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Seasonable Reflections.

There are many in this province who will remember the battle fought by the old COLUMBIAN of former times for confederation and responsible government. In that battle it had the whole official influence of the colony against it, and it is worthy of remark that the present premier himself was among the opposing ranks. The battle was won; but, as sometimes happens, the vanquished succeeded in grasping the reins of power. For more than ten years we have had responsible government, under confederation, and it may now be worth while to enquire what the practical result has been. Confederation has, to some extent, disappointed the hopes, and even the reasonable expectations of the people. Everybody has been wearied with the slowness of the Dominion Government in fulfilling the primary condition of union. To such an extent did this feeling at one time manifest itself that the "paper bond" stood in serious danger of being broken, and the new confederacy is popularly supposed to have narrowly escaped the loss of its Pacific province. But our position and prospects have greatly improved. Railway work has actually been going on in this province for more than a year, and the earnest efforts and promises recently put forward by the federal authorities have led to a reasonable hope that past delinquencies will be followed by the speedy accomplishment of the great national work. Accepting in good faith these efforts and promises, we believe there is not in this country a thoughtful, fair-minded person who will deny that confederation has been good for British Columbia. But the people of this province must not sit down content with what has already been achieved. *There are many things in the present* public service which we may reasonably ask to have made better. The mail service, especially in the interior, is notoriously inefficient, and altogether disappointing. Our fishing interests must be protected and developed so as to secure a larger and steadier yield. The public lands now reserved for railway purposes must be thrown open for settlement, and some scheme for immigration on a large scale should be put into *operation. Many of our public* buildings are sadly in need of replacement with structures more in keeping with the dignity and usefulness which they are supposed to represent. Our judicial system should be remodeled; and the inland navigation calls for improvement. These matters are of the greatest importance if this province proposes to take that place in the confederacy which its vast wealth and resources entitle it to occupy; and by every *means in our power we must impress* upon our representatives and the federal authorities at Ottawa the necessity of adopting a more liberal and wise policy towards this important colony. With regard to responsible government, it cannot be pronounced a complete success in British Columbia. It was to be expected that in passing suddenly from the position of a Crown colony, governed by the officials of Downing-Street, to that of a free province, *some difficulty would be experienced* before the new machinery could be made to work smoothly. There are, probably, men in British Columbia as capable of making and administering laws as in any other country of much larger population. But the best men do not always come to the front; and people are too apt to take such as come, without looking to their fitness as representatives. Whatever wrongs there are to be righted in the provincial machinery, *let the electors remember when they* are asked to exercise their franchise. Our constitution provides a remedy every four years for administrative abuses. The present year happens to be one in which that remedy may be applied, and it is the duty of every citizen who concerns himself with the prosperity of the country to see that the franchise is used with honesty and discretion. With all its imperfections, however, we may safely affirm that no one in British Columbia would exchange our system of responsible government for the half-civilized system under which we existed prior to confederation! The machinery is of the right sort, but the engineers sometimes prove themselves unworthy of the confidence which has been placed in them, and their inefficiency and unfaithfulness are the cause of great disorder. Let us go forward. The will of the people must rule. If men serve us badly, let us try others until the *right men are found in the right* places and the whole machinery of responsible government works harmoniously in promoting the best interests of the commonwealth.

Mark Twain.

This extraordinary genius was "domiciled" for a couple of weeks in Montreal, about a month ago, for the purpose of coming within the letter of the law in order to copyright his new book—in which, however, the telegraph announces his failure. During his period of domicile, Mark was entertained by one hundred and fifty leading citizens at dinner, at the Windsor Hotel. As was to have been expected, he delivered a characteristic and amusing speech, which the Toronto *Globe*, with its usual enterprise, received by telegraph as it was delivered, and placed before its readers in the morning. We can only find room for the concluding part of it:—

"What you lack in weather you make up in the means of grace. This *is the first time I was ever in a city* where you couldn't throw a brick without breaking a church window (a laugh), yet I was told that you were going one more. I said, "The scheme is good; but where are you going to find room?" They said, "We will build it on top of another church and use an elevator." This shows that the gift of lying is not yet dead in the land. I suppose one must come in the *summer to get the advantage of* the Canadian scenery. A cabman drove me two miles up a perpendicular hill in a sleigh, and showed me an admirable snow-storm from the heights of Quebec. The man was an ass. I could have seen the snow-storm as well from the hotel window and saved my money. Still I may have been the ass myself. There is no telling, the thing is all mixed up in my mind, but anyway there was an ass in the party, and I do suppose that wherever a mercenary cabman and a gifted rotary character are gathered together *for business, there is bound to be an* ass in the combination somewhere. It has always been so in my experience, and I have usually been elected, too; but it is no matter. I would rather be an ass than a cabman, except in summer; then, with my advantages, I could be both. (Cheers and laughter.) I saw the plains of Abraham and the spot where the lamented Wolfe stood when he made the memorable *remark that he would rather be the* author of Gray's Elegy than take Quebec. But why did he say so rash a thing? It was because he supposed there was going to be an international copyright. (Laughter.) Otherwise, there would be no money in it. I was also shown the spot where Sir William Phips stood when he said he would rather take a walk than take two Quebecs, and he took the walk. (Renewed laughter.) I have looked with emotion here in your city upon the monument which makes forever memorable the spot where Horatio Nelson didn't stand *when he fell. I have seen the cab* which Champlain employed when he arrived overland at Quebec; I have seen the horse which Jacques Cartier rode when he discovered Montreal. I have used them both. I will never do it again. Yes; I have seen all the historical places; the localities have been pointed out to me where the scenery is warehoused for the season. My sojourn has been to my moral and *intellectual profit.* I have behaved with propriety and discretion. I have meddled nowhere but in the election. I am used to voting, for I live in a town where, if you may judge by the local prints, there are only two conspicuous industries, committing burglaries and holding elections, and I like to keep my hand in. So I voted a good deal here. Where so many of the guests are French the propriety will be recognized of my making a portion of my speech in the beautiful language, in order that I may be understood. I speak French with timidity and not flowingly, except when excited. When using that language I have often noticed that I have hardly ever been mistaken for a Frenchman, except perhaps by horses—never, I believe, by people. I had hoped that mere French construction, with English words, would answer, but this is not the case. I tried it at a gentleman's house at Quebec, and it would not work. The maid-servant asked, "What would, Monsieur?" I said, "Monsieur so-and-so, is he with himself." (Cheers and laughter.) She did not understand. I said, "Is it that he is still not returned from his house of merchandise." She did not understand that either. I said, "He will desolate himself when he learns that his friend American was arrived here, and he not with himself to shake him at the hand." (Uproarious laughter.) She did not even understand that. I don't know why, but she didn't, and she lost her temper besides. Somebody in the rear called out, "Qui est donc la," or words to that effect. She said, "C'est un fou," and shut the door on me. (Loud and prolonged laughter.) Perhaps she was right, but how did she ever find that out, for she had never seen me before till that moment. But, as I have already intimated, I will close this oration with a few sentences in the French language. I have not ornamented them. I have not burdened them with flowers of rhetoric, for to my mind that literature is best and most endearing which is characterized by a noble simplicity. J'ai le beau bouton d'or de mon oncle, mais je n'ai pas celui du charpentier. Si vous avez le fromage du brave meunisier; c'est bon, mais si vous ne l'avez pas, ne se desole pas. Prenez le chapeau de drap noir de son beau frere. Malade tout a l'heure savoir faire qu'est ce que vous dit pate de fois gras, revenous a nos moutons pardon, messieurs, pardonnez moi essayant a parler la belle langue d'Ollendorff strains me more than you can possibly imagine. But I mean well, and I've done the best I could."

