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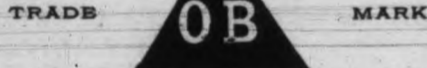
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CURIOUS SITUATION OVER MAYORALTY

**Validating Act of the Legislature Is
Claimed to Meet Only a Portion
of the Difficulty.**

Does the Validating Act which yesterday received the assent of His Honor the Lieut-Governor properly provide for overcoming the technical crisis which has arisen in connection with the chair of the chief magistrate of the city?

This is the question which is agitating those who have followed one another in rapid succession since Mr. Barnard made the discovery that he was not qualified to seek election to the high office to which the electors returned him. An examination of the situation will show that a very grave doubt still exists whether the steps which the legislature have taken in good faith to meet the predicament into which the city has been thrown have been effectual or not.

The legislation which has just been put through parliament is effectual in so far as it validates the acts of the nominal mayor up to the time that he vacated office. All questions regarding the legality of his acts are therefore fortunately placed at rest. But it is in connection with the filling of the vacancy that a situation arises which is unique in the history of the city.

The act clearly provides that in such a case as that which confronts the city at the present time, where the successful candidate proves to have been ineligible for election, his opponent becomes mayor. Mr. Redfern is therefore, under the act, mayor of Victoria at the present time. It is a matter of common knowledge that Mr. Redfern has no intention of insisting on his rights, and is quite prepared to waive all claim to the position, but nevertheless there has been no formal resignation by him of the post of

which he suddenly finds himself the occupant.

Notwithstanding this, the legislature has passed an act which has received the assent of His Honor the Lieut-Governor, which provides not only for the validation of Mr. Barnard's acts, but provides as well for an election for the post. This is done in spite of the fact that the preamble of the bill makes no mention of the resignation of Mr. Redfern (the statutory mayor) without whose resignation the council can take any action, and matters are proceeded with under the validating bill. It is an open question, in the event of Mr. Barnard's reelection (which is a foregone conclusion) all his acts before his re-election and the close of the year, will not be open to question and require still another validating measure.

In this same connection it is pointed out that the council have elected one of their number, Ald. Graham, under sec. 41 of the Municipal Clauses Act to act in the capacity of mayor. Under this section provision is made for the appointment of one of the council "in the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of a mayor." But does this clause cover the present case? If Mr. Redfern by the provisions of the statute is mayor, he certainly does not come under any of the heads mentioned.

It would seem that the whole difficulty might be settled by recognizing the majority of Mr. Redfern. He in turn would doubtless decline the honor, and would thus formally resign the post, and create a situation which can easily be met under the provisions of the present laws.

Unless this is done the course proposed to be pursued appears to some at least to be irregular and illegal, and to establish a dangerous precedent which might cause trouble in the future.

BASEBALL LEAGUES.

Result of Conference at San Francisco—
Eastern Men Make Mass Concessions.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The meeting of the baseball magnates between big leagues here, has resulted in the Pacific Coast League being taken into the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs. It is understood that the Eastern men granted the Coast league many concessions. The Pacific League was admitted into a special class by itself, and will rank next to the two major leagues and above the three classes of minor leagues.

According to the terms agreed upon, the Eastern leagues will not be allowed to take any players signed by the Coast league and vice versa. There is a controversy over twenty players and Hanlon promises to send the list by February 10th, and all awards will be made. The principal dispute at present is over the service of Frank Dalton, first baseman of the Los Angeles team. Hanlon claims that he signed Dalton for Brooklyn on September 15th, while Manager Morier, of Los Angeles, asserts that he signed him on April 1st. No salary was placed on the Pacific Coast. Johnson and Hart immediately departed for the East after the conference, but Hanlon will remain here for some time.

A GHASTLY MURDER NEAR CHEMAINUS

**Two Aged Indians Torn to Pieces In
Their Canoe by Murderous Dis-
charge of Buckshot.**

A terribly tragedy occurred near Chemainus on Monday evening. An aged Indian couple, Harry Wilson and his wife Lucy, were murdered in their canoe while en route to Thetis Island, and judging by the ghastly evidence so far discovered their bodies were mutilated in the most ferocious manner. They had been visiting their son at Chemainus, and left for the island about 6 o'clock. Shots were heard not long after their departure, but no significance was attached to them until yesterday morning, when a resident of Kuper Island found a canoe stranded on a reef not far from its place. Investigation revealed that a crime of fiendish ferocity had been committed. The canoe was splattered with blood, while fragments of skull and sections of brain were found inside.

The police at Chemainus were at once notified, and Constable Halhed hastened from Duncan to where the canoe had been found. It was subsequently identified as the one in which Harry Wilson and his wife had left Chemainus, as the latter's shawl was still in it. The old couple were evidently shot at by their striking enemy just as they were about to land. The canoe was perforated with bullet holes, and opposite a big hole in the side is a circle of blood and brains. The horrible inference to be drawn from this is that the victims were crouching down in a vain effort to escape the pill-balls which had directed at them. But even this cruel fate did not satisfy the "savage" destroyer. The condition of the inside of the craft points to the fact that the victims' bodies were frightfully mangled, some heavy instrument apparently having been used. The bodies had not been recovered, having evidently been thrown overboard.

The murderer had not been captured until noon to-day, as far as could be learned. Suspicion points to an Indian named Jackson, who is known to have left Chemainus in a canoe shortly after the Wilsons.

As for the motive of the crime it is difficult to say. Harry Wilson was a medicine man, and as such was greatly feared and hated by his fellow aborigines. Hatred rankling in the breast of a superstitious Indian may have prompted him to destroy the couple.

The report of the crime was received at the local provincial police headquarters yesterday afternoon. Sergeant Murray instructed the constables up the line to spare no effort to locate the man on whom their suspicions centered. There is every reason to expect that he will be in the toils shortly. News also reached the Times from Chemainus too late for publication yesterday. The Times' correspondent at that town writes to-day as follows:

"There is now not the slightest doubt that Harry Wilson and his wife Lucy were murdered on the night of February 1st, most probably shortly after 6 p.m., while on their way from Chemainus to Thetis Island. The blood bespattered canoe, with the tell-tale bullet hole in its side, which was brought in by Constable Halhed last night, is mute evidence of the dastardly crime perpetrated within earshot of this place. Details relating to the crime are but few, and the murderer or murderers apparently have left no trail behind them."

"The history of the affair, as far as is

HOME RULE ALONE WILL BE ACCEPTED

**IRISH QUESTION HAS
NOT BEEN SHELVED**

**John Redmond on the Party's Policy—
Liberal-Unionists Will Main-
tain Association.**

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 3.—"For the Irish party there is no such thing as an alternative policy to Home Rule," declared John Redmond, the leader of the Irish parliamentary party, in the House of Commons to-day as he resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Mr. Redmond proceeded in a speech of great length to detail the various grievances of Ireland, incidentally informing the Liberals that it was a delusion to suppose they could count on Irish support, by promising an alternative policy to Home Rule. Because the Irish obtained a valuable act last year remedying some of the evils of the past governments some persons seemed to think that the Irish question was shelved. But no concession could weaken the demand for self-government. On the contrary, every concession they had obtained might obtain would be used for the furtherance of the contest for Home Rule.

The Liberal-Unionists,
London, Feb. 3.—The Liberal-Unionists, at a meeting of the executive committee held here to-day, decided to maintain their organization. The meeting was called to discuss the situation arising from the publication of the correspondence between Jos. Chamberlain and the Duke of Devonshire, former Lord President of the Council. Mr. Chamberlain presided, and made a speech setting forth the necessity of the existence of the association.

He said nothing had happened to in any way interfere with the future usefulness, and added that the danger which the association was formed to combat could only disappear by a declaration of the Irish party that they had abandoned all hope of their contentment of converting Great Britain to Home Rule.

Only two members voted against the resolution providing for the maintenance of the association.

Another resolution instructed the council to instruct the Liberal-Unionist candidates, without regard to their opinions on the fiscal question, the only qualification necessary being their readiness to support Premier Balfour.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS ARE SIGNIFICANT

**JUNCTION OF RUSSIAN
FLEETS AT PORT ARTHUR**

Sixteen Warships Now Lying Outside Harbor—Japanese Occupy Seoul-Fusan Railway.

(Associated Press.)
Port Arthur, Feb. 3.—Important naval and military movements have been effected here in response of the Japanese war measures.

The Russian squadron, heretofore inside the harbor, consisting of the battleship Retvian, 12,700 tons; the battleship Peresviet, 12,412 tons; the battleship Czarsvitch, 12,000 tons; the cruiser Frengaschick; the battleship Orel, 13,000 tons; the cruiser Smeliy, and the battleship Sebastopol, 10,960 tons, have joined the outside fleet, consisting of the battleship Probedia, 12,674 tons; the battleship Petrovovsk, 10,960 tons; the battleship Poltava, 10,960 tons; the cruiser Diana, 6,630 tons; the cruiser Pallada, 6,630 tons; the cruiser Askold, 6,100 tons; the cruiser Varyag, 6,500 tons; the torpedo boat Baklan, 840 tons; and the cruiser Boyarin, 3,200 tons. The latter has just arrived here from Changhai, Korea, with complete Japanese charts of the Korean coast.

