed to go to Victoria with the city council committee and urge upon the government immediate attention to the wants of Nanaimo.

Owners of valuable coal lands in Cedar district near Quennels lake have bonded them to a syndicate of San Francisco and New York capitalists. The property will be prospected immediately with diamond drills, development work following at once. The option is good till May 1st. Misses Ferris and Rushfield, the two nurses who have been conducting the Crickmay hospital, have been added to the staff of the general hospital. Miss N. Smith has been taken on as a probationer nurse. The addition of these three makes the number of nurses on the staff thirteen.

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SLOCAN.

On Friday, March 8th, a final meeting of the citizens was held in the Oddfellows' hall, for the winding up of affairs in connection with the incorporation of the town. W. D. McGregor, permanent chairman, presided, and J. T. Beauchamp acted as secretary. The first item was the reading of the report of the incorporation committee, by A. York, its chairman. With it was read the special bill of incorporation secured from the legislature, followed by a few explanations. The general statutes on incorporation called for a petition embodying at least 50 per cent of the land values within the limits of the area sought to be incorporated. Owing to the opposition encountered from the chief landowner of the town and the absence of many smaller owners, this was impossible, so recourse was had to a special bill, which the legislature had granted. Judge Harrison and John Foley criticized the bill of incorporation, and maintained that the clause relating to voters paying \$5 per month rental would disqualify many persons. Explanations followed, and after a few more questions a motion was made and adopted the report, with thanks to the committee, was passed. Similar treatment was accorded the report presented by the secretary of the water company. The title of the latter report was that the Slocan City Water & Light Company had secured the rights of the water on Goat Creek, consequently, it was left open to the committee to join forces with the incorporation committee and procure the incorporation of the town. This had been done, control the streets, preventing the company making any use of the water obtained. At the same time, by incorporation, the town secures to itself all the public franchises which, in themselves, should prove a valuable asset and advantage. This disposed of the business of the evening and the meeting adjourned, leaving the new city fathers the task of self-guarding and advancing the interests of the community.—The Drill.

ROBINSON CRUSOE'S ISLAND.

All the way from British Columbia comes this interesting news of Crusoe's Island, sent to us by Miss Agnes Deans Cameron: "In spite of cheap editions of Stevenson and Kipling, there is one book which has a ready sale in the shops and a continuing demand at the lending libraries. The new generation of small boys take 'Robinson Crusoe' into tree-tops and haystacks; on mountain sides and on sea-coasts of six continents they throng, as they see Friday's footprints on the sand. Three or four years ago we heard that Crusoe's island had disappeared, swallowed up by an earthquake, but still remains. Before's intrepid story was founded on the adventures of Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish seaman, who was cast away on the island in 1704, and who made it his home for four years. As it is now, the island forms a strange little principality. On the shores of 'Crusoe's Bay' is a quiet little settlement of Scots, Chinese, Italians, and Germans, about 100 in all, who catch seals and put up canned fish. They get their mail from Chili every three weeks. John Burns, a sailor, has lately returned from the island, which is 15 miles long and three wide. He says: 'We visited Crusoe's cave, and found it inhabited by crabs, ducks, and chickens. We saw the Crusoe Chamber, the Table, erected by a British man-of-war's-man. On the island mountains, which reach a height of 3000 feet, figs and quinces grow. Altogether it is a peaceful, happy community, untroubled by war and untroubled by politics.'—Nottinghamshire Guardian.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., March, 1901.

