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The Dioscope.

In no department of scientific discovery has there been more rapid progress and development than in that of electricity. This most subtile and impalpable substance seems capable of producing phenomena the most wonderful and important of all nature's forces. The telegraph already spreads its wires like a net over the entire civilized world, over continents and under seas, until the flash of its electric spark touches the remotest regions. But although perfected to a degree which places it among many much older discoveries, it is quite possible there are even yet great opportunities awaiting the genius of some fortunate investigator, even in telegraphy. Electricity as a motive power has long been applied in various ways with success, and its usefulness as an agent of light and heat is well known. The telephone has opened another very curious and most useful phase in the application of electricity. Its adoption to various purposes has been remarkably rapid and successful; and though its discovery is very recent, the telephone has already reached a state of perfection which is exceedingly creditable to the scientific knowledge of the times. Out of the telephone grew a numerous crop of minor inventions, some of which are of great practical utility and some extremely interesting to the lover of science. The phonograph is one of the most curious, but does not seem to have accomplished much practical good for its inventors or for humanity. There is no reason to doubt, however, that the phonograph may yet fully meet the expectations of its inventors, and when that day arrives the world will be put in possession of one of the most wonderful machines known to science. According to the London *Telegraph* another most singular discovery has been made in the application of electrical energy. Some Parisian genius has invented what he calls a "dioscope," an instrument which serves to extend the vision in a way similar to that in which the hearing is extended by the telephone. A small mirror is placed in the wall and connected by electric wires with some object at a distance and beyond the range of natural vision. Through means of the dioscope this object is reflected in the mirror on the wall with such distinctness that it may be readily recognised. With the telephone one may sit in one's parlor and hear distinctly the rendering of a play or an opera in a distant city. But to hear the performers without seeing the performance is but half a loaf. The dioscope supplies the other half, for it is claimed for it that it will throw upon the mirror in the wall a complete representation of every movement which takes place on the stage. With the telephone and dioscope one may enjoy and appreciate to the fullest extent any kind of performance, hearing every sound uttered and seeing all the appointments of the stage and the movements of the actors. We hope the Frenchman's invention may accomplish all that is claimed for it. In this part of the world, somewhat remote from the centres of artistic performances, it would be a privilege indeed if we were able to connect our telephone and dioscope with San Francisco and enjoy the advantages of her best entertainments. There is nothing Numerical in the picture. Science has already accomplished such astonishing results that no one may with safety set a limit to its future achievements.

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Scientific Miscellany.

Observers of the sun believe that the maximum of sun-spots in the "eleven-year period" will be reached during the present year, although M. Duponchel thinks it may be delayed until 1890 or 1892 on account of planetary influences.

Among the results of a journey across the Sahara, Dr. Oscar Lenz reports that no depression below sea-level could be found. The schemes entertained for flooding the desert with water from the sea are therefore hopeless and misleading.

The remarkable discovery has been made by two German chemists that the life principle is capable of producing chemical effect upon salts of silver. They report that living organic cells readily reduce solutions of silver, but the action ceases when dead cells are substituted for the living ones.

By the adoption of preventive measures to guard against expected epidemics in certain English towns, Mr. Edwin Chadwick estimates that three-fourths of a million lives and three million cases of sickness have been saved. This seems a somewhat startling statement, but the figures are the result of statistical comparisons, and are probably correct.

The use of gas as fuel is suggested as a means of freeing London from the intolerable smoke with which it is now afflicted. It is thought to be not altogether improbable that, with the general adoption of electricity as a source of light and the employment of gas for heating purposes, the dream of a smokeless London may be realized at no very distant period.

Dr. VonFritsch, of Halle, maintains that the cause of earthquakes must exist near the earth's surface, and does not reach a greater depth than ten or fourteen miles. They must be produced, he believes, by the increase and decrease of volume of rocks under the influence of chemical and physical forces, and by concussions due to the opening of fissures in the rocks.

It has lately been noticed that liquors kept in colorless bottles exposed to the light soon acquire a disagreeable taste, while those contained in brown or green bottles remain unchanged even if placed in direct sunlight. The effect is due to the chemical action of light, and liquids liable to similar change should be preserved in red, orange, yellow or green bottles—these colors excluding the chemical rays.

Insects are endowed with much greater muscular energy, in proportion to their size, than other animals. Had a man of six feet muscular power proportioned to that of a flea, he could leap more than three hundred feet, and lift a weight of ten thousand pounds. A species of beetle supports five hundred times its own weight, and another has been discovered which is stated, on good authority, to have gnawed a hole of an inch in diameter in the side of an iron canister by the power of its jaws.

In 1850 the Hoang-Ho river, of China, emptied into the Yellow sea; now this mouth is dry and the river has a new channel opening to the Gulf of Pechele, nearly 300 miles north of its former outlet, and the stream turned aside from its old bed at a distance of more than 300 miles from the coast. This is the last of many changes, back and forth, recorded by the Chinese during the past 3,000 years. The changes begin in floods caused by rain in the distant Kuenlun mountains.

Nature's fiat that soon or late all men must die, fails to satisfy a vast number of discontented human creatures who hasten the execution of the stern decree by prematurely cutting short their own existence. Dr. Morselli, of Turin, has given some curious and interesting facts and statistics concerning suicides, from which it appears that the victims of self-destruction are rapidly becoming more numerous in nearly all civilized countries. In France, for instance, during the quarter-century from 1827 to 1852 the annual number of suicides gradually increased from forty-eight to nearly eighty-three per million of inhabitants, and the number in later years is stated to be 150 per million. The causes which lead to suicide are of course various—climate, religion and family relations being conditions which exert a marked influence. Dr. Morselli finds that during the change from cold to heat in spring suicides are more numerous than at other seasons. Very curiously, suicides are more frequent everywhere during the first third of any month than in the second, and during the second third than in the last. Protestants are far more inclined to self-destruction than Catholics; men, than women; unmarried, than married; the young, than the old. Suicides are most frequent among brain-workers, such as professional men; soldiers ranking next. Drowning and hanging are most often the means employed by suicides.

