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teciprocal Trade Development May Yet Be Brought About By the Establishment of Direct Reciprocal Steamer Line.

During the past few months there have appeared at random intervals in the local press—and usually in its Ottow was respondence—brief reference to contemplated establishment of a direct steamsing service between this Dominion and the republic of Mexico, it being pointed out that there are many products of Canada for which the land of Diaz would be a willing purchaser; which can the other hand Mexico has many articles to export that would his an eveloming market in this Dominion. Not having any local knowledge of the maturing project, and not a hist of such laving been divulged by correspondence or action in the boards of trade. British columbians generally had accepted it as a patent fact that the proposed establishment of a Canadian-Mexican line was something more particularly concerning the Atlantic seaboard cities of the country. This would appear to have been an unwarranted assumption by the latest despatches dealing with the matter, which state distinctly that the line of

an unwarranted assumption by the interdespatches dealing with the matter, which state distinctly that the line of steamships will most probably operate in Pacific waters.

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It will be remembered that some eight or ten years ago, the possibilities of developing a reciprocally profitable trade with Mexico presented themselves very favorably to Mr. F. C. Davidge and Mr. James Dunsmuir, of this city, and those gentlemen, after formulating a feasible and business-like scheme, sent Captain Yates to Ottawa to outline the general plan of campaign to the Dominion government and induce the federal authorities if possible to grant such subsidy assistance as would make the ministion of the line financialing possible to the profice of the ministion of the line financialing basis deceated to the opportunities for advantageons trade of Canada at that time, and the profice for which the opportunities for advantageons trade of Canada at that time, and the profice of the opportunities for advantageons trade of the opportunities for advantageons to the trade possibilities.

A little later Mr. J. H. Greer gave a somewhat similar project much thought and expended considerable energy and money upon a proposition which, had it obtained cordial governmental support, would long ere this have been the means of building up a prospersous international trade between Mexico and Canada. His plan, too, fell by the wayside in consequence of the apattelier reception accorded it at Ottawa, and since the locally there has been "bear and the expendent of the possibilities for trade expansion that would be naturally fostered by the establishment of a direct onnecting line from Canada to Mexico, and business men of the republic have heartily endorsed his statements. Sir William Mulock, the Postmaster General, on his recent visit to Mexico, was able to see for himself that these reports were justified by the facts; and about the same time an Eastern Canadian ircle of capitalists began, it is said, to move in the same direction that Messrs. Davidee and Dunssmuir has several years before.

The result may be the long-deferred connecting lime from Canada to Mexico, and business men of the republic have heartily endorsed his

this has probability at least to give it color.

It is also reported that the service would at the outset be monthly, with a steamer of fourteen knots' speed capacity and adequate accommodation for both nassengers and freight.

The name or composition of the promoting company does not appear to be

so much as known in Victoria, neither the board of trade nor any of the leading shipping houses having had any communication with respect to it.

There is a great variety or products which British Columbia could market with advantage in the Mexican country. Lumber, particularly the dressed article and in "knock-down" houses, is in strong demand. So also are mining props, ores of various grades, hams, flour, provisions or various sorts, clothing, etc.; indeed the list is practically unlimited.

For the return cargoes the steamers could carry ores, coffees, tropical fruits and vegetables, sago, drug staples, and many other similar products of the equatorial zone.

It is even suggested by one large impacts of the consequence of the article and the suggested by the rallways and shipping to Victoria by the new steamship line almost as quickly, certainly at less cost, and with assurance of the arrival of consignments in better condition than by the present routes across the continent.

The Story of the Week.

Since the sinking of the battleship Petropolavsk events have moved very slowly at the theatre of war, at least so far as the censor has permitted the public to know. Apparently the Japanese are attempting a flanking movement, by landing somewhere west of Port Arthur. They appear to have fully succeeded in bottling up the Russian feet in the harbor of that fortress. A large number of transports are engaged in moving Japanese troops, and they are absolutely unmolested by the cuenty, who has been practically driven from the sea. There is renewed talk of sending out the Baltic fleet, but it is not strong enough to regain command of the sea.

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It is now conceded by the Russian authorities that the sinking of the battle-ship and the disabling of the Robieda were due to mines placed by the Japanese. The tactics adopted by Admiration, in Jaring the mines and then enticing out the Russian squadron, are heyond all praise. On the Russian side the splendid action of the cruiser Bayan which went to the rescue of a sunken destroyer is one of the brightest episodes in recent naval annals.

The bombardment of Newchwang by the Japanese is reported but not confirmed.

A brief despatch in the daily papers announced that Mr. Harriman's application to be allowed to intervene in the case of the United States vs. The Northern Securities Company had been retused by the Circuit court. The active defendant in the case is J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Reil-way Company. This decision marks one stace in what is perhaps the most important lawsuit ever instituted, so far as the value of the interests involved and the possible effect of the decision upon business are concerned. The fight is really between two great railway combinations, embracing over 35,000 miles of line.

The Hill Group.

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The Hill Group.

Mileage, 19,611.

Capital stock, \$3:80,000,000.

Bonded debt, \$4:2,828,754.

The Harriman Group.

Mileage, 15,791.

Capital stock, \$4:66,169,927.

Bonded debt, \$6:55,524,170.

Capital stock, 8405,169,127.

Bonded debt, \$655,524,170.

Each side to the controversy represents over a billion dollars of securities, and it is doubtless correct to say that such immense interests were never before arrayed against each other in a court of justice. In addition to the vast sums represented by the contending interests, the capital stock of the Northern Securities Company is also at stake. This amounts to \$1400,000,000, and swells the face value of the securities involved to something over \$2,500,000,000, a sum so vast as to be absolutely inconceivable. What the actual value is can health to the determined or defined, because if fluctuates from day to day but it can be ally be much less than nar. The obices of the suit is to determine (Continued on puge 3.)

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An Era of New Buildings

City Architects Dicuss ithe Pros-pects of the Spring.—Improve-ment in Local Architectural

No one who has lived in or even visited Victoria requires to be told that it is a city of beautiful home. It is, foo, a city of beautiful home gardens, for nowhere in the country is the full value of the settings and surroundings of a home—the wide stretches of smooth, green lawn, the roses, and the detail of hedge or trees, more adequately appreciated than in this garden city of the Canadian west. It is apparent to anyone who take the trouble to compare the wind that the country is the control of the country with those of earlier days that public taste in residential architecture is improving; while the most cancularly any of the country of t

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News of The Province.

Floods Greatly Embarrass Railway Traffic and mining Operations.—British Columbia In Brief.

For the first time in the history of the Canadian transcontinental railway its through business has been virtually at a standstill for an entire week, no at a standstill for an entire week, no mails or passengers getting past the mountain barrier within that period owing to the succession of washouts on the prairies and slides and similar interferences on the mountain section. On Tuesday evening the heaviest mail on record found its way to the Coast, being made up of many days' accumulations. Freight still is blocked in the Rockies, and it will be another week at earliest before the line can fairly be reported 'all clear and traffic flowing smoothly in its normal channels. The C. P. R. was just beginning to indulge in self-congratulation that it at least had escaped the heavy extra expense bill which the severity and heavy snowfall of the recent winter have placed upon the Grand Trunk and other rival roads. The bill for the day and night labor that has enabled the C. P. R. main line to be opened even after the past week's interputions, will, however, be a heavy one. And various permanent improvements necessified by the foods and alldes will keep the construction departments busy for some time to come. In the Kootemails or passengers getting past the And various permanent improvements kneessitäted by the foods and sildes will keep the construction departments busy for some time to come. In the Kootenays as well as on the prairies, the past week has been one or floods and fears. At Trail, at Rossland, at Nelson, and in dozen other conspicuous interior points, considerable damage has been wrought by the rising waters; while on the lower Fraser the inhabitants are studying the weather bulletins and the snow-covered hill-tops with consucerable apprehension. In the mining districts successions of slides have worked much havoe with plant and mining arrangements. On the railway lines in this province four fatalities and in the mines three, will make the flood week of 1904 sadly memorable to many British Columnans.

Latest indications are very favorable for the establishment of the zine smelter at Fernic. The choice has lain between Frank and the older town of the C. N. P. field.

"The nearly built steamshin Manuka is

The newly built steamship Manuka to go on the Canadian-Australian line in July. She is said to be superior to any craft on the Pacific in point of luxurious

furnishing.

Frederick McCutcheon, the eleven-year-old son of ex-Ald. McCutcheon, of Nanaimo, was drowned last Monday through the upsetting of a canoe in Millstone river.

The Silver Cup mine in the Lard-

through the upsetting of a canoe in Millstone river.

The Silver Cup mine in the Lardeau has been practically wrecked by a slide, in which a miner named Marrable lost his life. The damage to the company's plant will not be less than \$75,000. There is a second slide pending, and until this comes down no one will venture near the spot to make repairs.

Confirmation of the safety of the sealing schooner Triumph has been obtained.

An ensual spring crop of mishaps to members of the sealers crews is ready for the harvesting. Three men of the Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up no Carlotta G. Cox, lost from their schooler, have been picked up not be searched and the last. Interest centred largely in the trial of Crowe and Gienn for a fiendish assault upon a young woman of Mount Pleasant. The defence was an alibi, the prisoners calling Salvation Army officers who swore with positiveness that they were in the Army Shelter at the time the awful crime was committed. The identification by the victim was almost as positive on the other hand, but the juryishing say the prisoners the heneit of a reasonable doubt, and they were acquitted. Crowe and Glenn themselves say that had a conviction been recorded enty would have looked for life imprisonment, and regarded such a sentence as warried. The Gregory has been appointed the conviction recorded against him by Mazistrate Alexander, of Vancouver, for supplying sailors to the ship Linithgowshire.

The Provincial government has discovern call of the Victoria city was a committed.

prisonment, and regarded such a sentence as warranted.
Lieut.-Col. F. B. Gregory has been appointed consul for France in succession to Mr. H. M. Grahame at Victoria.
Through his solicitor, Mr. G. F. Cane, I can be the succession of the succession

creased salaries for seventeen patrol-men.
Slides and washouts on the Red Moun-

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The Greenwood Loard of Trade has now a membership of fifty, and has just elected officers as follows: L. H. de Veber, president; W. G. Gaunce, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. White, McLean, Naden, Logan and Grey, advisory committee.

Plans are out for a new lighting station for the R. C. Electic Bailway Co.

Naden, Logan and Grey, advisory committee.

Plans are out for a new lighting station for the B. C. Electric Railway Co. at New Westminster. The new structure is to be of brick with an asbestos roof, and will occupy a ground space of Ob y 33 feet.

D. R. Laird, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Vancouver, has arrived to enter upon his duties there. The Bank of Nova Scotia is the latest candidate for a share of the banking business of the Terminal City, and has just creeted a handsome new building for its lonne. Vancouver has now ten chartered banks, with several more to follow. Nishlyanna, a Japanese, has been killed by a falling tree at a Capilano logging coung.

Nishiyama, a Jupanese, model by a falling tree at a Capilano logging camp.