(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Time	High Water.		Low Water.	
	Tm.	Ht.	Tm.	Ht.
1 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
2 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
3 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
4 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
5 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
6 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
7 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
8 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
9 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
10 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
11 P.M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15
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12 M.	11.57	10.35	4.58	6.15

Per steamer Schome from the Sound—Saturday—A. W. Vestry, W. D. Brown, J. P. Marshall, H. L. Stone, A. H. McPherson, R. M. St. Clair, J. W. St. Clair, Mrs. Lineth, J. L. Baird, R. M. Camet, A. Farnsworth, Mrs. Farnsworth, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Corne, Mrs. R. Foster, Master Foster, M. Darnar, Mrs. LaLonde, M. Lew, F. Cousins, J. C. Sharp, M. Dale, W. L. Grant, A. M. Grant, Mrs. Grant, J. B. Dilley, J. S. Sweeney, S. Wilson, A. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, W. R. Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton, A. E. Smith, Mrs. Smith, A. C. Clayton, Mrs. Clayton, J. Smith, G. Smith, L. T. Herrion, J. Cost, J. Gelger, Mrs. Gelger, J. Bradley, Mrs. A. N. Campbell, J. T. McDonald, J. H. Garrett, S. Swanson, A. B. Todd, J. Thiburn, J. F. Hendricks, E. Bard, J. Lundell, Mrs. M. Smith, Miss Nolan, Mrs. Torrey, Mrs. Davenport, A. E. Hessel, A. Davery, A. Augustine, S. Jones, J. Meddows, J. H. Kenagy, J. H. Mills, Capt. Grant, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. R. A. Meyers.

Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—Sunday—S. Snider, Mr. Barnock, G. H. Gross, J. Heaver, T. H. Hadwen, Mrs. Ingle, L. Doyal, F. Carme, J. H. Lawson, J. F. E. Woodson, Mrs. Murphy, J. A. Hinton, Mrs. Croft, J. G. Crawford, P. Mulhall, T. P. Lake, G. Canble, Judge McCall, O. B. McNeill, C. Sweeney, A. Adam, G. H. Cowan, J. Gonnell, N. McLean, A. Crulchanks, D. McPherson, A. Auld, Mrs. Thumber, A. E. McLean, J. J. Campbell, E. Choate, Jno. Peck, K. H. Alexander, P. P. Davis, A. B. Erskine, T. Brindley, E. A. Morris, W. J. Jullien, C. Wilson, Mrs. Sullivan, E. M. Sullivan, J. Chenoweth, J. Thatcher, W. T. Rikaby, D. E. Stiff, S. Ashford, Mrs. Giesbrecht, D. W. Munro, E. B. Hussey, Mrs. Kidd, H. B. Gilmore, Smith, Curtis, J. Oliver, J. A. Kenning, A. Draney, D. Murphy, W. F. W. Vincent, R. B. Bennett, M. O. Croery, Mrs. Nawood, H. B. Driscoll, M. King, O. R. Brewer, Ed. Whetnuffer, Mr. Jazgan, G. F. Cleveland, W. O. Fox, A. H. Rowley, N. Sabir, J. W. Seymour, E. S. Seymour, D. Sabir, W. H. Davenport, F. Schroeder, H. Gravin.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Saturday—H. E. Esser, Geo. Lonsman, F. Owens, B. B. McArthur, Capt. I. O. Wadda, A. A. Aronson, Mrs. Aronson, M. Guttman, W. H. Hamilton, Mrs. Macaulay, Miss Macaulay, Miss Hall, Miss Smith, W. W. Williams, Robt. Croft, Jno. Smith, J. Ban, M. Smid, H. E. Taylor, A. Moeller, Mrs. Busberg, Mrs. Brownlee, Mrs. Labbe, Mrs. Lohde, Master Dunley, J. Wood, J. W. Garbott, E. Deponster, T. Gonnell, R. H. Climbie and family, A. W. Clainferrer and wife, W. M. Clainferrer and wife, Mrs. Fritz, Miss Fritz, R. Wiggins, J. W. Sampson, O. L. Preece, D. J. McIntosh, Mrs. McIntosh, A. Burns.

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Witness my hand and seal at Victoria, B. C., February 9th, A. D. 1901.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

CASSIAR DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the reservation placed on Crown lands situate in the Bennett Lake and Athy Lake Mining Divisions of Cassiar District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 15th December, 1898, is hereby cancelled.