In consequence of the narrow and dangerous entrance at low water it took the warships three days to get out of the harbor. The accomplishment of this task is regarded as specially important, owing to the danger of the ships being injured by an accident in the channel.

The cruiser Jigit, 10,450 tons; the torpedo submarine Caidamak, 500 tons; the sloop-of-war Senyaka, 1,234 tons; four gunboats and the torpedo flotilla remain inside.

Simultaneously, the third brigade of Siberian rifles and two batteries of artillery started for an unannounced destination from Liao Yang, south of Mukden. Altogether about 9,000 troops have departed, leaving 10,000 men at Port Arthur, exclusive of the troops manning the fortifications. The arrival of Japanese coal has been stopped. In consequence of the military authorities monopolizing the use of the railroad the latter has declined to transport any more commercial freight. The telegraph company declines to accept any more press or private messages, so they will have to be routed via Che Foo. Forty-eight hours of quarantine have been ordered against Che Foo on account of small-pox.

The authorities declare the naval and military dispositions should be regarded as precautionary, not as offensive. Port Arthur is quiet.

cables the Herald's correspondent at Seoul, Korea.

The efforts of the government are entirely concentrated upon obtaining recognition from the powers of the neutrality of Korea, believing that the notice of neutrality will lead to a treaty with other nations guaranteeing Korea's permanent independence under conditions similar to those protecting Belgium and Switzerland. For this purpose Min Yueng Chui, the newly-appointed minister to China, leaves immediately for Peking to obtain a special declaration of neutrality. Korea is now arranging to send her most competent officials to other countries for the same purpose.

Taken Wrong View.

London, Feb. 3.—"Korea appears to consider the responses of the powers to her declaration of neutrality," cables the Seoul correspondent of the Times, "as tantamount to a guarantee of territorial integrity and consequently a false sense of security is manifested at the palace."

Nearing a Climax.

Tokyo, Feb. 3.—Events to-day indicate that the prolonged tension has reached a climax. The Marquis Ito, president of the Privy Council, was summoned from the country during the night, and to-day the Emperor received him. A council of elder statesmen was held with the war minister and three admirals. The highest officials make no pretence of concealment of their dissatisfaction at the tardiness of the Russian reply.

An official dispatch yesterday said the Russian decision means war.

Jack London Arrested.

New York, Feb. 3.—Jack London, a writer who went recently to Japan for the purpose of reporting events in connection with the threatened hostilities between that country and Russia, has been arrested and imprisoned at Shimonoeki, according to an American dispatch from Tokyo. He is charged with photographing the Japanese fleet and with his arrival at Shimonoeki, an important strategic point commanding the Korean strait.

LIVERY DRIVERS' STRIKE.

Chicago Arbitrators Give Award and Men Return on Practically Old Terms.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Feb. 3.—The arbitrators in the strike of the livery drivers have announced their decision. The result is a renewal of the old contract against which the men were striking because of two items which were eliminated in favor of the owners. These two items are that there shall be not more delegates of the union posted in the stables, and livery men are not bound to have uniforms made by union tailors. The men are to receive 8 1/2 a week for a 12-hour day, with 25 cents an hour for overtime, with one day off in each week. These were practically the conditions before the strike.

A VIGILANT OFFICIAL.

The Dominion Auditor-General Seeking to Recover Money He Claims Were Wrongfully Expended.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Justice Dugas is here to-day, and will be examined on discovery before the Exchequer court, in connection with the suit taken at the instance of the Auditor-General to compel a refund of certain sums paid by the government to the judge as living expenses in the early days of the Yukon.

Inspector Frank L. Cartwright has resigned his position on the Mounted Police force.

BURGLARY AT VANCOUVER.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Feb. 3.—Tiedall's gun store was burglarized last night and \$300 worth of guns taken.

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COLD IN EAST.
Man Frozen to Death and Trains Snow Bound.
Montreal, Feb. 2.—Intense cold weather prevails in Eastern Canada to-day. Labels in the Laurentian mountains, reports the mercury falling to 40 below zero. Other places in the province of Quebec report temperatures ranging from 20 to 31 below. In Eastern Ontario temperatures range from 20 to 30 below.

Fatalities.
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Intensely cold weather, a forty-mile gale and a heavy fall of snow played havoc with the railroad entering Buffalo to-night. Blinded by the blizzard, Morris Welch, a hotel proprietor at Depue, walked in front of a rapidly moving express train. He was instantly killed. Jos. Kurovski, an East Side Pole, froze to death in a shed back of his home.

Train Wrecked.
Niles, Feb. 2.—Southwestern Michigan is in the embrace of a blizzard. To-night a Big Four passenger train was buried in a snow drift twelve miles north of Niles, and the passengers were conveyed to a near-by town on bob sleighs. At Wayland a Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad train was wrecked during the storm and several passengers were slightly injured.

TOOK POISON.
Newly Married Couple Declined to Die Together—Bride Is Dead.
Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 2.—The wedding here last week of Corporal Charles A. Valois, Company H, Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, home on furlough, and Miss Mabel Steiner, had a tragic climax last night, when the young couple took poison at a rooming house on Franklin street. Mrs. Valois is dead and her husband is in a critical condition.

The match met with the disapproval of the parents of each of them. They left a letter saying that their parents had turned them out and they had no place to go, and had decided to die together. Mrs. Valois died from a dose of carbolic acid and laudanum.

H. W. Hutchinson has been elected president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, and R. L. Johnston, vice-president.

W. C. WHITNEY'S DEATH.
Septilemia Given as the Cause—The Last Hours of Former Naval Secretary.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 3.—Septilemia was the immediate cause of the death of W. C. Whitney, former United States secretary of the navy, who passed away last evening. A semi-official account of his last hours is to the effect that the toxine, which produced septilemia following the operation for appendicitis, gradually spread through the tissues of the body and reached the brain cells, where there was paralysis and death. The physicians had concluded to open the superficial wound and examine the area from which the pus was absorbed by the drain, inserted after the operation. It was impossible to make this examination without putting the patient under the influence of an anesthetic on account of the great pain. Ether was administered, the wound opened and the lower part examined. While this was going on, three doctors kept the closest watch on the patient's pulse and heart beats. Before the examination was concluded it was noticed that Mr. Whitney was sinking. The administration of ether was immediately stopped, but before its effects could wear off, he was dead.

Much interest is attached to the probable effect of Mr. Whitney's death upon his wife's interests, which were to have been transferred this coming season than ever before. As to the disposition of the estate, nobody in authority will talk.

REBELS NEAR CAPITAL.
Inhabitants of Montevideo Pale-Stricken—Cruiser Sent to Protect Argentine Citizens.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 3.—Dispatches from Montevideo, Uruguay, announce that the rebels under Gen. Aparicio Sarayua are now only four leagues from the capital, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Aires. A great panic has seized the residents of Montevideo and the Argentine government has decided to send a cruiser there to protect the interests of Argentine citizens.

NOVELIST'S ESTATE.
New York, Feb. 3.—The will of the late Hugh Stowell Scott, better known as Harry St. John Merriman, the novelist, shows that he left an estate of \$250,000, says a Times dispatch from London. The document has not been filed for probate.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN.
Mrs. McCarthy, of South Shattisbury, Vt., Preparing to Celebrate Her Birthday.

(Associated Press.)
South Shattisbury, Vt., Feb. 3.—The oldest person in Vermont, and possibly the oldest in New England, Mrs. Honora McCarthy, of this town, is preparing to celebrate her 114th birthday. Mrs. McCarthy does not recall the day of the month on which she was born, but states it was on the first Friday in Lent of 1790. That she is 114 years of age was confirmed by the late Rev. John S. Fryer, of Bennington, by records found in the parish bible on a visit to Ireland several years ago. Mrs. McCarthy says she is confident that she is going to live until she is 120 years of age.

PRIEST'S JUBILEE.
Many Gifts for Rector of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Rome.

(Associated Press.)
Rome, Feb. 3.—Rev. Father Williams Whitmore, rector of the English Catholic church here, better known in America as General of the Pallottin Order, celebrated the jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood to-day. He received many presents, including the autograph of the Pope on a photograph, a gold desert set from Dowager Queen Margherita, and clasps from England and America amounting to \$1,000.

TEN YEARS FOR EMBEZZLER.
Cleveland, O., Feb. 3.—Geo. A. Rose, late cashier of the Trust and Exchange Bank, who recently confessed to embezzling \$187,000 of the bank's funds, was today sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary by Judge Disette in the criminal court.

QUARTER MILLION DAMAGES.
Several Buildings Destroyed by Fire at Cincinnati.

(Associated Press.)
Cincinnati, Feb. 3.—Fire, which started in the five-story building occupied by the Great City Tea Co. at 27 Vine street, totally destroyed that building and partially destroyed four adjoining buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000.

One of the sources of motor power used in the African Sahara is sand carried by the wind to elevated reservoirs.



