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 Who do not receive their paper regularly, from the carriers or through the Post Office, will confer a favor by reporting the same to the office of publication at once.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY.

Machinery.....F. G. Strickland & Co.
 Just Received.....Webster's Wharf
 Show Window.....Ogle, C. & Co.

Another quiet day at the police court.

More goods just opened up, at Grant & MacLure's.

Fresh Eastern Oysters by the can at R. J. Armstrong's. dse26tc

The str. Rainbow cleared for Victoria this morning.

English Waterproof Dublin Polish, at A. B. Wintemute's. dde22tc

F. G. Strickland & Co. have a new adv. on our second page.

Have you been to Moore & Co.'s to see their Xmas goods? Fine!

Hardman & Burnett's Butcher Shop takes the cake. Call and see them.

Gents' Embroidered Slippers; price \$1, at Grant & MacLure's. dde14tc

Fresh Eastern and Native Oysters, served in every style, at the Club. *

Home Cured Hams and Bacon at Maunahan & Reichenbach's, Front st. *

Latest styles of English and American hard and soft hats, at J. E. Phillips. d22tc

The str. Gladys left for up-river ports this morning with freight and passengers.

Many loads of evergreens and Xmas trees were brought into the city to-day for decoration purposes.

The str. Irving arrived down from Chilliwack this afternoon bringing a large number of passengers.

Call and see Maunahan & Reichenbach's grand display of Meats, Saturday night, Townsend's old stand. *

A splendid assortment of Ladies' and Children's Pinifores and Aprons now showing at the Globe House. *

A tuner from Goodwin & Jordan's will be in town for a few days. Orders received at Lyle's book store. dde19tc

Auction sale of Real Estate on Saturday evening, Dec. 22nd, commencing at 8 o'clock, at Reid's, Front street. *

Artic socks, expressly for use in friction and rubber-lined boots, warranted to wash, at A. B. Wintemute's.

Sleighs, Wagons, Rocking Horses, Shoo-fly Rockers, etc., at H. Moore & Co.'s. These will please your boys. *

During the coming week Thompson & Bovill will give a handsome picture frame with every dozen cabinet photos.

The children who are practicing Christmas carols will meet again on Monday at the W.C.T.U. rooms at the usual hour.

The eighth drawing of the Westminster building society for an appropriation of \$1,000 will take place this evening at the court house.

Everyone is wishing that the weather will turn frosty so that a good old fashioned Xmas be enjoyed.

There are indications of a frost to-night.

Young men are particularly requested to read G. M. McNaughten's advertisement in another column, but young ladies will confer a favor by not looking at it. d19tc

The Good Templars invite all young men who have no other engagement to a Christmas dinner at the Good Templar's hall on Christmas afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The successful candidates who passed on Miss Rogers's division of the public school to the high school are: Arny A. Robinson, Florence E. Suter and Amy Grant.

A sub-committee of the privy council met last Saturday to consider and report on various subjects now in course of negotiation between the federal authorities and the government of British Columbia.

A silver pin was found in the old Oddfellows Hall on the night of the St. Pauls, R. E. church soiree. The owner can get the same by applying at THE COLUMBIAN office and paying 50 cts. for this notice.

While in Victoria Mr. Bole, Q. C., called on the attorney-general in reference to the proclamation of the new city charter, and was informed the charter would be put in force in time for the municipal elections.

A scratch football match was played on the athletic grounds this afternoon between teams chosen by Messrs. Lisner and McArthur. The play was noticeable on both sides. The match is still in progress as we go to press.

Rev. Thos. Hudson, of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, will preach to-morrow night on the subject, "Baptism: sprinkling, and dipping: is not the Scriptural mode of baptism?" All doubters are invited.

The turkey shooting match at Hastings to-day induced half a dozen of Westminster's crack shots to pay the land a visit. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend at the station this evening to assist in carrying the dead birds home.

The McLeod Gazette says news was received this week of the discovery of a gold mine in the Oroville, New England by Mr. W. E. Lee. Special enquiry confirms the report, though at present we know nothing beyond the bare fact that oil has been discovered in large quantities.

Don't forget that to-morrow (Saturday night) the annual sale of Silver-plated Ware, Boxes Carpenters' Tools for Boys, a variety of articles suitable for Xmas presents, and a large lot of new Croquetware in plates, cups and saucers and Chamberlains' take place at Tripp's mart, at 7:30 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Temple Displays Made by Westminster Merchants.—Good Things to Eat.

A walk along Columbia or Front street to-day would convince the most unobservant that a season of festivity is at hand. Even the untutored Sitwah stops and gazes with wondering eyes at the displays in the shop windows, and probably shares with his white brethren the pleasure a well-dressed window gives to the imagination. To the purchaser the question is not "where shall I get something nice?" but rather, "where there are so many handsome things, which will I buy?" This serious question has puzzled many and is troubling scores of people now; and certainly it is not to be wondered at if the mind is completely at sea on this question, for the merchants of Westminster display this season so many novelties, tempting and beautiful, that even an old-time Quaker would be almost persuaded to assume the wicked vanities of the fashionable world. In the dry goods and fancy goods lines all the leading houses make a splendid showing. Jas. Ellard & Co., D. Drysdale & Co., W. & G. Wolfenden, Walker & Shadwell and Mrs. Rao being specially worthy of mention. The rich goods, handsome novelties and pretty lines of fancy articles are things to be wondered at, and when a person views the whole he is forced to acknowledge that taste and judgment stand the merchant in good stead when purchasing his stock. A few years ago it was said nothing fashionable could be purchased in British Columbia, but the case is altered now. In any of the establishments noted above the latest fashions in dress goods, in millinery goods, in colors, in ribbons and in fancy articles can be procured, and the ladies of Westminster can appear in costume as fashionable as their Parisian sisters. The buyer must be over fastidious and unpatriotic whose tastes cannot be suited by the dry goods houses of Westminster.