L. G. B. Lawson, city clerk of Moncton, N. B., died suddenly last week in Vancouver while visiting there on holi-

Desire Brothier, for perjury and pro Desire Bronner, for perfuty and pro-quiring, has been sentenced to seven cears at hard labor in New Westminster cententiary. The other many indice-ments against him were anandoned by of the sentence is an extreme-light one if the variety and character the alleged offences be taken into ac-

The wire has gone in for the new telegraph line from Eugene to Winder

Kaslo and Greenwood have stopped Sunday liquor selling. The Vernon-Kelowna telephone scheme scems to be at a standstill, through ef-fective C. P. R. opposition.

Rossland's Board of Trade has unani-Rossland's Board of Trade has unani-mously endorsed the memorial of the associated silver-lead mines and smelters, asking that the bounty be made to apply to a limited quantity of lead exported. A daily mail service between the prin-cipal Lardeau points is looked for next

month.

The associated boards of trade have endorsed the lead memorial unanimously, and also advise that an expert report on the zinc resources of British Columbia be obtained.

Trail suffered seriously from flood this and last week. A number of buildings were washed away, and all the bridges in the district are reported damaged.

Nelson's Liberal-Conservative Associa-tion has bowed its neck to the yoke, and formally expressed its confidence in the McBride government, rescinding its resolution of censure passed at the time of John Houston's turn-down.

The spring assizes open in Nelson, ay 17th, with a comparatively light

Residents of the Okanagan again Residents of the Okanagan again are cheered with statements that construction of the Midway-Vernon railway will begin within thirty days.

F. August Heinze is expected to pay the Rossland camp a visit shortly—the first he has made in many a year.

Hedley, in the Similkameen, is to have a weekly paper known as the "Boomerang."

ang."
Frank Pennock, found guilty of lighting a fire at West Fernie and sentenced to a year's imprisonment, has been released on parole. He had served eight

leased on parole. He had served eight months.

Nelson's new license by-law has been given the six months' hoist.

The C. P. R. has paid the first \$500 for the admission of a Chinaman into British Columbia. They did not intend to, but the Ceiestial deserted from one of their steamers from the Orient, a brass hand an intended the standard of the control of the columbia to the control of the columbia to the columbia the c

Because a stick of dynamite did not go off at once, John Cerlak, a Coleman Slav, gave it a viclous kick. The dynamite kicked back, and Cerlak is still in

Slav, gave it a vicious kick. The dynamite kicked back, and Cerlak is still in the hospital.

The members of the Phoenix city council have met and formally accepted their own resignations. Phoenix is now in the unfortunate position of having no aldermanic board to growl at. The trotter councils' worst over non-control of the police commission.

It is stated that the necessary capifal for the Elike smelter has been secured, and that construction will proceed at a very early date.

The Coward & Son Lumber Co. are to instal a planing and lumber manufacturing plant at Fernie, and promise to have it in operation by the month's end.

The Similkameen Star suggests the Hope mountains as a most desirable point for the location of the consumptives smitarium.

The big St. Eugene mine of America, is preparing that the proposed consumptives smitarium, rated the second greatest silver mine of America, is preparing that the government will allow the bouts on the portion of their output which is necessarily exported.

Nelson wholesalers are applying to the railway commission for redress from alleged freight rate discrimination against the city by the C. P. R.

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The Great Northern proposes to build a cut-off from Bonner's Ferry to Marcus, shortening the haul by 200 miles.

Steve Katuska, the Slav struck with an axe in Fernie about six weeks ago, has died of his injuries. His assailant tried for assault at the time, escaped with a \$15 fine.

The telegraph line along the Columbia is in bad shape owing to washed out poles.

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Guibalt, charged with perjury before
the Vancouver Assize court, is enjoying
his liberty upon his personal recogniz-

the Vancouver Assize court, is enjoying his liberty upon his personal recognizance.
George Biake, a Michel mine engineer, met a horrible death this week by being caught in the belding.

Rev. Roland D. Grant, D. D., has established a new west end Baptist church in Vancouver.

Rev. R. G. MacBeth has left Vancouver for a new field of usefulness. His departure is generally regretted for he has been an instrument of much good in the community.

The Vancouver city council has offered reward of \$250 for the identification and conviction of the fiendish assailants of Miss Clark, Mount Pleasant.

The first payment to mineowners of the Kootenay and Boundary under the Lead Bounty Act was made on April 3th, the following being the complete list of lucky claimants to whom checks were handed by Commissioner Buchanan: The Sovereign mine, Highland, Rambler-Cariboo, Black Prince, Wilcox, Silver Cup, Bluebird, Red Fox, Nepawa, Mercury, Idaho, Alamo, Ymir, Payne, North Star, Province, Bosun, Pontiac, and Marion mines.

The report that 100 Japanese laborers had been brought to Morrissey by the Great Northern for construction work is disproved.

The work of opening up the old chan-

Great Northern for construction work is disproved.

The work of opening up the old chance below Wilmer to the Columbia river has been energetically taken in hand, thanks to the representations by Mr. Galiher, M. P., of the necessity of the work. The C. N. P. Coal Co. is working harmoniously with the loca: board of trade in that behalf, and the incorporation of Fernie is now likely to be brought about at a very early date.

An English syndicate has made a very drovarble offer for the Lenora property, Mount Sicker, with the Crofton smelter and Lloyd's sawmill, from which lumber supplies are drawn.

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Rev. R. L. Parr has said farewell to his charge at Reveletoke and fareword to his charge at Reveletoke and farewed by fire.

The residence of Lucus Stump Lake, has been destroyed by fire. Rev. J. C. Stewart has been presented with a purse of \$250 on leaving his charge in Kamloops.

Messrs. Beaton and Murray have been been subspecified at Forts St.

s. Beaton and Murray have been possible with the conders at Forts St. John and St. James in the Omineca. An interesting ceremony in which Architshop Orth. Rev. Father Van Goetham and Rev. Donkele, of Kuper Island, participated, took place at Cowichan on the 12th inst. It was held in commemoration of the death of Rev. Father Ronduli, who for forty years was in charge of the Indian mission at that place. The mission is now under the Marist Fathers. During the ceremony Architshop Orth pracached to the Indians in English and Rev. Father Donkele spoke in the native dialect. There was a very large gathering.

"Where Winter Lingering," Etc.—"It is shout time the city dads are taking a shovel in hand and removing the piles of snow on Columbia avenue."—Rossland World.

ings have not been painted for years. I have in mind several buildings which are very unsightly. One of these is the old post office. No doubt if the attention of the government were drawn to the fact, the place would be made presentable. Tourists visiting the city are likely to notice these things more than we do."

MR. S. MACLURE.

"Most of my work," said Mr. S. Maclure, "if of a domestic character, not from choice, but just from force of circumstance. Perhaps as figures speak louder than words I may give you an idea in that way of the work I am deng." After figuring with his pencil a few seconds Mr. Maclure went on: "In Vancouver I have in hand now \$30,000 worth of work, in Victoria \$33,000, besides work at Tacoma, Ellensburg and a few other outside points."

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few other outside points,
"You may have noticed the cut of my
house in the Tourist Association leaflet.
As an evidence of the good work that
association is doing I have received
enquiries about that house from points
as far East as Buffalo, N. Y. The picture has also been copied in the maga"The "Beautiful Homes of America."
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where he may enjoy his leisure. There
is no place where he may do this as well
as in Victoria. On the prairies there is
intle opportunity for enjoyment. It is
nothing but work from daylight till dark.
The winters are severe, and the mosquitoes prevent any out-of-door pleasures
in the summer. People will not believe
that here in Beacon Hill Park one can
sit on the grass any month of the year
without getting a fig-bite or any other
annoyance."
"Can you compare the architecture of
to-day with that of early days?"

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Can you compare the architecture of to-day with that of early days?"

"There were good things in the early days." said he. "Later they fell into the Western carpenter's groove. Public taste is developing, and Victoria is now equal to any city in Canada in that respect. The trend is for dignity and simplicity, ornate frippery being discarded. People are building more expensive and luveriare building more expensive and luxurious houses than in the past. They are not content with plastered walls, but go in for decorated interiors as well as ex-

MR. MAXWELL MUIR.

teriors."

MR. MAXWELL MUIR.

"It is always a difficult matter to express in a casual interview one's opinions," said Mr. Maxwell Muir, "because in the first place such expressions may only be in the nature of answers to questions put by the interviewer, and need not, in fact often are not, the opinions of the interviewed; and in the secondary of the interviewed; and consequently highly colored or much stronger than on a more mature consideration, would be the case. In the third place the opinions expressed may be impulsive and certainly it seems to me fragmentary in the extreme and often in no wise correct or reliable. Such being the cassfrom my point of view I have always avoided giving expression to my opinions when at any time there has been a chance of publication. Let me see! You desire to know about our city and its prospects, from an architect's point of view. Well you have me rather hard. And the work of the year, and the prospects from an architect's point of view. Well you have me rather hard. Such a sugaine at the beginning of the year; a suppose our climate has a good deal to do with that. You see when our spring time comes, and a more beautiful it would be difficult to find, we are all gilled with an unconscious cheery and optimistic feeling. We are inclined to believe everything around us, like nature, is going to grow and develop, bud and optimistic feeling. We are inclined to believe everything around us, like nature, is going to grow and develop, bud and optimistic feeling, we are inclined to to prevail amongst us, and we begin talking about what we are going to do, what is is going to grow and develop, but and is going to grow and develop, but and provent all sorts of thoughts seem to prevail amongst us, and we begin talking about what we are going to do, what is appear to the sound of the sound prevail amongst us, and we begin talking