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Specifications, conditions of contract and forms of tender may be obtained on application at the Canadian Pacific Railway Office, in New Westminster, and at the Chief Engineer's Office at Ottawa, after the 1st January next, at which time plans and profiles will be open for inspection at the latter office.

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Mr. Marcus Smith, who is in charge at the office at New Westminster, is instructed to give Contractors all the information in his power.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above mentioned Lots will be issued to the above named Charles Edward Pooley and Isaac Birch Fisher on the 20th day of January, next, unless a valid objection thereto be made to the undersigned in the meantime in writing by some person or persons having an estate or interest in said Lots or any of them.

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The British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, January 4, 1882.

About Ourselves.

In fulfiment of a promise made some time ago, we present our readers to-day with a new paper. It is a continuation of the *Dominion Pacific Herald* in an enlarged and improved form, but under a new name—a name which we believe more concisely than any other expresses the design of the journal. In the salutatory article, published on assuming control of the *Herald*, some fifteen months ago, the announcement was made that we had determined to publish a thoroughly independent journal, and one which might fairly aspire to become the recognized organ of public opinion on the Mainland. That determination was reached after mature reflection, and with a full knowledge of the immediate pecuniary sacrifice involved. We were perfectly aware that the Government patronage which the *Herald* then enjoyed would cease as soon as it became independent of party, for the reputation of the Walkem Government is not such as to bear independent, outspoken criticism. But the position of a journalist who dare only express such sentiments as are inspired by a scheming premier is too parrot-like to attract any person who holds his manhood worth preserving. The Government advertising was withdrawn, as we anticipated, and given to an obscure sheet as the price of its slavish support; but we are gratified to be in a position to state that the substantial encouragement and patronage received from every part of the province have exceeded even our highest expectations. The favor of the people is much more grateful than the favor of the Government, and without doubt it will eventually prove much more profitable also. The success which has attended the publication of an independent journal has been so complete as to convince us that we did not misjudge the public opinion of this province. Looking at the press of the country from an impartial standpoint, one must perceive that party and sectional strife has greatly impaired its usefulness. When public journals allow themselves to become so warped and entangled as to suppress truth and disseminate falsehood in the supposed interests of party, their "usefulness is gone," and the best interests of the people are in danger. It is, therefore, intended that the BRITISH COLUMBIAN shall pursue the same independent course which characterised the *Herald* during the last fifteen months. No considerations of gain shall tempt us to swerve from this purpose. In its enlarged form the new paper will be able more fully to fill the important position to which it aspires as the leading journal in British Columbia. At the same time there will be additional space at the disposal of advertisers who wish to avail themselves of our circulation, which is now very much more than double that of any other newspaper on the Mainland. We hope our subscribers may be pleased with the new paper, and that the time may not be far distant when the circumstances of the Mainland will justify a still larger paper—and a daily. When that time arrives the BRITISH COLUMBIAN will not be wanting in the energy and enterprise necessary to meet the requirements of the country.

That Pesky Dry-Dock.

It will not be forgotten that the dock now in course of construction at Esquimalt was to have stood on its own bottom, so to speak. It was not to have become, either in whole or in part, a charge upon the Provincial revenue. It will also be within the recollection of many that, in order to obtain the endorsement of the Legislature, the present Premier, finding Mainland members disposed to be recalcitrant, stood up in his place in the House and gave his solemn assurance that not a dollar would be asked for from the Provincial revenue—his friend Mr. DeCosmos and himself having succeeded in making the work float clear. But what is the fact? First and last, between bungled contracts and bad bargains, not much less than a quarter of a million of our revenue has been sunk in it! Nor is that all. It now appears that about one hundred thousand dollars more will have to go to make up for Mr. Walkem's blunder in buying bad cement five years before it was wanted. What the next demand shall be it is impossible to conjecture; but of this we feel assured, that if the Province does not have to make it the round five hundred thousand dollars before the dock is completed, there will be reason for thankfulness. Nor is it at all likely that the dock will cease to be a charge upon the Provincial revenue when completed. We look forward with almost absolute certainty to a standing item in the Estimates of many thousands for maintenance, &c., &c. In short, it is destined to be a "white elephant," and a dear one at that. The attenuated revenue of the Province can ill afford these repeated drains upon it.

In Doubt.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* appears to be in some doubt about the terms upon which the C. P. R. Syndicate may have undertaken the construction of the Island railway. It deprecates the handing over unconditionally of all the coal lands of the Island to what it calls "a gigantic monopoly," and it claims that, in any event, "any bargain of this nature should be submitted to the people of this (Vancouver) Island for ratification." We do not think an *unconditional* surrender of so large and valuable an area of land could be justified. It is difficult to conceive any association of business men locking up these lands against settlement and development. But still, power to do anything of the kind should not be put in their hands. To lock up the lands in question might easily inflict an injury upon the country for which the little bit of railway would constitute no compensation. But, surrounded by proper safeguards, we cannot see any great objection to the transfer, as it matters but little whether these lands shall be administered by the Railway Syndicate or the Government, so long as they are efficiently administered upon liberal principles, calculated to promote settlement and development. As regards ratification by the people, we are disposed to agree with our contemporary as to the principle; but we are not able to see how or why the reference should be made only to the people of the Island section. The Province is one. The land belongs to the Province, and the work itself is a Provincial one. Any reference should, therefore, be to the whole people, through the constitutional channel.

Dominion Politics.

Upon the receipt of definite information of Dr. McInnes having resigned his seat in the Commons and accepted one in the Senate, Mr. Robson was at once put forward by his friends to fill the vacancy thus created. Having learned, however, that Mr. Homer was willing to accept the nomination, and being requested by some of his friends to do so, Mr. Robson immediately and most cheerfully withdrew in favor of that gentleman. A requisition, asking Mr. Homer to stand, was circulated and has been very numerously and influentially signed; in fact it now bears a very large majority of the electors in this precinct, and from what we hear and know of the rural parts of the District, Mr. Homer's election may be considered fully assured. Indeed it is difficult to conceive of any one being so foolhardy as to attempt to oppose him. The election may, therefore, be regarded as being practically settled, although, so far, there is no intelligence respecting the issue of the Writ. Referring to Mr. Robson's position, many of his friends in the District consider that his services will be more needed in the Provincial Parliament, and it is understood that he is reserving himself for the approaching general election, when he will doubtless be heard from.

The *Colonist* states very circumstantially that Dr. McInnes (now Senator) cleared $80,000 on town lots at Winnipeg, still retaining alternate lots, presumably worth at least twice as much more. We should be glad if it were true.

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New Westminster Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

AT THE DEPOSITORY (Mr. RAE'S Store) are to be found Bibles and Testaments at cost prices, in a great variety of type and binding, and in different languages.