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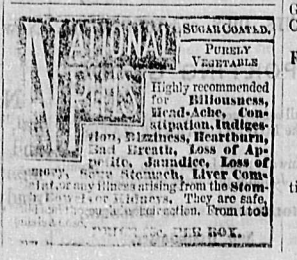

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The British Columbian.

Saturday Morning, February 18, 1882.

The Judges and the Attorney-General.

Even the most ultra opponent of the Walkem administration cannot contemplate the humiliating scene recently presented before the Supreme Court of this Province without sorrow. Day after day the attorney-general pleaded and "sauced" and sulked before the three Judges in a most extraordinary effort to maintain the constitutionality of his motley jumble of bad laws; and after all not only do the Judges unanimously decide that these laws are bad and must go by the board, but they add that the attorney-general's windy pleadings "had no effect on the Court other than to strengthen the conclusions they had come to." Thus, as we anticipated, the Judicial Districts Act, the Better Administration of Justice Act, and the Local Administration of Justice Act are all, by one fell swoop, consigned to the limbo where two-thirds of Walkem legislation goes. Of these acts Mr. Justice Gray, in his most able and lucid decision, aptly said that "they were calculated to aid rather in the *non*-administration than in the administration of justice." And yet these are the very laws in respect of which Mr. Walkem's friends and supporters especially claimed credit. To thinking minds it cannot but be reassuring to know that the Judges are not under the control of the provincial government. It has been seen how, if they were, the ermine would be liable to be trailed through the dirt of provincial politics; for it is no secret that the unseemly war waged against the Judges during these years, and which has cost the country so much, arose from the refusal of these Judges to become an instrument of political revenge in the hands of a vindictive attorney-general. He swore he would make things hot for them. He has been hoist on his own petard. But while desirous of seeing the Judges subject only to the higher power, one cannot help feeling that that power should be exercised in the interests of the people. The Judges descanted eloquently upon the attempt which had been made to reduce them to the status of "servants, nay, well nigh slaves" of the provincial government, by the assumption of the right on the part of that government not only to dictate to them when they shall hold court, but where they shall live; and we are with them in so far as that is concerned. But has it not occurred to them that there is also a people's side to this question? They appear to have made up their minds that they must not and shall not be disturbed in the enjoyment of their comfortable quarters at the capital, and having done so, they endeavor to make it appear to be necessary in the interests of justice that they should be all huddled together in one small community at the extreme of the Province, while all or nearly all the rest is neglected or next to neglected. Without any disrespect to the Bench, we ask, are the interests of the people to continue to be secondary and subordinate to the personal convenience and preferences of the Judges? While thankful that the Judges cannot be placed under the thumb-screw of provincial politics, we feel bound to point out the necessity that exists for the intervention of the higher power to *which they are amenable, in order* that the people's interests may receive due consideration.

Editorial Notes.

On the 30th ult. Mr. James Leighton, the mail contractor and carrier between Cache Creek and Okanagon, in crossing the Thompson river on the ice at Savona's, broke through and very narrowly escaped drowning. Time and again has the attention of the government been directed to the necessity of bridging the Thompson at that point. Several years ago, almost unasked, they bridged it at the mouth, at an expense which would have far more than sufficed to bridge it at Savona's, notwithstanding that the traffic on a bridge at the latter place would be at least twenty times greater than at the former. As railway development progresses the traffic at Savona's must greatly increase, and it is to be hoped one of the very first acts of the new administration will be to have a bridge constructed at the point referrred to.

For some months past the people of this district have been made to experience in no ordinary degree the inconvenience and loss arising out of the absentee Judge system. Time and again has the sitting of the County Court been put off, some times to the serious inconvenience of suitors—in one instance consequentially culminating in lamentable loss of life. Upon the last occasion, settlers in the more remote localities having business with the Court came all the way here to learn that there had been another postponement. In the case of some a hard two days' journey was involved, to say nothing about expense. It is no secret that the Judges do not take at all kindly to County Court work. They think it *infra dig.* Well, we suppose they have a right to think as they please; but have they a right to act as they please? Most persons must be convinced by this time that little has been gained by the change in the judiciary system, and that there must be a speedy end put to the present extremely unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I intend to apply to the Licensing Court, at its next sitting, for a license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the COLONIAL HOTEL, Columbia Street, New Westminster.

JOHN E. INSLEY.

New Westminster, Feb. 17, 1882. fe18

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I intend to apply at the next sitting of *the Licensing Board for a license to sell* spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the UNION HOTEL, Columbia street, in this City.

HENRY EICKHOFF.

New Westminster, 16th Feb., 1822. fe18

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Board for a license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the ORO RESTAURANT, Columbia street, in this City.

S. W. DAGGETT.

New Westminster, 17th Feb., 1882. fe18

IN THE SUPREME COURT F BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF this Court, made in the matter of the Estate of JOHN LEWIS, late of the town of Yale, deceased, and in a cause between JAMES CAMPBELL, plaintiff, and FRANK CROTTY and GEORGE STUART, defendants, the creditors of the said JOHN LEWIS are by themselves, or their solicitors, on or before the 17th day of April, A. D. 1882, to come in and prove their debts at the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, James Bay, Victoria, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said order.

MONDAY, the 24TH DAY OF APRIL, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.

Dated the 16th day of February, A. D. 1882.

J. C. PREVOST,
Registrar.

DAVIE & POOLEY, Plaintiff's Solicitors
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CAUTION.

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HUGH MAGEE.

New Westminster,
February 8, 1882. fe11-3t

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H. S. ROEBUCK,
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J. McMURPHY,
Secretary.

New West., Feb. 10, 1882. fe11

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For terms and particulars apply to

WM. McKEE,

Feb. 14, 1882. (fe15) Boundary Bay.

NOTICE.

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DR. F. WELSH, DENTIST,

WILL RETURN TO NEW WESTminster about the 1st of March, when he will resume the practice of Dentistry in all its branches. All work done with the greatest care, and with the aid of the latest discoveries and inventions of the profession.

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In the Skating Rink this month to teach all the new and latest styles of Dancing.

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A WOMAN TO DO GENERAL housework in a small family.