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FARMERS WANT A COLLEGE ENDOWED

CENTRAL INSTITUTE CONTINUED BUSINESS

Considerable business was dealt with at yesterday afternoon's session of the Central Farmers' Institute. Before any resolutions were read it was suggested by J. Dilworth that it would be advisable, if it was the intention to complete all necessary business within a reasonable time, to limit the discussion.

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JANUARY FIRES. Damage During the Month Estimated at One Hundred Dollars.

During the month of January the fire department was called out seven times. The total loss is estimated at \$100. A detailed list follows: January 6th, box 27, 5 p.m. wires grounded on Temple building, Fort Street; no loss. January 9th, box 27, 5.30 p.m., wires grounded on pole, Discovery and Douglas streets. January 10th, telephone, sparks issuing from stack, Bank of Montreal. January 13th, box 27, chimney fire, 70 Fisgard street. January 19th, box 27, chimney fire, Grotto school. January 28th, box 32, J. W. Keller's frame building, Yates and Broad St., incendiary; loss on building, \$100. January 31st, box 27, paper rod from hole in residence of Mr. Corson, Jubilee avenue; no loss.

HIS BITTON.

It is reported that, on one occasion, Boss Tweed, of New York, was standing with a group in the mayor's office, when a large diamond, as big as a strawberry, rolled upon the floor. Some of the group picked it up and passed it around to find its owner. "Not mine," said one after another. Tweed fumbled with his garments for a minute, then reached for the stone. "It must be mine," he said. "I see I have lost one of my suspender buttons."



Nervous Prostration Cured by DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

"I am an engineer by trade and the hard work and worry of running a large engine brought on nervous prostration," writes Mr. Chas. F. Dixon, of Arbutus, Cal. "A friend recommended Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to me and I bought one bottle; thought that it helped me so continued the use of it until I had taken six bottles. I feel better than ever in my life. Am not a particle nervous, can work hard all day and sleep sound at night. I not only think so but I know that the 'Golden Medical Discovery' cured me and therefore I will recommend it to others."

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

ESTIMATES AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

They Were Finally Reported to the House—New Bill Affecting Lillooet Member.

Victoria, Feb. 2.

The legislature spent all this afternoon in the discussion of the estimates upon report. At the night sitting this work was completed, and the estimates were reported.

In the evening a tangle arose over the right of the legislature to refuse to pass the appropriation for the Agent-General in London. It was decided in favor of the right of the House to do so if it chose.

Petitions.

Hon. J. Fulton presented 15 petitions from residents of Victoria, Vancouver, Chilliwack, New Westminster, Golden, Port Hammond, Squamish, Agassiz, Quesson, Comox, Nanaimo, Duncan, Revelstoke, Ladysmith and Kamloops, asking for amendments to the game laws.

The Ottawa Delegation.

The Premier presented further correspondence in connection with the report submitted to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by the Hon. Chas. Wilson and the Hon. R. F. Green, on their mission to Ottawa as a delegation from the province of British Columbia.

British Columbia University.

W. R. Ross moved the following resolution: "That in the interests of higher education it is desirable that the means for the introduction of a scheme whereby a university may be established within the province of British Columbia should receive the early consideration of the government of this province."

In doing so he referred to the former efforts made on this line. This had failed partly because of sectional feeling, that he thought would be overcome today.

Stuart Henderson, while he agreed upon the advantages to be derived from the establishment of a university, yet he doubted whether it were wise to undertake such a work just now.

Mr. Paterson wanted to know if the resolution was in order. He referred to the resolution introduced by himself the day previous recommending the appointment of surveyors on the Grand Trunk Pacific survey.

The Speaker ruled that the resolution was in order.

Premier McBride told of the failure of the scheme when first proposed. The trouble then was the lack of funds. He believed that the time was ripe for the establishment of a university.

On the vote for the Industrial school, Mr. McInnes asked when it would be ready, and whether it was the intention to change the management.

The Finance Minister said that it was expected that the buildings would be ready some time this summer. Nothing had been decided upon with respect to any change.

To the vote of \$2,000 for protection of the bank of the Ladouche river at Trout Lake city, J. A. Macdonald took exception. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in whose riding this money was intended to be expended, had admitted that the work was for the protection of private property.

Mr. Oliver said that the Chief Commissioner had not given such an explanation as this committee. He had given them to understand that this was for the protection of private property only. But if it were similar to the expenditure in other instances, he had yet to learn that two wrongs made a right.

Mr. Brown, on the vote of \$500 for a ferry from North Vancouver to Vancouver, thought this was surely not required in view of the importance of the great city of Vancouver, its wealth, its business and its population—the great commercial centre of the province, etc.

Mr. Williams wanted an explanation of why the member from Alberni while he represented Ladysmith had not taken interest in this and got the ward help. Mr. McInnes explained that he had in this \$3,000 appropriation last year for wharves included this work.

On the item of \$1,000 for Delta, Mr. Oliver said that it would take \$950 for the road superintendent. This left \$50 to be expended. The government stated the other day that the money was being made for the connection between the road and the bridge. Six weeks ago in Victoria Mr. Oliver said he saw the plans for this. It was estimated to cost \$2,500 or \$3,000. How could this be done with \$50?

No explanation was given by the government. C. Munro thought it would be wiser to cut off the \$1,000 for Chilliwack altogether rather than spend two-thirds of it in paying a road superintendent.

Mr. Macdonald, alluding to the vote of \$8,000 for Ymir, pointed out the need of the appropriation for the Sophie Mountain road, which connected the Velvet mine and others in that locality to Ladouche. At the present time trade went from the mine to Northport in the United States. The trade might be kept in the province. It was passed over to the province, it \$2,000 being voted to maintain a wall to protect private property. The Chief Commissioner smiled because he got this \$2,000 for his constituency and for his friends. But the public expected money to be expended in the interests of the province. He wanted the Chief Commissioner to withdraw the motion, though it might be against his principles to do so, and provide for this Sophie Mountain road.

Mr. Wells took exception to the appropriation in Columbia. He further extended a criticism of Hon. R. F. Green, who represented the constituency in the riding of Kaslo. He had not looked after the interests of that part of the country as a whole. On the contrary, his own riding was well attended to in the appropriations. The riding of Kaslo and Slokan as now constituted were really about the same as the old riding of Kaslo. The expenditure in the riding should be proportionate to the riding as it formerly was. They found on this rule that the Chief Commissioner's riding was getting about as much as in former years. The appropriations had been made with a view to giving political advantage to certain members. He held that there was no similarity between the cases of Revelstoke and Golden, and the works proposed for the Ladouche river. Revelstoke works required prompt attention at the time in order to save the town from destruction. Golden also required protection. But this was the case of a few town lots.

Hon. R. F. Green took exception to personal references to himself. At this juncture it was announced that His Honor was present to assist to the bill validating the acts of Mayor Barnard.

His Honor having given his assent, the debate was resumed by Hon. Mr. Green. The latter held that the constituency of Columbia was fairly dealt with. Mr. Wells took exception to the Chief Commissioner, contending that he had applied personal remarks to him.

Taylor held that Mr. Wells had spent money lavishly in building trails everywhere in Columbia. It was even urged that Mr. Wells had straightened streets and built sidewalks in Golden at the country's expense. He held that the protection works on the Ladouche river were required. The appropriations were spent under Mr. Wells to look at it.

Mr. Oliver referred to the Ladouche river protection wall. He said he inferred that the chief engineer of the public works department, who did not stand very high in his (Mr. Oliver's) opinion had reported against the wall. He thought it was a bad proposition when the chief engineer reported against it. He wanted to know why the member for Revelstoke did not protest against the lavish expenditure of the late Chief Commissioner.

John Houston, in explanation, said the Chief Commissioner was a very capable of looking after their own constituencies. He contended that the appropriation had not really been cut down for Kaslo, as Sloan and Kaslo ridings now embraced just about the same as the old Kaslo riding. The appropriations therefore should be only about half what they were last year. There was a small vote for Ymir which he supposed was based upon the importance of the member, who could only make a speech in moving the address. Until they got big enough men in the government to make it possible to distribute the expenditure fairly.

On the vote for \$1,500 for the Woodberry Creek road, the leader of the opposition wanted to know if this was in the riding of Kaslo. The Chief Commissioner replied that it was.

Again other items were noted in the Asain-district by the leader of the opposition. It was pointed out, therefore, that Macdonald said, that while the vote for the riding of the Chief Commissioner was credited with getting only \$8,000, it really got about \$16,000, when all these were added together. It was an old riding also. In Ymir, which was a large constituency, there was not a fair distribution. The returns from Ymir were two or three times as large as from Kaslo. More money should have been given in opening out new districts. Partiality had been shown, and Kaslo was getting two or three times as much as its share compared with any other riding in the province.

In explanation of the vote of \$2,500 for a foot bridge to be attached to the C. P. R. bridge at Revelstoke, it was stated that the company had given permission to attach this foot bridge for the convenience of the public.

Mr. McInnes wanted the government to take steps to ascertain just what was the duty of the Dominion and the provincial powers in the matter of wharves. If it was a Dominion matter, the province should be relieved of it. He also alluded to the need of a public wharf at Ladysmith. The E. & N. Railway Company had a monopoly of the carrying trade of the merchants there, but later railway line and the wharves being under the control of that company. The government, of which he had been a member, had proposed to do this.