Information regarding the organization of Branches or Sub-depositories, Grants, and general Bible work, may be had by Ministers and others on addressing REV. R. JAMIESON, New Westminster, Provincial Agent for the Upper Canada Bible Society. jny4tc

Builders & Contractors!
NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED, AND will be received up till 12 o'clock noon, 31st day of January, 1882, for the erection of a double two-story brick Building, 38 x 70, on Columbia street, next the Colonial Hotel, New Westminster.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the store of R. W. Deane & Co., Columbia street.

The lowest tender will necessarily be accepted, and I will see that the work is done.

R. W. DEANE,
Address—
R. W. DEANE,
jny4td Tender for Building.

Selling Off! Selling Off!
W. McCOLL,
Cor. Begbie & Columbia Sts.

HAVING TO REMOVE MY BUSINESS from the present stand, owing to expiration of lease, I now offer my whole stock of

DRY GOODS

At and BELOW COST, FOR CASH—consisting of Dress Goods, Prints, White and Brown Cottons, Flannels, Tweeds, Velvets, Silks and Satins, Ribbons, Feathers, Laces, Kid Gloves, Shawls, Bed Comforters, &c., Ladies' and Children's Hosiery (a large assortment), MEN'S GOODS, Tweed Suits (from $6.50), Hats and Caps (a large variety), Underclothing, &c., &c.; also, a fine assortment of Lamps and Glasses.

ALL ACCOUNTS due me must be settled by the 31st January, otherwise, I shall be compelled to place the same in the hands of a Collector. jny4tc

FARM for SALE

THE UNERSIGNED OFFERS FOR sale, on the most liberal terms, a Farm of 146 acres situated on Boundary Bay, about 8 miles from New Westminster, and intersected by the trunk wagon road.

The principal part of the Farm is rich bottom land; twenty-five acres have been cleared and partly fenced. There are two springs of excellent water on the property. It is well adapted for dairy purposes.

For particulars, apply by letter, or personally to

JOHN R. ROBINSON,
New Westminster.
January 3rd, 1882. jny4tc

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.
MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of New Westminster, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Court House, New Westminster, on the NINTH day of JANUARY, A. D. 1882, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Councillors for the said City of New Westminster.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:—The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 P. M. of the day of the nomination, and, in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on THURSDAY, the TWELFTH day of JANUARY, 1882.

Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at New Westminster, this 30th day of December, 1881.

A. PEELE,
jny4td Returning Officer.

ELECTION NOTICE.
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT a Chief and Assistant Engineer are to be elected for the ensuing year. An election will be held at the Court House for the above purpose accordingly. Nomination will take place immediately after those of Mayor and Councillors, on Monday, January 9th, 1882; and election on Thursday, January 12th, 1882, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The nominations shall be in writing, in the same manner as for Mayor and Councillors.

By order, O. D. SWEET,
jny4td City Clerk.

TO THE
ELECTORS
—OF—
BRITISH
COLUMBIA
(OR ANY OTHER MAN)
—OXO—
E. S. SCOULLAR & CO.

BEG LEAVE TO offer themselves, not for the suffrages of the Electors in the coming political contest, but for the patronage of the people at large, and we beg to assure the said people that their confidence, if so given, will always be respected and highly appreciated. We are keeping our stock up to the demands of the times and are determined to merit a continuance of the patronage bestowed upon us for the past two years.

We have now on hand Parlor, Cooking and Box Stoves (a great variety), Parlor Grates and Tenders, Brass Cocks, Steam and Water Gauges, Pipe and Pipe Fittings, Lead Pipe, and Sheet Zinc.

We have the best set of Tinner's Tools in British Columbia, and our facilities for manufacturing are surpassed by none.

We mean business, we want business, and with the assistance of a generous public, we will do business.

Please give us a call.

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New Stock!
—OF—
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LADIES'
Heavy Jackets and Quilted Skirts. Colored Merinos, blk. Cashmere and blk. Crape Cloth.

FLANNELS
In White, Scarlet, Blue, Gray, and Plain, and Stripes, and Checks—both English, Canadian, and American, twilled and plain, wool shaker and cotton.

COTTONS
In white and gray. Brown and white Sheetings. Towels of all kinds.

BLANKETS
In colors & white. QUILTS and Counterpanes. Ticking, Drilling, and Hessians. Canadian YARN.

FURS.
Ladies' Furs in Muffs, Boas & Caps.

CLOTHING.
Men's Clothing in Tweed suits or otherwise. Overcoats and Ulsters.

Hats in Every Style.

GLOVES
In Ladies' black, dark & light shades in kid. In Men's Gloves, buck, doe, dog, kid, sheep, antelope, and cloth—all shades, lined and unlined.

EVERYTHING
In Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.

LAMPS, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE.
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In Groceries and Provisions
Everything the best that can be had, and at the lowest prices for a GOOD article.

MORAL—If you want a **Good** article, go to C. G. MAJOR'S: if you want things cheap, but "cultus," why, go elsewhere.

ITEM—What everybody says must be true; and if true, then the handsomest display of **Valuable Goods, Silver** and **Plate,** is undoubtedly to be found at

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JAMES CUNNINGHAM,
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Dry Goods!
CLOTHING
BOOTS AND SHOES
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Stoves, Castings, Tinware.
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A Choice Stock of
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—AND—
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New Westminster, B. C.

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& CO.,
Columbia Street,
NEW WESTMINSTER.
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Good Times
—ARE—
COMING

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC Railway may come to Port Moody, Coal Harbor, or New Westminster, to one of them it must come, and to which one we care not, for we are sure good armies are coming anyway, and have therefore made great preparation for enlarging our business, for at the present time we are doing a larger business than we have ever done before, and believing that "nothing succeeds like success" we shall make greater efforts to secure our share of business in the coming year. Our present premises are not large enough and we intend extending them shortly. We have during the past year opened a

Dress-making and Millinery Department,

the success of which has exceeded our expectations.

We have on order direct from London, a splendid line, in fashionable Millinery, Flowers, Feathers, Dress Trimmings, &c., and all the latest novelties in neck wear, &c., and have done our utmost to secure a stock that will surpass anything seen before in this City.

All orders entrusted to us in this department, will be filled with despatch and our prices will be as low as good work will permit.

In staple and Fancy Dry Goods, we have a good stock, and for the spring trade we have ordered largely from several London Houses.

We also expect a large consignment of Carpets, Door Mats, Floor Carpets, Mirrors, &c. &c.

Kid Gloves we receive direct from Brussels.

FANCY GOODS

We have hitherto only kept a small stock of the above, but believing that this part of the Trade is largely to be increased, we have ordered from the old established House of Hutton & Co. a large stock. We have directed our buyer in London to send us a line of all the latest novelties, so that our spring stock will be equal to any in Victoria.

Gents' Clothing Department

In this department we have established a Tailoring Establishment. We have engaged a first-class Cutter from San Francisco, at great expense, but believing "poor work never pays," we have obtained the "best." We have now an opening for two or three good journeymen Tailors, as orders are coming in so fast that our present staff cannot fill them. Our prices are the lowest, our goods the best, and workmanship guaranteed. In ready-made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing, we have a large supply in Men's and Boys' and have to arrive a large supply from English, American and Canadian markets.

