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The British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, January 11, 1882.

The Judicial Muddle.

The public have for some time been aware, painfully aware, of the fact that the gravest doubts exist repecting by far the greater part of the acts emanating from the present Attorney-General. In those relating to the Judiciary he has been especially unfortunate, and his blundering bids fair to involve litigants in no end of trouble and the Province in no little expense. As was intimated in a previous article, Mr. Walkem has been at personal enmity with the Judges ever since they refused to become his political tools in the Kootenay Commission affair. Since that time all his legislation affecting the Judiciary has about it an alloy of malice. *Inter alia*, he undertook to make Rules for the Court, instead of pursuing the usual and obviously proper course of leaving that to the Judges. He also undertook to fix the time when a Full Court shall sit, making it absolutely once a year by statute. Finding out what a very serious obstacle to the course of justice was thus created, the *petit* blunderer had an Order in Council passed, overriding the statute and appointing a Full Court to be held on the 19th of last month. The Judges met on the 19th, not as a Full Court, but, as the Chief Justice expressed it, "out of courtesy to the Government." The Judges were unanimously of opinion that they were not sitting, could not sit, as a Full Court. It did not surely require a Judge to tell the Attorney-General that. The veriest novice could have done as much. Well, the outcome of the meeting by courtesy on the 19th ult. was that another sort of quasi-friendly meeting was arranged for the 5th inst., at which the *Thrasher* case was to be argued as a test case, the Attorney-General taking part in the argument. On the 5th, accordingly, the Judges and the lawyers came together, the Attorney-General evidently feeling not at all satisfied with his position. After a day's skirmishing, in which the Attorney General got the worst of it, the matter ended very much where it began, in so far as any practical result was concerned. In the course of the argument, the following occurred (we copy from the *Colonist*):—

"The Attorney-General wanted the case to go before the Supreme Court of Canada and for that purpose he was anxious that some plan should be agreed upon with that object in view. The local Government would defray all expenses of such an appeal.

The Chief Justice remarked that in such a case the matter was certain to be appealed because the suitor against whom the decision might be would carry the thing to the Supreme Court of Canada, as it would cost him nothing to do so. The words just uttered by the Attorney-General must certainly have slipped from him unintentionally."

The Chief-Justice might well be surprised at the remarks of the Attorney-General. The *Thrasher* case is bound to be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. It has been there already, but was sent back here until the courts in the Province shall have been exhausted, and the dissatisfied party to that suit is eager to carry it to Ottawa. Why, then, should the Attorney-General rush in and take money out of the pockets of the people of British Columbia, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of appealing a civil case like this, when it is the business of the appellant to bear the expense? Has the Province not suffered enough already through the legal blundering of the Attorney-General, that he must now be so ready to pay a wealthy appellant's expenses with the people's money? Where is this expensive and humiliating burlesque going to end?

Ireland.

That the present condition of affairs in Ireland is extremely unsatisfactory, cannot be denied. And yet there are not wanting indications that the patient is wriggling under the operations of wholesome, if nauseous, medicine. The fact that both landowners and tenants complain may, perhaps, be accepted as evidence of the judiciousness of the Gladstone treatment. On the one hand, it is stated that fully one-fourth of the tenants have already availed themselves of the substantial relief afforded by the land bill, while, on the other hand, we are told that the landlords are becoming alarmed, and talk of compensation. This latter symptom would seem to indicate that the surgeon's knife has reached the root of the disease. But for the great landholders to coolly talk now about bad faith and diminished values and disturbed foundations only shows how very far short they come of realizing the situation. The disorder is of long standing. It has grown apace with the centuries, and had not the landlords been utterly blinded by greed of high rents they might have averted the terrible culmination. And now that the natural and inevitable result has come upon them, they talk about diminished values and bad faith, just as if they, instead of the poor tenants, were the innocent sufferers! Not that we would be understood as justifying the course pursued by the tenant class. It is difficult to see how any unprejudiced mind can do that. And yet it is the natural outcome of a long system of relentless oppression; and it would be inconsistent with the eternal fitness of things that the oppressor should come out of the revolution unscathed. Diminished values, for sooth! They ought to be thankful that any values at all are left to them. In the fate of Ireland, England and Scotland should both learn salutary lessons; for it would be utter folly to suppose that the agrarian revolution begun in Ireland can end there. It is certain to be co-extensive with the evil which produces it, and already are heard in Scotland the rumblings of the approaching storm. It would be true wisdom on the part of the great landholders north of the Tweed to anticipate coming events, and not wait until forced into a corner. The great tide of freedom and universal brotherhood is rolling over the civilized world, and the landlords of Great Britain can no more stem it than the fabled woman could sweep back old ocean with her broom.

The Licensing Board.

The course adopted by the Licensing Board at their last meeting should afford the utmost encouragement to the friends of temperance. It has been charged against the Licensing authorities, generally, that they have appeared to seize opportunities of issuing new licenses, and in some cases, no doubt, they have given full justification for the charge; but the Magistrates of New Westminster, at all events, have amply exonerated themselves from such an accusation, and we hope their bold example will have the effect of stimulating the moral courage of some of their colleagues in other districts. But whatever other Magistrates may learn, we hope the lesson may not be lost to other communities. Whatever may or may not have been the influence of the petition that was presented to the Board, or of the objections that were raised by first one and then another of the representatives of Religion, there can be no doubt that these did afford material moral strength to the Magistrates in coming to their decision, and the application of similar support by the Clergy and the public in other districts would probably have a similar effect. The Magistrate's office is a responsible and anxious one, and there are few of those who hold it who would not gladly welcome an expression of the opinion of their fellow-citizens in questions of public interest. With regard to New Westminster itself, we are glad to be able to feel that a check has been put on the further increase of licensed liquor houses, at all events for the present. But we would caution the advocates of a restricted traffic against the foolish supposition that all has been gained, and that no more remains to be done. The advantage needs to be followed up, and the next step to take is to obtain Sunday closing. Here again we may be quite sure of the good will of the authorities as well as of all order-loving and right-thinking citizens, and, we venture to think, of a section of the license holders themselves. How to bring public opinion to bear, whether by public meeting, or petition, or both, is a matter for immediate consideration. We have, at all events, the experience of last winter to prove that a Temperance Meeting is not unpopular; only we would suggest that while the last was simply hortative, the next should have a practical purpose and lead to definite action.