are under consideration at present, and we hope to see considerable movement it this direction this year. Victoria need more of this done than has been in the past. I am afraid, however, that there is very small prospect in this line. It is seems to me that desirable building site cannot be obtained. Many portions of the city are owned by non-residents, of heid by loan companies, and it is difficult of the control of the city are owned by non-residents, of heid by loan companies, and it is difficult of the control of the city and and more expensive structure. This, if a great degree is the cause of compart nitvely little improvements along this line. Again any desirable sites which may be obtained, upon which some new buildings might be erected, are held a too high a figure to allow of any one whe might be willing to buy and improve, do long so. As long as this condition of affairs exists we shall continue as we are. It would be well for Victoria it some one would take the lead. I feel sure that others would soon follow. Objection is taken to the cost of may remain and labor, undoubtedly both are trains and labor of labor and the companies of the city could be much improved. This companies on forms a serious drawback to any proposed undertakings at present. The architectural appearance of the city could be much improved all that was necessary twenty year. much better and higher buildings than a present exist. The present two-stor buildings wanch may have been consided all that was necessary twenty year ago and more, do not, nay are not, sui able for to-day. These dings ill-lighted budly ventilated rooms should be swer ago and more, do not, nay are not, suit, able for to-day. These dingy ill-lighted badly ventilated rooms should be swep away and be replaced, as they can be, by more commodious and better arranged offices, which would, it seems to me, by ending which would, it seems to me, by concluding an end of the processing are fairly busy, although a considerable amount of house building is done by contractors, who make their own conference and the processional men are suffering from this way of doing business. We professional men are suffering from this way of doing business. The contractors who do so, as a rule, cannot compete in a fair field with the others, who do not so, and we are constantly prevented from our legitimate share in the word prevailing. This method is thought to be a saving by many people, no architect fees, but as general rule it is productive of poorly arranged, badly designed an cheaply finished buildings; so the owner after all is the worst sufferer. Were if not for this many of our architects would be much busier than they are, a much to see that they are, a much as well as a better and more artistic class of houses be erected. This is a serious matter with the architects. We are not robbers, cheats or dishonest men, but look to do the very best for our clients, to protect their interests and to obtain for them all that they can possibly expect commensuate with the expenditure and requirements. It is my obtain for them an that they can pos-sibly expect commensuate with the ex-pendifure and requirements. It is my firm belief that a better condition of afnrm benefit that a better condition of a fairs would prevail were this practiput a stop to. Quacks and other unqualified men are prevented from practicing in other professions, the why
should such be allowed in a profession qualified men are prevented from practicing in other professions, then why should such be allowed in a profession which is at once honorable, ancient, and important from a scientific and artistic point of view, as well as from public necessity and requirements. Owners do not therefore save by the non-employment of an architect, but are oft times considerable losers thereby. An independent man is a sure safeguard against abuses both by owner and contractor, and insures a better condition of affairs be largely benefitted, the picturesque haracter of our city ethanced, and a much better appearance given to our city. It is to be deplored that there is such a concentration of business in Victoria. Nowhere, I believe, is such the case as prevails here. If you leave (Government street you practically leave the only thoroughfare where business is victoria. Nowhere, I believe, is such the case as prevails here. If you leave (Government street you practically leave the only thoroughfare where business is victoria. Nowhere, I believe, is such indicated to the confined, so to speak, within so limited and the confined, so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak, within so limited and the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so the confined so to speak within so limited and the confined so the confined so

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. is to build a handsome stone office building at Fernie, the plans for which hare been received. The company has also issued an official denial that James J. Hill controls, stating that he has only a three-tenths interest, for which he paid three millions and a half.

About Town and District.

Sand of the Fifth Regiment May Tour to St. Louis .- To Study Indian Life-Local News of the Week.

An application has gone forward to he Canadian Minister of Militia Sir Crederick W. Borden, on behalf of the line band of the Fifth Regiment, that they be granted special permission to have the Dominion in uniform, with dree months leave of absence from the province. The application has been forwarded through the usual official chanales, approved before its departure by 20.1 Holmes, the district officer commanding, and it is altogether reasonable to suppose that no objection will be raised at Ottawa and that the desired permission will be accorded. It is perhaps a little premature to go fully into the story of what this application means. Victorians will remember that a year or so ago plans were all but perfected for the sending of the fine band of the regiment—of which every British Columbian should be proud and every Victorian more particularly—over to England to play home the Caundian soldier boys returning from the South African battlefields. To put the matter in plant victorian more particularly—over to England to play home the Caundian soldier boys returning from the South African battlefields. To put the matter in plant victorian more particularly—over to England to play home the Caundian soldier boys returning from the South African battlefields. To put the matter in plant victorian more particularly—over to England to play home the Caundian soldier boys returning from the South African battlefields. To put the matter in plant victorian more particularly—over to England the play home the Caundian soldier boys returning from the South African battlefields. To put the matter in plant victorian more particularly—over to England to play home the Caundian soldier boys returning from the South African batter in the plant of the properation of the great season by the plant of the plant of the properation of the great season between the completed. In their present enterprise the band has begun at the other end, and it is to be hoped will find arrangements consummated in complete success. It is proposed to make

thusiastic support if on this ground alone.

It is reported as probable—indeed he himself has partially promised it—that Mr. Neil Murro, the distinguished Scottsh journalist, literateur and novelist, will shortly come to this province for an extended visit, with the intention of making a close study of the British Co lumbia Indian, his manners, traditions, history and legends. The so-called "digger" Indian of the Coast has heretofore fared but ill in literature. He has been set down as ignorant, dirtier than dirtand about everything else that is contemptible and inartistic. Few have strivea to analyse him for the good metal. He is for example, if one know him thoroughly, imbued with exceptionally fine dramatic instincts. He has too a wealth of poetry in his legendary lore. To get at this Mr. Munro proposes to do as Mr. Roger Pocock has done—live among the Indians, break bread and eat salt with them—or salmon as it will be in this case—and gain their confidence and their regard. The result will undoubtedly be good for literature. Although physically less picturesque than his plainsman brother the despised Coast Indian has more the despised Coast Indian has more the manner of the confidence and their regard. The result will undoubtedly be good for literature. Although physically less picturesque than his plainsman brother the despised from the confidence of Indian history and tradition, and Mr. J. F. Biedsee in his "Glawak," published some ten years ago, produced a poem based on Haida legend that was well worthy to be taught in every British Columbia public school as literature, and as showing the beauty of Indian metaphor.

In these days of the spring running

In these days of the spring running one is moved again to regret that the excellent and practicable plans of Hon. J. H. Turner with respect to the utilization of the government grounds, have not been carried out by his successors in the government of the country. Mr. Turner, it will be remembered, proposed

to make of the ample ground space in rear of the new parliament pile, an norticultural garden in which would be found all the native flowers of the province, together with the many imported floral gems that find the Victoria climate so congenial. Such gardens would not involve in their creation or care any extensive demands upon the public treasury, while they would prove an exceptional attraction and an educative in fluence for good throughout the province.

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The meeting, held in the Board of Trade room to hear what Mr Cain and the other promoters of the proposed railway to the north end of the Island had to say, was well attended by business men, and a resolution, declaring in favor of a subsidy of 5,000 acres of land and \$10,000 in 3 per cent. inscribed provincial stock, was passed unanimously. There was very little discussion, although if Chairman Todd had not put the question so promptly the chances are that there would have been a round of speakers. It is understood that the zowerment will give an an wer to the promoters early next wee.

arrangements are already well under way for the celebration of Empire Devis manner in the celebration of Empire Devis in manner in the celebration of Empire Devis in the celebration of the warships of the level of course the typical Victoria regarda, with championship, naval and Indian canon races; and all to conclude, as per the posters, with "a grand display of pyrotechnics in the evening."

Victoria had numerous distinguished visitors this week, the most prominent being His Grace the Duke of Sutherland, who with Mr. William Whyte of the C. P. R., Lieut.-Governor Sir Daniel McMillan of Manitoba, and Mr. R. Marpole, general superintendent of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Vancouver, spent Tuesday in the city. Then there was Count von Plessen, who is going to the north to kill mammoths, and the Empress brought others, notable among them Count von Hatzfeldt.

A week or two ago a citizen was tripped and hurt by a broken plank on Garbally road sidewalk. He complained to the city authorities. Forthwith someone was despatched to the scene, and the broken plank was replaced and nicely plastered around with mud. Within a hundred feet of the broken plank are many more nearly as bad. These will probably be replaced by good planks, after someone has sued the city for damages.

Mr. Gorge S. Perkins, a valued employee of Messrs, John Barnsley & Co. the Government street sporting goods dealers, had the misfortune a few days since to become the victim of a serious shotzun accident. His gun loaded for predatory hawks, had been left standing in a corner of the stable, and it supposed the vibration as he took out the buggy caused the piece to fall, discharging it. The contents of both barrels passed through Mr. Perkins' foot, and it is both feared and supposed that amputation will be necessary.

The short street formerly known as Andrew, which joins Bridge street and Garbelly road, is in the future to be known as Bridge street. The house numbers are not yet re-arranged. The bridge uniting this extension with the original Bridge street is only twelve feet wide and has no sidewalk. Such a condition of admirs is dangerous both to pedestrians and to vehicular traffic.

The vessels of the Australian-Canadian steamship line will hereafter call at Auckland, N. Z., this being the result of representations made by the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand, who are anxious to secure direct connection with the Dominion.

F. Moore, of the Victoria Chemical Works, is about to erect a two-story block on Government street between W. B. Shakespeare's and Brown & Cooper's. The building is to be occupied by the Hinton Electric Company, Hooper & Watkins, the architects, are inviting

Mr. D. C. Hutchinson, who has been Mr. D. C. Hatchinson, who has been working as fourth engineer on the Empress of China, has just taken his chief's certificate. Mr. Hutchinson served his apprenticeship in the Victoria Machinery Depot, and is well known in

His Grace the Duke of Sutherland during his visit to Victoria this week acquiesced in his name being placed on the list of vice-patrons of the proposed lifeboat and life-saving institution.

Mr. J. J. Noury is just finishing up the grounds around his new house on Bridge street. The garden which he is just laying out and fencing covers four

The Supreme court will sit here on the 3rd of May for the hearing of civil causes, and on the following day for criminal business.

The rumor is revived that the early future may see established in Victoria extensive yards for the building of big YOUR HEALTH, SIR, steel ships.

Contractor Matthews is building a fine two-story eight roomed house on the south side of Garbally road for Mr. Deaville.

The city council has voted confidence in ex-Mayor McCandless in connection with those Chinese liquor licenses.

J. D. McNiven, M. L. A., has purchased a house near the upper end of Pandora avenue, to which he intends to remove next week.

The civic estimates are to be present-l to the council next Monday evening.

In Music's Realm.

The musical events of the past week have been of special interest. One of them was not wholly a subject for con-gratulation, because it was a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Burnett, whose de-parture from the city is much regretted, parture from the city is much regretted, not only by people in musical circles, but by every one who has had the pleasure of knowing them. The last one was entirely pleasure-giving, for it showed that Victoria has an orchestral organization of which it may well be proud. In addition to these there was a very delightful entertainment given by the Ladies' Ald Society of the Beformed Enjean. ful entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in which music played a prominent part.

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The farewell concert to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett was very well attended, and an excellent programme was given. The stage in the Institute Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers loaned by the Johnston Floral Company, and the furniture by Messrs. Weller Bros. Mrs. Lewis Hall had charge of the decorations, and the result bore eloquent testimony to her good taste. Mr. J. G. Brown gave the first number on the programme, and was followed by Mr. Jesse Longfield in a viola solo. The other numbers were: Song. "Counsel at Nina," by Miss Queenie McCoy; recitation. "The Moon and the Wind," by Mrs. William Gleason: song, "One Mrs. William Gleason: song, "The Wood Nymph's Call," by Mrs. William Gleason: song, "Good-Bye," by Mrs. Gideon Hicks; song, "Oh. Fair, Oh Sweet and Holy," by Mrs. Burnett; piano solo by Mr. Watkis; song, "The Stirrup Cup," by ..r. Herbert Kent; picolo solo by Mr. G. H. Larrigan; song, "Beloved, It Is Morn," by Mrs. D. E. Campbell: song, "The Bandalero," by Gideon Hicks; due, "The Fishermen," by Messrs, Gutt, "The Fishermen," by Messrs, Grand and Brown; "Litted Divine Bection by Mr. G. C. B. Faweett.

The concert was in every way successful, and Mrs. Hall and Mr. Watkis contributed to that result by the excellent work as accompanists.

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an artist, both as a teacher and as a performer, should bear abundant fruit in Victoria.