Hardware,
Paints and Oils,
Doors and Sashes,
Fanning Mills,
Rope, &c.. &c.,
Rifles,
Guns,
Revolvers,
Powder and Shot,
Cartridges.

In the above lines, we have a good stock, and as we buy direct from the manufacturers, our prices are beyond competition. A full supply of Goods by Spear & Jackson, H. Disslon, &c. Cutlery by Wardenholm, Rogers, &c. Razors (Wade & Butchers).

AGENTS FOR THE
Sun Life Insurance Co.
(Montreal),
And the GENUINE
Singer Sewing Machine Co.
(New York).

AUCTIONEERS.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer PRINCESS LOUISE, from Victoria, Jan. 3—Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Ladner, Mrs Booth, Miss Barnard, Miss Williams, Messrs H Nelson, D B Rand, J Donnelly, Gray.

BIRTH.

On the 15th Dec., the wife of S. Trapp, of a daughter.

DIED.

On the 25th Dec., Bessie Edith, daughter of Saml. and Elizabeth Trapp.

At the Royal Columbian Hospital, in this city, on the 28th Dec., Cornelius O'Neil, aged 62 years.

MARRIED.

On the 3rd inst., at the residence of the bride's *mother*, by the Rev. R. Jamieson, Captain Spencer, Portland, to Lizzie, daughter of the late Captain Irving, of this city.

In this city, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. E. Robson, Mr. David Carr to Miss Rebecca Flux, both of this city.

The British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, January 4, 1882.

Poor Mrs. Abraham Lincoln has gone blind.

The machine shops at St. Andrew's, N. B., were destroyed by fire. Loss $60,000.

A very great rise in values in Portland real-estate has recently taken place.

The Prince of Wales is moving to have a national monument erected to the late Dean Stanley.

The H. B. Co. had realized nearly five million dollars for Winnipeg lots, with 600 lots still unsold.

Cornelius O'Neil, an old Cariboo miner, died at the Royal Columbian Hospital on Wednesday last.

The H. B. Co.'s stores in the city of Winnipeg have done business at the rate of $10,000 a week since opening.

Ex-Attorney-General Clarke, when at Ottawa recently, said brick-layers in Winnipeg were receiving $10, a day.

Thirty locomotives are under construction in Glasgow for the C. P. R. They are to be delivered early in 1882.

D. H. Haskell, who at one time had an income of $70,000 a year, died lately in the alms house, San Francisco.

Sitka is very dull. It takes the postmaster there twenty-four hours to "distribute," ready for delivery of letters.

One day last week a lady shot a fine large buck while (the animal, not the lady) *swimming across Longford Lake.*

The Dominion customs last year amounted to $18,778,000—equal to $4.32 per head of the entire population.

Up to the 17th ult., 592 bills had been introduced in the U. S. Senate, and in the House 1,613 bills and joint resolutions.

It is said that the Government intend increasing the Manitoba Mounted Police Force from 300 to 500 men next spring.

Mr. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has been at Washington, arranging international shipping affairs.

It is said to be on the cards that Sir John Macdonald shall be nominated for the city of Ottawa at the next general election.

"Harrisburg," Alaska, is to be renamed "Juno City." Lively times are expected there next spring, the mines promising well.

Subscriptions for any of Harper & Bros. publications (advertised in another column) will be received by T. R. Pearson & Co.

In the Montreal Geddes-David assault case, David was fined $200, and placed under $4,000 bonds to keep the peace for one year.

Scarlet fever is raging to an alarming extent in New York. For the week ending Dec. 17th, 244 cases and 64 deaths were reported.

Hon. J. C. Pope, Minister of Marine, is at his house on Prince Edward Island. Physically he is in good health, but he is gone mentally.

Gladstone's attention has been directed to Mormon proselytising in England, inticing young women to enter upon a life of shame in Utah.

Lieut.-Governor Cauchon of Manitoba has sold his farm of 500 acres in the suburbs of Winnipeg to the C. P. Syndicate at the rate of $200 per acre.

Sanford Fleming, the newly elected director of the H. B. Co., will come to this Province next spring in connection with the company's interests on *the Pacific.*

Diphtheria is said to have killed 2,000 persons in Nova Scotia within the past year, and the Medical Society is consulting with the Government to devise means to stop the ravages of the disease.

The sympathies of the younger members of the priesthood in Ireland are strongly with the "no-rent" party. They declare that they are not bound to obey the Pope in secular matters.

A lumberman estimates that during the past season the damage done to timber limits on the Ottawa and its tributaries will not fall short of $5,000,000.

Two of the most powerful locomotives in Canada have just been tested. They have 18-inch cylinders and 26-inch stroke, and run 60 miles an hour "with ease."

The Reformers of East York have unanimously tendered to Hon. A. Mackenzie the nomination at the next general election. He took time to consider the matter.

The Canada Iron and Steel Company intend erecting shortly in Montreal furnaces for the manufacture of iron and steel direct from the ores by means of crude petroleum.

The president of administration in Eastern Siberia is severely condemned for refusing at once to telegraph announcement of arrival of *Jeannette* survivors, *because they were destitute of* money.

The Marquis of Lorne would appear to be doing good work for Canada while in England. Last month he presided at a meeting in Exeter Hall, to promote immigration to the Dominion.

The City Council meets this evening.

The customs collections at Victoria for December amounted to $35,584.

A frog canning company, with a capital of $10,000 has been established at Winnipeg.

The B. C. Express and interior mails arrived down on Monday night in charge of Capt. Bristol.

Mayor Turner, of Victoria, declines re-nomination. There is a probability of Councillor McLean being his successor.

The *Wm. Irving* went over yesterday with horses and tackle, for the purpose of placing the *Reliance* on the ways.

There is a painful rumor to the effect that a Victoria butcher firm has been put under heavy bonds for receiving stolen cattle.

The steamer *Princess Louise*, Capt. Lewis, arrived from Victoria a few minutes before 4 o'clock last evening, with freight and passengers.

The steamer *Wm. Irving*, having concluded a very successful and laborious season's work, will go into winter quarters for repairs very shortly.

The steamer *Louise*, Capt. Mayer, arrived from the South Arm settlements yesterday, with a cargo of produce and a number of passengers.

The weather still continues mild and pleasant, although a great deal of rain has fallen. Yesterday morning at 3 o'clock the thermometer read 43°.

The "Week of Prayer" is being observed in the Methodist Church, Mary Street. Services are held every evening during the week, commencing at 7:30. The attendance so far has been good and the meetings interesting.

It is understood that Mayor Dickinson, of this city, declines re-nomination. A number of names are mentioned, in connection with the Mayoralty, amongst them Mr Deane, Mr. Ferris, Dr. L. McInnes and Mr. James Kennedy.

Sunday's services in most of the Churches in this City had special reference to the season. Although New Year's day, it was as quiet and orderly throughout the City as ordinary Sabbaths, which speaks well for the community.

Having had a demand made upon us for the manuscript of a communication which appeared in the *Herald* of the 24th ult., we have to say that we do not treat manuscript sent to us in that fashion. As for the author of the letter, he informs us that he has plenty more shot in the locker.

"Time *past* is gone, thou canst not it recall;
Time *is* thou hast, improve the portion small;
Time *future* is not, and may never be;
Time *present* is the *only time* for thee."