—*Churchman's Gazette.*

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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.

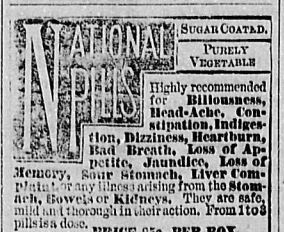
This timely notice is given with a view to giving Contractors an opportunity of visiting and examining the ground during the fine season and before the winter sets in.

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

No tender will be entertained unless on one of the printed forms, addressed to F. Braun, Esq., Secty. Dept. of Railways and Canals, and marked "Tender for C. P. R."

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, Oct. 24th, 1881. no16



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In the Matter of the Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION of Charles Edward Pooley and Isaac Birch Fisher for a certificate of Indefeasible to New Westminster City Lots Nos. 1 and 2, Block 2, Lots Nos. 23 and 26, Block 22, Lot No. 7, Block 23, Lot 12, Block 28, and Lots 7 and 8, Block 34; Surburban Lots Nos. 14 and 15, Block 4, and Lot No. 9, Block 9; also, Lot No. 10, Group 2, New Westminster District.

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.

Dated the 13th day of October, 1881.

H. B. W. AIKMAN,
oc15 Registrar General.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY.

Auditor's Report.....W. A. Duncan
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The British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, January 11, 1882.

Dominion Lands.

Not the least important matter demanding the best services of our representative in the Commons, if he should be so fortunate as to reach the federal capital in time, will be that of making the Dominion lands on the Lower Fraser at once available for settlement. If, as there is now every reason to expect, railway work shall be commenced this year at some convenient point on the river, it must be clear to every thinking person that there is not at the present time the capacity to supply the demand certain to be created in 1883 and succeeding years. Such is the facility with which the greater part of the rich delta lands can be brought into cultivation that settlers going on this year could place the products of their waiting acres in the market during the following year. And when it is borne in mind that there will be a ready market for every pound of human food and every blade of grass that can be produced in this part of the Province, and that money must be drained out of the country for every pound that cannot be supplied from our own acres, the vital importance of making every productive rood of land contribute its quota, and thus retain in the country for its development and enrichment as much as possible of the vast railway expenditures, will be sufficiently obvious. It will, therefore, be the duty of the representative of this District especially—it will be the duty of every representative from the Pacific Province—to at once and pertinaciously urge upon the Dominion Government the pressing necessity for immediate action in this matter. Of course, we do not conceal from ourselves the humiliating fact, stated by Sir Charles Tupper when amongst us that our own local Government has really been the obstacle in the way of these lands being thrown open; and in view of that fact, it will be equally the duty of the representatives in the Local Legislature to see that all hinderance of a Provincial nature is at once removed. British Columbia cannot afford to allow its Premier any longer to play his little strategic game of fighting the federal authorities. It is a game which has answered admirably as a pretext for making a couple of pleasure trips to the Old Country himself, and keeping his pal bobbing around London and Ottawa for several seasons at the expense of the tax-payers of this country, and the price of these expensive missions is a mere bagatelle, compared with what this policy of "fighting Canada" has cost us. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the little game of the Premier has, to use a current phrase, been "played out," and that all unreasonable obstructions—and we believe they will all be found to have been unreasonable—to the opening up and utilization of the Dominion lands in the Province may be speedily removed.

The Island Railway.

Acting as solicitor for the applicants, Mr. Roland Hett gives notice that "application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company to construct and work a railway from Esquimalt Harbor via Nanaimo to some point in or near Seymour Narrows, Vancouver Island, and for a grant of Public Lands in aid thereof." We have no means of knowing for whom Mr. Hett is acting; but it would be strange if private capital were not tempted by the liberal grant of valuable lands understood to be available for any one who undertakes the Island railway. But we have now presented a much broader scheme than has been usually implied by the term "Island railway." A railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo and a railway from Esquimalt to Seymour Narrows are two very different affairs, the latter having more than three times the length of the former. We confess to some difficulty in comprehending the object of extension to Seymour Narrows, now that all idea of carrying the Canadian Pacific Railway by Bute Inlet has been definitely abandoned. The object of a railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo is easily enough understood. It would run through a country more or less settled, and it would connect the great coal stores with an important ocean harbor; and then there is always hovering over it the latent idea of the possibility of connection by means of a ferry across the gulf. But for Seymour Narrows there is nothing of this. True, there is considerable good land beyond Nanaimo, and there is doubtless much valuable coal land; but then it has been generally understood that it would not be necessary to continue the railway beyond Nanaimo in order to secure these lands. Not that we would be understood as objecting to the proposed extension. On the contrary, we should greatly rejoice to see it carried out, as it would tend to the early development of agriculture, coal mining, lumbering, and fishing, in the lands and waters of the northern end of Vancouver Island, and we believe the people generally have but a very faint notion of the extent and possibilities of these resources. It is presumable that this application is to be made on behalf of the C. P. R. Syndicate, as they would, of course, require to seek a charter from the Provincial Legislature, the same as any other private company. But, whoever the applicants may be, we sincerely trust they may turn out to be substantial men, who really mean business. While on this subject we are reminded of the notices, published by the same party, a few weeks ago, of intended application for bills for two short lines in this vicinity. Is it possible that all three are by the same, and that the C. P. R. Syndicate?

Editorial Notes.