Apply immediately, by letter, to

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CARD OF THANKS.

THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO return his grateful thanks to the people of New Westminster for the kindness and sympathy manifested by them in connection with the recent drowning of his son in Fraser River. Some of the citizens have shown a fraternal solicitude as grateful as it was unexpected, and which can never be forgotten by the bereaved relatives. To those who so diligently searched for the body until it was recovered, and so tenderly cared for it, our thanks are specially due.

D. GILLANDERS.

Feb. 4th, 1882. fe8

CITY LOTS —AND— LANDS FOR SALE.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED Valuable Property in the City and District of New Westminster:—

LOT ONE.

Lots 7 and 8, block 17, corner of Merrevale and Columbia streets. There is a good House on these lots and a Garden very lately laid out and in good order.

LOT TWO.

Lot 9, block 18, on Columbia street. An excellent House; good tenant; and in thorough repair.

LOT THREE.

Lots 5 and 6, block 17, on Merrevale street. The best site in the city for a residence; thoroughly cleared; well fenced; an excellent Orchard in full bearing, and a fine spring of the very best water.

In the District:

LOT FOUR.

On False Creek trail—known as the Hazelwood Estate—300 acres. The road passes through a portion of it, and at an outlay of one hundred dollars 100 to 200 acres may be brought into cultivation this year. There is a small House on this lot, situated half way between this city and Granville.

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LOT SIX.

Sec. 9, block 5 N., R. 1 West, nearly opposite Douglas island, on the left bank of the Fraser river—160 acres.

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LOT EIGHT.

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LOT NINE.

Lot 167—right bank North Arm—third lot from the city; 160 acres.

LOT TEN.

Sections 29, 30, and 32—480 acres; ½ mile from Boundary Bay; fine timber and fine situation for a logging camp.

LOT ELEVEN.

Section 35, Township 3.

LOT TWELVE.

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New West., Feb. 3, 1882. fe4

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NOTICE is hereby given, that all taxes due and unpaid will be charged with interest from date at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum until paid.

WM. McKEE,
Bayview Farm, Clerk & Collector.
Delta, January 16, 1882. fe8-1m

NOTICE.

TENDERS FOR THE PURCHASE of Lots 206 and 207, Group II., New Westminster District, will be received to the 2nd day of March next at noon by the undersigned.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Dated 30th January, 1882, Victoria.

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The dams being choice dairy cows.

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DOMINION ELECTION.

New Westminster Electoral District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that NEIL McLENNAN of Yale, Saloon Keeper, has been appointed the Agent for JOHN McLENNAN, one of the Candidates for Election to the House of Commons of Canada now pending for said Electoral District.

Dated February 13, 1882.

JAMES MORRISON,
fe15 Returning Officer.

DOMINION ELECTION.

New Westminster Electoral District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH CHARLES ARMSTRONG of the City of New Westminster, Insurance Agent, has been appointed the Agent for JOSHUA ATTWOOD REYNOLDS HOMER, one of the Candidates for Election to the House of Commons of Canada now pending for said Electoral District.

Dated February 13, 1882.

JAMES MORRISON,
fe15 Returning Officer.

TENDERS WANTED.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Richmond Council up till the 1st day of March, for the following work, viz.:

CONTRACT No. 1.—To cut a road-ditch 40 chains in length;

No. 2.—To remove an existing flood-gate and flume and to construct a flood-gate and flume;

No. 3.—To cut a road-ditch 20 chains in length;

No. 4.—To construct a flume.

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That the name of the Firm is known throughout the Province, as the cheapest on the Mainland;

That this fact alone secures them a good trade;

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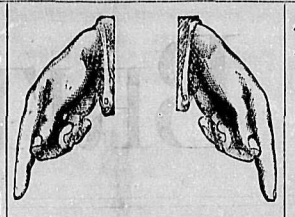

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THE PROPRIETOR, after 21 years of mercantile life in this City, begs leave to report to his numerous Patrons that his Business is prosperous and the outlook for the future is bright. We hope to do a big trade during the present year. We have now in stock a complete assortment of

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With some heavy shipments on the way from the Eastern Markets. We are buying for Cash, getting large discounts, which enables us to sell at much lower rates than formerly. We are determined to keep the COLUMBIA HOUSE to the front, making it, as it has been for years, the leading mercantile House on the Mainland. Our stock is usually so complete that we can fill orders sent to us at cheaper rates than any other House in this City, and we will do it.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM,
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New West., Feb. 8, 1882. fe11

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I, the undersigned, having made arrangements with the Victoria Asphaltum Works, as Agent, am now prepared to execute all orders for the same at reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed.

P. FRY.

The British Columbian.

Saturday Morning, February 18, 1882.

BIRTH.

At Maple Ridge, on the 11th, the wife of Geo. I. Howison, Reeve, of a son.

Read Deane & Co.'s advertisement.

Coal in Saanich has been reached at a depth of 18 feet.

Another cold snap sent the mercury down to 11° on Thursday night.

The planking of the hull of the Canyon steamer is about completed.

Mrs. Gordon, beloved wife of D. W. Gordon, Esq., Nanaimo, died on Thursday.

Willie Stafford, son of the late Mr. Stafford of Victoria, died on Wednesday.

There is such a thing as victory in defeat. But there is also such a thing as defeat in victory.

It is stated that Mr. R. Dunsmuir and family will sail on the 20th for an extended tour in Europe.

We learn that the "All Stars" had a good house and gave satisfaction at Granville, on Monday evening.

W. D. Ferris, Esq., J. P., acting for the Police Magistrate, disposed of a couple of "drunks" on Thursday.

A surplus of four millions is announced in the Governor-General's speech, opening the Canadian Parliament.

There is every prospect of a bitter contest between Ontario and the Dominion Government on the subject of the boundary award.

The Chinese New Year commenced on Thursday and was kept up yesterday with great spirit. Pigs and chickens and fire-crackers suffered.

R. Dunsmuir, Esq., was the recipient, on Thursday night, of a complimentary banquet at Wellington, given on the eve of his departure for Europe.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Bole has been confined to his house for several days by illness. He is not yet sufficiently recovered to attend to business.