Dr. Nash. both as leader of the orchestra and in the trio, acquitted himself nobly. His intonation is absolutely satisfying, and his phrasing—particularly in the encore number, a beautiful rio by Widor—was that of an artist. His bowing was worthy of rather closer initiation than some of his colleagues among the first violins achieved.

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The conductor and members of the Victoria Annateur Orchestral Society are to be harrily congratulated on the unqualified success of their initial concert in the Institute Hall on Thursday evening, and all true music lovers in Victoria are to be congratulated no less heartily on the promising conditions under which the new organization commenced its career. The truest and severest test of the taste in music of a public must be sought in its appreciation of absolute music, but especially of their highest development of absolute music—that form which the greatest composers have enriched so lavishly with their best—chamber music. Many a city now supporting a great symphony orchestra of professional players traces its enday when some enthusiastic annateurs, under the baton of an experienced pressional conductor, played their first programme of orchestral works. Let us tope for a repetition of that happy expecience in Victoria. Judging from the learty plaudits of its first audience, the society—a healthy infant—will not wait for the encouragement so necessary to tender years.

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The fact number, the Cherubini overture. "Lodviska" scarcely gave a fair idea of the society's powers. There were faulty intonations and ragged entenders of the society's powers. There were faulty intonations and ragged entenders of the control of the purely amateur divisions of the organization, but in succeeding numbers the ensemble was much more perfect. In Haydin's surprise symphony, with its sparkling, happy music that sometimes breaks into actual laughter—as in the passage where the double basses burlesque the phrase given out by the futures—the orchestra achieved a distinct success. The Intermezzo for strings alone, by Gillet, showed to advantage the first violins. It is in this section the best strength of the orchestra lies, and it would materially ind to the effectiveness of the ensemble if one of these more experienced players would force the clory of playing "first" to give greater authority to the second violins. I am sure the younger players would give a much better account of themselves were they led as I have surgested.

The Mendelssohn trio (the finale of the years. first number, the Cherubini over-

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The Mendelssohn trio (the finale of the D Minor Sonata) provided the climax of the programme in point of merit, and, it is very gratifying to add, called forth

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the climax of the enthusiams during the evening. In his 'solo numbers, Chopin's Troisieme Ballade, with the famous Berceuse as an encore, Mr. Watkis had chosen numbers that demand those extreme perfections of nuance so difficult to keep up amid the routine work of teaching, and his work amply demonstrated his sterling ability. It was in the Trio, however, that he appeared to recatest advantage. There, his clean phrasing, his fine sense of rhythm, and the convincing authority that dominated the whole work while preserving a just balance of tone, stamped him as an ensemble player worthy of exceedingly good company. The influence of such an artist, both as a teacher and as a performer, should bear abundant fruit in Victoria.

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quarrel with the selection of the Men-delssohn "Cornelius" march, with its cadless repetitions of a rather bald theme, but it made a spirited conclusion to the entertainment, and its success with the audience was pronounced, the whole programme, in view of the inevit-able limitations of annatur performers, was admirably chosen to bring out the best possibilities of the society. The public has reason to look forward with keen pleasure to the next concert of the Victoria Amateur Orchestral Society. The Vancouver Intermediate Lacrosse League has reorganized and arranged a schedule. The teams represented are the Crescents, Maple Leaves, Wetsminsters.

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AID TO RAILWAYS.

The Colonist of Tuesday had an article on an to railways. Everyone, after reading it, must have telt pleased that the paper disarowed any claim to speak for the government of the province in the premises. The article nevertheless calls for comment, because the Colonist supports Mr. McBride's administration and is understood to be edited by a gentleann occupying a prominent place in government circles in the legislature, the editor also of a Vaneouver newspaper whose relations of a Veneouver newspaper whose relations to a great railway corporation are understood to be intimate. In this article the public are informed:

That they ignore the lessons of last ession as to the financial standing of the province;

That the argument that it is the duty of the government to open up the re-sources of the province is "old and threadbare;"

That the province cannot afford to embark in a policy "unless it is of such a character that the risk or obligation is really infinitesimal;"

That the "provincial creditor" has ceived certain assurances which de ceived certain assurances which debar the government from assisting enterprises "of a comparatively speculative character."

the government from assisting enterprises "of a comparatively speculative-character."

It is, we repeat, satisfactory to know that the Colonist in the expression of the above opinions does not express the views of the provincial administration, because, if it did, we would have good cause for despair.

First as to the "provincial creditor." In a opinion expressed by the Colonist in on this matter would be pointless unless it was based upon the assumption that the province is on the ragged edge of bankruptcy. If British Columo-a is progressing, if it possesses the resources claimed for it, if its potential progress what we have all claimed, the existing provincial debt is a matter that need give neither the public nor the provincial creditor," whomever he may be, gels and will continue to get, his interest regularly, and when the principal falls due it will be paid. The Colonist will admit both these propositions, and as they are absolutely unconvertible, the "provincial creditor," has no chain upon us for anything, and the legislature is under no obligation to consider what he may like or not like in the convertible of the securities of that country.

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velopment of a country increases the value of the securities of that country.

Next as to the necessity of the prospective obligation being "infinitesimal." It is not easy to understand just what is meant by this. The only "infinitesimal" obligation that we can imagine is one resulting from a bald resolution by the legislature declaring its belief that railway construction is a good thing. If the province is to give financial aid to a railway construction is a good thing. If the province is to give financial aid to a railway the obligation must be actual; that is the control of the co Hast is, if the construction of rainways led to the increase of population at the rate of 80 people to the mile of railway, the additional population would pay the interest and sinking fund. Now 80 people to the mile of railway would be equivalent to a population of 6,000 people between here and Wellington, or 1,200 between Hillside avenue and Sid-1,200 between Hillsde avenue and Sid-ney, and no argument is necessary to shew that such a population would fol-low immediately upon the construction of any line of railway worthy of receiv-ing provincial aid, and would be greatly increased afterwards. This is not in-tended as a declaration in favor of such a subsidy as is suggested, but only as a measure whereby an estimate may be formed of the unlikelihood of reasonable railway aid

Third, as to the argument as to the duty of the government to develop the province being "old and threadbare."
Well, so are the ten commandments.

whereby the province may be opened up, settlers may be brought into it, indus-tries established, and the revenue be augmented.

THE TERMINAL RAILWAY.

The time is drawing near when the first payment under the terms of the Company is payable, and it is proper to review the results that have flowed from the action of the ratepayers in promising assistance to that enterprise.

the action of the ratepayers in promising assistance to that enterprise.

The first effect was the bringing of reight cars into Vetoria via the E. & N. Railway, by the C. P. R. Up to the time when the Terminal by-law was submitted, the C. P. R. cars came down as far as the pottery works but ...onearer the city, and the only way in which merchants could get goods into the city from eastern points was by transshipment by steamer either from Vancouver or Seattle. Shipments from Victoria to Mainland points also had to be made by steamer. Ever since the submission of the by-law it has been possible for Victoria merchants and manufacturers to receive and ship goods in unbroken carload lots from or to any place on the Continent, and since the entry of the Terminal Company into business they have had a choice of the continent.

The next effect was the abolition of wharfage charges. This was a very abstantial gain to Victoria shippers. The next effect was that Victoria re

The next state of Victoria received terminal rates. This costs the railways, especially the C. P. R., something very considerable. It is understood that the cost to the C. P. R. of bringing a loaded car from Vancouver to Victoria and returning it empty is about \$50, and that if it returns loaded the cost is \$80. These figures may not be absolutely correct, but they are probably not far astray. Presumably it costs the Great Northern something like the same. Victoria gets the accommodation without its shippers having to pay for the cost of two great transcontinental systems can deliver goods in unbroken bulk can deliver goods in unbroken bulk tems can deliver goods in unbroken bulk
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The great effect was that the attitude of the C. P. R. towards Victoria underwent an immediate transformation. While Victoria remained without any railway connection with the Mainland, the C. P. R. did not see the necessity of treating this city as a terminal point. There was no reason from that company's point of view why it should do so. It must be remembered that railway companies are business organizations, and are not likely to pay \$50 or more per car on merchandise, when they do not have to. The moment Victoria became a competitive point between transcontinental lines the C. P. R. at once very wisely determined to give as good a service as any other road could give, even if it cost something to do it. It also determined to build up business are constituted to the control of the

And the end is not yet.

The great lesson which these things teach the people of Victoria is that they must have competition in railway service. The moment a community gets into the hands of any one transportation company its progress is almost sure to be arrested. This was the case with Tacoma which was boomed by the Northern Pacific, until it hade fair to overshadow every other city on the coast, but the towns that had more than one railway soon outstripped it. Van. radiadow every some st, but the towns that had more than trailway soon outstripped it. Variativer has been a one-railway town, but thates under the restriction, and the isspect that it will be the terminus of second line has given an impetus to lines of business. Victoria has two interests of the stands a chance for a best on the second line business. all lines of business. Victoria has two railways. It stands a chance for a third, but it will be wise to hold on to the two it now has. We have the C. P. R. and it is doing very much for us. We have the Great Northern, and if we hold on to it, we may expect it to do a great deal for us.

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Let us keep Victoria a competing

primed of the unlikelihood of reasonable individual becoming a burdensome harge upon the revenue of the province. Third, as to the argument as to the sty of the government to develop the rovince being "old and threadbare." Fourth, as to the lesson taught by the Statesion. That lesson, as it appears, a many people, is that the prime duly the government is to devise means

velopment of the Delta country is enorm-ous. There is no richer tract of soil any-where on the Continent. Moreover, the ferry gives our wholesalers direct ac-cess to this very valuable territory. A point to be considered is this, that will the ferry we stand in just as good a competing position as Vancouver will after the bridge over the Fraser is completed. We should not lose this advantage.

It is said by friends of the govern-ment that the ministers are hamperou in deciding upon a railway policy be-cause it is impossible for them to please every section of the province from which their supporters come, and consequently they may find themselves in a minorevery section of the province from which cheir supporters come, and consequently they may find themselves in a minority on a test question, even if they are able to carry a railway measure with the help of opposition support. This sught not to be. Mr. McBride is the leader of the Conservative party in the local House, and he is entitled to the support of his party on questions of policy even if they do not meet the views of members in some detail affecting a special locality. The great advantage, which we were told was to flow from the introduction of federal party lines was that the government could count upon the support of its party, and that the old game of "hold-up" would be at an end. But some member may say: 'If I support a railway policy that does not provide for my constituency, I need never offer for re-election.' Well, what of it? There is not a man in British of it? There is not a man in British columbia whose presence in the legislature is of sufficient importance to justify the retarding of the progress of the country twenty-four hours in order to save his seat at the next election.

The Christian Scientists of Rossland have fixed \$5 \(^1\)a week as a regular charge for praying for the sick. If there is anything calculated to convince the world of the fallacy of Christian Science faith it is here presented. Prayer is the earnest intercourse between man and his Maker, to employ which the spiritual man must lay aside his grosser self with all its littleless. To fix a price for prayer is to make of a sacred privilege a sacreligious mockery.

A disposition is exhibited in certain quarters to make war on the tree school system. It is well that the cloven foot ias been shown. The next time the attengates have an opportunity to show these reactionaries how small a part they really play in the control of affairs, when once the public are aroused, the more or less noble 400 will find themselves so completely snowed under that they will not think it worth while to try to crawl out into daylight again.