W. C. WELLS,
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Lands and Works Department,
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The Royal Commission

The Session Resumed This Morning, Two Witnesses Being Under Examination.

The Subject as Viewed From a Capitalistic Standpoint—G. A. Kirk Examined.

This morning the commissioners inquiring into the subject of Chinese and Japanese immigration had the opportunity of hearing another phase of the question—that of the capitalist. The witness was G. A. Kirk, of Messrs. Turner, Beaton & Co., and he gave evidence from a capitalistic standpoint. His examination lasted some time, Mr. Foley in particular putting a series of searching questions as to the ultimate effect of the immigration on white labor. There was only one other witness examined this morning. For the first time there were a number of ladies among the spectators.

Alex. Peden, a tailor employed by Geo. R. Jackson, was the first witness. He commenced with a reference to about 12 years ago, when a journeyman tailor averaged \$19 per week in wages and the tailors \$10 per week. At the present time the men averaged about \$12 and the women \$6.

When he first entered Mr. Jackson's employment there was only about one Chinese tailor in the city. Nine or ten years ago the establishment in which he was employed had 16 or 17 hands, and sometimes 20. Since then the number had diminished, until now there were about one half.

Question—To what do you attribute the falling off? Answer—To the competition of the Chinese.

In reply to the president, he gave a number of pieces of suits, with the cost of labor, with a view of showing the difference between those of the white tailor and his Chinese competitor.

The president remarked that he was not at all satisfied with the evidence on this point. Some element was lacking, and he would like to obtain some statistical evidence from books if possible.

Messrs. Charles Wilson and Bradburn undertook to arrange for this in order that the commissioners could obtain strictly definite and accurate information on this subject.

In reply to Mr. Foley, witness said that the cost of labor on the same suit usually varied. In some instances allowance made for incidentals. On one suit the cost per labor might be \$10, and another suit of equal worth \$15.

Witness was examined by both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bradburn.

In reply to Mr. Grant, he said that he did not believe white people patronized Chinese tailors, because of their superior work. He also stated that he was deputed by the Journeymen's Association of the city to ascertain the names of white tailors, if any, who had clothes made by Chinese. He first went to a Chinese tailor on Government street, who admitted making clothes for white tailors, but refused to give names. Charlie Bo, however, gave the names which the witness enumerated.

Witness asked the Chinaman there if he would show him some of the goods he was making for white tailors, and the latter refused. As to one of the firms mentioned witness was certain that for five or six years Charlie Bo had not made any clothes for them, as asserted by his employee. This conversation with the Chinese tailor took place on December 8th, 1890.

Charlie Bo also took a witness putting a question arising out of his witness statement that Chinese made clothes for white tailors.

G. A. Kirk, who next gave evidence, stated that he employed Chinese indirectly—that is, he was not directly engaged for piece work. His firm manufactured mackinaw suits, overalls, etc., and sometimes employed white men in this work. He could not give the number of Chinese they employed, and was not certain as to who the contractors were, although he believed there were three or four. He did not think there was very much difference in the prices of 1894 and at present. In his business he attributed the diminution of prices to not only the Chinese, but also eastern competition.

Asked as to what extent prices had been cut, witness said that it was difficult to say, as some articles commanded various rates. If there were no Chinese here they never could obtain sufficient whites to perform the work. They could not compete with the East without Chinese labor, in his opinion, because labor there was cheaper. He had Chinese in his employ in the canneries and as domestic servants. In the latter occupation they were satisfactory. Honest, industrious and sober.

In fact, he had never seen one intoxicated. One had been a general servant in his employ a number of years.

Question—Are you in favor of any further restriction of Chinese immigration? Answer—Witness said that if

this was restricted matters would be made worse. They should either be prohibited altogether or allowed to come in unrestricted. He believed that if they were permitted to come here they would ultimately create more labor. He instanced the case of a farm in which the employment of cheap labor made development and subsequent production possible, where it would otherwise be impossible. The same may be said of the granite mines. These could be worked satisfactorily if Chinese and Japanese pickers and pushers were employed. The white men could do the mining.