It is reported that the settlers in the three municipalities of Surrey, Delta, and Langley are about to petition the Lieut.-Governor in Council for a steam ferry across the Fraser at this city. We shall be rejoiced to find that the people have at length determined to arise in their might and, pushing aside their obstructing so-called representatives in the Legislature, insist upon their rights. Should not a similar movement be made on this side of the river? The people of New Westminster city are, equally with those beyond the river, interested in the establishment of such a ferry, and have had equal cause to go to the fountain head direct without the intervention of their representative. Will the Executive grant the prayer of the people? If the petition does no more, it will at least put the Government to the test, and the Premier will no longer be able to shelter himself behind the wretched subterfuge of the people's representative advising him in direct opposition to the well-understood wishes of his constituents. There is every probability now of railway work being commenced in this vicinity in the coming summer, and it would be a very serious matter, indeed, if, while railway work is going on here, the producers on the opposite side of the river are left without any adequate means of reaching the market.

When a confidential agent of the C. P. R. Syndicate was here, a short time ago, he made a careful examination of the Albertite coal deposit on English Bay, with his own hands picking out a sackful of the coal and taking it away with him. Information has been received confirmatory of the great value of the coal; but there is reason for doubting whether the discoverers of this valuable deposit will be direct participants in the profits of their find, as it is understood that the land containing it goes to the Syndicate, along with the other Crown lands in that vicinity. We learn that an offer has been made on behalf of the Syndicate for a large parcel of land on Coal Harbor, owned by private individuals, and that the matter is now under advisement. Important developments may be expected shortly in this connection.

How does it happen that, as a rule, contracts for Government buildings are given out at the most unfavorable time of year? Look at the penitentiary workshops. Precious time was fritted away until the wet season set in, and then it was commenced. Look at the postoffice buildings. The very same thing would have happened in regard to them, had not a change been made, requiring new plans and fresh tenders. Nor is it quite certain that this contract, too, will not be allowed to drift on till next fall. The object of these lines is to prevent, if possible, such a mistake, and urge the authorities at Ottawa to have everything ready for building to be commenced in the spring. Grading the site, no light job, should be going on now, in order that everything may be in readiness for commencing the erection of the building in the spring

Auditor's Report, 1881.

Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster for the Year 1881.

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RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand	$465 50
Balance from Special Tax a/c	393 14
Arrears of Taxes, collected by W H Keary	137 36
do coll. by O D Sweet	731 72
Trading Licenses, collected by W H Keary	38 00
do coll. by J Morrison	55 00
do do O D Sweet	755 00
City Tax, 1881 do do	2648 40
Road Tax do do do	744 00
Cattle do do do	138 00
Sidewalks	51 00
Police Court	24 00
Liquor and Billiard Licenses	2420 00
Water Frontage Rents	983 00
Sundries	11 10
	$9595 22

EXPENDITURE:

Salaries of Municipal Officers	$2281 00
Printing and Stationery	334 62
Lumber and Hauling	491 04
Fire Department	183 00
Coal Oil, Lamps, &c	106 00
Law Costs	679 95
Front St. Contract, W Holmes	1775 00
Nails and Spikes	51 35
Surveying, Geo Turner	30 00
Balance of Debenture a/c	1060 00
Provincl Gov't, Liquor Licenses	720 00
Sidewalks, Smith & Forrest and Callbick's Contracts	319 00
F Forrest, Labor on Streets	119 99
W Litster, do	88 75
D L Smith, do	49 25
Brown, do	4 25
H Elliott, for Board of Works	100 00
Sundry Repairs	5 00
E S Scoullar, Repairing, &c.	6 87
D Withrow, Mounting City Plan	6 00
Telegraphing	45 46
Elections, J McMurphy & A Peele	30 00
Dr Masters, Health Officer	10 00
500 copies 'West Shore,' Samuels	100 00
Prize Cup, C McNaughten	45 00
Funeral Expenses of J Calder	23 50
Torchlights, J C Armstrong	49 50
J Kennedy, overseeing m'k'g plans	61 00
Rent of Council Chamber	162 33
Goods to Holt during illness, W McColl	18 43
Chairs, Copying Press &c. for the Council	27 87
Sundries	9 73
H Bruce, Repairs to Council Chamber &c	17 25
Balance, Cash on Hand	584 08
	$9595 22

A Detailed Statement of Receipts and Expenditure can be seen on file at the City Clerk's Office.

W. A. DUNCAN,
Auditor.

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BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS:

Cash on hand	$584 08
Water Frontage Rents	200 00
Uncollected Taxes, arrears	744 48
do City Tax, 1881	1089 70
do Road do	210 00
do Cattle do	21 00
Trading and other Licenses	210
Balance due for Sidewalks	778 00
	$3837 26

LIABILITIES:

Salaries of Municipal Officers	$186 00
Fire Department	12 00
Surveying, Turner and Woods	10 00
Geo Turner, Superintending, &c.	57 50
Sidewalk Contracts	845 87
D L Smith do	33 00
J Wintemute do	146 79
A Burns do Deane's Lot	80 00
Sundry Accounts Unpaid	304 78
Balance, Excess of Assets over Liabilities	2161 32
	$3837 26

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Municipality of Chilliwhack

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GEORGE W. CHADSEY, Reeve;

ALLEN C. WELLS,
ADAM S. VEDDER,
JONATHAN REECE,
THOMAS COLBECK,
Councillors.

By order of the Reeve.

Chilliwhack, Dec. 29, 1881. jny7

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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 Cloths, 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.

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AUCTIONEERS.

The British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, January 11, 1882.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer PRINCESS LOUISE; from Victoria, Jan. 10—Mrs Eickhoff, Miss McMillan, Messrs T Briggs, J Donnelly, Cambie, Lyons, Campbell, Odin, J Hendry, Pearce, J W Hennessy, McAllister, Stevenson, White, Gray, Forsyth.

MARRIED.