The prolonged absence from his offi-cial duties of one of the aldermen for North. Ward, who is also chairman of the finance committee and a member of the police commission, is exciting con-siderable comment. If for personal reasons the alderman does not find it the police commission, is exciting considerable comment. If for personal reasons the alderman does not find it convenient to discharge his duties, the proper thing for him to do is to resign. He made an excellent alderman during list previous term, and the public would be very glad to see him actively in his place again.

"Happy is a country whose annals are not glorious," said some philosopher, and we suppose it may be said with equal truth that a ministry is happy when its opponents confine themselves to such pointless business as prophecies of the resignation of divers of its members. The minor prophets are busy just now with the future or the Laurier ministry in this respect. in this respect.

Russia occupies Chinese territory and fuses to vacate. Japan declares war Russia occupies Chinese territory and refuses to vacate. Jupan declares war for the purpose, among other things, of compelling her to vacate. To carry out this campaign, it will be necessary for Japan to land troops on Chinese soil. and Russia screams out that this will be a violation of the law of neutrality. It may safely be said that if Russia will get out of Chinese territory, Japan will do the same. get out of Cl do the same.

Alexieff is the man, who above all others is responsible for the precipitation of hostilities in the Orient. He now wants to resign. The Czar would be a happy man if he could get rid of his responsibility in the same easy way.

Rather an unpleasant incident occurred in parliament a few days ago. Mr. Borden read from a confidential memorandum presented by Mr. Blair to the government in December, 1902, on the railway question. There is nothing specially new in it, and the extraordinary thing is that Mr. Borden should have made use of a document upon which the word "confidential" was distinctly written. No harm was dead, but it is a had thing to have confidential papers read in public, especially when the possession of them by the party reading them implies dishonesty on the part of some departmental officer. Rather an unpleasant incident occurred of some departmental officer.

Ralph Smith, M.P., wants the Grand Trunk Pacific to import laborers from the United Kingdom to work on the railway. The idea is a good one, be-cause such people will become settlers in the country.

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STORY OF THE WEEK. (Continued from page 1.)

how the stocks, held by the Northern Securities Company, shall be distributed. This company was declared illegal by the Supreme court of the United States, and the question at issue is what shall be done with the stocks which this company was organized to hold, and it includes those of the Northera, the Chicago, Burlington & Quiney, the Union Pacific, and the Southern Pacific.

The New York Herald likens the suit to the presence or a lighted match near

to the presence of a lighted match near a train of powder, and fears that the result may be disastrous to the money market. Wall street is very uneasy.

Toronto had a \$12,000,000 fire or uesday night. It was in the business Tuesday night. I part of the city.

Col. William Strader died recently at Louisville, Kentucky. His dying wish was that his body should be cremated and the ashes scattered on the Ohio river, "And if this is done and the Angel Gabriel can collect my remains for the judgment, I will take off my hat to him," he added. His wish was carried out, and as the ashes were scattered his friends said, as directed by his will: "Here goes nothing." Then, as also directed by the will, they repaired to asloon and drank each other's acaith, All this with much ecremony at miduight amid the folling of bells. Col. William Strader died recently

Mr. Borden's amendment to the Grand Mr. Borden's amendment to the Grand Trunk Pacific resolutions was voted on last Wednesday and the House divided 61 for and 112 against. Further progress of the measure will not be opposed in all probability, except by some of the Senators. Tacer will be discussions over details as a matter of course.

The general council of the Bar of England has passed a resolution declaring its satisfaction at the conclusion of treaties of arbitration, and expressing the hope that the feeling in Canada and the United States in favor of an arbitration treaty between the latter country atta the United Kingdom will be given practical effect.

The discovery in Rome of an altar erected to the memory of Manlius Curtius, who sprang on horsehack into the chasm, which opened in the Roman Forum, and which the southsyers said would not close until the most precious thing in the state had been east into it, revives a deeply interesting story from the domain of the mythical. The most precious thing, said the hero of antiquity, is love of country.

The United States House of Representatives has passed a bill admitting Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as a state under the name of Oklahoma, and Arizona and New Mexico also as a state under the name of Arizona.

The deficit in the United Kingdom for The dehect in the United Kingdom for the financial year just closed was \$27, 073,000, and a deficit of \$19,000,000 for the current year at the present rate of taxation was anticipated. To neet this it is proposed to increase the income tax it is proposed to increase the income tax by a penny on the pound and impose an additional duty of two pence a pound on tea. Changes are proposed in the to-bacco duties, which will add \$2,730,000 to the revenue. These additional sources of revenue will swell the re-ceipts to \$T18,050,000, which will give a surplus of \$8,650,000 a surplus of \$8,650,000.

Col. Domville has introduced into the Col. Domville has introduced into the Senate a bill making the British shilling a legal tender. He says this is neces-sary because of the arrival of so many ismigrants. There does not appear to be any good reason why a British shilling should not be accepted as equal to 25 cents. 25 cents.

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The Week in Society.

His Grace of Sutherland Hospitably Entertained.-Hockey Girls' Cinderella Party.

The following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dine at Government House on Wednesday evening to meet His Grace the Duke of and the holo of robing in the dy duck at Government House on Wednesday evening to meet His Grace the Duke of Sutherland: His Honor Sh Daniel Mc-Millan, K.C.A.W.; the Hon Bagar and Mrs. His Honor Sh Daniel Mc-Millan, K.C.A.W.; the Wol. Bagar and Mrs. His Honor Sh Government of the Hon. Mr. D. Macchonald, the Hon. Mr. Dutice and Mrs. Hrwing, the Hon. Richard and Mrs. McBride, Captain the Hon. R. E. Green, Lady Bromley, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Miss Dunsmuir, Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Miss Powell, Captain Ernser, R.N.; Lieut. Col. English, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Barny, Major and Mrs. Parry, Major and Mrs. Bland, Major and Mrs. Audain, Miss Keefer, Miss DoKkinnon, Mr. Wm. Whyte, Mr. R. Marpole, Mr. H. J. Cambie, Mr. Roland Stuart, Mr. J. J. McEnnery, Mr. A. Simpson, Captain B. H. Tyrwhit-Drale, and Mr. R. B. Powell, private secretary. Lady de Lotbiniere being debarred through indisposition from assisting His Honor in the entertainment of their guests, Miss Boswell very charmingly discharged the duties of hostess.

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handsome silk drape, Dr. Roy B. Dyer; handsome satin cushion, Mrs. and Miss Roe; Battenburg centrepiece, Miss Skinner; silver teaspoons, Miss E. Johnson and Mr. Tatit; silver cruet, Miss Nellie Johnson and Mr. Geo. Bailey; silver toats rack, Mr., Mrs. and Jesse Lougfield; handsome fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. L. Camsusa; handsome flower stand, Mr. and Mrs. Daly; silver butter knife, Miss Sissie Johnson; silver sugar shell, Mr. R. Johnson; afternoon tea set, Mr. Walter Winsby; cheese dish, Mr. and Mrs. Pretty; china sugar bowl, Mr. W. Winsby; set of dinner knives, Mr. and Mrs. Winsby; set of miner knives, Mr. and Mrs. Winsby; set of the Mrs. Missies, Mr. and Mrs. Mobilson; cheech Mr. Geo. Cliffess Mrs. Loughest and Mrs. Luney; silver pickle jar, Mrs. and Mrs. Luney; silver pickle jar, Mrs. and Mrs. J. Morris; sofa pillow, Miss M. O'Keefe; reed ottoman, Mr. H. P. Winsby; sland dishes and rose jar, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. John; oak tray, Mr. M. Dean; toilet set, Miss M. Davies; sofa cushion, Miss Frances Johnson; cushion, Miss Frances Johnson; cushion, Miss Frances Johnson; cushion, Silver Bath and pepper set, Mrs. and Mrs. Rabel silver bonbon tongs, Miss A. Mellois; silver salt and pepper set, Mrs. and Mrs. Bailey.

Thursday evening was made particularly enjoyable for those who attended

A. Mellon; silver sailt and pepper set, Mrs. and Miss Bailey.

Thursday evening was made particularly enjoyable for those who attended the Cindercella dancing party given by the Victoria Hall on Blanchard street. The decorations were in excellent taste and electically brightening and effective, the ballroom being very prettily adorned with bunting, flags, Oriental lanterns and a wealth of flowers, while as may be supposed the club colors—red and white—were not unaccentuated in the decorative scheme. The supper room, too, was tastefully bedecked, lilies, iry, bunting and japanica, with crepe papers being used with good effect. Among the merry company were noticed: Mrs. Freeman, Miss Leeming, Miss Dellen, Miss Nason, Miss Bains, Miss Wilson, Miss King, Miss Feld, Miss Nicholles, Miss Roberts, Miss Bowron, Miss King, Miss Fluther, Miss Is Rown, Miss Kang, Miss Futcher, Miss J. Rown, Miss Kang, Miss Frother, Miss Atthison, Miss Heaney, Miss Bucket, Miss Nowcombe, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Brown, Miss K. King, Miss Fricher, Miss J. Brown, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Brown, Miss K. King, Miss Fricher, Miss J. L. Wisson, Miss Heaney, Miss Bucket, Miss Nowcombe, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Brown, Miss K. King, Miss Fricher, Miss J. L. Wisson, J. L. Lwood, Miss Misson, Miss Heaney, Misson, J. L. Lwood, J.

the visitors at the Union club on Saturthe visitors at the Union club on Saturday evening last, Mr. F. B. Pemberton, as president of the hospitable Victoria Golf Club, acting as chairman, and the tables being very effectively decorated with spring flowers mingling their fragrance and their color with the exotic genes of the hothouse and feathery ferms. Among the company were Messra. G. L. Munn, E. A. Strout, J. B. Lukes, J. B. Wing, F. C. Newton, H. D. Sweell, R. D. Merrill, and E. J. Garratt (Seattle), R. L. Macleuy and E. J. Macleus, R. J. L. Macleuy and E. J. Macleus, R. J. L. Macleuy, R. L. Macleuy, R. L. Macleuy, R. J. Macleus, R. J. L. Macleuy, R. J. Macleus, R. J. L. Macleuy, R. J. Macleus, R. L. Macleus, R. J. Macleus, R. J.

toria, the home of the parent golf club of the coast, at Tacoma and at Portland.

Upon the Rev. W. D. Marher last Tuesday evening devolved the pleasant duty of officiating at the marryse of the William Barrington Howe Haynes, of Osoyoos, this province, and further of the late Mr. Henry Hardie, of Manchester, Eng., and Mrs. Hardie, of Esqu'malt Road. Attendance at the ceremony was ministed to the immediate friends and family of the contracting parties, to whom, however, are extended the most sincere congratulations of a large circle of friends throughout the city and province. The bride's gown was of cream crepe de chine with cert insertion; the bridal wreath was of the traditional and romance-fragrant orange blossoms, while the bridal bonquet was of cream roses and carnations, with asparagus ferns. Pearls and diamonds were the brides oranaments. Miss Ceel Hardie, who made a very winsome bridesmaid, worker oream nurs' seeling trimmed with white safin, her shower bouquet being of pale pink carnations and asparagus ferns. A zold bangle set with turquoise and opals was the groom's gift to her. The wedding dinner and reception were at the residence of the bride's mother, which had been charminally decorated with spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the community of the community of the money of the bride's mother, which had been charminally decorated with spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing into deep chrome, and the spring flowers, the color scheme being in cream merzing in

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Lady Bromley and Mr. Bromley left for their home in England on Thursday evening, being accompanied by Major and Mrs. Audain, who are returning to

guest of Lady de Lotbiniere at Govern-ment House. Miss McKinnon of Vancouver

Mrs. Lamont, of Boston, is enjoying a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard Russell, Boyd street.