PERSONAL.—The address of ex-Governor Richards is 20 Hanbury Road, Clifton, near Bristol, England.

FOR MAYOR.—Mr. Ferris is a candidate for Mayor. His address came too late for a place in this issue, but will appear on Saturday.

CROWDED OUT.—Owing to the unusual pressure upon our columns, a considerable amount of matter, both advertisements and reading matter, has been unavoidably laid over.

OUR STORY.—It is proposed to devote two columns of the fourth page to interesting stories, which shall be carefully selected from the latest writings of the best authors.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.—Monday was very generally kept as a holiday in this city. The day passed off in a very quiet and orderly manner. There was rather less "calling" than usual.

FIVE THOUSAND CHINESE COMING!—There is good authority for stating that the C. P. R. contractor has four ships under charter to convey five thousand Chinese direct from China to the railway works in this Province!

SAD.—Lev Harmon, a well known "logger" on Burrard Inlet, went down to Victoria on Monday, and had a very severe stroke of paralysis that night, from which he was not expected to recover, although slightly better yesterday morning.

MATRIMONIAL.—Last night Miss Lizzie Irving, daughter of the late Capt. Irving of this city and sister to Capt. John Irving, was married to Capt. Spencer, of Portland, Oregon. The happy couple have our best wishes for their future welfare.

ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL.—The Board of Management desire gratefully to acknowledge the substantial Christmas presents made to the institution by Mrs. Hubbard, and Messrs. French and Townsend.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The steamship *Victoria*, Capt. Hayward, arrived at Nanaimo on Wednesday morning. What freight she had for New Westminster was sent over by the *Ada*, and she took a cargo of coal at the Vancouver Co.'s wharf.

A BIG STEAL.—The St. Paul *Times* says a number of officials and leading citizens of Emerson, Manitoba, have been caught in a big public land stealing operation, and will be prosecuted. It is said the steal amounted to one hundred thousand acres.

AQUATIC SPORT.—Writing under date Nov. 26th, the London correspondent of the Toronto *Globe* says:—There is *every probability of our having* another race on the Thames in the month of May next, or possibly, upon the mutual agreement of the two men, later in the year, for R. Watson Boyd, of Middleborough, has accepted Hanlan's challenge to row him for £200 to £1,000 a side on that river.

"BLOOD WILL TELL."—President Arthur perpetrates an exquisite Hibernianism in his Message. He says if it had not been for the appalling calamity which called him to power his first message might have been pervaded by a feeling of unalloyed content.

AT THE RINK.—As was anticipated, the assembly at the Skating Rink, on Wednesday, was very largely attended, and went off to the entire satisfaction of all. The Club is to be congratulated upon the complete success of its first effort to afford a really enjoyable *entertainment.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—They are so numerous and so interesting this morning that a separate notice of each would be inconvenient *and* invidious. The public are, therefore, advised to read them all and they cannot fail to discover something to their advantage.—See list over editorial head.

STEEL RAILS FOR CANADA.—The *Globe's* London correspondent, under date Nov. 26th, says:—Large quantities of steel rails have been purchased recently on account of the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate, to be delivered in the course of the present winter, both in England and Germany. Sixty-five thousand tons is the amount mentioned as correct.

THE NORTH-WEST.—A pamphlet on Manitoba and the North-West is before us. It is circulated by the Hudson Bay Company and contains valuable information for persons proposing to settle in that country. Accompanying the pamphlet is a map exhibiting the company's lands, which dot that vast territory all over like small pox-pits on a man's face.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—As will be seen, the election for this city comes off next week. It may be worth while for the rate-payers to take a little more *interest in the approaching election* than they have been accustomed to do, as very much may depend upon how our civic affairs shall be administered during the year upon which we are entering.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer *Ada*, Capt. Rodgers, arrived from Nanaimo on Friday morning. She brought 6 passengers, a cargo of coal for Mr. Elliott, and a quantity of merchandise from the steamship *Victoria*, viz:—C. G. Major, 38 pkgs.; Wm. Rae, 13 pkgs.; J. Cunningham, 10 pkgs.; A. M. Herring, 5 pkgs; W. J. French, 1 pkg.

PROGRESS.—Industry and enterprise seldom fail of success. Our enterprising fellow citizen, Mr. Rousseau, finds it necessary to move into more extensive premises, which he will do in the course of a few days. His rapidly increasing business demands more hides, and we would recommend our country readers to give him a call.

ARGYLL CONCERT.—A short time ago the Duke and Duchess of Argyll gave what is described as a most successful concert, at Inverary, to which all the neighborhood were invited. The Duchess presided at the piano, and Lady Archibald and Lady Colin were the principal vocalists. The Duke's piper also contributed to the entertainment.

RELIC-ROOMS.—At Balmoral, in the dressing-room of the late Prince Consort, all remains as though he were alive. His hats and gloves are on tables, and on the bed there is an effigy of him. The Ex-Empress Eugenie is adding largely to her already large residence at Farnborough, with a view to establishing a similar room for relics of the late Prince Louis Napoleon.

MILD WEATHER.—Our readers in the east will be surprised to learn that there has been no ice on the Fraser River this winter. At no time have we had more than 2 inches of snow, and that remained only a day or two. There is not a particle of frost in the ground, and no snow anywhere to be seen except on the mountain ranges.

PERSONAL.—Through Reuter's telegrams, published in *The Colonies*, a London paper, we regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. H. Webb, father of Mr. S. H. Webb of this city. Deceased was in the service of the Government of Victoria, Australia, and was much respected. The sad news only reached the son on Friday last.

A DEAR PLACE.—The expense of living in New York is becoming prodigious. A decent house rents for from $1,500 to $1,800 a year and the fastidious pay $1.00 a pound for extra cuts of beef! Living is nearly twice as expensive in New York as in London, and yet it has not half the population. The *Tribune* suggests as a remedy the *widening of the island by taking in the* remaining shore.

MOST EXTRAORDINARY RESULT.—During the celebration of high mass in the church of the Holy Cross, Warsaw, a man who was seized while in the act of picking a pocket, raised the cry of fire in order to effect his escape. The consequence was a panic, resulting in 40 persons being killed and 60 injured—mostly women. The culprit being a Jew, a serious riot ensued, and many Jewish houses were sacked.

EXTRA COPIES.—With this issue we send out a very large number of extra copies of the BRITISH COLUMBIAN. Those who receive them are requested to examine the paper carefully; and if it meets their approbation we shall be glad to place their names on our regular subscription list. The COLUMBIAN is issued semi-weekly, and is sent, post-paid, for $3 a year in advance. New subscribers should forward their names and subscriptions without any delay.

☞ Leave your order for Sheet Music and Music Books at T. R. Pearson & Co.'s —ADV.

POSTPONED.—With a view to attaining the highest degree of harmony, enjoyment and success, the Foresters have postponed their Ball till the evening of Friday, and it will be at the Skating Rink. Great efforts are being *made to render the occasion* pleasant and successful.

FROM YALE.—The steamer *Wm. Irving* returned from Yale on Sunday, having made a splendid run. She brought 25 head of cattle and some produce; also a number of passengers, amongst whom were J. A. Mara, Esq., M. P. P., and Hartly Gisbourn, Esq., of the Telegraph. There is no important news from the interior. The weather continues very mild.