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Mr. Carter-Cotton explained that the city of Vancouver was doing its best with this. It was the only means North Vancouver had of reaching the city.

On the vote of \$12,000 for surveys Mr. Oliver again called the attention of the government to the importance of taking

advantage of the work done by the engineers on the Grand Trunk Pacific work. He thought it might be possible to get the company's surveyors to collect the information at a small cost.

The leader of the opposition wanted to know what was done with this vote. The Chief Commissioner explained that he had particularly used in locating new roads, etc.

On the vote of \$750 in aid of militia, Mr. Oliver thought it was the province's going outside of its duty in voting money to the militia. This was clearly a duty which devolved upon the Dominion parliament.

Thereafter, on the vote for horizontal printing, though that was money was not expended as judiciously as it might be. The Inspector of Prisons with a salary of \$1,000 a year was paid \$5 a day for attending meetings of the board.

The Minister of Finance explained that the money paid for attending the meetings of the board was before his appointment as inspector.

On the vote for \$1,500 for investigations respecting salmon in fresh waters, members of the opposition wanted an explanation. The leader of the opposition thought in a year like this when appropriations were cut down to as low a point as possible, it might be wise to leave out an experimental matter like this.

The Minister of Finance promised to do what he could. This House at 6 o'clock rose until 8:30 this evening.

Evening Session. Upon resuming in the evening, Mr. Henderson wanted to know what had been done with the \$500 grant to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He had found the society generally to be composed of "cranks" in the Upper Country.

Mr. Cameron defended the society, and argued that the society did good work. The money was well expended.

Mr. Oliver held that the question of Mr. Henderson was not answered. The money appeared to have been paid to Mr. South. He thought they might have fuller information on the subject.

Mr. Paterson wanted to know if it was likely that the condition of the taxpayers of the country would be brought before this society. (Laughter.) Mr. Macdonald heartily endorsed the words of commendation which had been spoken respecting this society. In British Columbia there was great scope for the work of the society, and it was among the provincial constables could be well entrusted to look after this work.

Mr. Oliver moved that the vote of \$10,000 for the Agent-General's office be struck out. He said he did this in view of the fact that the province practically got nothing in return for the outlay. The Attorney-General pointed out that this motion was contrary to an act of the legislature. He wanted to know if the motion could be in order.

Mr. Oliver wanted to know if it was a statutory order why should a statute be brought down. Mr. Carter-Cotton said the member for Delta had taken the wrong course in attacking this with this statute in force.

The Speaker held that this was a very important point. He did not care to give a decision of his hand on it. Mr. Oliver thereupon suggested the adjournment of the debate in order to allow the House an opportunity to look into it.

The Speaker said that he did not see that a member could be prevented from moving for the repeal of a statute or for amendment of any act.

Mr. Macdonald said it was a recognized right of the Commons to refuse supply. But he said the act did not say that the Agent-General must be appointed. It was provided that an Agent-General "may" be appointed. "Should" which appeared later should be construed as imperative or permissive according to the general force of the statute.

The Speaker thought that it would be found impossible to show "may" as permissive.

Mr. Macdonald said if the matter was allowed to stand over he would cite authorities. He wished a ruling from the chair.

The Attorney-General withdrew his objection, but it was taken up by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Macdonald still pressed for a ruling.

The Premier proceeded with a splendid display of dynamics to go into the whole subject.

Mr. Oliver raised a point of order, and the Speaker therefore checked the Premier.

The Premier again proceeded, stating that the government would stand or fall by the vote on this item. He further proceeded to state the position of affairs. He charged the opposition with raising the question for party purposes.

Mr. Macdonald raised the point of order that the Premier was not speaking to the point of order.



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand-Worthy Vice Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can today thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles. My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female trouble, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women."—MRS. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 105, Lillydale, N.Y.—\$2500 for a testimonial showing letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Heavy selling and a violent break in prices marked Tuesday's business on the New York cotton exchange, the slump being even more sensational than the recent advance. A number of causes, chief of which was the continued report that Daniel J. Sully, leader of the upward movement, was about to take a vacation, were responsible for the collapse. Quotations fell from 86 to 84 a bale, and utter demoralization ruled in the pit. No failures were reported, but the violent fluctuations represent losses of millions.

In a collision between a crowded suburban train on the Chicago Terminal railway, and a switch engine, two men were killed and a score of others slightly hurt.

The Premier said that the government was not ashamed of anything in connection with it. Mr. Bosnal had been employed to take charge of the work. That it had been completed had worked the men like a taskmaster. When the work was completed Mr. Oliver would take credit for it.

Mr. Oliver said that the trial of the Premier was intended to misrepresent him. He (Mr. Oliver) had not said one word against the road superintendent. The road was laid out before the government came into power.

Hon. R. F. Green essayed also to give enlightenment on the subject. He contended the road had been built economically.

Mr. Oliver also wanted to know under what appropriation it was intended to complete the connection between the road and the New Westminster bridge.

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ROSS vs. MBRIDE

The well-informed and exceedingly reliable Ottawa correspondent of the Colonist says Premier Ross of Ontario is going to resign. Again we must express doubts as to the accuracy of our contemporary's "news."

Some time ago the Ontario government, realizing that the system of assessment in vogue was unfair and unjust in many respects, appointed a commission to go into the matter and suggest a measure which would bear with some degree of fairness upon all.

COMBINED FOR EVIL.

The Toronto Telegram, which loves a Grit as dearly as the devil does a saint, complains that the troubles of the Tories in Ontario are entirely due to the weakness of the front row of the opposition in the Legislature.

acknowledge neither King nor country, who know no national boundary lines, who are so liberal in sentiment, so broad in principle, whose bosoms are so expansive that they can clasp the whole world to their great, throbbing hearts.

What is the purport of the bargain or agreement under which the Tory-Socialist party has decided to exploit British Columbia? We can only estimate the nature of the bargain by the legislative results of the coalition.

The rising generation in the Oak Bay neighborhood is not so boisterous in its play to-day as usual. It is face to face with a more impressive mystery than that of throbbing life. It is confronted by emotions, motionless death.

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A London dispatch says: "A fiscal plebiscite of members of the London Chamber of Commerce resulted as follows: For a tax on foodstuffs, 74; against, 62; for tax on raw materials, 21; against, 117; for taxing manufactured articles, 116; against, 30; for preferential trade with the colonies and foreign countries on a reciprocal basis, 108; against, 40.

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—S. Perry Mills, K. C., returned from Dunsmuir at noon to-day, having appeared for the prosecution in the case in which Simon Brown was charged with criminal assault on the wife of a settler. Dunsmuir was yesterday committed to the Nanaimo assizes by Magistrate McNeil. The defence was conducted by F. H. Higgins, of Victoria. It did not appear for the defence on this occasion.

—The second concert of the Arion club will be held in the Institute hall to-morrow week, the 11th inst. Mrs. W. E. Green and Frank Watkins will be the soloists, and a good concert may be looked for. For those who have not yet become subscribers, an opportunity is given to send in their names for the second and third concerts, and a reduction is made on the rates for the full season. The secretary, A. S. Gore, P. O. box 471, will be glad to receive names of those wishing to join. The club are desirous of making their concert an attractive one, and can only do so by receiving the hearty support of the musical public.

—Alberta Gallatin, who is to appear here at the Victoria this evening in Henrik Ibsen's masterpiece, "Ghosts," is a Virginia by birth. Her father was a celebrated Confederate general, Albert Gallatin Jenkins, whose name is still held in loving remembrance among the veterans of the Shenandoah valley. General Jenkins was a warm personal friend of Gen. Lee. Miss Gallatin has been favorably seen as the leading support of Mr. Keene, Richard Mansfield and Joseph Jefferson, and is recognized as one of the best "Hamlets" on the stage. She will appear here at the head of her own company.

—In the ordinary course of events the regular monthly meeting of the board of police commissioners would take place to-day. The annual reports of the chief and detectives are ready, but there are no commissioners. Even if the government did make the appointments at the present time, the board would be with one chairman, owing to the chief magistrate's chair being vacant. Probably the next meeting that will wait until after the mayoralty election before announcing the commissioners. This will give them plenty of time in which to perform a task which must be painfully delicate in view of the innumerable assurances they have given some of their most enthusiastic supporters.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, held their first monthly social for this year at the manse, with a large turnout of the members and their friends, on Monday evening. The past season has been one of the most successful in the history of the society as shown in the attendance at regular and social meetings, and the very handsome contribution made to the missionary and benevolent schemes of the church. Much of the past success and present position of the society is due to the efforts of the retiring president, for a number of years, Miss Ida Blackwood. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. J. H. Dickson, president; Miss Jeanie Anderson, recording secretary; and Miss Kate McKenzie, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

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—Premier McBride and ministers will entertain all the members of the House at a banquet at the Dryden hotel to-night.