He thought it would be to the interest of the Chinese to come in unrestricted in order to establish a coolie class.

Question—Do you think a coolie class desirable? Answer—I don't see what else can be done. The effect of partial restriction, in his opinion, had a tendency to keep white labor lower. Unless it was the means of starting a further immigration of white people into the province he admitted the Chinese were not desirable. If, however, the encroachment of Chinese labor drove out white labor, he believed that it would evolve a question of capital and cheap labor.

Question—Do you think capital and cheap labor can build up a country; you know they all can't be capitalists? The witness replied by referring to England, in which capital and cheap labor were employed. The president pointed out that there was no competition with Chinese coolie labor there.

Witness attributed considerable diminution in the number of tailoring firms here to Eastern competition.

One reason why many people patronized Chinese tailors was that they took an old suit there and had it copied by them.

Question—Do you favor any restriction? Answer—That is a question I could not answer. Witness said that among workingmen he understood that the difference in wages between the white men and Chinamen was about \$1.50 per day.

Asked as to whether the custom of sending money to China was to the interest of the country, witness said that he did not think so. If a coolie class was established here the Chinese would not be able to send more money to China, because their wages would be lower. He admitted, however, that if a class was in need of ordinary work he would possibly have to come down to coolie labor.

He did not know of any industry coming into existence here through the instrumentality of Chinese, but he mentioned the canneries as depending on Chinese and Japanese labor. For their continuance—if they were not employed of the canneries would have to be closed. He believed that other industries could be operated the same way, although he did not think the same proportions would be received in mines.

In asking they engaged all the white men they could, and then engaged Japanese. The latter were employed in fishing, as far as he recollected, first in 1883. Before that Indians were employed. He knew canneries on the other side of the line employing Japanese.

In reply to Mr. Wilson, witness said he considered it better to have goods manufactured here even by Chinese labor than imported. He considered it was preferable that they should be manufactured here, because he would otherwise not employ as many men as he did—he would only be required to sit down and write a letter. He would rather

See the Immigration Prohibited than restricted. He did not think the increase in the head tax made much difference.

Mr. Foley he said that he knew the white girls could not do the same domestic work as Chinese. In the event of the Chinese superseding white muckers in mines he believed the latter would become miners. Witness said that it was to the advantage of the capitalist to employ cheap labor. All he wanted was to see the work done and draw his dividends.

Mr. Foley—Well, what would become of the white laborer? Answer—"He would have to go East, I suppose." (Laughter.)

Asked as to whether the Chinese had not driven out the white market gardener, witness said that he did not think the white man ever engaged work in market gardening. He could not say that the index of Japanese here last year and their participation in fisheries and in the canneries improved the state of labor there. Were the industries to drift into the hands of the Japanese, he admitted, the same rate of wages as at present could not be paid. The white man, he also admitted, would probably be eventually driven out of the business.

Commissioner Foley then pointed out that the same principle applied to every other industry, and would ultimately result in the white laborers being "driven off the earth," as far as employment was concerned.

In reply to Mr. Bradburn, witness said his firm supplied considerable merchandise to the Chinese, and he had found them fairly honest in their dealings. They usually paid cash, but were not better in their pay than the white men. As to the employment of Chinese coolies, he did not believe it possible to obtain sufficient others if the former were not here. The Chinese servant was a good one. As to his length of employment it depended on the employers.

To Mr. Clute, witness could not speak authoritatively on the difference paid for labor in canneries on this and the other side.

To Mr. Foley, he said he did not think that Chinese labor was gradually driving white girls out of domestic service in the town. People were only too willing to employ white servants, if good ones could be procured.

Witness was examined further by some of the commissioners, after which the proceedings were adjourned until this afternoon.