Mrs. Nicholles, Simcoe street, gave an informal tea on Monday afternoon.

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Togo is now a duly credited member of the Bottlers' Union.

Japan has the largest guns, gives it Providence as an ally.

The people of Port Arthur are said to disapprove of long engagements. Statistics show but one thing for a certainty—that the man who gets them up is patient and industrious.

Perhaps those Chinese robber bands one hears so much about are merely rubber bands.

It is now in order for Senator Burton to authoritatively state that he is posi-tively "out of politics."

Pneumonia microbes never smile more sweetly than when they watch a man take off his winter flannels.

A surer sign of spring than the robin— the juveniles are canvassing for funds for the baseball clubs.

As the Poet Houston so beautifully puts it, "if at first you don't succeed, advertise."

It is the Judge who charges the jury, but the lawyer charges the client a blame sight more.

As soon as the new hurry-up wagon is ready for service there will be none of us too poor to go driving.

It is not yet proven, but it is suspected, that the fire at Rideau Hall was caused by one of Mr. Gourlay's speeches.

Toronto paper says "a Conservative victory is in the air." But it doesn't specify the brand of air.

One reason public feeling is with the apanese is because it is easier to re-

One reason positions and the Lama and inside passenger.

Latest advices from Thibet indicate that the Lion and the Lama will lie down together, with the Lama inside passenger.

A newspaper writer never so fully realizes what a successful fool he might be until he sees the proof of what the printer thinks he wrote.

The oldest inhabitant cannot recall a time when the swimming was better than last week all along the main line or the C. P. R.

Quite naturally as the British near the Thibetan capital, they discover that the native soldiers show signs of Lhassa-

. . . Half the boys and girls in town are selling sweet peas for Eastern seed houses. They should find in Russia an eager customer.

Things however they are might always be worse. Think of what we would have had to suffer if Port Arthur had been called Alexandrovitchykopwould have nau to had been called Alex fostovskydragovitsky.

As holders of the copyrights we protest that D. Mark-Carley's name should not be maltreated into D'Mark Carley, not yet de Mark Carley or E. Z. Mark.

Will someone please step forward and state that the Baltimore fire was caused by a spark from a cigarette! Perhaps it wasn't, but it should have been to furnish good campaign ammunition.

The Kootenaian reports the burning of Maggie Brown's humble domicile, and says "it was a hot fire." Will some one who has made the acquaintance of any icy fire please step forward and testify.

Wait until we have a war over here and we'll get even with the Russians by having engagements every day at Methkahila, Illecillewaet, Kithlahtlah, and a few other easily spelled places.

Japan isn't open to criticism for pr moting officers previously killed in bat-tle. That's better than the advance ment of some of the dead ones in the ment of British army.

Langley, the airship man, declares that he could fly to Canada if he had \$50,000 for experiments. Many an Am-erican cashier has flown hitherward with less.

That reporter on the Rossland World | The Stage who wrote it "Judge Archie Martin" hasn't yet been given the ninety-nine years for lese majeste that's coming to him.

"Little boys tell lies as if they were caught pulling the cat's tail," sapiently remarks the New York Press philoso-pher, "little girls as if they were sprinksunbeams on the flowers. Now that everyone knows how Ann is, will someone please take pencil and some paper and figure what relation each of President Jos Smith's wives is to the children of

Associated Press despatches tell the public that the Petropolavsk went down exactly one minute and forty seconds after the explosion. It is a pity they did not go a little further and inform the world of the name of the enterprising individual who in the excitement of such an unexpected moment held the stopwatch.

other four?

stumps of the trees that Lewis & Clark cut down a hundred years ago to make canoes, have been discovered by souvenir manufacturers who will proceed to turn them to account. No one need fear that the available supply of wood will be exhausted before all are served.

One is inclined to lament, on studying the vituperative pages of the Nelson Economist and the Tribune, that the respective editors are not south of the Mason and Dixon line. Then there would be some hope of their shooting each other for their country's good.

Wonder how many people run away with the impression that William Randoph Hearst 'sis going to be milked of his millions through his presidential aspirations? He may spend a few millions but it will not be with his eyes shut as to the value of the advertising for his syndicate of newspapers.

Officers and passengers by the Oriental steamers should apply for copyright on that phrase, "you really know more about the war over here than we do in Japan."

There is no malice borne by the recently divorced husband of Mme. Nordica. After the decree was granted he wrote to ask her for a pass for two—and he got it. Probably he wanted to worry the Madame as to whom he was going to take with him.

Curious isn't it how enthusiastic the local dailies are in showing the people how they erred in not voting for the school by-law, after these same papers had displayed such lukewarmness or lukewarmth, or whatever it is, in pointing out before the voting the straight and narrow path for the voters to follow.

ents of "the Unspeakable are urging that because he has Hearst" are urging that because he has never made a speech he cannot get the presidential nomination. That's the one thing to count in his favor. Besides, he realizes that money talks louder than a megaphone, and he has been content to let his sheles attend to the oratory.

No wonder the worm will turn, when after catching all the fish, it hears its honors blandly given away to the "white moth" or the "march brown" or the "sliver doctor" that remained safe and snug in the fly book and never so much as got their feet wet.

Roosevelt will touch the button and the World's Fair hotelmen will do the rest-of the visitors. Slide, Kelly, Slide! should be adopted as the national anthem of the Slocan if the experiences of the past few days continue.

Nothing pleases an editor so much as to write a part paragraph and have it tome from the printer so that its nearsear relatives would not recognize it. Just fancy the pleasant feelings of the World editor toward the composing room when this editorialette appeared: "The war bulletin boards are of second interest now to the blackboard in the post office, which laconically announces. 'No more today.' "Progress" will give one week's subscription to any little boy or any little girl explaining what it was that was on the bulletin.

Will someone rise and explain the exact benefit to Christianity or the community in continuing the ringing of church bells from an early hour until the evening of the Lord's Day? Churchgoing people are well aware of the hours of the various services. Others have long since learned to look for the announcements in the newspapers. The possession of watches or clocks is general. The only function of the church bell to-day seems to be the perpetuation of an institution of other days for which, with modern facilities of announcement, there is no longer any possible use. There can be no denial of the fact that to a very large number, compelled to labor late on Saturday night, the din of the morning church bell is assertive crueity. Why will not the churches recomize that times do change, and adapt themselves to the conditions of the twentieth century?

and Stagefolk.

Way for the flerry Monarchs of Mammoth Minstrelsy-Mary Mannering's Play-How It All Came About.

It All Came About.

Lt was not the writer's good fortune to witness the presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" made by Mr. Chas. B. Hanford and his company on Tuesday evening, but the assurance is given by those who had that pleasure that the reading given this Shakespearean classic was an admirable one throughout. There is as to Shylock as well as to Hamlet, room for an infinite diversity of opinion, and herein the master playwright shows his skill: the Merchant of Venice stands for an heroic type of stern, uncompromising justice—or of inbuman avarrice, ready and expellity as one elects to view him. And therefore hust always specially attract the action of the property of the standard of the property of the standard property of the Hanford of the property of the

Several years ago Leo Ditrichstein, the well known playwright, was traveling in Europe with his wife, and after a walking tour or several days, during which he had had no opportunity to be in touch with his razors or the control of the control of

Ralph Stuart's playing version of the Marchmont Russian novel, "By Right of Sword," which had its introduction in Senttle a season or so ago, has more than made good in New York and is now on tour and doing well.

It will be safe to visit Nelson now. The amateur dramatic society has de-cided to abandon its proposed perform-ance of "The Private Secretary."

In a despatch from London included in the service of the new Canadian Associated Press, Sir Henry Irving is credited in an interview with stating that on his recent Canadian tour all the newspars gave brilliant accounts of the presentations and all mistook an understudy for himself. This doesn't place Sir Henry in any very enviable light. The people paid big prices to see Sir Henry Irving. If he succeeded in foistmean understudy upon them, acting in his name, he deliberately took the money paid for seats under a false pretence. It certainly was a deception that no good actor should brag about. Incidentally, the Montreal Herald is taking quiet satisfaction out of 'file here Gaf it had stated at the time of the Irving performance that his acting had certainly improved.

"A Girl From Dixie," the musical comedy which Klaw & Brlanger present here on the evenings of the 9th and 10th of Max, is a big production with a consistent story in it as well as good music, fine swing, and the modern sumptuonsness of investiture (good word that—Wallace Munro should have patented it) inseparable from the K, & E. offerings to the public. The New Orleans Picayune says: "A Girl From Dixie" suggests a panoramic review of strife, a waving of two cherished flags, and the crossing of steel held by arms, sleeved in blue and gray—all of that is pictured in the imagination by rending of the title. But "A Girl From Dixie" suggests a panorable with heart beating mischievously. Sentimentally she hides her well-rounded shoulders under a tattred gray coat, and dances with gray-coated beaux, but further than that the girl does not play the

beloved color for effect. The conception, the treatment and the execution of the idea is exceedingly clever, and Harry B. Smith, the author of the book, is deserv-

Rossland has passed a new theatre by-law under the terms of which no publication is charged, can be opened to the public unless a municipal official has first pronounced the building safe and provided with sufficient exist in the event of fire. A license must also be obtained for every entertainment unless it be given by amateurs for school, church, literary or charitable purposes.

Paderewski is credited with having made a great impression upon the Rus-sian Czar when he played before His Majesty recently, and the Czar is quoted as saying that he was especially pleased to find such talent in Russia, "I beg Your Majest's pardoo—I am a Pole," was the planist's retort. Later rote, was the plantst retort. Later on the same day, Paderewski, who had arranged for a series of recitals in St. Petersburg, received a police order di-recting him to leave the country within twenty-four hours and never again re-

Under a special arrangement with Mr. Arthur C. Aiston, who controls the playing rights, Clara Mathes and her playing rights, Clara Mathes and her company are putting on the Bret Harte play "Tennessee's Partner" in the Koot-enays. This is the mountain idyll in which Jane Corcoran so distinguished herself a few seasons ago. Petite Jane, by the way, has abandoned the domestic hearth for a time, and is again before the footlights.

Morriment and ministrelsy will hold the boards at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday evening next, the attraction being Al G. Field's big company, which holds a prominent place in the burd cork community. The Field ministrels are said to distribute their talent wells putting on a very good musical first part but being, if anything, stronger in the specialty features making up the secondary half of their entertainment.