—A few snaps for cash at Eskin's grocery. Moir's marmalade, one pound glass jars at 15 cents each; choice hams and bacon at 17 and 18 cents pound. Telephone, 100.

—A meeting of the Paardeberg entertainment committee will be held in the drill hall this evening. A full attendance is requested, as very important business has to be transacted.

—This evening in the school room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the third rehearsal for "Elijah" will be held. All taking part are asked to be present as the time for preparation is short.

—Two performances will be given by the "Killean" band, at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday, February 9th, after-noon matinee and evening. This is the second annual tour of the organization, and the entertainment is reported to be one of merit.

—Prof. E. G. Wickens receives pupils for violin, cello, piano, etc., harmony and counterpoint at his rooms, 97 Fort street (opposite Philharmonic hall); also prepares advanced students to pass their examination to enter the conservatoire of Europe.

—The Fernwood Young Men's Association will begin their weekly whist tournaments next Friday night at 8 o'clock at their hall. A handsome prize will be offered the winners of the monthly series. Members and friends are cordially invited.

—To-morrow evening a meeting of residents of Victoria district will be held at Cecil Hill Temperance hall to discuss the advisability of forming a municipality. The same subject will be considered at a meeting to be held in the near future at Colquitz.

—In recognition of service performed during the South African campaign, when he was with the Royal Field Artillery, Lieut. E. Broder, eldest son of Hon. C. E. Pooley, speaker of the legislature, yesterday received from the British war office a couple of medals, which he justly feels proud of.

—The committee appointed at the meeting of the city council on Monday night to proceed to New Westminster to interview Anthony Morrison, M. P., on the question of securing the dredge, will probably leave for the Mainland to-night. If the committee is not successful in its mission, it is probable the council will enter into an arrangement whereby the gravel required for the filling in of the James Bay flats will be obtained from a couple of lots in Spring Ridge.

—Pride of the Island Lodge, Sons of England, held their regular monthly meeting last evening at the A. O. U. W. hall. Addresses were delivered by the district deputy and Bro. Fowler, of Vancouver. Brief speeches were also given by officers of Alexandra lodge, who were present on a fraternal visit. Suitable replies were made by members of Pride of the Island lodge, after which the regular business of the evening was spent in pleasant social reunion.

—The regular fortnightly social of the young ladies of St. John's Guild was held last evening in the school room. There was a large attendance, and all present spent a pleasant time. The following programme was rendered during the evening: Miss Todd, vocal solo; Robert Walker, piano solo; the Misses Andrews, vocal duet; Mr. Hollis, violin solo; Miss Shields, piano solo; Miss Palmer, vocal solo; Miss Sweet, piano solo; H. Redfern, violin solo; Miss Brown, vocal solo; choir boys; Miss Palmer and Mr. Savage, vocal duet; Mr. Oliver, vocal solo; Percy Walls, piano solo.

—The Pattersons at the Edison theatre this week are of interest to the public, aside from the novel and instructive exhibition they give. Prof. Patterson and his little daughter are vegetarians, and the picture of health. During the past summer Prof. Patterson lowered the Pike's Peak pedestrian record, made by Capt. Boynton, of New York, from 5 hours 15 minutes to 4 hours 34 minutes round trip. Little Harriet is said to be the smallest child to have climbed Pike's Peak unaided and without fatigue. She was very sickly until four years old, when her father decided to try some theories of his own on physical culture, etc. Their exhibition illustrates some of the amazing play exercises which saved the little one. The electric and musical clubs are the invention of Prof. Patterson.

—An interesting meeting of Baxter Hill, Ladies of the Maccabees, was held in Reppie's hall last evening. The time allowed for assessing new members through the "membership contest" having expired, the "Blues" were declared to have brought in the largest number, all of whom were initiated at a special meeting last Friday. The hive is working very energetically for the advance of the cause in Victoria West. On Monday evening next a social will be held at the home of Mrs. Hardy, Catherine and Skinner streets, to which all Maccabee members and friends are invited. The five, which is specially interested in the work of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt, have also in hand an entertainment to be given at that place at an early date. The installation of officers for the ensuing year will take place the third Tuesday in February.

—Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer, Glam Cocktails, K. P. C. Wine. Try them.

CONTRACT TAKEN FROM THE SOUND

FORTEVIOT BROUGHT HERE FOR REPAIRS

Moana Sails Direct For Sydney—Will Probably Lower Time Record on Voyage.

Once more Messrs. Bullen, proprietors of the B. C. Marine railway, have been successful in beating out the strenuous competition of Puget Sound shipbuilders on a contract. They have taken from the very doors of such institutions as that of Moran's, Seattle, a job which will represent in disbursements upwards of ten thousand dollars. And this has been done in open competition, and in the usual way.

Tenders were called for the repairs to the big four-masted steel barque Forteviot. Several were received from the leading firms on the Sound, one offering to do the work for \$15,000. Messrs. Bullen's tender, however, was considerably the lowest, and the Forteviot in consequence was brought from Tacoma to Esquimalt, where the repairs will be executed.

The barque is the biggest sailing vessel that has ever entered port, exceeding even the Astoria in tonnage, which had previously held the record for size, gross tonnage of 3,145. She was built by W. D. Potter & Sons in 1891, and is owned by the Palace Shipping Company, her home port being Liverpool. Her dimensions are: Length, 93.73 feet; beam, 40 feet, and depth of hold, 23.3 feet.

The vessel is now alongside the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company's wharf, where all the repairs can be carried out without placing her on the ways.

The damage is all above deck, being confined principally to the rigging, some of which was carried away in a storm encountered off the River Platte, South America. At the time the vessel was on her way from Liverpool with rails and merchandise for British Columbia and Sound ports, which cargo she has just discharged.

THE MOANA AWAY.

The Canadian-Australian liner Moana, Capt. Carey, got away for Sydney, N. S. W., last night, after receiving Victoria mail and a few passengers from this city. The vessel will sail direct for Sydney, that she may be enabled to make up in part-time lost on her previous trip. She therefore only carries mail for New Zealand and Australia. The mails for the intermediate ports of call, Honolulu and Suva, will be carried by the Aorangi, now in port and scheduled to sail on Friday. Capt. Carey, of the Moana, believes that he can reach Sydney by the 21st. His ship took on an extra amount of coal for the long run at Vancouver, and it is expected that on the present run he will be able to reduce the time record between Victoria and Sydney by several days. The steamer carries a small cargo and about a dozen passengers.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE.

Beginning April 30th and closing December 1st, and commencing with the sailing of the Empress of China from Yokohama, the C. P. R. will book all saloon passengers to Europe by way of the Canadian Pacific route, with the option of proceeding via St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Paul, Chicago, etc. The rate will be 4.50 for first class, 4.00 for second class, and 3.50 for third.

GOVERNMENT CHARTER RATE.

The recent offer of the Japanese government, of 3 yen per ton to charter vessels was refused by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, though several other companies accepted the rate, says the Shanghai Mercury. "The N. Y. K. held out for 4.50 yen, and the government has now acceded, and this amount is to be paid for first class vessels. The other companies have been identified by this action of the N. Y. K. It has been decided to pay the uniform rate of 4.50 yen for first class vessels, 4.00 for second class, and 3.50 for third."

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Selkirk, Capt. Ramose, arrived from Tacoma this morning for a load of fire clay for the Tree smelter. Lady Smith, which she will receive at the outer wharf. Capt. Ramose is in charge of the steamer, while Capt. Bisset is enjoying a well earned holiday.

The round-the-world liner Tydes arrived from England and Adantic ports about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The vessel is still in port discharging about 500 tons of freight for this city and Esquimalt.

The funeral of the late Freeman Norman, the boy who was accidentally killed yesterday near Fort Bay school house, will be held from Hanna's undertaking apartments to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The service will pass the school house at 2:30 o'clock, where it will be joined by the children.

J. P. Babecek, fisheries commissioner of the province of British Columbia, will deliver a lecture before the board of trade this evening on the subject of "Salmon Propagation—Results and Methods." The lecture will be illustrated with 129 lantern views, and should prove of special interest.

LAW IS EFFECTIVE.

No Chinese Paid the Five Hundred Dollar Tax During Past Month.

Twenty-two dollars was the sum total of the Victoria revenue collected at the Victoria customs during the past month. The amount represents the smallest Chinese business done at the Victoria customs for many years. It was the first month that the \$500 head-tax applied on Chinese immigrants and invalids in no uncertain manner the efficiency of the new law in the purpose for which it was designed.

The imports for the month were as follows: Free, \$90,281; dutiable, \$175,285; and duty, \$55,119.25. With Chinese and other revenues added the total is brought up to \$55,334.08.

The exports for January totalled \$100,260. Of this \$81,645 represents domestic, and \$15,561 foreign exports.

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JAS. DUNSMUIR RETAINS CONTROL OF COLONIST

Privy Council (To-day Declined to Give Permission to Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir to Appeal.

A cable to the Times from London states that the Privy Council to-day refused the appeal of Dunsmuir and another vs. Dunsmuir and others. The former finally secured control of the publication of the Colonist newspaper in Victoria, which is already fresh in the memory of readers of the Times. The fight lay between James Dunsmuir and one or two others and Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, with whom was associated the Vernon and Holland interests. The former finally secured control, and the minority interests carried the case to the Privy Council, with the result as above indicated.