A large audience enjoyed the excellent programme provided at the popular concert in the Temperance hall, Pandora street on Saturday evening, when in honor of the close proximity to the glorious "Tib of old Ireland" the numbers, Irish melodies and recitations, were the order of the occasion. Among those who were responsible for the evening's pleasure were Mrs. Stanciland, J. G. Brown, Misses Haughton, Underhill, Lawson, Russell, Gordon, Master Herbert, Mrs. Parsons and Messrs. Kincaid, Redmond and Wilson.

All interested in poultry raising are requested to attend a meeting to be held in the city hall at 8 p.m. (to-morrow) Tuesday for the purpose of forming a poultry association.

A COLLIER ASHORE

The Steamship Willamette Strikes on Deuman and is in Perilous Position.

The big steam collier Willamette has been ashore on Deuman island since Friday night. She struck in fog and according to private advice from Union today, is in a bad condition, her hold being partially filled with water. Her safety is further jeopardized by the fact that she has 1,000 tons of coal on board for San Francisco. This cargo she had received at Union, and she was on her way to Ladysmith to complete her cargo when the accident occurred. She struck broadside on, there being 20 feet of water just astern.

It was night when she went on and the tide was falling. At first it was thought the accident was not serious and that at flood tide the steamer could back off without assistance. Consequently, it is said, all offers of help from tug boats were to her rescue were refused. The tug Lorne was sent up from here on Saturday evening, but the message received from Union to-day states that she is on her way back to Victoria, having been unable to accomplish anything in the way of getting the big collier afloat.

The Willamette is well known along the coast. She was built in 1894 and last year, which business she had been fitted with passenger accommodations. She is a vessel of many compartments, which fact will now stand to good service. She has a crew of 200 men and is in every respect a well appointed ship. She is being operated now by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. What plans will be taken to raise the ship and her present predicament have not yet been learned.

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

The Crow's Nest Charter Under Consideration—Report on Private Bill.

Although it was expected in some quarters that the budget speech would be delivered to-day, Hon. Mr. Turner intimates that it need not be expected for some time yet.

The railway committee room was crowded to-day when the application of Messrs. Jaffrey, Cox et al., for a charter for a railway from Michel to the boundary line came before the members. E. V. Bodwell addressed the committee in support of the scheme, and the opinion of Mr. Jaffrey, the vice-president of the coal company, and of Mr. Drewery, manager of the St. Eugene mine, was also taken. During the giving of his evidence Mr. Jaffrey stated that he had good grounds for saying that if the charter were granted and the company's facilities for developing the property thus assured, a similar now operating at Fernie. In answer to questions he said that they were now charging for coal on board cars at the pit mouth, \$2 a ton, and that they were not only ready but anxious to make time contracts with British Columbia smelters.

Some concern was manifested by members of the committee lest Jim Hill should obtain the control, as he already owns thirty per cent of the stock. Mr. Jaffrey's answer to this was conclusive. He stated that the majority stock, now in Canadian hands, had been pooled to prevent its transfer to other holders, and that although Hill owned thirty per cent, he had no control. He stated that the company had a number of years ago offered the holdings for \$500,000, but declined as he knew that the development of these fields by an American company would be sure to lead to steps on the part of the legislature to either the province or the Dominion.

Mr. Bodwell gave it as his opinion that the province would not only be safeguarded by its power to raise the tax on coal and that of the Dominion to impose an export duty, but that the province would have absolute power to prohibit its exportation, if it threatened its own industries. In this connection he cited the action of the Ontario legislature in prohibiting the export of saw logs, an action which the highest courts have sustained.

The preamble to the bill passed, only four members voting against it.

The private bills committee met this morning and drafted the following report:

Petition of British Columbia Mining Association: Inasmuch as while the petitioners have duly complied with the requirements of the rules relating to publication, the provisions of rule 57 were not complied with within the time fixed, the committee are of the opinion that the proposed bill is presumably in the public interests, that the standing orders should be suspended so as to admit of the introduction of the bill, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by the B. C. Stock Exchange, Limited.)