M. LEON GAMBETTA.—The new Prime Minister of France is only 41 years of age. A prominent lawyer in Paris, he took an active part in the affairs of the nation, always on the Liberal side. On the fall of the Empire he was a member of the Provisional Government, and escaped from Paris in a balloon. The foremost man in France, he is the finest orator in Europe.

UNION LODGE No 9, A. F. & A. M., B. C. R., NEW WESTMINSTER.—The following officers were installed for the ensuing Masonic year, on Tuesday, 27th December last (St. John's Day):—Wm. Howey, W. M.; Jno. Buie, S. W.; R. Smithers, J. W.; Jno. Hendry, Treas.; J. G. Jaques, Sec.; Thos. McNeely, S. D.; A. Haslam, J. D.; Wm. Moresby, J. G.; J. Lehman, Tyler.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWO VICTORIANS.—Two young Victorians (Henry Moore and Frank Mansell) conceiving a desire for sea-faring, bought the sloop *Julia*, and assayed to make their first voyage from Dungeness to Victoria with a cargo of "porkers." When about midway a squall struck the sloop and brought her to grief, the barque *Geo. E. Perkins* providentially coming along in time to save the young men from a watery grave.

VERY NECESSARY.—Yesterday a subscription list was started for the purpose of laying a plank footway from the residence of Mr. Homer to the foot of Cemetery hill, Sapperton. The firm of DeBeck Bros. & Co. headed the list with $75, the Bishop of New Westminster, Mr. Laidlaw and others following with liberal donations. It is almost to be hoped the movement may be successful, as the footway is not [illegible] very necessary, but it would provide a favorite promenade for our citizens. It occurs to us, however, that, inasmuch as it leads to and through Government property, at least one moiety of the cost might fairly be borne by the Provincial or Dominion Government, or both.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Repeatedly have we had occasion during the past few months to note the progress of local improvements, not the least of which has been the splendid new store built and occupied by Mr. A. M. Herring. In another column will be found an advertisement inviting tenders for a double two-story brick building on Columbia street. That has the true ring of solid progress about it. We were glad when the Smeaton property fell into the hands of one so able and willing to improve it as Mr. Deane is. The grading of the site, no light job, is nearly completed, and our citizens will have the satisfaction of seeing a structure erected upon it which will be a credit to the town. The attention of contractors is especially directed to Mr. Deane's advertisement.

LIVELY SCENE.—On Thursday, as a band of cattle were being driven, one of the animals, a splendid steer, breaking away from the band, made a dash through some of the principal streets, clearing them as it went. The drovers finally succeeded in inducing this lively blade to rejoin the band, and they were corralled for the nonce. On the following day the drovers took the precaution to make several ropes fast to the sportive individual, in order that his pranks might be restrained. But he soon broke away, and, outrunning the swiftest horses, rushed up Columbia street, where several parties narrowly escaped being tossed on his horns, one man only saving himself by adroitly doubling on the infuriated bullock and finding concealment behind a friendly Christmas tree. The animal was ultimately captured in the suburbs and reduced to a quiescent condition.

The Quebec Elections.

The general result of the late elections in the Province of Quebec has been to give Premier Chapleau a majority of over 30 in a full house of 65. It was rumored that the Reformers would throw up the sponge and retire from the house, which report drew forth the following note from their plucky leader to the editor of the Montreal *Herald*:—

MY DEAR SIR,—I hope that no one will believe that the members of the Reform party, who have been honored with the confidence of their constituents, dream of resigning their seats.

Why should we resign?

Because we are only thirteen or fourteen members in a House of sixty-five?

We were only nine, at one time, in Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

We do not acknowledge ourselves beaten. The time will soon come when the province will remember, with regret, the second of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and then we shall be found at our post.

I remain yours truly,
H. G. JOLY.

Quebec, Dec. 6, 1881.

JUST received at J. Ellard & Co.'s, ex "Prince Rupert," from London—Dutch and Tapestry Carpets, Blankets, Yarns, Flannels, Ticks, Quilts, Hessians. Splendid bargains; prices low. Also, per "Dakota"—a large assortment of Neck-wear, latest styles, for this fall and winter trade.—J. Ellard & Co., London House.

Communications.

Lost Reputation.

EDITOR BRITISH COLUMBIAN,—Allow me to inform Mr. Bole that although I wrote the article in the *Herald* of the 24th Dec., 1881, in answer to an attack by J. K. Suter, of the *Mainland Guardian*, on the Clergy and *Magistrates, anent the Licensing Court*, yet I don't consider myself the thief of J. K. Suter's virtuous character, and if Mr. Bole's client has at length come to the conclusion that it is gone, he might by searching find it nearer home.

In the mean time I wish to inform the good people of the Royal City that I would gladly put myself to the trouble of serving them one year as Mayor, with the hopes of saving some other characters from destruction. With the compliments of the season,

I am, &c., &c.,
JAMES KENNEDY, Snr.

A Slander Contradicted.

EDITOR BRITISH COLUMBIAN.—A statement appeared in the *Mainland Guardian* of the 28th Dec. calculated to bring discredit upon Coal Harbor, which for truth's sake should be contradicted. One ship only dragged her anchor, but it happened she was not in Coal Harbor at all, but where ships are compelled to lay and discharge ballast; it is not true that one of the ships that was said to have dragged her anchor struck on a jutting point and had to send to Victoria for carpenters. If the other vessel at the Mill wharf had been better moored she would have had no difficulty.

Trusting you will insert this in your valuable paper, I Remain,

Yours faithfully,
C. C. COUVES.

Ship *Dorset*, Burrard Inlet, B. C., January 3rd, 1882.

BY TELEGRAPH!

EXCLUSIVE DESPATCHES TO THE COLUMBIAN

KAMLOOPS, Jan. 2.—New Year as well as Xmas passed off very quietly here. The weather is very fine, the glass standing about freezing most of the time. No snow on the flats, and stock men report but very little snow on mountains. Stock doing well. A little floating ice coming down North River. The Shuswap Mill Co. has closed down for the winter. Mr. Douglas McFarlen who has been in the country a good many years is lying very ill at the Cosmopolitan Hotel here.

BARKERVILLE, Jan. 2.—Mining news is unimportant. The Sisters had 67 ounces for the last week they were working. They resume work to-morrow. Other claims shut down *temporarily for the holidays.* Xmas and New Year passed off very quietly. Weather unusually mild with very little snow.

YALE Jan. 3.—The wet weather of the past month has prevented much outside work on the railway; but in the tunnels it has been pushed vigorously. The staff at Tunnel City is moving up to Camp 13, opposite the 18-mile post, where most of the work is now being done on this section. Full gangs are at work on the engine house and turntable near the old toll house, and some blasting is being done in the rock cuts below here. The holidays passed off quietly. The train to-day carried out of town the celebrants who had had enough of them. Scarlet fever carried off another of Mr. Eley's children last night. It is now eight months since this disease broke out here. The weather continues very wet and cold River falling a little.

Surrey Council.

Council met at the Town Hall on the 28th Dec., at 1 o'clock p.m. The Reeve and all the Council present.

On motion, the election by-law passed the first, second and third readings.