The exercise of the veto power by the Dominion Government in the case of the Rivers and Streams Bill would seem to be kicking up a bobbery in Ontario.

In the course of a speech at Ottawa, last month, the Governor-General expressed the opinion that the North-West will be chiefly settled by people from the old provinces.

We understand that Mr. W. Norman Bole will take his seat on the Bench for the first time as Police Magistrate on Monday next, when the liquor selling cases are expected to come before him.

Indiscreet friends of Mr. Goldwin Smith have forced another vote in the St. George's Society, Toronto, on the subject of the election of that gentleman to honorary membership. The meeting was disorderly in the extreme and Mr. Smith was once more rejected.

Most of the speakers at the nomination on Thursday expatiated upon the importance of the railway lands in this district being immediately placed in the market. It is not long since the local organ claimed great credit to the Provincial Government for being instrumental in keeping these lands out of the market.

"Degrading Journalism."—To become a minstrel troupe because you can't get its printing.

From Victoria.—The steamer *Princess Louise*, Capt. Lewis, arrived from Victoria at 4 o'clock last evening, with freight and passengers.

Methodist Church.—Rev. E. Robson, pastor. Service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject to-morrow evening—"Bad Books"—a sermon for the young people.

Ball at Kamloops.—The bachelors of Kamloops have made arrangements for giving a grand ball on Thursday next. Neither trouble nor expense will be spared to make it the star entertainment of the season beyond the Cascades.

Large Game.—At Grand Prairie, recently, Mr. Clemetson shot a genuine mountain sheep, which, *sans* head and entrails, weighed 140 lbs. The head alone weighed 39 lbs. The animal is believed to have strayed down from the Rocky Mountains.

The Moodyville Light.—The Victoria Mayor and Council went up to Moodyville this week to see the electric lights, erected at the mills. There are ten lamps or burners, each being equal to 2,000 candle power, and the whole thing is a complete success.

The Railway Contract.—The *Colonist* has the following, which seems to have a genuine ring about it:—"Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Onderdonk is the lowest available tenderer and has been awarded the Port Moody contract. The papers are now preparing for his signature."

Maple Ridge Municipality.—The election under the new Letters Patent was held in this municipality on Monday, when the following gentlemen were elected: Reeve, Geo. H. Howison; Councillors: Hector Ferguson, W. I. Ferris, M. P. P.; D. Laity, and Wm. Drummond.

The Steam Ferry. — During the last few days a petition to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, praying for the establishment of a steam ferry, has been circulated and is being all but universally signed in this city. The petition is substantially the same as those signed by the people beyond the river, a copy of which we published on the 1st inst.

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Deputy Returning Officers. — Following is a list of the Deputy Returning Officers, so far as appointed: South Arm, Chas. F. Green; Burrard Inlet, Jonathan Miller, Maple Ridge, Geo. Howison; Matsqui, John Maclure; Chilliwhack, G. R. Ashwell; Sumas, J. L. Atkinson.

At the Inlet.—The opening ball at Brighton Hotel, on Wednesday night, went off "*tip-top*." There were a large number of ladies and gentlemen present, and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. A sumptuous supper was served, and the festivies were continued far beyond the "wee sma' hours."

From Nanaimo.—The steamer *Ada*, Capt. Rogers, arrived from Nanaimo last evening, with several passengers and a full freight consisting of merchandise and coal. The merchandise was from the steamer *Victoria*, and following are the consignees for the same:—Jas. Cunningham, C. G. Major, R. W. Deane & Co., Herring, Bradbury, and Hodgson.

In Hospital.—The unfortunate man Grauel, to whom reference was made a few weeks ago, as having been found by a Harrison Indian in the woods, in an almost dying condition, was brought down to this city the other day and placed in the hospital. The man is doing very well and will in a short time, be able to go about, if all continues to go well with him. There should be a proper recognition of the services of the Indians in this case.

The New Post Office.—Mr. Hayward, of Victoria, says he *has* been awarded the contract for the new post office in this city, and that he will come up immediately to make arrangements for commencing work. Well, Mr. Hayward ought to know best, and he will be welcome. What New Westminster desires most is the early commencement and energetic prosecution of the work, and we know of no one more likely to fulfil these conditions than Mr. Hayward.

The Inlet Concert.—The concert given at Granville last Thursday night, by the choir of the Methodist church of this city, is reported to have been a very pleasant and successful entertainment. The singers were, unfortunately, laboring under the disadvantage of colds, but the audience seemed greatly pleased with the performance, all the pieces being loudly applauded. Mr. Arthur W. Sullivan, of Granville, rendered valuable assistance by several organ solos, and Mr. Robt. Irwin also played a cornet solo with organ accompaniment. There will be another musical entertainment at Granville on Tuesday night, provided wholly by local talent, of which we believe the Inlet possesses a good share.

Running Away.—At the nomination Mr. Homer's Agent stated that he had, by request of his principal, invited Mr. McLennan to meet Mr. Homer at the hustings, in order that they might both explain their position before the electors, and also that Mr. Homer would be happy to meet him at the various gatherings throughout the District. To this very fair proposition Mr. McLennan made some flippant and silly answer, offering to "throw the dips" to decide which of them should represent the District. Instead of meeting the electors squarely along with Mr. Homer, so as to afford them a fair opportunity of judging and choosing between the two, Mr. McLennan bolted off to Yale. This is scarcely the way electors have a right to expect to be treated.

Look at it This Way.—Admitting, for the sake of argument, that Mr McLennan were certain of beating Mr. Homer, the very fact of a contest at all would render it simply impossible for him to reach Ottawa in time for the present session, and it is now morally certain that this will be the last session of the present parliament. What, then, can be the motive for persisting in running? He can be the means of disfranchising the District. That and nothing more. That and nothing less. To disfranchise New Westminster at this critical juncture, when there are matters of such vital interest requiring a representative at Ottawa, will, indeed, be a patriotic work, one for which Mr. McLennan and his backers will certainly deserve well at the hands of the electors.