At the residence of Thomas Woodward, Esq., on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. Benj. Chappell, B. A., Mr. Robert Johnson and Miss Matilda Jane Titcomb, all of Nicola Valley.

The weather changed to delightful sunshine yesterday.

Work on the footway to Sapperton commenced yesterday.

Capt. Bristol had to refuse passengers to Yale last night—capacity limited.

The *Inland Sentinel* is after the *Guardian's* Yale correspondent with a sharp stick.

J. W. Mackenzie, builder of the steamer *Cassiar*, died in San Francisco last Wednesday.

H. J. Cambie, Esq., C. P. R. S., arrived from Victoria last evening and proceeds to Yale this morning.

There was a rumor in town yesterday to the effect that the dam in the Matsqui Slough had given way.

The Victoria Customs authorities have made a heavy seizure of Chinese goods, entered on false invoices.

Cowichan raised $43.50 for hospital purposes, dividing it equally between the Nanaimo and Victoria hospitals.

A few days before Christmas, Peter Kelly, a teamster, died very suddenly, near Soda Creek, while with his team

The steamer *Princess Louise*, Capt. Lewis, arrived from Victoria at 4:50 last evening, with passengers and freight.

Victoria appears to have had rather a lively time at the civic nomination on Monday. Mr. McLean's election for Mayor was considered certain.

In the interior there is very little snow, in very many places none at all; the weather continues extremely mild and stock is doing remarkably well.

There were 40 passengers and considerable freight to go to Yale yesterday, but no conveyance available. What *are* our steamboat men about?

The family of the late Judge Robertson left for Ontario yesterday. They carry with them the heartfelt sympathy and best wishes of the whole Province.

The *Colonist* says:—"In accordance with a resolution of the House last session the proceedings of the local parliament will be opened each day this session with prayer."

It must have been a "crank," we suppose, who, by way of illustrating his disregard for the Sabbath and the feelings of others, indulged in rifle practice in the suburbs of this city last Sunday.

There were present at the Christmas services, held at the Catholic Indian church, Yale, the head chiefs from the surrounding nations and two hundred of their people. The church decorations were very fine.

The road between this city and Burrard Inlet is in a shocking condition. It is found to be almost impossible to drive over it. Surely this District should appreciate the way the Ministers "husband the revenue."

The Sunday closing law has not been hitherto very rigidly enforced in San Francisco, but we observe from late exchanges that the Home Protective Association is buckling on its armor for the purpose of enforcing the law.

Parrot-like, the local organ has become the echo of its Victoria *confrere* in calling the editor of this journal nick-names. The term "Honest John" is repeated no less than a dozen times in its last leading article. That's the logic of the organs, but one would think it must become monotonous.

Peter O'Leary, who, it will be remembered, visited this Province in 1877, is the London correspondent of the Ottawa *Free Press*. He recently went over to Paris for the purpose of conferring with the Land League Executive about measures of relief to destitute laborers in Ireland.

A few days ago a slide occurred in the Cariboo road 18 miles out of Yale, which was quickly repaired by Mr. Teague, who put a large force to work. On New Year's Day a "sinking" in the waggon road took place about five miles out of Yale. This, too, was very promptly repaired.

A five acre lot near Winnipeg was bought by a gentleman in that city a few months ago for sixty-five dollars an acre. He placed it in a broker's hands with instructions not to sell it for less than $1,000. A legal gentleman in this city purchased the block a few days ago from the agent for $1,250 *and immediately sold it for $10,000 cash.—Colonist.*

The Municipal Election for this city is over, so far as Councillors is concerned, and we have no reason to feel dissatisfied with the result. Some good men who were in the old Council are missing in the new, having refused to stand; but the new Council is a good one, nevertheless. The question of who shall be Mayor is to be decided at the polls to-morrow.

FROM YALE.—Capt. Bristol arrived from Yale about noon yesterday with mails and express.

KOOTENAY.—Our advices are to the 7th December, but contain nothing of importance. Up to that time the season had been very mild.

FROM NANAIMO.—The *Ada*, Capt. Rogers, returned from Nanaimo on Monday morning, with a cargo of coal for Mr. Elliot, and a number of passengers.

CHEAPER TELEGRAMS.—The Western Union Telegraph rates have been reduced 25 per cent.—that is to say the day rates, the night or half rates remaining as before.

THE DOMINION ELECTION.—Mr. Homer has still the field to himself, and is likely to have, as the news from all the settlements is strongly in his favor. But the writ! the writ! where is it?

COLLIERY ACCIDENT.—At the Chase River Colliery, on Wednesday, H. McGuire had his leg broken by the falling of a large body of coal, while walking in the main slope. Mr. McGuire being bread-winner for a large family, the accident is a serious matter.

THE LICENSE TRANSFER MATTER.—In the course of his nomination address, Mr. Ferris alluded to the refusal on the part of the magistrates to transfer certain liquor licenses, and explained the parties had really themselves to blame—that they did not place their cases properly before the Court.

NOTES FROM THE SEA.—The Coal Harbor bachelors intend giving a grand ball on the evening of Friday the 13th inst. Their new hall at Gastown has been gorgeously fitted up for the occasion. We are informed that Mr. Ed. Renouf, president of the club, has issued invitations to several of the leading families in town.

"CANADA FIRST" is the suggestive name of a new weekly journal, published in Montreal, the first number of which has just reached us. Its editorials are vigorous and crisp, and it calls "a spade a spade." The personal "I" is substituted for the editorial "we." It gives twenty columns of reading matter a week for $2 a year.

A DEAD BODY FOUND.—Yesterday Mr. Williams, of this city, found on Lulu Island, about a mile and a half below this city, the body of a man, in a very decayed condition, and bearing marks of violence, the upper part of the head being nearly cut off. There seems to be little doubt that the body is that of a white man. Mr. Williams reported the matter to the authorities here.