FOUND THE RIFLE.

Weapon Which Killed Freeman Norman Was Found in a Field.

A coroner's jury is sitting this afternoon to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of little Freeman Norman, the seven-year-old boy of 8 Norman, who met death at noon yesterday through the accidental discharge of a pea rifle in the hands of a brother, but four years his senior.

Constable Cox, of the provincial police, has made a complete investigation of the case, and found the facts to be as follows: As stated in last evening's Times, Freeman was playing on the roadside with a number of companions from the Ford Bay school. They were shooting at a piece of tin placed on the fence as a target. The rifle used belonged to Jesse Bonds, another little fellow, who had found it in a field a few days previously. Cartridges had been purchased by another little boy named Holland, and the youths were enjoying themselves to their hearts' content, when the fatality occurred. Willie Norman's turn to shoot at the target had come, and he was in the act of loading the weapon when the bullet was discharged. Freeman had just fallen to the ground, writhing and groaning with pain, when a pedestrian named Dodson came to his assistance. He carried the boy to the residence of Miss Miller, where the little fellow expired in less than ten minutes.

The rifle, recovered for the boy's death, is now in the hands of the provincial police, and in itself furnishes a valuable clue as to how it was that the bullet was discharged. It is an old fashioned weapon, the trigger of which drops about five times out of every ten it is cocked, without any pressure whatever being brought to bear on it. A cap fits over the cartridge for the trigger to strike, and Willie Norman thinks that the bullet was discharged while this was being lowered.

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The Telephone Co. in their new directory will have Eskin's grocery number 100 therein. Take a mental note of it.

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The five main railways in Switzerland require over 30,000,000 horse power daily. In order to organize a complete electrical service it will be necessary to obtain about 60,000 horse power in the shape of hydroelectric current, which is an expensive commodity. Not taking into account the considerable number of falls which are not utilized in the country, there exist already twenty-one large hydraulic plants, which can give a total of 30,000 horse power. These include the plant of St. Maurice power, which has a capacity of 20,000 horse power; the Laufenburg plant, on the Rhine, giving also 20,000 horse power; and five others giving each 5,000 horse power. He enumerates twenty-one plants which will be more than sufficient to supply the energy for the Swiss railways.

The cost of changing over the system would, of course, be considerable. It is to be noted, however, that the adoption of the electrical system would have the great advantage of doing away with the present consumption of coal, which is an important commodity, and that the use of hydraulic energy would be of great benefit in developing several branches of manufacturing.

The publication of Mr. Zimmernann's report aroused considerable attention in different quarters, and already one of the railway companies has applied to the government for an authority to use electric trains on a trial stretch of road twenty miles long.



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Shawangan Lake	10.10	10.48	Shawangan Lake	8.30	8.30
Duncan	11.00	10.42	Duncan	8.50	8.50
Lady Smith	11.57	8.10	Lady Smith	9.05	9.05
Nanaimo	12.40	8.29	Nanaimo	9.41	9.41
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

The Chief Commissioner said that when the cost was estimated the money would be provided.

Mr. Oliver called his attention to the fact that the estimates were already prepared.

The report from the committee of supply was adopted and the House went into committee on the bill for the purposes and means of granting supply to His Majesty with F. Carter-Cotton in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the report being received.

The formal act in connection with the estimates was read a first time.

Lillooet Member.

The Premier said he had by arrangement with the leader of the opposition decided to modify the bill proposed for the purpose of seating the member for Lillooet. The member was opposed to the bill he would not be permitted to sit. Mr. MacDonald had come down to Victoria at considerable inconvenience and expense. It would not be doing justice to the constituency of Lillooet to preclude him from a seat. He was proposed as first to seat Mr. MacDonald for the four years. He now proposed to modify the bill, legalizing his act for this session alone.

J. A. Macdonald said that the members of the House irrespective of party might agree to qualify Mr. MacDonald for this session. He believed this and still believed that the error was committed by Mr. MacDonald, unwittingly. The Liberals of Lillooet met and decided that they were not in favor of disqualifying Mr. MacDonald or inflicting penalties upon him. The Liberal party had, therefore, no desire to inconvenience Mr. MacDonald. The Premier had agreed to introduce changes in the bill which he (Mr. Macdonald) had agreed to.

Mr. Oliver advised the withdrawal of the present bill and introduce a new bill along the lines proposed. He did so because it was undesirable that the House should go on record as establishing a precedent.

The Premier agreed to this.

Election Act.

The adjourned debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Macdonald to add to section 202, on report of the Election Act, the following: "Save as except as to any right, liability or disabilities which, prior to this act, have accrued or been incurred, or which might accrue or have been incurred but for this act, and it is hereby declared that the true intent and meaning of section 152 of chapter 47 of the revised statutes of 1907, and section 25 of the act of 1899, taken together, was and is that the returning officer should retain the ballots, ballot boxes and other documents mentioned in said sections until the expiration of the period of ten days from the date of the certificate declaring the result of the election.

Mr. Henderson continued the debate, arguing that an election protest did not cover the same objections as were envisaged in a recount. No objection would have been raised had the government instructed their officer that the law was not mandatory, but only directory. In this way the ballots might have been returned.

The motion was lost on a vote of 16 to 11.

An amendment in favor of rescinding the decision to open bars on election day at the close of the poll was defeated. It was introduced by R. L. Dray, who wished the bars closed for the day.

The bill was reported.

Supreme Court Act.

The House then went into committee on the Supreme Court Act. The committee rose and reported progress.

Third Readings.

The Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act amendment was reported and passed its third reading.

The amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act introduced by the Premier was reported and passed its third reading.

The Sanitary Drainage Companies Act was reported and passed its third reading.

Discharged.

The order for the committing of an act relating to the attachment of debts was discharged, as was also the order for the second reading of the Bills of Sale Act. New bills the Attorney-General said were being introduced.

Westminster Bridge.

The act to provide an additional sum for the completion of the New Westminster bridge across the Fraser river was reported, and passed its third reading.

On commissions on this matter. He had now come to the conclusion that these people had rights. He opposed the member for Alberni in his bill last year, but now he was forced to believe that the member had good ground for the course he took. He considered that this bill would result in bringing about a speedy settlement of the matter. He would accept any suggestions intended to assist in giving relief to these people. The new bill proposed to provide settlers with the means for establishing their claims, and not as last year's bill to afford this opportunity to both sides.

Mr. Henderson moved the adjournment of the debate at 11.20.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, although it was then 11.20 and but few members remained in the House, wanted the bill read a second time.

The motion, however, carried.

The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Questions.

Mr. Oliver, on Thursday next, will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. Did the public works engineer, or any other engineer, report as to the advisability of protecting the town of Vernon by the construction of a dam at the outlet of Long Lake? 2. If so, will the government submit a copy of such report at once for the information of this House? 3. Has Mr. Price Elliston a water right covering the waters of Long Lake, or the overflow thereof, on a portion thereof? 4. If so, what amount of water is so reserved? 5. What is the estimated amount of water flowing from Long Lake? 6. Has any other person recorded water from Long Lake? 7. If so, how much in each case? 8. Which is the prior location? 9. Who are the persons claiming damages from the construction of the dam mentioned above? 10. What is the amount of damages claimed? 11. In what manner does the construction of this dam protect the city of Vernon?

Mr. Oliver, on Thursday next, will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. Has any portion of the \$1,000 voted last session as vote 134 been expended? 2. If so, how much and in what manner? 3. If not, why not?

Mr. Oliver, on Thursday next, will ask the Minister of Finance: Where was the loss of \$700 in connection with the imperturbability of stock incurred?

Mr. Oliver, on Thursday next, will ask the Attorney-General: 1. Is John Clayton, stipendiary magistrate at Bella Coola, paid by the year, and if so, what is his salary? 2. Is J. F. Williams, stipendiary magistrate at Rivers Inlet, paid a salary, and if so, what salary? 3. Do the stipendiary magistrates in Rivers Inlet or in Vancouver?

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Annual Meeting of Local Council of Women—School Board Estimates.

The annual convention of the Local Council of Women was held on Monday. Miss Edge, the recording secretary, in the course of her annual report, said: "The subject of domestic science is one which has engaged our attention and we are happy to be able to report that an association for the training of young women in this most useful art has been formed, of which Mrs. MacLagan is president, and will shortly open a home for the training of girls in household management under the wise superintendency of Miss Newman. We hope that this is the prelude to a public recognition of the importance of domestic science, and that ere long we shall find it introduced into the public schools of the province, as it has already been done in Victoria, through the noble efforts of the Local Council of Women of this city." The officers for the year are: President, Mrs. James Macaulay; first vice-president, Madam Macaulay; second vice-president, Mrs. Griffin; third vice-president, Mrs. Haskett; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Grant; fifth vice-president, Mrs. McNaughton; sixth vice-president, Mrs. Brown; recording secretary, Mrs. Edge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. H. Saunders; treasurer, Mrs. Lucas.