Cherry Creek.—Ten enterprising gentlemen formed a syndicate for the purpose of developing the gold mines on this creek. The surface diggings had been paying wages in light gold; but it was believed that if the bed-rock were reached heavier gold in greater quantity might be found; and the rims of the bed-rock in what presented the appearance of the original channel were distinctly traceable. Moreover, in sinking to a lower stratum than that which the miners had been content to work, a coarser gold was found, thus leading to the natural conclusion that coarser still would be met with on the bed-rock. Those engaged in this commendable enterprise feel very hopeful of seeing good diggings opened next season, with plenty of scope for a good mining camp. We sincerely hope their expectations may be fully realized.

Terrible Responsibility.

Who is responsible for the terrible drowning accident which happened here a few weeks ago? Some say the Government, for refusing to take steps for the establishment of an efficient ferry; and there can be no doubt that had such a ferry been established the accident would never have occurred. One of the speakers at the hustings on Thursday laid the responsibility at the door of the judiciary, arguing that if the County Court had met when it should, the accident would not have occurred. Others again would place the responsibility upon the shoulders of those litigious persons who have been keeping the settlements in a turmoil and who were the means of dragging the unfortunate settlers down on the fatal occasion. Most thinking persons will probably be inclined to believe that the responsibility should be shared by all three. But there is this to be said for the Judges, that the bungling of the Attorney-General was the immediate cause of the County Court having been postponed till the fatal week; so that the Government is in a double sense responsible.

Mr. Homer's Programme.

Proceeding to Ladner's Landing this morning, Mr. Homer will address the Electors of that precinct at Trenant school house at 1 p.m. to-day. On Monday at 2 p m. he will address the Electors of Mud Bay Polling Division, at the Town Hall. Returning here on Tuesday, he will proceed to Cheam on Wednesday, and will hold meetings there and at all the settlements on the way down. After completing that part of the programme, he will visit the North Arm settlements and the various communities on Burrard Inlet. Due notice, by poster, will be given of each meeting.

What is It?

Mr McLennan cannot possibly hope to get elected. Even his own personal friends admit that he cannot beat Mr. Homer. Indeed many think it is just a little bit cheeky for a resident of another District to come into this unasked and force a needless contest upon it under circumstances which make a contest equivalent to disfranchisement. Why does he persist in so unpatriotic a course? There must be some hidden object. Is it true, as stated at the hustings, that he is dancing to Victoria wire-pullers, whose aim is simply to disfranchise New Westminster, so that they may the more effectually circumvent such measures as the extension of the ocean mail service to this port? The thing certainly has an ugly look about it.

Coming Round.

Through the pressure of public opinion, it may be presumed, the local organ is coming round to follow in the wake of this journal on one public question after another. The other week it flopped round to the popular side of the steam ferry question, after bitterly opposing and ridiculing it for fifteen months. Now it comes floundering over to our side of the public market question—in reality an adjunct of the other. But its selection of a site for the market is making people laugh. Next week we hope to find it confessing its error in promoting the disfranchisement of this District by encouraging the present contest. And the week after it may possibly announce that it has discovered its attempts to justify the Walkem administration to be like "trying to make water run up hill."

The Two Candidates.

Amongst the earliest pioneers of this District, Mr. Homer took a front position from the very first in all public enterprises and political reforms. As President of the Reform Convention of 1860, as the first member for the District in the first Legislature, he did the state much service, and he proved himself to be possessed of sterling honesty, unflinching honor, and good abilities—a man whose opinions would be listened to and carry weight in any council. Since those old-time days of active public usefulness he has done nothing to forfeit or weaken the confidence of the public, but, on the contrary, it has been matured and crystalized. But it occurs to us to ask, In what do Mr. McLennan's claims upon the constituency consist? Will his organ enlighten the electors on that point?

The Nomination.

The nomination for the federal election new in progress in this District took place at the Court House on Thursday. From 12 till 2 the Returning Officer remained at his post, and at the expiration of that time, he announced having received two nominations, that of Mr. J. A. R. Homer, of New Westminster, and Mr. John McLennan, of Yale. A poll being demanded, the Returning Officer announced that a poll would be held in each of the Divisions on Thursday the 9th March. This concluded the formal proceedings, and the Returning Officer retired.

The electors present (of whom there were a large number) voted Mayor McInnes to the Chair, and a call having been made for Mr. Homer, that gentleman proceeded briefly to state his views upon the principal issues demanding attention. Mr. Homer spoke substantially as follows:—

In supporting the present Government, I believe we are supporting a government which is doing all that lies in their power to promote the interests of British Columbia, and those interests are being promoted by the construction of the C. P. Railway, in which both the Government and Syndicate are showing an unusual amount of energy which ensures a speedy and early completion of the road.

Objections have been made to the increase of Customs duties, which took place when the present Government came into power, but when we consider those duties were incressed at a time when there was a deficit in the revenue, and partly for the purpose of assisting to to build the railway, I do not think we have much reason to complain, for the benefits we have already derived from railway construction far exceed any supposed injury we may have sustained from an increase of taxes, more particularly the agricultural industry, for previous to railway construction every farmer knows the difficulty he had to contend with in disposing of his produce, while now he has a ready market for everything he possibly can raise. If his taxes were lighter then than now he found it much more difficult to pay them.

The revenue policy of the Government has been so very successful that they now have a large surplus, which will enable them to reduce the taxes, and I see by the recent speeches of some of the Cabinet Ministers they intend to do so at the present session of parliament; and if the country continues to prosper, and from present appearances it will for a long time to come, they will be enabled to make further reductions and equalize them for the best interests of the country.

The loss which the Province has sustained by the government lands being held in reserve for such a long time has been a very serious one. Whether the Local Government is principally to blame in the matter, or both the Dominion and Local Government, I am not sufficiently informed to say, but will use my utmost endeavor to have the reserve removed and the land thrown open for settlement at as early a date as possible.

I think you will all agree with me in the necessity of having the ocean mail service extended to the mainland. The numerous delays which the mainland mail is subject to under the present arrangement is not only injurious to the commercial interests of the country, but a great annoyance to all branches of business, particularly to those in connection with the railway.