On motion, the by-law for renting or letting the Town Hall passed the first, second and third readings.

On motion, $150.00 was appropriated to open a road on the Section line from the Johnston settlement to the Yale road, and that Councillor Stewart get our specifications for the same.

On motion, $10.00 was appropriated to repair the road on Section 8, Township 8, and that Councillor Anderson oversee the work.

On motion, the bills of Messrs. C. E. Woods, J. K. Suter and T. N. Hibben were ordered paid.

The Council then adjourned to meet on the 31st Dec., at 1 o'clock, p.m.

Chilliwhack Council.

Municipal Council of Chilliwhack met Dec. 13th, 1881, to revise Assessment Roll for 1882.

Members present were the Reeve, and Councillors Coulbeck, Reece and Vedder.

Appeals against the assessment were received from D. Stewart, G. Banford, Messrs. Miller and Atkinson, George B. Atkinson, R. Williams, A. S. Vedder, S. Cawley, W. McDonald and Charles Turner.

On motion it was resolved that the Assessment Roll be read, and all objections be dealt with.

As most of the objections had reference to overvaluation of the personal property, the Assessor was heard as to the value he had put upon various *classes of stock, etc.*

On motion it was resolved that the assessment of personal property be reduced one third.

The other appeals having been disposed of, it was resolved, on motion, that the Assessment Roll, as revised, be taken and held as the Assessment Roll if the Municipality for 1882, for all purposes.

The Council then proceeded to transact other business.

Communications were then read from M. T. Drake, Hon. Mr. Justice Crease, and Messrs. Drake & Jackson.

Coun. Vedder introduced a by-law to regulate *the issuing of trade licenses*, which was, on motion, read the first time.

Coun. Reece introduced a by-law to remunerate the officers of the Municipality, which was, on motion, read the first time.

On motion it was resolved that rate of three-quarters of one per cent. be levied on the assessed *value of real estate, and* the same rate be levied on the personal property of those having no real estate.

Coun. Coulbeck introduced a by-law to raise a revenue for the use of the Municipality, and, on motion, it was resolved that it be read the first time.

Coun. Coulbeck introduced a by-law to expend *the revenue*, which was, on motion, read the first time.

On motion the different by-laws were severally referred to the Committee of the Whole, which finally reported them complete.

On motion, the by-laws severally passed their It was resolved that the Council adjourn till the *second and third readings.*

17th day of December, 1881, at noon.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present—The Reeve and Couns. Coulbeck and Wells.

Communications were read from Messrs. Drake & Jackson; also, Gordon E. Corbould, Esq.

On motion the Council accepted S. A. Cawley's note in settlement for the balance of money collected by him.

On motion it was resolved that the Retail Traders' License By-law be re-considered.

It was resolved that the by-law be passed, signed and sealed.

On motion the by-law to remunerate officers was re-considered, and finally passed, signed and sealed.

On motion Mr. Wm. Gillanders was appointed Returning Officer to hold the ensuing Municipal Election.

Coun. Wells introduced a by-law for holding the Municipal Election for 1882.

The by-law followed the usual course.

On motion the Returning Officer was instructed to post notices at the Cheam School House, at the Council Room and at the Chilliwhack and Sumas post-offices.

Coun. Coulbeck introduced a by-law to appoint and define the duties of Collector.

The by-law was, on motion, read a first time.

On motion an order was drawn, in favor of S. A. Cawley, on the Treasurer for $29 15.

The by-law to appoint and define duties of Collector followed the usual course, and was finally *read the third time.*

On motion Council adjourned till 21st inst., at 1 o'clock, P.M.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present were the Reeve and Couns. Coulbeck and Wells.

On motion the Reeve was instructed to have the Letter Patent Published in the HERALD.

On motion the Collector was instructed to accept orders drawn by the Council on the Treasurer in payment of taxes.

On motion the by-law to regulate the Municipal Election for 1882 was re-considered and finally passed.

On motion it was resolved that the Municipality be divided into four wards, and that each ward return one councillor.

The by-law to define the duties of the Collector was re-considered and finally passed.

Coun. Wells introduced a by-law to fix the salary of the Collector.

The by-law passed through the usual course.

It was resolved that orders be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messrs. J. McCutcheon and S. A. Cawley.

On motion the Council adjourned till the 31st, at 1 o'clock, P.M.

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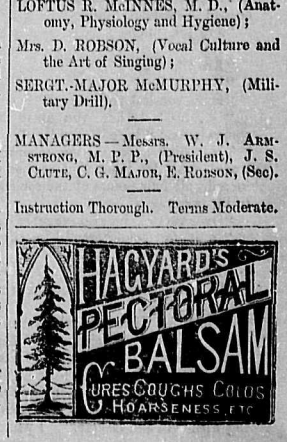

Our Story.

THE ENCHANTED PRINCESS

A dense, pathless forest—a forest not pleasantly composed of stately oaks and graceful beeches or feathery birches, but made up entirely, as far as the eye can reach, of one kind of tree alone, sombre and gloomy pines, that spread a black canopy above, rendered still more black in contrast with the thick carpet of dazzling snow beneath them. For it is mid-winter, and in this vast deserted region, in the uncultivated wilds of Central Germany, there is nothing to be seen on the face of the earth but the interminable waste of olive-green pine branches, the monotonous repetition of their straight, slender stems, and the desolate pall of untrodden whiteness below them. Not a path, not a track—save here and there where the footfall of some silent, prowling beast of prey—some wandering, half-famished wolf probably—has left a too suggestive trace in the snow of his undesirable proximity.

What a cheerless scene in which to find ones-self well-nigh benighted on the short grey afternoon of a December day! And what a precious idiot was I—George Wilde Greville, Esq., of the county of Hampshire, England—to have run my head into such an extremely unpleasant position. To what height and breadth and depth of folly will not the ardent love of pedestrian touring, which is inherent in the youth of Great Britain, lead its devoted and pig-headed victims! That was what I was saying to myself as I floundered through the snow in that ever-to-be-detested German forest. What had possessed me that I should have fled from home—that I should have turned my back upon Christmas joys, somewhat tame it is true, but still safe and secure in their nature—in order to embark on a walking tour in the middle of the German Empire! I must have been mad, I think; however, here I was, and the question was, how was I to get out of it? "Oh!" said I to myself, with the bitterness of despair, "if I ever find my way out of this abominable pine-forest—if ever I return alive, uneaten by wolves, and unstarved and unfrozen to death—to the haunts of civilization, then good-bye walking-tours for ever! I will never—never—never—"

Hush! what is that? Just as I was registering these mental vows, with a furious energy born of my despair, to myself, a strange sound struck upon my ears—a small, piteous cry, uttered from the density of the pine-stems in front of me. A shudder struck through my veins. Was it a wolf? I stood still and listened. There it was again, right in front of me. No, surely that was not the cry of an animal, it was too pitiful and too human for that; it sounded rather like the wail of a woman or a child. I pressed forward hurriedly through the floury snow, which fortunately in that dead stillness had not drifted, but lay flat and smooth at a uniform depth of about six inches.

"Well," I said to myself, with a groan, "if I come upon another lost wanderer from the high road, and that a half-starved woman or child, I shall certainly have had the bad luck materially to increase my present difficulties!"