"A GOOD DAY'S WORK."—In the last number of the *Churchman's Gazette* there is, under the above caption, an article upon the recent action of New Westminster Licensing Board, in which the stand taken by the magistrates is strongly commended. The writer in the *Gazette* estimates that, in this city alone, fully $60,000 a year finds its way into the tills of the saloons.

PROGRESSING.—Although the weather has been extremely unfavorable, the contractors for the penitentiary workshops have certainly displayed great energy. The substantial stone foundations are completed and the frames are up and are being rapidly closed in. Such work is, however, done at very great disadvantage at this season of the year, and it cannot possibly be done as well.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.—The *Colonist* publishes a very interesting statement, showing the imports and exports of the Province during the ten years since Confederation. The duty paid on imports during that period amounts to $4,237,367, not including the ports of New Westminster and Burrard Inlet during the past two years. The exports for last year are estimated at $3,200,000 in round numbers.

NEW PRINCIPLE.—Mr. Robert Stevenson, of Chilliwhack, has imported a machine which saws shingles according to the new system. The log is stood on its end and cut with the grain instead of being laid on its side and cut against the grain. Shingles cut by this plan are commonly used in the East and in California, and roofs on which they are placed never leak. Mr. Hayward is agent for the sale of the shingles.—*Colonist.*

CITY FINANCES.—Elsewhere will be found statement of municipal finances for last year, and it must be admitted that the showing is at least respectable. Ten thousand dollars is no mean revenue for New Westminster to raise under present circumstances; and, with careful and judicious management, its expenditure ought to produce substantial improvement. It is creditable to the out-going Council that there was $584 cash in hand at the end of the year.

CHILLIWHACK.—The annual New Years dinner entertainment given by the ladies of Methodist church was a *very successful affair; considering the* state of the roads and the weather, there was a good attendance, the proceeds being $86.50.....The roads in the settlement are almost impassable for mud.....The weather is mild and rainy.....Fall wheat is growing.....Lawsuits will "gobble" up the year's taxes .....More refusals to pay municipal taxes.

LANGLEY MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—The nomination was held on Monday. For Reeve, Mr. A. Innes and Mr. J. Jolly were nominated. For Councillors—Ward No. 1, Mr. J. Houston and Mr. Geo. Goddard; Ward No. 2, Mr. M. McIver (elected by acclamation); Ward No. 3, Mr. Robt. McKee (elected by acclamation); Ward No. 4, Mr. Jas. Johnston (elected by acclamation). It will be seen that the contest is narrowed down to that of Reeve and a Councillor for No. 1 Ward.

DEATH OF W. H. LOWE.—It is with deep regret that we have to announce the sudden death of W. H. Lowe, for several years Collector of Customs at this port. On the 12th December he appeared to be in his usual state of health, and at 3:30 p. m. on the following day he was dead! We are without information as to the cause or circumstances. He died at Keremeos. Deceased leaves a wife and helpless family in mid-winter amongst the Cascade Mountains. The case is, indeed, a distressing one.

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE AT HOME.—There are now in England 1,465 newspapers; Wales, 66; Scotland, 181; Ireland, 154; and the British Isles, 20—making a total of 1,986. The magazines, including the quarterly reviews, number 1,097. Newspaper trains start daily at 5½ a. m. from four great railway termini in London and deliver the metropolitan papers in all the large cities of England before noon. The circulation of the great dailies has been thereby increased. The *Telegraph* circulates 250,000 copies daily, the *Standard* 180,000, the *Daily News* 170,000, the *Times* 100,000.

NAVIGATION.—It really seems too bad that, with the Fraser as open as in summer and the water at as favorable a stage, there should be no steamers running on the river above this city. Even if the winter trade to Yale should not hold out sufficient inducements to run through, one would think it would be worth while making a trip or two as far as Chilliwhack. It is to be presumed that steamboat men know their own business; but we cannot help thinking that a trip or two could be made with advantage. What has become of the *Gem?* She would just be the thing for the winter service, and the settlers along the river would, we are sure, appreciate such a service just now.

CHRONIC AGITATION.—It is stated by Morley in his life of Richard Cobden that from the Legislative Union of England and Ireland to 1846, eighteen Coercion Acts for Ireland had been passed. Since then three more have been added, making in all twenty-one. There seems to be a complete circle in the policy pursued. The beginning is an agitation for the redress of some grievance. Agitation is followed by organization, which soon puts on a revolutionary aspect. When this point is reached a bill is passed in the Imperial Parliament conceding in part, or professing to concede, what was asked, accompanied by a coercion act—the olive branch in the one hand and the sword in the other.

Municipal Election.

The nomination for Mayor and Councillors for this city took place at the Court House on Monday at 12 o'clock. A. Peele, Esq., Returning Officer, read extracts from the new municipal Act, bearing upon the points, and announced himself ready to receive nominations.

FOR MAYOR.

Mr. Ferris and Dr. L. R. McInnes were severally put in nomination.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

St. George's Ward—H. Elliott, J. W. Howison, and R. W. Deane *were nominated, and there being no* other nominations for that Ward, were declared elected by acclamation.

St. Patrick's Ward—David Curtis, William Johnston, W. H. Keary, and W. B. Townsend were nominated, and there being only two Councillors required for that Ward, a poll was rendered necessary.

St. Andrew's Ward—W. J. French, Andrew Haslam, and Geo. C. Webster were nominated, and only two Councillors being required for the Ward, a poll was demanded.

The nomination concluded, the candidates for Mayor addressed the audience, explaining their views.

Since the above was in type, we learn that Messrs. Keary and Townsend having withdrawn from St. Patrick's Ward, and Mr. French having withdrawn from St. Andrew's Ward, there will be no contest for Councillors.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Dickinson proceeded to hold the nomination for Chief and Assistant Engineers, whereupon Mr. Kelly and Mr. Thomas were nominated and elected by acclamation.