After the election of officers, Mrs. Griffin, on behalf of the Ladies of the Macaulays, presented Mrs. MacLagan with a beautiful gold-headed ebony gavel. She spoke of the value of Mrs. MacLagan's services as their representative at the convention at Toronto.

The fire department was called out 18 times during the month of January; the total damage by fire amounting to \$15,105, all of which was covered by insurance.

The police court statistics for the month of January are: 122 arrears before the court. There were 28 internments at the Mountain View cemetery during the past month, 30 males and eight females. Of these nine were Japanese and two Chinese. Six bodies were brought from outside points for interment.

During the first month there were 43 births; 31 deaths; 23 whites and 10 Orientals and 23 marriages.

The following estimates for 1904 were submitted to the city council on Monday by the board of school trustees: Teachers' salaries—High school, \$12,000; Dawson, \$13,700; Stratheona, \$11,940; Mount Pleasant, \$10,050; Central, \$6,990; Parkview, \$7,799; Seymour, \$4,820; Roberts, \$5,250; additional teachers' salaries to be required during the year, \$4,500; joint teachers' salaries, \$6,200; manual training teachers, \$3,200; city superintendent, \$2,100; secretary, \$1,200; assistant secretary, \$420; fuel, \$3,700; water, \$288; insurance, \$1,500; school supplies—\$2,000; contingent, \$2,500; school blackboards for New High school, \$1,250; sets for office, \$100; repairs—Stratheona school, \$1,150; Central, \$900; High School, \$1,000; Parkview, \$1,000; Seymour, \$425; Mount Pleasant, \$311.185.

Mr. C. L. St. George, of the Province electoral staff, and Miss Myra E. MacLennan were married at 8 o'clock on Monday night at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. R. G. MacBeth. The ceremony was quietly performed in the presence of a few number of friends. The bride, whose relatives reside at White Horse, V. I., was accompanied and given away by Mr. Thomas A. Dixon of that place, and the groom was attended by Mrs. A. J. Kappeler.

The Bank of Commerce will erect a \$200,000 structure at Portage la Prairie this spring.

A NEW BULLET-PROOF CLOTH.

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It is natural to suppose that the force of the ball would be communicated to the armor, and that this would be driven vertically backward, resulting in a disagreeable shock, and one which at times would be dangerous for the wearer. To demonstrate the incorrectness of this view, Signor Benedetti attached his protector to a horse and fired upon the animal only six feet away with an ordinary revolver, the ball falling at the feet of the horse, who did not stop, and halter, walked away as if nothing had happened. It is to be noted that with the same revolver a piece of steel had been previously pierced. The same experiment was made with a chicken covered with a breastplate of the felt; the bullet being fired at his neck shell, quietly pursued the career of his way.

SINGING MONKS.

"Singing" mice are rare, but a correspondent writes from Elizabeth Street, Bradford, Yorkshire, asking whether we can give him any information about a specimen he has just captured.

He adds: "It has been warbling just like a canary for the last month in our workshop, and although I have it in a cage it still continues to sing."

"That mice do occasionally sing is undeniable. Some observers say that their 'song' is softer, sweeter, and more melodious than that of the canary; in some can be quite easily. Others go so far as to compare it to that of a warbler, or even a piping bulbul. But the question as to why they lift up their voices in this tuneful manner still remains to be answered.

These explanations have been suggested: 1. That all mice are potential vocalists and can learn to sing, by imitation, from singing birds.

2. That many mice possess an exceptional talent for mimicry, together with a keen sense of the ludicrous, and a keen sense of the ludicrous; and that some mice are subject to bronchitis, and that the so-called "song" is only the wheezing of rodents which suffer from that distressing complaint.

3. A certain amount of color is given to this last theory by the fact that a mouse which was caught by the neck in a wire trap and summarily strangled to kill it "sang" while its throat was under compression, but never again during its subsequent life as a captive—London Mail.

John Kibble, one of the pioneer prospectors in Sudbury district was found dead in Moose mountain trap camp. Heart disease was the cause.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Companies' Winding Up Act, 1908, and in the Matter of The Victoria Times Printing and Publishing Company Limited, Insolvently.

The creditors of the above named company are required, on or before the 10th day of February, 1904, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to William Tompkinson, of the City of Victoria, Journalist, the Official Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from said Official Liquidator, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chamber Court at Victoria, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they shall be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

And if any creditor, on or before the 10th day of February, 1904, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, 1904, causing Court to be appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon such debts and claims.

Dated the 6th day of January, 1904.

W. J. COLE, Deputy District Registrar.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH HOBS, DECEASED.

Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trusts and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased, who died at Victoria, British Columbia, on the 10th December, 1903, are requested to send by post, on or before the 10th day of February, 1904, to the executors, Robert Thompson (Canadian), Topaz Avenue, Victoria, B. C., North Westmorland, B. C., full particulars of their claims, duly verified, the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

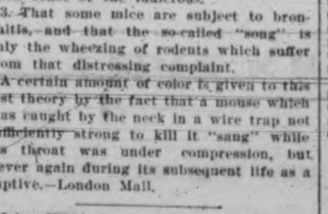
And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will be empowered to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled there to, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be held for the said assets or any part thereof to any creditor who does not give notice as at the time of such distribution.

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The Lord Mayor has, moreover, the badges of royalty attached to his office, namely, the sceptre and the sword of Justice and Mercy. It is also considered a city purse, has the right of precedence in the city before the royal family, and his permission must be given to the commander-in-chief should he be desirable to march any large number of soldiers through the city.

Moreover, he enjoys the right of private audience with the sovereign, by which he is invited to levees and drawing rooms. All this honor is within the grasp of a successful city merchant, who may have commenced life as a boy, the number of men, old and young, or with only the proverbial half-crown in his pocket.

As everybody knows, a Lord Mayor comes actually in office on November 9th. A singular attraction surrounds the Mansion House, and generally speaking a vast amount of respect is entertained for the occupants who come and go year by year.

Cost of the Banquet. After the procession the corporation goes to the Guildhall with the Lord Mayor to dinner, to which invitations are issued to members of the royal family, the premier, and other ministers, the ambassadors and judges, as well as numerous celebrities. It is a magnificent banquet, at a magnificent expenditure, averaging \$250,000, with an additional outlay of \$11,000 for plates.

The latter item has been considerably added to, as it has been customary for every Mayor to contribute to the amount of \$500. Several valuable pieces have also been presented by other donors. Thus the splendor of the Mansion House plate is obvious.

A portion of it is in daily use, but the whole comes into evidence at the banquets given in the Egyptian Hall, the finest of the Mansion House. The residence for the year. This, as most people know, is a solid, substantial building of Portland stone. It was erected and furnished in 1634, at a cost of nearly \$7,000, with an additional outlay of \$11,000 for plates.

The procession is formed up in the saloon. The toastmaster, who immediately precedes the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with the two distinguished guests, calling out in stentorian tones, "Room for the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress."

Dinner, of course, is such as other state dinners. The quaint custom of passing round the loving cup—a survival of very early days—is kept up. Instead of the usual finger-bowl, the Egyptian Hall is furnished with a large round silver bowl containing rosewater, into which each guest dips the corner of his table napkin.

The duties which devolve upon the Lord Mayor are heavy. The entire year is one continual round of hard public work, often from 7 o'clock in the morning until long past midnight.

A pyramid of correspondence is often got through before the 9 o'clock breakfast, and immediately afterward a little crowd of callers may be seen on a multiplicity of subjects. Then His Lordship has to preside in the Mansion House Justice room at 11 o'clock; proceeding to the Law Courts from one hour to four or five hours. If there should be any spare time before luncheon the numerous petitions which have arrived by the morning post are gone into.

Luncheon is laid in the Wilkie's parlour at 1.30, to which the Lord Mayor and his family, together with two or three of the Mansion House officials, sit down. Then there may be some duty for the Lord Mayor to perform in the city or suburbs, or a meeting for some public purpose, or a luncheon for a committee to be purchased a committee in the Lord Mayor's parlour, over which he must preside.

Charities and Hospitals. In His Lordship's official capacity he is a member of a legion of schools, societies and hospitals, is the wise and willing head of the well-known Mansion House funds—one of two which are generally in active operation—and in ways in request for deputations, dinners, receptions, etc.

A Lord Mayor needs to be wealthy, for although his salary of £10,000 sounds comfortable, he will probably spend more than three times that amount. Another necessary qualification for the office is a complete adaptability to every variety of circumstance.

His Lordship may be called to entertain the sovereigns of the realm or other royal visitors, or he may be presiding over a business conference, the object of which must be at his finger ends. And every occasion demands a speech. No light task this when one considers the diversity of a Mansion House year.

The Lord Mayor always appears attired in a black gown, scarlet for festivities, gold for royal audiences, and black for mourning. A sword is borne before him on all public occasions; the Sword of State as an emblem of his authority, the Sword of Justice when at the Central Criminal Court, the Black Sword used during Lent, and at the death of any member of the royal family; and the famous Fenian Sword for state occasions. The mace is also carried at every public appearance.