A moment later I came in view of a new and unaccustomed object. A small boy sat in the middle of the wilderness, crying lustily. His back was turned towards me; a red worsted comforter was wound a great many times round his neck, and his elbows were elevated into an attitude which indicated that his fists were well rammed into his eyes.

Here was my starved child! Should I have to divide my last biscuit with him, and give up the half-dozen drops of brandy at the bottom of my flask, in order to save this unknown baby from an early grave? I came nearer; my heart rose. He was crying—nay, howling vigorously; but surely my worst fears might vanish. He was certainly not starving. So fat a child I have never, I think, had the pleasure of encountering either before or after. He was literally as broad as he was long; his back presented a wide and tightly-stretched surface of brown merino; his legs stuck out, strong as young pollards, bare and red before him; his fists were like a couple of dumplings; and when he turned his round, red, chubby face in amazement up to mine, his small, snubby features were almost lost in the puddings of fat in which they were embedded. I regret to state that, with the consciousness of that one biscuit and those six drops of brandy that were left in my wallet, I felt in a more charitable frame of mind towards that howling infant by reason of the corpulence and the well-fed look of him.

"Hallo!"—an Englishman always says *hallo* in moments of embarrassment.

The urchin left off crying, and looked up at me with an expression of rapt awe.

"Are you Sant Claus?" he inquired in German.

I was a good German scholar, myself, so I had no difficulty in conversing with him.

"No; who the mischief is he?" I said, half laughing. "What is your name, my young friend?"

"Fritz."

Now Fritz is not a distinctive name. There are certainly as many Fritzes in Germany as there were pine-trees in that horrible forest. The answer did not impart much information. I proceeded to question him.

"Are you hungry?"

"No."

"Are you cold?"

"No."

"Have you lost your way?"

"Oh, no!" "Then you must live somewhere. Where do you live?"

The child gave a comprehensive wave of his fat hand that seemed to include all four points of the compass in its sweep.

"Over there!" he said, vaguely.

"Is it far from here?" I inquired, eagerly.

"No; quite close."

My heart gave a great bound of relief and delight.

"Then for Heaven's sake take me there at once," I cried, "for I have lost my way in this detestable forest. I don't know where to go for a night's shelter, and I have had nothing to eat for twenty-four hours, and I am perishing with cold and fatigue." I poured forth my little story breathlessly. All at once this small child had become, not a burden, but a means of salvation to me. I stretched forth my hand and took hold of the fat, pudgy fist. "Take me there, little Fritz, at once; and get me food, and shelter, and warmth, for the love of Heaven!"

The boy seemed to understand; he rose, or rather tumbled up, upon his feet, and keeping hold of my hand, trotted on merrily by my side in and out of the trees in a wonderful way, first to the right, then to the left, in a manner which left no doubt as to his being perfectly at home, and able to find his way amongst the monotony of their apparently endless sameness. To me they were fac-similies of each other; hundreds and thousands of straight shafts, as alike each other as shelled peas; but Fritz, evidently by some mysterious power, was able to discriminate amongst them, and could discern every tree from its neighbor.

"What were you crying for?" I asked presently, for the sake of something to say.

"Because of not finding any red berries for Sant Claus," answered the child. "The snow is too thick, and I have no berries for to-morrow!"

"Why do you want berries to-morrow? and who is this Claus whom you took me for?" I asked, faintly interested.

"Don't you know that to-morrow is Christmas-eve, and that Sant Claus is the patron saint of Christmas; and if I have no red berries to hang up, then Sant Claus will not bring any presents on Christmas morning?"

"No, I never heard all that," I answered.

"Then what a dunce you must be!" replied Fritz, with conviction.

I laughed.

"Do you want presents so very much, little Fritz?" I asked, thinking to myself how gladly I would supply the place of the capricious saint, whose favors had to be won through red berries, to my little guide, who had helped me in my great trouble.

"Oh! it is not for myself for whom I want the presents; it is for poor Nella, who cannot get berries for herself."

"And Nella is your little sister, I suppose?"

"Oh! no; she is not little at all; and she is not my sister."

"No? What then—your cousin, perhaps?"

"No; poor Nella is not a child, she is quite big."

"Why do you call her poor?" I asked.

The boy put his finger up and pressed it to his lips.

"I must not say," he answered, rather oddly. "Perhaps you will see her; but you cannot speak to her; she will not understand you."

"She is not German, then, nor English? But there are other languages, little Fritz, and possibly I may be able to find the one that your poor, big Nella speaks."

"Nella speaks no language," was this odd little boy's most singular rejoinder; "and if you try, *he* will be angry."

"Who is *he*?"

"You will see," said Fritz, mysteriously.

In spite of my hunger and my fatigue, I own that I began to feel curious.

I now looked about for the cottage to which I imagined my small friend was leading me. By his apparel and manners I judged him to be some woodcutter's child of slightly superior education to his fellows. Perhaps his father was a self-taught genius, and had imparted to little Fritz his shrewd and intelligent way of talking. I expected nothing more, therefore, than a woodman's cottage, or at most a small farmstead, and felt thankful in need for the hope of shelter at either. Imagine, then, what was my amazement when, in a clearing in the woods, a large gray stone building suddenly came into view, about the height and dimensions of a club-house in Pall Mall! Anywhere it would have been a fine large house, but here amongst the desolate wastes of the pine-forests it became a palace. I stopped aghast! —amazed! -breathless! Was I the victim of some delusion—some hallucination? I could hardly believe my eyes.

"This is where we live," said Fritz, simply, by my side.

"*This!*" I gasped. "Why, it is a palace!"

"My grandfather is the Count of Errenholt," said the fat child, with a sort of dignity that was amusing from such a source, "and this is his Schloss."

We drew nearer to the Schloss," as Fritz called it; and I was so astonished at finding so large a house planted in the very midst of this wild and desolate land, I almost forgot how tired and hungry I was.

I observed, however, as I approached that the castle, though large, was by no means in good repair; one end of it, in fact, being absolutely in ruins, and many of the windows of the side which seemed to be inhabited were blocked up by rough boards nailed across their gaping apertures. There were plenty of evidences of past grandeur in the heavy carved stone mullions and the many stacks of gray chimneys; but there were also abundant evidences of present poverty. There was no appearance of garden or pleasure grounds of any kind about the house; the gray walls rose straight and bare out of the carpet of unbroken snow that surrounded them; there was not even a swept clearing about the heavily-carved oaken door; the snow had beaten itself up upon the very doorstep. This imparted a chill sensation of inhospitality to the fine old mansion. I felt instinctively that there would be no warm welcome for a wayfarer here.

Fritz stretched himself up on his little toes, and lifted the heavy iron knocker with all his strength. A shuffling of feet inside, a creaking of bars and bolts, and the door opened cautiously, and a very old and evil-faced man appeared in the doorway. He spoke to Fritz in a *patois* which I could not understand, and looked at me with evident suspicion. Little Fritz was not minded to abandon the cause of the lost traveller he had rescued. Heedless of the old servant's grumbling objections, he took hold of my hand once more.

"Come," he said, "and I will lead you to my grandfather, the Herr Graf."

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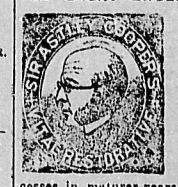

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