Mechanics' Institute.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Mechanics' Institute was held in the Reading-room on Monday evening. The attendance was quite large.

The Report for the past year showed the revenue from all sources to have been $606.75 and the total expenditure $602.16 of which $155.62 went to pay off the old debt, while a considerable sum was expended upon furniture and other improvements of a necessary and permanent character.

When undertaking to reöpen the Institute, about a year ago, it was *expected that the amount of $150,* due from the Provincial Government would have been available, and it was also confidently expected that the City Council would have appropriated a sum towards increasing the library; but not a dollar was obtained from either of these sources. All things considered, therefore, the financial showing is a satisfactory one, and was so considered by the subscribers present.

The Report having been adopted, a good deal of discussion followed as to the future prospects and management of the institution, in the course of which there was a very general expression of opinion to the effect that there should be an appropriation made from the city revenue; and a resolution was passed asking the member for the city to obtain from the Government the amount due.

A subscription having been passed round the room, the sum of $110 was subscribed on the spot, and the general conclusion was in favor of continuing the Reading-room on the free basis, nearly every speaker testifying to the success of the experiment.

W. J. Armstrong, Esq., M. P. P., having been asked to take the Chair for the purpose, a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was unanimously passed, and they were with the same unanimity reëlected—Mr. Geo. Turner being elected to fill the place vacated by Mr. Ewen; so that the Board now stands as follows: President, John Robson; Vice-President, A. Peele; Committee: T. J. Trapp, Geo. Turner and W. H. Keary.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

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BY TELEGRAPH!

EXCLUSIVE DESPATCHES TO THE COLUMBIAN

YALE, Jan. 10, 1882.—The R. R. track is now laid to Camp 6, seven miles above here. Work on the hull of the new steamer at Camp 15 will be commenced as soon as ship carpenters arrive; a large shed has been erected on the ground and most of the preliminary work done. The Co. is extending their telephone service to Camp 13. Pay-day passed off quietly. John McLennan of this place, it is said, is going to run for the Commons, for New Westminster District, he left for the scene of action yesterday.

SODA CREEK, Jan 10.—The cases of erysipelas spoken of last week were of a mild form, none proving fatal. There is considerable sickness among the Indians. Teamsters from Clinton report sleighing poor the whole distance. Three inches of snow fell last night, which will improve the road. Weather still mild. Cattle looking well.

KAMLOOPS, Jan. 10.—Mr. Cornwall, Indian Agent, has been in town a few days attending to some Indian affairs; he leaves for home this morning. James Murray and A. McKay passed down this morning with Mr. Murray's steam-engine. *Mr. Murray intends starting* his sawmill at Lytton. The weather continues very fine.

CACHE CREEK, Jan. 10.—Stock in this section appears to be doing as well as during summer season, weather being very favorable for them. Little or no snow here yet. The thermometer not registered below zero this winter. C. P. R.'s station house will be completed at an early date. Several new buildings in course of erection here, and when completed will add considerably to appearance of place.

SPENCE'S BRIDGE, Jan. 10.—Messrs. Tuck and Heckman improving. The latter is now out of danger.

Surrey Municipality.

The election of Reeve and Councillors was held on the 9th inst., when the following gentlemen were elected by acclamation:—Reeve, William C. McDougall; Councillors (Ward No. 1), *John Armstrong; Ward No. 2, William* Shannon; Ward No. 3, Donald Stewart; Ward No. 4, Chas. Reisherer.

City Council.

The Council met on Monday evening at the usual time and place. Present—His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Elliott, Ferris, Johnston, Haslam, and Shiles.

A number of accounts were passed.

The financial statement for the year, duly audited, was submitted, adopted and ordered published; after which *the Council adjourned sine die.*

Delta Municipality.

The nomination took place, in accordance with the Act, on Monday, with the following result:—

For Reeve—J. Kirkland, and W. H. Ladner.

For Councillors—Ward No. 1, Geo. B. Main (elected by acclamation); Ward No. 2, Jas. Arthur, and T. E. Ladner; Ward No. 3, Wm. Tasker (elected by acclamation); Ward No. 4, John McKee.

Melancholy Suicide.

Our exchanges give an account of a very melancholy case of suicide at Woodlands, Manitoba. Joseph Chadwick Hindle, a well-educated Englishman, taught the Woodlands school. On the day in question, he abruptly said to the pupils, "All those who desire a new teacher hold up their hands!" Not a hand was raised. He briefly addressed them, telling them to go home and study their lessons thoroughly and well, as that was the last *time he would teach them.* Proceeding to his desk, he calmly wrote a paper, and having locked it in, he placed the key in his pocket. Drawing from his pocket a small vial filled with some poison, he drank its contents, and in a few moments fell in a dying condition, the terrified children looking on. Domestic infelicity is assigned as the cause.

Important Railway Outlook.

The *Oregonian*, always well-informed, says the Oregon and California Central railway will be built immediately. This will give Puget Sound a direct communication with San Francisco. The engineer in charge in an interview said: "Portland is going to be a great railroad centre, just like Chicago, *Indianapolis and Kansas City. The* travel which centers here will naturally drift to San Francisco. People who come to Portland *via* the Northern Pacific, will return by the Central or Southern, and vice versa; and they will not discard a finely furnished sleeper in which they can make the trip of seven hundred miles in twenty-eight or thirty hours, for an ocean voyage of three or four days. Besides the Canadian Pacific is bound to come to Portland. If they don't, somebody will build to connect Portland with their terminus; and their passengers will not take the ocean voyage to San Francisco."

Cattle Lifting.