Edna Wallace Hopper is now vandeville, doing a breezy sketch Cosmo Gordon Stewart, "The March Time."

Lewis Morrison intends to vanish from stageland for a year, when he will bring out a new play. He thinks he is done with "Faust," but one never can tell.

Wagenhals & Kemper talk of starring Frederick Warde and Kathryn Kidder jointly next season.

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ABOUT TOWN.

The mystery of nature and of electricity is perhaps no nearer solution to-day than when Franklin indulged in his immortal kite-flying, albeit the utilization of the mystery is now a prosing nature of every day life. Quite recently a new discovery has been made, concerning which almost every practical telegrapher has his individual theory and explanation. In years gone by, as explanation. In years gone by, everyone concerned with telegraphy aware, the winter season has been of many interruptions to transc aware, the winter season has been one of many interruptions to transcentinental telegraphing through the inexplicable phenomena of the aurora borealis. When the splendor of the nortnern sky was at its height, telegraphing on an east and week wire has been fraught with difficulty. Since the been fraught with difficulty. Since the Canadian Pacific's new copper wire west-ward from Montreal has been in general use, someone in an experimenting mood took it into his head to take all "bat-tery" off the wire when the much-custed-at northern lights were causing constant trouble. To his amazement he found that by "grounding" the wire at either trouble. To his amazement he found that by "grounding" the wire at either end, it was not only practicable but most convenient, to work the wire with only nature's electricity. And now it is often done when the aurora disturbs the general conditions. And there are as many explanations as there are telegraphers to question concerning it.

The church wardens of St. John's have The church wardens of St. John's have recently introduced what is a novelty for Victoria in the composition of their choir, the hoy voices having been dispensed with and a surpliced choir of girls taking their place. The young ladies in the gown and mortar cap make the choir decidedly picturesque, while the music, as it has always been at "the iron church," leaves little to be desired. The thoir is under the control of Mr. Ross Monro as choir leader and Mr. Watkiss, organist.

"Primrose Day" was not observed as much in Victoria this year as has been customary. This is natural. Beaconsfield is little else than a memory to people nowadays, and he did not represent any idea in so peculiar a sense that his name is identified with it.

Lance-Sergeant McPadden, R. M. A. ranks as crack shot of the British navy with the 6-inch gun, his score in the last competition being 102-448 noints. The good marksman is of H. M. S. Flora, which has a reputation for being usually on the target.

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A Tempest In a Teapot.

Board of Trade Abrogates Its Legitimate Functions to Investigate a Matter of Private Difference.

The Victoria Board of Trade has a large and feverish scandal upon its hands, the parties chiefly concerned in which are Secretary Elworthy and Mr. A. J. Moriey. Incidentally Mr. D. R. Ker, head of the well-known A. J. Morley. Incidentally Mr. D.
R. Ker, head of the well-known
Brackman & Ker Milling Co.; Mr. T.
L. Grahame, the resident agent of the
Associated Press; and Mr. W. B.
Blaikeslee, a cereal food manufactory
promoter, play minor and inconspicuous

parts.

Mr. Blaikleslee came to the city recently, seeking inducements to locate.
He saw Mr. Elworthy in that gentleman's official capacity, and Mr. Elworthy took Mr. Blaikleslee to
see President Toold and Viceman's official capacity, and Mr. Eiworthy took Mr. Blaikleslee to
see President Todd and VicePresident Pitts. What these gentlemen
said to Mr. Blaikesless is not stated, but
he shook the dust of Victoria from his
feet very soon thereafter. Then Mr.
Wheeler, a newspaper man, saw Mr.
Morley and that gentleman said things
to Mr. Wheeler and the stated but
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feet world in an Associated President
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despatch a distinctly interesting story
of how the Board of Trade secretary—
inspired by Mr. Ker—had turned down
the soaring projects of the prospective
business rivals of the B. & K. Milling
Company.

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When Mr. Elworthy saw this published story he was wroth. So was Mr. Rhodes, of Brackman & Ker. They jointly and severally started upon a still hunt for justice and satisfaction. Mr. Blaikleslesce, threatened with prosecution for slander, promptly repudiated all knowledge of or connection with the matter in any shape or form. Mr. Morley did not go so far. He attended a special meeting of the council of the board in that behalf convened, and declined to apologize for anything he had said, while at the same time withdrawing any statement to the effect that the secretary had acted upon the suggestion of Messrs. Brackman & Ker. The council promptly exonerated Mr. Elworthy, and there the matter was supposed to be ended.

The council reported that it had found The council reported that it had found the published allegations untrue; but when the full board met in quarterly session Mr. Morley charged that the secretary had publicly alleged that he was the author of the despatch, and there followed a not altogether non-acrimonious debate. There was a motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. George Carter, that the secretary be required to substantiate that he (Mr. Morley) was the author of the yarn.

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Mr. S. J. Pitts offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. D. W. Higgins, that a committee be named to go into the entire

Mr. S. J. Fitti Detects as esconded by Mr. D. W. Higgins, that a committee be named to go into the entire matter.

A few, led by the common-sense legislator from the Islands. Mr. T. W. Paterson, held that the board had other business than the investigation of another than the committee of the committee of the committee of the committee of two nominees of Mr. Morley, and two of Mr. Elworthy, with an appointee of two nominees of Mr. Morley, and two of Mr. Elworthy, with an appointee of the chairman, was ordered to sit in final judgment.

Mr. H. B. Thomson, of Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd., and Mr. George Carter, were named by Mr. Morley as his representatives; the Secretary choose Lt.-Col. E. G. Prior and Mr. James, Thomson as his seconds, and Mr. J. A. Mara was nominated by the Chairman to complete the court.

These gentlemen held sittings on Tursday, and heard evidence, a stenographer lending the true court color to the occasion. While it is not yet officially known just what the finding will be, it may be fairly surmised that the august tribunal will rule in favor of the Secretary, and that Mr. Morley's position in the board will thereby the meanwhile is heavy with suggestions of slander or damage actions—aximat Mr. Morley, Mr. Elworthy and the news agency; as well as of threatend withdrawals from the board by Mr. Morley and the news agency; as well as of threatend withdrawals from the board by Mr. Morley and his supporting friends, who appear to include a majority of the so-called Chamber of Commerce wing, who do not regard the management of the board's affairs as just what it ought to be.

It is sincerely to be hoped that these gentlemen will not for a moment seriously cousider such a step, which in itself would be absurd and unworthy of any, part of a vagressantive business and deliberative.

"Heato a gew one the other day," said a min and in my modest opinion. it's one of rule best of its kind that ever went the rounds. Here it is: What is three-sevenths of a chicken, two-thirds of a cat, and one-half of a goat?

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COUNTERFEIT COINS.

United States Half Dollars so Perfectly Imitated That Detection is Al-most Impossible.

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Early in the week the Royal Bank in this city received from the United States treasury officers in Seattle some twenty or more very pretty half dollars with the word "bad" stamped across them. The Royal notified the other banks, and each of the latter overhauled its specie and in each case some of the spurious coins were discovered. The impression created by an item in a daily paper that the Royal was the only bank victimized is not correct. All the banks were caught for small sums, but the Royal was the first to discover it.

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Early in the week the Royal Bank indistriction of the Courts and Barrard. An interesting of Court Cariboo on Tuesday weeking an interesting report was given by R. C. Wilson of visits made by him to Courts Vancouver and Burrard. An interesting cheeke followed on the respective merits of the spurious coins were discovered the spurious coins were discovered the spurious coins were discovered the impression created by an item in a larly paper that the Royal was the highly bank victuinized is not correct. All he banks were caught for small sums, but the Royal was the first to discover the impression created by an item in a larly paper that the Royal was the highly bank victuinized is not correct. All he banks were caught for small sums, but the Royal was the first to discover the context of the causal observer there is no difference between the spurious and the genuine ricide. They sound alike when "rung." They weight so nearly the same that they are the proposed that the devices on the spurious palce son the spurious process are not as sharply outlined as hoose on the genuine coins are stamped in the counterfeits have been modded, with a die. The most noticeable lifterence is in the head of Liberty, which in the genuine shows a very disherence of the context of the wreath. In the context of the head is one of the genuine coins are stamped in the head is one of the spurious and the context of the context of the context of the wreath. In the context of the wreath of the context of the wreath The counterfeits are well executed. To the casual observer there is no difference between the spurious and the genuline article. They sound alike when "rung." They weigh so nearly the same that they cannot be distinguished by weight. They look, on even careful examination, to be look, on even careful examination, to be cancilled the state of the spurious pieces are not as sharply outlined as those on the genuine coins. Apparently the counterfeits have been molded, while the genuine coins are stamped out with a die. The most noticeable difference is in the head of Liberty, which in the genuine shows a very distinct curved line back of the wreath, the line in the counterfeit being less clear. The lettering in the coronet on the head is somewhat indistinct in the counterfeit, and the words "In God we trust" are also not as sharply brought out. This is true indeed of nearly every part of the device. In a new coin the edges of the stars, etc., are snarply cut: in the counterfeit then gree the ledges of the stars, etc., are snarply cut: in the counterfeit then gree dull.

But so excellent is the work in every way that every new piece purporting to be a United States half dollar should be regarded with suspicion.

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On Friday afternoon last fire broke out in the upper story of J. Carpenter's boarding house, and in a few moments had spread to Mr. J. Ceele's cottage and to the double house of Mr. M. Matheson's. All were burned to the ground. Owing to a valve being put into the mains the pressure was reduced, and it was the pressure was reduced, and it was the total the pressure in the proper state of the pressure in the pressure

Mr. Cornwall, of the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Bank of Com-merce. arrived on Saturday last, and at once took charge of the local branch. Mr. Stewart, the retiring manager, ex-pects to have his office open by May 1st,

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The thirty-first council of the municipality of North Coviehna held its fourth regular meeting of Saturday last. Mr. W. C. Brown on Mayored the proposed deviation in Mayored the deviation in Mayored the Alderiea Sidewalks By-law; H. S. Late. Alderiea Sidewalks By-law; H. S. Late. postmaster, Crofton, wrote complaining of the mud in Ivan avenue, and the road foreman submitted his monthly report. The finance committee messes bills. Messrs. Crease & Crease to Alderlea Sidewalks By-law; H. S. Law, postmaster. Crofton, wrote complaining of the mud in Ivan avenue, and the road foreman submitted his monthly report. The finance committee passed hills amounting to \$318.50; the Sidewalk By-law, and one prohibiting animals running at large in the townsite were read at third time; the Wide Tyre By-law, and one prohibiting animals read a third time; the Wide Tyre By-law, and one prohibiting animals read at third time; the Wide Tyre By-law, and second time. The road inspector was instructed to make an estimate of the cost of a sidewalk and estimate of the cost of a sidewalk and setting the dog license to a dollar; and the structions were given to have all specifications were given to have all specifications were given to have all specifications with the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was awarded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a warded the contract for Menzles bridge, J. Weismiller for Wharneliffe road, J. Menzles was a bridge the week of the b

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ent from Vancouver and Nanaimo.
Woodmen of the World.—Two new applications for membership were considered at the last meeting of Victoria Camp. The officers of Columbia Circle were installed by Sov. Lindsay, after which the same Sovereign read a report of his visit to the head court at Hamilton. He reported the death rate of the order for the past year to be very low, and the order in a flourishing condition. At the close he said: "How can I adequately describe the magnificent country of which we form a part, snow-covered as it was when I saw it. Yet I can understand how it will, in the near future, be the granary of the Empire. We can ask for no fairer heritage nor hope for a brighter future than is possible with our beloved Canada. I tell you Sovereigns that no Canadian can take saw at the past I have just taken mean country, and he had a trip as I have just taken mean country, and he had to get home because British Columbia is the best part of it all."