New York, March 18.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:

Open High Low Close	
American Sugar	149 1/2 149 1/2 148 1/2 148 1/2
American Tobacco	127 1/2 127 1/2 127 1/2 127 1/2
People's Gas	105 1/2 106 1/2 105 1/2 105 1/2
Manhattan	120 120 119 118 118
C. M. & St. P.	150 1/2 151 1/2 150 1/2 150 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	120 120 119 118 118
C. B. & Q.	101 101 100 100 100
B. & O.	80 80 79 78 78
Federal Steel	44 44 43 43 43
Am. S. & W.	39 39 38 38 38
Northern Pacific	86 87 86 86 86
Missouri Pacific	93 1/2 94 1/2 93 1/2 93 1/2
Union Pacific	92 1/2 93 1/2 92 1/2 92 1/2
Cont. Tobacco	40 40 39 39 39
A. T. & S. F.	58 58 57 57 57
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Am. S. & W.	44 44 43 43 43
Louis & Nash	90 90 89 89 89
Holt & Ohio	92 1/2 93 1/2 92 1/2 92 1/2
Western Union	88 1/2 89 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2

ACCIDENT ON LINER

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 18.—The steamer New York reached her pier at 10:30 last night, 12 hours late. Officers of the ship report that on Thursday the ammonia tank in connection with the refrigerating plant blew up, injuring three men. One of them died. On Friday the port shaft broke, and the steamer steamed slowly till after the screw was made fast.

Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. have arranged for a series of pianoforte recitals to be held in their piano warehouses and hall on the afternoons and evenings of Thursday and Friday of this week. The recitals will be given by Miss Gertrude Loewen, and the works of the great composers will be rendered by the talented young lady in her usual distinguished manner. Miss Loewen will be assisted by her sister, Miss Lutra Loewen, and Mr. Herbert Kent, who will give several vocal numbers. A limited number of invitations can be obtained by applying to Messrs. Waitt & Co.

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Centre Star	1 02	97
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	85	75 00
California	5 1/2	4
Deer Trail Con	3	2 1/4
Evening Star	8	5
Fairview Corp.	3 1/2	3 1/4
Golden Star	3 1/2	3 1/4
Giant	4 1/2	3
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Knob Hill	64	54
Montreal Smelter	52	45
Granby & London	6	4
Morning Glory	9	6
Morrison	8	4
Noble Fire	9	4
North Star	85	78
Olive	12	9
Payne	50	47
Rambler Cariboo Con	30	25
Republic	42	38
Virgo	30	24
War Eagle Con	42	38 1/2
Waterloo	5	4 1/2
White Bear	54	54
Whitney	9	7
Sullivan	12	8

Sales—White Bear, 500, 500 at 5 1/2, 1,000 at 5 1/2, 500, 500, 500, 1,000 at 5 1/2, 1,000, 2,000 at 5 1/2; Golden Star, 1,000, 1,000, 2,500, 500 at 3 1/2; B. C. G. P., 1,000 at 2 1/2.

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BIRTHS.

PORTA—At Revelstoke, on March 11th, the wife of A. Porta, of a son.

MANSOUR—At Nelson, on March 12th, the wife of Alfred Mansour, of a son.

CUTTLE—At Kaslo, on March 12th, the wife of Ir Cutler, purser of the steamer Kokanee, of twins, boys.

ELACK—At Rossland, on March 12th, the wife of John Black, of a son.

DIED.

AUSTIN—At Kamloops, on March 12th, Albyene, aged 1 year and 8 months, child of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Austin.

RANNIE—At Vancouver, on March 15th, 1901, Charles Rannie, aged 67 years.

SHERK—At the family residence, No. 77 Henry street, on the 17th inst., Elizabeth Ann, beloved wife of Jacob Sherk, aged 48 years, a native of Connecticut, U. S. A.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, the 19th, at 2:30 p. m., from above residence.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

The meeting of the prize committee of the Agricultural Society which was postponed until to-morrow evening will not take place on account of the meeting of the Victoria theatre to consider the railway question. A meeting of the board of management will take place at the city hall on Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

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