On Wednesday we mentioned that a Victoria butcher had been charged with receiving stolen cattle, knowing them to be such. The butcher was John Dooley. The case was up before the Police Magistrate on Thursday. In September Mr. J. D. Pemberton lost six of his herd of cattle, valued at about $50 apiece. Having recently obtained such information as pointed to Dooley as the receiver, proceedings were accordingly taken. On Thursday a young man named William McNeil was placed in the witness box. He had been arrested the previous evening on a charge of having stolen the cattle in question, and gave his evidence voluntarily, and after being cautioned. From this young man's own statement upon oath, he would appear to be just about as bad as bad can be. Not only did he acknowledge having stolen the animals in question and sold them to Dooley, but he appears to have made a business of "picking up any cattle he found lying round loose," and, according to his own statement, he had a standing offer from Dooley for all such—the said Dooley being apparently aware of how McNeil came by the stock. In fact they would almost appear to have been in the relation of partners. If McNeil's story be true, he and *Dooley were well matched. The parties* were remanded till Tuesday, Dooley's bail being fixed at $4,000.

Surrey Council.

The Council met at the Town Hall on the 31st Dec.; the Reeve and all the members present. The following bills were passed and ordered to be paid: Mr. Walford, $1 50; Mr. Huck, $1 50; Mr. Bole, $30; Board of Works, $15.

On motion Coun. Stewart was appointed to let the jobs of $7 on Erick Anderson's road, $3 on the Kirkland road, and $150 on the Johnston settlement road from the Yale road to John Robinson's place. On motion Coun. Anderson was appointed to let a job of $10 on David Brown's road. On motion the election by-law and the by-law for renting the Town Hall were read and confirmed. On motion Mr. Geo. Boothroyd was appointed to audit the books of the Municipality, and Mr. David Johnston was appointed returning officer for the coming election. On motion $18 50 was appropriated to repairing the coast meridian road. The *Council then adjourned to meet on the 9th* of January, at 10 a. m.

The Council met at the Town Hall on the 9th inst.; the Reeve and all the members present. The following bills were passed and ordered to be paid: Geo. Boothroyd, work on coast meridian road, $18 50, and for auditing the books of the Municipality, $5; Eric Anderson, work done on his road, $7; Daniel Johnson, services as clerk, assessor and collector for 1881, $200. The contract for the Johnston settlement road was awarded to John Mercheson, his being the lowest tender. Council then adjourned.

Langley Council.

Council met on the 31st Dec., at the usual place. Present, the Warden and Couns. Maxwell, Towle, McKee, Innes, and Allard. Reports of the Board of Works on the different contracts were handed in and received. The following accounts were ordered to be paid: McIvor, $26; Barber, $36 48; W. N. Bole, $10; S. McClughan, 27 50; K. Morrisont $7 50; G. Rawlison, $50.

A Campbell applied for extension of time to complete his contract, which was granted. The Board of Works were authorized to proceed with the letting of Emptage's bridge, and the clerk was instructed to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works to have the line between G. B. Murray and W. Emptage gazetted as a public highway. The election and revenue by-laws were finally passed. G. B. Murray was appointed Returning Officer for the ensuing election. The Council adjourned sine die.

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UNDERTAKING.—Having bought out Mr. Withrow and purchased the Hearse, the undersigned is now prepared to carry on the business of undertaking at the furniture warehouse (Mr. Withrow's old stand), next door to the Occident Hotel. The Hearse will be for hire on liberal terms. JOHN G. BUNTE, Manager.*

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New Westminster.
January 3rd, 1882. jny4tc

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.

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.

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Our Story.

THE ENCHANTED PRINCESS

(Continued.)

She drooped her head down upon her arms, and I could see that she was weeping bitterly. All the chivalry and manhood within me rose up in arms at the sight of her sorrow.

"Not friendless; no, not friendless!" I cried, passionately; "not whilst I am here to defend and to deliver you! Command me as you please, and how you like, beautiful Nella. I devote myself to your service; tell me what to do, and I vow that I will save you!"

"Alas!" she cried, "it is you that are in danger! I came out here to-night to watch for you and to warn you. I knew you were supping late with them, and I did not think you were in your room so soon. You are a man, strong, young, and active; clamber down from your balcony, and escape for your life! It is better to be in the forest with the wolves than to sleep under the roof of the Count von Errenholt!"

"Why—what harm will they do me? They were rough it is true, but they were kind and hospitable after their fashion. How can they hurt me?"

She stooped down as far she could reach, and whispered:

"They will rob you, and then they will kill you!"

"*What?*"

"Hush! speak lower. Do not think I speak idly—they have done it over and over again; no traveller, belated as you are, has ever left this roof alive. They lie over there, under those sombre pine-trees. Beneath the snow—beneath the frozen earth their murdered bones are whitening, and their souls cry out day and night a reproach upon me—upon me, who knew, and yet dared not warn them! But you—you are English; the first Englishman who has ever come here. My heart went out to you when I heard you speak; I determined to save you. See! I am risking *my life* for you! If they heard us, they would kill me first. For Heaven's sake listen to me—be warned, and fly before it is too late!"

Her words struck upon me with a terrible sense of reality as she spoke; my eyes went out mechanically again to those dismal groves of blackened pine. There, she had said, lay the bones of murdered men—robbed and murdered, such as I should be! I shuddered.

"Tell me what to do!" I answered, earnestly. "I will obey you implicitly. I will save myself, but also I will save you. Nella, whatever may be our danger, we will share it together; and without you I will not leave this house alive!"

I entreated Nella to tell me her story.

"It is now exactly ten years ago on this very night, the 24th of December," she began, "that I was travelling through these endless forests with my uncle, Mr. Thomas Houston—my own name is Houston also. My uncle was my guardian and a very rich man; he was the junior partner of a very wealthy city firm, that dealt largely in diamonds and precious stones, and was travelling into Hungary, in order to convey with his own hands some very valuable diamonds to a firm in the city of Prague with which the London firm was in connection, and where it was imagined they could be disposed of at a better price than in England. The jewels were so valuable, that they could not be entrusted to any ordinary clerk or messenger; nothing short of a partner in the house of Harman and Houston could be deemed worthy of so vast a responsibility. My uncle thought a trip into Central Europe would be a pleasant change for the solitary young girl who lived with him, and we started together in high spirits and full of pleasant anticipations about our travels. We went by rail to Cologne, and there, the railway not being then completed, we took a travelling carriage, and posted day and night towards our destination. The diamonds were carried in a strong leathern wallet, cased with iron, round my uncle's waist.