I. O. O. F.—Columbia Lodge met Wednesday evening and hurried through the routine business in order to entertain their friends who were invited for 90 colock. At that hour dancing commenced, those not caring for the graceful exercise taking a hand at cards. Refreshments were served at 10.30. The hall was nicely filled without being crowded, so that everyone had an opportunity to make the most of the evening.

Monday evening there was a large gathering in the Douglas street hall to welcome Grand Master E. C. Arthur, of Nelson. Noble Grand Matheson occupy-to-the grand Instermade a speech, in which he said that he was just completing a tour of the lodges in his jurisdiction. Columbia Lodge then put on the third degree in their usual excellent style. After the lodge adjourned the tables were spread and a splendid repast was partaken of, with Jas. Wilby in the chair.

To-morrow the members of this order will march to the Centennial Methodist church, where they will be addressed by Bro. J. P. Westman.

Knights of Pythias.—Victoria Lodge how 17 held its weekly conven

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it in the future. The audience was very large and most appreciative.

B. C. Stationary Engineers' Association.—The local association is sending a delegate to Vancouver to attend a meeting on Thursday next, when the question of forming a Provincial Association will be decided. The majority of the local engineers do not view with much favor the draft of articles of association which has been received from Vancouver. Unless some radical changes are made the probability is that the local association will remain independent. Victoria West Epworth League.—The following officers were elected for the coming year at their meeting Wednesday hight Tour for Enary (Christian Entervolve second vice-president, Rev. S. Osterhout dilerary); third vice-president, T. G. Hitt (missionary); fourth vice-president, Miss Pamphlet (social); secretary, Miss C. Robinson; treasurer, Miss C. Robinson; treasurer,

dent, T. G. Hitt (missionary); fourth vice-president, Miss Pamphlet (social); secretary, Miss C. Robinson; treasurer, Miss F. Okell.

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The Full court of British Columbia has, during the present week, disposed of an action at law of very peculiar interest to the public as well as the profession. It was that in which the assignee of L. H. Rasor sought to recover certain properties which had by will of Rasor's deceased with been bequeathed to the Roman Catholic church. The case was that in 1901 the then prospective Mrs. Rasor (then Mrs. Vizellus) agreed to transfer her property to Rasor if he married her. This he did, but she dying, it was found that the property had by the terms of the will been left to the church. Rasor subsequently assigned his claim upon the estate for a consideration of \$500, and the nurriace promise. The case was decided against him by Mr. Justice Drake, and from this the plaintiff appealed, the Full court now deciding that the marriage contract between Mrs. Vigelius (arrier-wards Rasor) and Mr. Rasor was binding in law and must be kept.

The Fairfield estate has been drawn from the market pending decision of the street railway company's inten-tions with respect to the Ross Bay ceme-

Victorians are negotiating for a companion steamer to the well known Australian vessel Eurembla, which they purpose putting on the Skagway run from this city.

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scretary.

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Far West Lodge No. 1 meets at their Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora Streets, every Friday at 8 p.m. Sojourning brothers are always welvome J.H. Penketh, C.C.; Harry Weber, K. of R.& S. Box 544.

Juvenile Ancient Order of Foresters Court No. 1 meets first Tuesday in each month at K. of P. Hall. Adult Foresters are always welcome. S. L. Redgrave, President; J. H. Mansell, Secretary.

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Sidney Wilson, Secretary.

Concerning Sport and Sportsmen.

Lacrosse Championship Arrange ments-To Decide Dead Year's Honors.—Fishing Indifferent.
Indifferently Satisfactory.

The suggestion that the scope of the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association would this year be extended, and that this sporting organization would abandon the provincial for an international character, taking Seattle into the championship league, seems to have been in the nature of a false alarm. The annual meeting of the Association has Just I een held at Vancouver, and as in the days of yore, the championship race will be between the three Coast cities — Victoria. Vancouver and New Westmitter. Even Nanaimo has been drop-research to the control of the control of

tind The viceson.

The season's schedule has been drawn is follows:

May 14-Drawn game, Vancouver vs.

Westminster.

May 24-Vancouver at Victoria.

June 4-Deciding championship 1903 game.

June 13-Vancouver at Westminster.

June 18-Victoria at Westminster.

July 18-Victoria at Vancouver.

July 1-Victoria at Vancouver.

July 19-Vestminster at Victoria.

July 30-Victoria at Victoria.

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August 6-Vancouver at Victoria.

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September 3-Victoria at Westminster.

September 10-Vancouver at Victoria.

As predicted in last week's issue, the finals in the sixth annual tournament of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association were reached on Saturday, when wenther and wind conditions held favorable for the fullest enjoyment of the sport by the participants and spectators, or the state of the state of the sport by the participants and spectators, or the state of the state

The Cowichan river has been exceptionally high for the past week and in consequence the catches there were meagre, although in several cases one or two good fash were secured. This river will not get to a normal depth for at least two weeks, and nothing very big in the ways of bags may be expected until the first week in May. As a matter of fact it will only be for a couple or week of the couple of the co

the end of May, large catches may be expected.

The burning question as to whether the Ripplinger dog from Seattle or Mr. Coccarbing of the coccarbing of the control of th

The Indians of the lower Vancouver Island reservations, unlike their Eastern brethren who are entitled to honor and all reservation privileges in perpetuity for having created the noble game of lacrosse, take more kindly to baseball than to any other athletic sport in which than to any other athletic sport in which the white man excels. They are no lobsters at it either, in the box or the field. Last Sunday at Sannichton agame was played with the local white men's nine that was so fast and selentific that the bloechers rang with plaudits. Sannichton finally won by 13 to 8 but it was a game exemplifying all the uncertainties of baseball. Holness was umpire for the main event, while the batteries were W. Gorden and P. Dawson, for Sannichton Jiames Dick and Daniel Dick, for the braves. After the match proper a scratch nine largely composed of Sannichton players, but with Holness pitching, tried conclusions for three innings with the dark-hued players, who held them about even. And they had little difficulty in finding Holness for safe hits.

At an important meeting of the Vic-

At an important meeting of the Victoria Yacht Club held this week it was decided to divide the yachts fiying the club flag into two distinct classes—the cruisers and the racers: Gwenol, Dorothy, Pathfonder, Dragon, Imp, and one of two others, including Captain Clarke's boat, being placed in the cruiser category. Other yachts joining the club will be duly classified as they appear. Club races are arranged for May 21st, June 4th and 18th, July 16th and 30th, and August 13th and 27th; the course as laid down will be changed on alternate days—for example in a first race the boats competing will turn the buoys on the port side, and in the second contest they will turn to starboard. One design races will be held on May 14th and 28th, June 11th and 25th, July 9th and 23rd, and

August 6th and 20th. The club regatta is fixed for July 2nd, when it is expected that yachts from all other seaboard points in the province, the Sound and California, will be here to participate.

points in the province, the Sound and California, will be here to participate.

Secretary-Treasurer McConnell submitted an exceedingly favorable report of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the recent show at a meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club this week. It showed a balance on hand of over \$100. Resignations were received from Secretary McConnell and Vice-President J. J. Bostock. Mr. McConnell was asked whether he could not see his way clear to reconsider his decision. The latter, however, contended that it would be impossible for him to spare the time to efficiently look after the duties pertaining to that office. The resignation was therefore accepted, and W. F. Dunn appointed to that place temporarily. Regarding the resignation of Mr. Bostock, on account of his action in withdrawing his dogs from the recent of Mr. Bostock of the competition of Mr. Bostock of the competition of Mr. Bostock of the competition of Mr. Bostock on account of his action in any coast shows until the cannier in any coast shows until the lab of signalified until January of next year, unless some satisfactory explanation of the season for taking away her dog is given.

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for taking away her dog is given.

This from the Colonist seems to illustrate that sport as well as journalism has its left-handed amenities:

A game has been proposed to be played between the Vancouver and Victoria ladies' clubs, and some of the Vancouver papers have referred to the manner in which the home ladies splay as childish, etc. Unformatic lates of the ladies and have no intention of leaf of the ladies and have no intention of bloomers and being knocked about in a horse play game. There is no doubt that the local team will willingly play Vancouver under the proper rules, but no one can blame them for refusing to play under the ordinary men's rules.

Fishing in the streams of the neigh-

Fishing in the streams of the neighboring Mainland is better than it has been for years thus early in the season. The Capillano, always a late stream, is of course not worthy of attention, for what fish are there are almost sure to fall victims to the nets stretched a short Lynn and Seymouth Nor are the Lynn and Seymouth Nor are the Lynn and Seymouth S

A hacrosse club was organized by the local Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening last, much interest being taken in the game by the Yis, and it being expected that a strong team will be put in the field, although whether as competitors for junior or intermedite honors has not yet been determined. The officers elect are: Honorary president, John Nelson; president, H. Hinkson Siddall; vice-president, H. Northcott; secretary, Cyril Bate; treasure, E. E. Bragg; captain, T. Rosscamp; vice-captain, J. Welte; supplies committee, Fisher, Watkins and Bragg; executive, Siddall, Northcott, Rosscamp, Welte and Gawley.

The Nanaimo and Ladysmith football teams are to play their final game for the championship of the North End series for the British Columbia cup at series for the British Columbia cup at uson. They will bring large contingents of admirers with them, if is expected, and enable Victoria lovers of the socker game to witness an interesting exhibition.

The Victoria Lacrose Club is endeavoring to arrange terms with Mr. C. F. Todd for a lease of the Caledonia grounds, in which event they will proceed to enlarge the grandstand and otherwise improve the park from the spectators' standpoint. The club hopes to have a strong twelve in the field this year, and counts upon deserving the old-time support of lovers of the national game at home.

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Here are a few of the baseball bookings for the season that Manager Willie thus early in the running is able to anounce: 30th April Lopez; 7th May, Everett; 14th May, Mount Angel Colege; 20th and 21st May, Bellingham; games will also be made for the 23rd, 24th, 27th and 28th proximo. All these will be home matches.

The golf tournament men's foursomes tie between Major A. W. Jones and Mr. W. F. Burton, Mr. C. B. Stahlschmidt and Capt. Davidson, and Mr. Harvey Combe and Mr. C. J. Prior, each of these couples having turned in a score of 87 nett, was played off on Wednesday affection, resulting in Major Jones and Mr. Burton taking first place, and Mrssrs, Combe and Prior second. The winners were playing in excellent form all were never seen to better advantage on the links. The scores were as hereunder:

nder: Jones and Burton, 91-9—81 nett, Combe and Prior, 89-3—86 nett, Stahlschmidt and Davidson, 97-5—92

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