When the Washington Treaty was negotiated, British Columbia was not a member of the Confederation, and upon those grounds the United States claim that British Columbia has no right to the privileges enjoyed by the eastern provinces under that treaty. When British Columbia entered the Confederation, we supposed she was to enjoy all the rights and privileges which the eastern provinces were entitled to. If the Dominion Government cannot protect us in these rights, I think we are fairly entitled to compensation, and I think the easiest and most satisfactory way will be to allow drawbacks of Customs duties on all material required for the fisheries, and an appropriation for the establishing of hatcheries, thereby preserving the salmon fisheries and fostering a branch of industry which is likely to become one, if not the most important branches of industry in the province. After allowing a drawback on the material required for the fisheries, there would yet remain a great quantity of goods indirectly consumed by this branch of business from which the Government would derive a large amount of revenue, and for this reason as well as others the Government should render every assistance and protection possible to this important industry.

As foreign nations are inclining more and more to surround themselves with protection walls, it may become necessary for Great Britain and her colonies to form a commercial federation, for their mutual benefit and protection. A federation of three hundred million people, with the varied and enormous resources which they possess, with a uniform tariff for revenue purposes and differential duties on foreign goods, I believe would very materially increase the prosperity of the whole empire. This is a very important question, the details of which would require a very careful consideration, and should it be brought before the Commons I will give it my support. At the same time I would favor reciprocity with other nations to that extent which would be conducive to the interests of the confederation.

The improvement of the navigation of the Fraser river, both above and below New Westminster, will receive my attention.

The judiciary will occupy a portion of my time, particularly those points which affect the interests of this District.

Mr. Homer's remarks were repeatedly applauded.

Mr. McLennan having been repeatedly called for and failing to put in an appearance, a call was made for his friends, if any such were present. After some delay, his agent (Mr. Neil McLennan) stated that he was out of town.

Mr. J. C. Armstrong having been called for, made a few forcible remarks. He pointed out very plainly that a contest, under present circumstances, meant disfranchisement of the District, as it would not be possible for whoever was elected to reach Ottawa in time for the present session. He said Mr. Robson was first in the field, but upon that gentleman learning that Mr. Homer would run, he was patriotic enough to retire, saying that as it was essential to avoid a contest in order to have New Westminster represented this session, Mr. Homer should be elected by acclamation. He (Mr. Armstrong) then proceeded to contrast the conduct of Mr. McLennan with that of Mr. Robson, in coming forward and disfranchising the District by forcing a contest upon it, and stated his conviction that Mr. McLennan was allowing himself to be used as a tool in the hands of the enemies of New Westminster for the express purpose of disfranchising it at a time when it was of vital importance it should be represented. His remarks were applauded.

Mr. W. J. Armstrong, M. P. P., who had been called for, deprecated in the strongest language the conduct of Mr. McLennan in thus forcing on a contest, the only result of which would be the practical disfranchisement of the District. He then, by request, drifted into provincial politics. He said the Mainland ought to oppose the appropriation of any part of the provincial revenue towards building the Island railway. He would not have objected to giving the Syndicate all the public lands on Vancouver Island, provided these lands remained subject to taxation; but he would strenuously oppose any arrangement which deprived the province of the right of taxation, inasmuch as these coal lands were really the only revenue basis the Island possessed. Referring to the subject of a resident Judge, he spoke very strongly in condemnation of the present extremely unsatisfactory state of affairs, and said that the Judges should certainly be under some control. He was in favor of the establishment of a steam ferry at this city, and thought New Westminster wes entitled to a good, large, two-story school-house. Regarding the Graving Dock, he was disposed to be rather non-committal, saying that he would first have to ascertain exactly how matters stood.

This concluded the proceedings, and the people dispersed.

From Chilliwhack.

(Correspondence of the British Columbian.)

The card of thanks published in your journal does not fully express the appreciation which the people here feel of the kindness and sympathy shown by your citizens in connection with the late distressing accident. It was a great satisfaction to both the relatives of Messrs. Lewis and Gillanders and the communities in which they lived to know that the bodies had been so promptly recovered and had been cared for with such tender solicitude by your citizens. It is only proper that the people of New Westminster should know how highly their kind offices were appreciated, and that the remembrance of them will not soon be forgotten. The funerals of both were largely attended by the settlers, indeed there has never been so general an expression of intense sorrow and sympathy as that which this occurrence has evoked. The religious services last Sabbath, afforded further evidence of the same fact. Additional seats had been arranged in the new School-house at Chilliwhack for the accommodation of the large number who were expected, so that every available space might be occupied. The room had been draped in black by sympathetic hands, music appropriate to the solemn occasion had been prepared, and an organ procured, at which Mrs. Henderson of Chilliwhack presided with great efficiency. Half an hour before service began the room was crowded to its utmost capacity. The services were conducted by Rev. Joseph Hall, B. A., and the service was very impressive and calculated to afford consolation to those who mourned the loss of a Christian brother. It is computed that there must have been 250 present, the largest assemblage ever known in the history of the settlement.

From Sumas.

(Correspondence of the British Columbian.)

This and the adjoining settlement of Chilliwhack never before experienced such sore bereavement as that caused by the death of Thos. Lewis and William L. Gillanders. The sad news came like a terrible shock to every one of us, and the deepest sympathy for the bereaved families was expressed on all hands—more particularly as these two much respected settlers had, through no fault of theirs, been dragged away from the bosom of their families by others jangling in law in which they had no part. The feeling universally prevailing now is that too much sacrifice has already been made and this ruinous litigation must be put an end to in some way. From every one the expression is that of praise to those of your citizens who acted so kindly and energetically in recovering the bodies, and to your whole community for the feeling of respect and sympathy evinced on the occasion.

The friends of the deceased parties who went down to your city returned here on Monday last. The remains of Mr. Lewis were buried on the following day at the new cemetery, and those of Mr. Gillanders on Wednesday at the "Shannon Mountain." The procession at both was large indeed, considering the inclemency of the weather. At that of Mr. Gillanders there were twenty-five teams and twenty-seven on horseback. It is earnestly to be hoped the community will not be again visited with a like season or succession of melancholy occurrences. Never before has death made such dire havoc in these settlements as since the advent of the new year. Five have already been buried in as many weeks, and I am sorry to announce the death, this morning, of the beloved wife of Mr. James Munro, of Chilliwhack. She died of consumption, and leaves a sorrowing husband and one child.