"All went well for some time; then, when we reached the centre of these vast and solitary regions, the weather that had been mild and spring-like suddenly became bitterly cold. Wild storms of snow came blindingly down about us; the road was blocked and concealed by drifts, and finally our coachman lost his way—entirely took us off the road. The carriage was upset; the frightened horses, floundering in a deep snow-drift, kicked the rickety vehicle to pieces, and we found ourselves turned out, utterly helpless, in an unknown and desolate forest. Just as our despair was at its greatest two men—they were the Count of Errenholt and his son—appeared upon the scene They offered us help, and food, and shelter, and not unnaturally we regarded them as sent providentially to our aid. We had better have perished in the pitiless snow than have trusted to them!

"They conducted us here to this castle, where the Count's daughter, the mother of little Fritz, received me kindly, and gave me dry clothes of her own, and made me as comfortable as she could. This poor lady—now, alas! long dead—was my only friend in this dreadful house. She seemed timid and frightened beyond comprehension; and after we had remained some days as the guests of the Count, her hints and signs began to make me suspect that there were unknown dangers to be feared in the house into which we had been received with such apparent friendship.

"Meanwhile my uncle was completely taken in by the open-handed hospitality of his hosts. Every night he sat late with them at a table where everything was of the most liberal kind, and where the best of wine was poured out like water. Too surely my unhappy uncle must have fallen into the trap that was set for him. He was open-hearted and unsuspicious himself, and it probably never occurred to him to conceal anything from his new friends.

"One night they sat later than usual. The supper-table and the merriment waxed loud and noisy. It was then, I imagine, that in an outburst of confidence and friendship Mr. Houston was weak enough to tell to this hosts the details of his mission, and to confide the secret of the diamonds to them. I and Fritz's mother were upstairs together, and I fell asleep long before the festivities were at an end. I never saw my uncle again. In the morning Count Errenholt told me that my uncle had gone away and had left me under their care, and that he would return for me on his way back from Prague. I was dismayed and distressed, but not at first did I suspect the whole truth. I have now reason to believe—indeed, I consider it a certainty—that my unhappy uncle was murdered for the sake of the diamonds which he carried with him.

"Ever since that day I have lived here in absolute captivity. I believe they would have murdered me too but for the intercessions of Fritz's mother, and but for the appalling fact that Carl von Errenholt took a fancy to my face and tried to induce me to marry him.

"Two years later my poor friend died, and little Fritz was my only ally. Then my persecutions grew worse. The Count threatened me with death should I ever venture to utter a word before any stranger, or even to the child. Everyone who has come here—and there are many belated travellers—is told that I am deaf and dumb, and that I am Carl's wife. Were I to deny it or to speak they would kill me. They probably fear that I might give some information which would lead to the discovery of the foul murders which they have committed. I have no more to tell you. What you have heard will probably convince you that it will be better to leave me to my fate. If I can only help you to effect your escape in safety, then I shall not have lived in vain."

She ceased, and a deap sigh escaped from her lips.

"And you think that I would leave you to this horrible fate," I cried—"you, who are risking your safety for mine? No, Miss Houston—Nella—you and I will perish or else live together! Once more I repeat it—I will not save myself unless I can save you too!"

Thus I threw in my lot with this beautiful and unhappy woman, whose story had filled me with horror and compassion. Once I had made her understand that no thought of my own safety could induce me to leave her to her fate, but that if I were to escape I should escape with her or not at all—once this was made clear to her, she threw herself heart and soul into working out our joint release, and I was struck with her clear-sightedness and her readiness of suggestion.

"Did they drink deeply?" she inquired.

I assured her that their potations had not been slight

"They probably hoped that you, too, would succumb to the strength of the wine."

"Not I!" I replied, laughing—for one can laugh even at the most tragic times of one's life—"my head is too strong and my wit too clear to let myself be overcome with drink; but I think mine host had had more than enough."

"That is well; still, I would not trust to that for long—they will awake before the morning. Have you locked your door?"

"I have already done so."

"Then go and barricade it."

I went in and obeyed her. I dragged my bed and every movable piece of furniture in the room from its place, and piled them up one on the top of the other against the door.

When it was done I went back to my balcony and we consulted. To escape together on foot, even had she been able safely to descend from the giddy height of her balcony to the ground, would have been impossible. We should, in all probability, have been observed by the old servant, who kept, she told me, a constant look-out from the central tower of the palace. Moreover, we should have lost our way, and she was delicate and not used to walking; so that, hampered by a helpless woman, I could never have got far on may road, and we should have been recaptured by our enemies.

"No," said Nella, "we must wait till the day-time, and then go out—not on foot, but upon wheels."

"How are we to do that?" I asked.

"Listen to me. Early in the afternoon there came a waggoner here who, like you, has lost his way; he has a load of straw and three good strong horses to drag his cart; he is poor, and they will not harm him. He seems a week, timid creature, and he is sleeping now in an outhouse. He is safe from the rapacity of the Count and his son, and it is in his waggon that we must escape."

"But how can we do that?" I inquired. "Surely they will see us leave the house?"

"To-morrow," said Nella, "is one day in a thousand—it is Christmas-day."

I remembered it well enough!

"You would hardly believe," she continued, "that these rough men would not miss the morning mass at the nearest chapel for any earthly consideration. The Count, and Carl, and the old servant, will be off with the morning light. When they are away we must escape. Now go and rest; you will need all your strength. When the right time comes, I will tap three times upon the floor above your head; then you must come out and meet me in the room into which you were first ushered this evening.

(To be continued.)

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