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 3.—3 a. m.—An important ocean storm area is slowly approaching the Coast. It is already causing a southerly gale from Flattery to the Columbia river, and a general rainfall will prevail over the North Pacific Coast. Snow is falling in Kootenay, while from the Rockies eastward to Manitoba the temperature ranges from 6 to 36 below zero.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, trace; weather, rain. New Westminster—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 6 below; minimum, 16 below; wind, calm; weather, fair.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE J. B. A. A.

MANAGING COMMITTEE SUBMITTED REPORT

Review of Year's Work and Recommendations Made—Officers For Ensuing Term.

The thirteenth yearly report and financial statement of the management committee of the J. B. A. A. was presented at the annual meeting of the members and shareholders, which was held last night. The report was of a very interesting character, being an exhaustive review of what has taken place in connection with the club in the past year. The association is reported to be in a very healthy condition, while a number of improvements have been effected, including a large new dressing room and the installation of modern enamel bath tubs. The report recommends that all lockers be under the full control of the managing committee.

Reference is made to the satisfactory condition of the reading room, the check room, the punching bag, and other departments of training are commented on in favorable terms. The committee recommends that the piles supporting the main building be inspected.

The club's success in inter-association whist and their incorporation in the North Pacific Whist Association find places in the report.

Under the head of basketball the report explains the status of the club's team, and the conditions of the provincial league. It also says: "From a financial point, basketball makes a splendid showing, an arrangement having been made with Bondmaster Fina whereby each team playing gets \$10 per game in the City League, while in the Provincial League 25 per cent of the gate goes to the home team. Against this we have \$300 when they come over, a like sum being paid to our team when we go over to Vancouver. The gross receipts of basketball this season to date amounts to \$90.50, and the total expenditure \$29.50, showing a balance of \$61.00 to the credit of this branch."

The report then touches on the progress of the club in handball, and recommends that a series of inter-club games with the Fernwood Club be arranged. Reference to the successful tennis season is also made.

But quite naturally boxing receives the most prominent mention. With a great deal of pride the report comments on the magnificent showing of the association's oarsmen at Vancouver last year, as well as the triumph in the regatta on May 24th on Lake Washington, Seattle, and at Astoria. Regret is expressed over the loss of Mr. McGreeley, whose advice and experience in coaching proved most valuable. The report recommends: 1. That the bathhouse be painted. 2. That a log be placed under the centre of the bathhouse. 3. That a new four-oared shell be secured for 1905.

The first annual field day of the N. P. A. A. at the Victoria Driving Park on August 15th and the Kirby seasons are also reviewed. In connection with the former the following recommendations are made: 1. That an athletic sports committee be formed in connection with the J. B. A. A.

2. That a barriers' club be formed in connection with the association during the coming winter.

3. That an open athletic meeting be held in Victoria by the J. B. A. A. annually, such meeting to take place before the N. P. A. A. meet.

4. That the J. B. A. A. should encourage athletics generally in Victoria, and especially in the public schools.

The report closes with the following: "It is essential that steps should be taken at an early date towards the organization of a new club house. This is particularly necessary at the present time, as we have now obtained to such a degree of success in the different branches of sports that it is impossible for us to expand materially without further accommodation. By securing more central premises, we feel that the membership roll will be greatly increased, which will produce a corresponding increase in our receipts. We trust the incoming committee will give this matter their serious consideration."

The report is signed by H. Dallas Helcken, president, and E. P. Johnston, secretary-treasurer. The meeting was most enthusiastic. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, H. Dallas Helcken, K. C.; vice-president, Rev. W. Baugh Allen; trustees, J. P. Shallerose, D. O'Sullivan, J. C. Bridgman, W. A. Lawson and A. E. Todd; committee of management, D. O'Sullivan, D. Leeming, F. W. Thomas, J.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

A game is being played this afternoon between the Y. M. C. A. and Garrison teams at Work Point. Play commenced at 3 o'clock.

HOCKEY

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER

The Victoria ladies' team will leave for Vancouver to-morrow to play one of the league series of matches with the Terminal City eleven. For some time past members of the local team have been busy preparing for the forthcoming struggle. The game is being played on Friday in order that the grounds will be available on Saturday for another contest.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The Vancouver players have been practicing hard and are confident of winning. They were out yesterday and so should be in good shape to withstand the onslaught of the Capitals."

Victoria will be represented by the following eleven: Forwards, Misses Harde, Roberts, Nason (capt.), Wilson and Fischer; halves, Misses Heade, Wollaston and Newcombe; full backs, Misses Bais, D. Seal and Fay.

MATCH ON SATURDAY

On Saturday at Vancouver a league match will be played between the Royal Engineers eleven and the Terminal City team.

THE RING

GANS DEFEATED WARD. Detroit, Feb. 2.—Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, to-night demonstrated his superiority over Mike Ward of Barrie, Ont., the lightweight champion of Canada. In a decided manner that the police stopped the bout at the expiration of two and one-half minutes of the tenth round.

Ward was so badly beaten that it took his seconds over one hour to thoroughly revive him after he was taken to his corner.

WRESTLING

M'LEOD CHAMPION WEST.

Dan McLeod, ex-champion of the world, is on his way to British Columbia for the purpose of arranging a match. There are a number of wrestlers of reputation on the Coast at present, among whom are Jenkins and Gorch. It is probable that if "Two Chiefs," the Indian who at Vancouver, defeats Berg and McMillan to-morrow night, he will be pitted against the champion Dan McLeod in many friendly contests in this province, which will be pleased to hear of his return. He was formerly a resident of Nanaimo.

EVERYDAY AILMENTS

Almost invariably the Result of Poor Blood or Weak Nerves.

If your health is impaired in any way, however slight, this article should interest you. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that most of the ailments from which men and women of the present day suffer are due to weak, watery blood, or disorders of the nerve forces. In your case the trouble may only be making a start—showing itself in a tired feeling, a derangement of the digestion, perhaps an occasional headache or a feeling of nervousness. These symptoms are soon followed by a complete breakdown of the health. In such cases there is no medicine which will bring back health and strength as quickly as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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According to the New York state department of health bulletin of vital statistics there were 127,100 deaths during the past year in the state, which makes a mortality per thousand of 16.7. While the total mortality is about 3,000 greater than that of last year, the estimated increase in population reduces the death rate from that of 17 per 1,000 population. There were 10,250 deaths from pneumonia. Grippe is estimated to have caused 8,900 deaths.

E. Stuart, alias Prince Athabald, the divorced husband of Countess Russell, who passed himself off at the leading hotels at Toronto as Lord Stuart, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment at hard labor at the Central prison for theft and fraud.

W. Rutherford, forty-nine years old, committed suicide at Galt, Ont., by inhaling gas from a gas stove.

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In many cases at present owing to the conditions prevailing in the province co-operation was somewhat difficult. There were positions, the united produce of which scarcely made a wholesale quantity.

On taking his seat Mr. Palmer was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. The convention then adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

CRUSHED TO DEATH. Miner Buried by Fall of Coal in Extension Mine. (Special to the Times) Naamloo, Feb. 3.—A fatal accident occurred in Extension mine this afternoon.

Fire broke out in No. 2 stope, Extension mine, yesterday afternoon, which made such progress that the entire shift was ordered to leave.

PERSONAL. R. Cassidy, S. B. Balfour, Walter P. Hickey, S. P. Moody and J. Lawson were among the passengers from Vancouver by the Chamher last evening.

SLEEPING ILLNESS INCURABLE. The mysterious sleeping illness, after being carefully studied by prominent members of the Paris medical faculty, is now pronounced by that body incurable.

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EXPOSURES MADE IN INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT BLAMED MORE THAN ARCHITECT

Arbitrator Hooper Charges That Documents Were Kept Back From Them by Officials.

The select committee of the legislature of the government House met again this morning and made some progress. Thomas Hooper, one of the board of arbitrators, was sworn and produced a vast number of documents dealing with the matter.

Chairman Clifford said this was very good of the government. Mr. Hooper, called again, took objection to the action of one of the court. He had three lawyers here now. Where was he going to get off at?

Mr. Hooper said that he would be sworn, but he would protest against giving evidence. A Maxwell Muir raised his objection on behalf of himself and Mr. Hooper. He said that they were, he thought, protected by law from giving evidence.

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Wetthey's Mince Meat. When you ask your grocer for a packet of Wetthey's Mince Meat it means you appreciate clean, wholesome food.

Prisoner Sent North to Victoria by the Consul at San Francisco. When the steamer Wyfield passed up from sea en route to one of the island colonies for cargo last night she was met off the outer wharf by Sergeant Murray and one or two of the provincial police with instructions to take in custody a prisoner named Peter Hoffman.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of the award in the matter of Drake vs. the Government of B. C.

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COOPER-At Vancouver, on Jan. 31st, the wife of Ernest Cooper, of a daughter. TRANTER-At Morrissey Mines, on Jan. 22nd, the wife of W. F. Tranter, of a daughter.

Right Hon. Sir Edward Nicholas Covenry Braden, former premier and leader of the house of assembly in Tasmania, is dead. He was born June 11th, 1829.