The Chilliwhack Agricultural Society held its annual meeting last month. Mr. A. C. Wells was elected President, Mr. D. McGillivray Secretary, Mr. G. R. Ashwell Treasurer, and a large Board of Directors, composed of farmers in the District, was constituted. A special committee was appointed, consisting of the President, and Messrs. G. W. Chadsey, G. R. Ashwell, J. Reece, I. Kipp, and R. Nowell, for the purpose of selecting a piece of ground for the use of the Society and to devise some means towards the erection of an Agricultural Hall and other buildings for holding their annual exhibitions in. It is thought to be high time that a move in this direction were made, and, with the new interest created, it is expected that the exhibition this year will be far in advance of all previous efforts of the kind.

I am happy to inform you that stock of all kinds is wintering remarkably well, and the farmers have abundance of feed on hand.

[The above, written on the 10th, did not come to hand in time to appear sooner.—Ed.]

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DOMINION ELECTION.

REQUISITION and REPLY.

To J. A. R. Homer, Esq.,
New Westminster.

We, the undersigned Electors of the District of New Westminster, having heard that a vacancy has occurred in the representation of this District in the House of Commons, request you to allow yourself to be put in nomination as a Candidate to fill the vacancy, and pledge ourselves to give you all the support in our power.

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REPLY.

Gentlemen—

I have much pleasure in acceding to your request conveyed to me in your requisition, that I would allow myself to be nominated as a Candidate, at the ensuing election of a Representative to fill the seat now vacant in the House of Commons. If I should be elected to fill this honorable position, I will give my support to the present Government, and in doing so, will trust that my future course of action may meet with the approval of my constituents, as it did on former occasions when I had the honor of representing you in the Legislative Council of this Colony. If elected, I will advocate the early completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I will urge upon the Government the necessity of placing the Dominion Lands, now held in reserve, in a position so they may be made available for immediate settlement.

I will endeavor to show the Government the benefit which would be derived from the extension of the Ocean Mail Service to the Mainland, and to obtaining greater mail facilities throughout the Province.

As British Columbia has not been admitted to the benefits of the Washington Treaty, I will urge upon the Government the justice of allowing an abatement of Customs duties upon all material required for the Fisheries, and will ask for an appropriation for the establishing of Hatcheries.

The Agricultural, Manufacturing, and Mining interests will receive my most careful attention, and if the formation of a Commercial Federation of Great Britain and her Colonies, for their mutual benefit, should come under consideration, it will receive my earnest support.

Owing to the transitory state of the Dominion, many new questions will undoubtedly arise; in dealing with these, I will see that the interests of my constituents are protected.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
Ja28 J. A. R. HOMER.

Our Story.

WHAT THE SHEPHERD SAW

A Tale of Four Moonlight Nights.

(Continued.)

About half-past eleven he seemed to give up expecting her. He then went a second time to the hollow behind the trilithon, remaining there nearly a quarter of an hour. From this place he proceeded quickly over a shoulder of the declivity, a little to the left, presently returning on horseback, which proved that his horse had been tethered in some secret place down there. Crossing anew the down between the hut and the trilithon, and scanning the precincts as if to finally assure himself that she had not come in, he rode slowly down in the direction of Vernecombe Towers.

The juvenile shepherd thought of what lay in the hollow yonder; and no fear of the crook stem of his superior officer was potent enough to detain him longer in that hill alone. Any live company, even the most terrible, was better than the company of the dead; so, running with the speed of a hare in the direction pursued by the horseman, he overtook the revengeful duke at the second descent (where the Ringdom road crossed before you came to the old entrance on that side—now closed up and the lodge cleared away, though at the time it was wondered why, being considered the most convenient gate of all.

Once within the sound of the horse's footsteps, Bill Wills felt comparatively comfortable; for, though in awe of the duke because of his position, he had no moral repugnance to his companionship on account of the grisly deed he had committed, considering that powerful nobleman to have a right to do what he chose on his own lands. The duke rode steadily on beneath his ancestral trees, the hoofs of his horse sending up a smart sound now that he had reached the hard road of the drive, and soon drew near the front door of his house, surmounted by parapets with square-cut battlements that cast a notched shade upon the gravelled terrace. These outlines were quite familiar to little Bill Wills, though nothing within their boundary had ever been seen by him.

When the rider approached the mansion a small turret door was quickly opened, and a woman came out. As soon as she saw the horseman's outlines she ran forward into the moonlight to meet him.

"Ah, dear—and are you come?" she said. "I heard Hero's tread just when you rode over the hill, and I knew in a moment. I would have come further if I had been aware——"

"Glad to see me, eh?"

"How can you ask that?"

"Well; it is a lovely night for meetings."

"Yes, it is a lovely night."

The duke dismounted and stood by her side. "Why should you have been listening at this time of night, and yet not expecting me?" he asked.

"Why, indeed! There is a strange story attached to that, which I must tell you at once. But why did you come a night sooner than you said you would come? I am rather sorry—I really am!" (shaking her head playfully); for as a surprise to you I had ordered a bonfire to be built, which was to be lighted on your arrival tomorrow; and now it is wasted. You can see the outline of it just out there."

The duke looked across to a spot of rising glade, and saw the fagots in a heap. He then bent his eyes with a blank and puzzled air on the ground. "What is this strange story you have to tell me, that kept you awake?" he murmured.

"It is this—and it is really rather serious. My cousin, Fred Pentridge—Captain Pentridge as he is now—was in his boyhood a great admirer of mine, as I think I have told, though I was six years his senior. In strict truth he was absurdly fond of me."

"You have never told me of that before."

"Then it was you sister I told—yes, it was. Well, you know I have not seen him for many years, and naturally I had quite forgotten his admiration of me in old times. But guess my surprise when the day before yesterday I received a mysterious note bearing no address, and found on opening it that it came from him. The contents frightened me out of my wits. He had returned from Canada to his father's house, and had conjured me by all he could think of to meet him at once. But I think I can repeat the exact words, though I will show it to you when we get indoors. 'My dear cousin Harriet,' the note said: 'After this long absence you will be surprised at my sudden reappearance, and more by what I am going to ask. But if my life and future are of any concern to you at all, I beg that you will grant my request. What I require of you is, dear Harriet, that you meet me about eleven to-night by the Druid stones on Verncombe Down, about a mile from your house. I cannot say more, except to entreat you to come. I will explain all when you are there. The one thing is, I want to see you. Come alone. Believe me, I would not ask this if my happiness did not hang upon it—God knows how entirely! I am too agitated to say more.—Yours, FRED.' That was all of it. Now, of course, I ought not to have gone, as it turned out; but that I did not think of then. I remembered his impetuous temper, and feared that something grievous was impending over his head, while he had not a friend in the world to help him, or any one except myself to whom he would care to make his trouble known. So I wrapped myself up and went to Verncombe Down at the time he had named. Don't you think I was courageous?"

"Very."

"When I got there—but shall we not walk on; it is getting cold?" The duke, however, did not move. "When I got there he came; of course as a full-grown man and officer, and not as the lad that I had known him. When I saw him I was sorry I had come. I can hardly tell you how he behaved. What he wanted I don't even know now; it seemed to be no more than the mere meeting with me. He held me by the hand—oh, so tight—and would not let me go till I had promised to meet him again. His manner was so strange and passionate that I was afraid of him in such a lonely place, and I promised to come. Then I escaped—then I ran home—and that's all. When the time drew on this evening for the appointment—which, of course, I never intended to keep—I felt uneasy, lest when he found I meant to disappoint him he would come on to the house; and that's why I could not sleep. But you are so silent!"

"I have had a long journey."

"Then let us go into the house. Why did you come alone and unattended like this?"

"It was my humor."

After a moment's silence, during which they moved on, she said, "I have thought of something which I hardly like to suggest to you. He said that if I failed to come to-night he would wait again to-morrow night. Now, shall we to-morrow night go to the hill together—just to see if he is there; and if he is, read him a lesson on his foolishness in nourishing this old passion, and sending for me so oddly, instead of coming to the house?"

"Why should we see if he's there?" said her husband moodily.

"Because I think we ought to do something in it. Poor Fred! He would listen to you if you reasoned with him, and set our positions in their light before him. It would be no more than Christian kindness to a man who unquestionably is very miserable from some cause or other. His head seems quite turned."

By this time they had reached the door, rung the bell, and waited. All the house seemed to be asleep; but soon a man came to them, the horse was taken away, and the duke and duchess went in.

THIRD NIGHT.

There was no help for it: Bill Wills was obliged to stay on duty in the old shepherd's absence, this evening as before, or give up his post and living. He thought as bravely as he could of what lay behind the Devil's Door, but with no great success, and was, therefore, in a measure relieved, even if awe-stricken, when he saw the forms of the duke and duchess strolling across the frosted green sward. The duchess was a few yards in front of her husband, and tripped on lightly.

"I tell you he has not thought it worth while to come again!" the duke insisted, as he stood still, reluctant to walk further.

"He is more likely to come and wait all night; and it would be harsh treatment to let him do so the second time."

"He is not here; so turn and come home."

"He seems not to be here certainly. I wonder if anything has happened to him. If it has, I shall never forgive myself!"

The duke, uneasily: "Oh, no. He has some other engagement."

"That is very unlikely."

"Or perhaps he may have found the distance too far."

"Nor is that probable."

"Then he may have thought better of it."

"Yes, he may have thought better of it; if indeed he is not here all the time—somewhere in the hollow behind the Devil's Door. Let us go and see; it will serve him right to surprise him."

"Oh, he's not there!"

"He may be lying very quiet because of you," she said archly.

"Oh, no, not because of me!"

"Come then. I declare, dearest, you lag like an unwilling schoolboy to-night, and there's no responsiveness in you! You are jealous of that poor lad, and it is quite absurd of you."

"I'll come! I'll come! Say no more, Harriet!" And they crossed over the green.

Wondering what they would do, the young shepherd left the hut, and doubled behind the belt of furze, intending to stand near the trilithon unperceived. But, in crossing the few yards of open ground he was for a few moments exposed to view.

"Ah, I see him at last!" said the duchess.

"See him?" said the duke. "Where?"

"By the Devil's Door—don't you notice a figure there? Ah, my poor lover-cousin, won't you catch it now!" And she laughed half pityingly. "But what's the matter?" she asked turning to her husband.

"It is not he!" cried the duke hoarsely "It can't be he!"

"No, it is not he. It is too small for him. It is a boy."

"Ah, I thought so. Boy, come here."

The youthful shepherd advanced with apprehension.

"What are you doing here?"

"Keeping sheep, your Grace."

"Ah, you know me. Do you keep sheep here every night?"

"Off and on, my lord duke."

"And what have you seen here to-night or last night?" inquired the duchess. "Any person waiting or walking about?"

The boy was silent.

"He has seen nothing," interrupted her husband, his eyes so forbiddingly fixed on the boy that they seemed to shine like points of fire. "Come, let us go. The air is too keen here to stand in long."

When they were gone the boy retreated to the hut and sheep, less fearful now than at first, familiarity with the situation having gradually overpowered his thoughts of the buried man. But he was not to be left alone long. When an interval had elapsed of about sufficient length for walking to and from Verncombe Towers, there reappeared from that direction the heavy form of the duke. He now came alone.

The nobleman, on his part, seemed to have eyes no less sharp than the boy's, for he instantly recognized the latter among the ewes, and came straight toward him.

"Are you the shepherd lad I spoke to a short time ago?"

"I be, my lord duke."

"Now listen to me. Her Grace asked you what you had seen this last night or two up here and you made no reply. I now ask the same thing, and you need not be afraid to answer. Have you seen anything strange these nights you have been watching here?"

"My lord duke, I be a poor heedless boy; and what I see I don't bear in mind."

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