In the jewelry line F. Oake, C. M. McNaughten and F. Shirskey show handsome lines, over and above their regular stock, which are particularly ready for Christmas and New Year's presents. The wonderful devices in rings, brooches, bracelets, scarf pins and table silverware, with which their show cases are stored, cannot be here described, and must be seen to be thoroughly appreciated. Messrs. Ogle, Campbell & Co. and J. E. Phillips display most complete stocks in cents' furnishing goods and fancy goods. The latest designs in touches articles, which give the finishing touches to a gentleman's toilet, are displayed in great variety, and to those who are inclined to give a useful Christmas present the dealers named offer unusual inducements.

The grocery houses are too numerous to mention individually, but they are one and all fully prepared to meet the tastes and requirements of all who are fond of good living. The shelves are lined with almost every staple article purchasable in American and European markets. Fancy groceries, condiments, etc., are exposed in such variety as to cause surprise to any one not acquainted with Epicurean tastes of the inhabitants of Westminster.

A wonderful sight were the meat markets to-day and a pretty sight too. Immense porkers, magnificent mutton, splendid veal, tender lambs, grand roast beef, dainty sucking pigs, plump chickens, fat geese and handsome turkeys were ranged round the shops in the most tasty manner. Nothing in the meat or poultry line is missing and a finer showing would be hard to find on the continent than that made on Westminster meat markets to-day. Taken on the whole the merchants are to be congratulated on the success they have attained in providing the means to enable all to spend a Merry Christmas.

Fishery Notes.

It is not generally known that several shad were caught in the salmon nets on the Fraser River during the past summer. These are the shad planted by the United States fish commission at the mouth of the Sacramento River some ten years ago. It has been reported, and reported in the fisheries report, that the shad have been working northwards each season. A few young ones forming the advance guard were caught off Race Rocks, in the Straits of Fuca, in the summer of 1887, and also in Alberni Sound during the same season. The shad have now reached the Fraser and are still working north, but, of course, in small numbers as yet. It has been recommended by the inspector of fisheries in his reports for the last two years that shad fry be brought from California and placed in the Fraser, Columbia and Nanaimo rivers, but the government has taken no steps in the matter, although it is well known that California is well reaping a revenue of \$1,000,000 yearly from these fish, and that 10,000,000 lbs. of shad is annually marketed in San Francisco. But in any case the shad have decided on their own account to come north, and whether the department shows any disposition to hurry them they will soon be here, and the offspring from the few that arrived this season are sure to show themselves. Cowichan are also wanted in British Columbia waters and they have been planted along the coast of California by the U. S. commission. But lobsters are not migratory like the shad, and British Columbia will have to wait for generations before they reach us from the deposits made in the waters of California, unless the government make a move to bring the crustaceans from Nova Scotia and plant them in our own waters. The good work being done by the hatchery in beginning to make itself apparent. The upper waters of the Shuswap and Thompson rivers and their tributaries were carefully watched this season, and it was found that the sockeye salmon which formerly visited these spawning grounds in vast numbers were very scarce, while on the Harrison river and through the Lillooet country the Indians report that these fish have never been known in such numbers before. They were so plentiful that the natives could take them out of the water with a hooked stick. This increase is attributed to the Fraser River hatchery, and it proves that artificial fish culture is a benefit and it proves that fish will return to spawn in the streams where first deposited. W. H. Lomas, fishing guardian on the Cowichan river, reports that a large number of sockeye have been seen in that river this season. The Indians killed several dozen and took some of them to Mr. Lomas as a curiosity, as they had never seen the sockeye in the river before. The fish varied from 4 to 6 lbs. in weight, and Mr. Lomas is confident they are some of the returns from the first sockeye fry deposited in the river.

The Charity Ball.

The committee appointed to canvas for names to the bond for the Southern Railway company report most satisfactory results. They have not been able to spare much time to visit those living away from the centre of the city, but have already obtained 150 signatures, which represent \$75,000, half of the amount required. There will not be the slightest difficulty in doubling the number of signatures and the amount pledged. So far only six persons have refused to sign the bond. On Monday THE COLUMBIAN will publish the list of subscribers.

The Charity Ball.

The Charity Ball at the Oddfellows' Hall last night was attended by 50 couples and proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and continued with very little interruption till 3 a. m., when, much to regret of all, the pleasant affair broke up. The feature of the evening was the ladies' work, which invited the gentlemen for the first dance and also to escort and wait on them at supper. This proved to be a most satisfactory arrangement and everyone seemed highly delighted that such a desirable procedure was adopted and carried out. The ladies worked with wonderful energy to make the ball a success, and, although a handsome sum was the result of their efforts, yet they were not patronized as largely as either their untiring labors or the cause itself deserved.

The Kootenay Canal.

How many people know that a canal is at present under construction in British Columbia? Yet such a work is now being prosecuted in the Kootenay country by the Kootenay Valley Land Company, who receive 30,000 acres of land in that district for undertaking the scheme. Over \$50,000 has already been expended, and the canal, when completed, will join the Columbia and Kootenay rivers, and make steam navigation possible from Golden City, on the Canadian Pacific Railway to many parts of a rich pastoral, mineral and timber country. The enterprise has been promoted by the provincial authorities. The Dominion government is expending \$5,000 in improvements upon the Columbia river, and this will improve navigation and help to open up a very important and promising section of the province. —Toronto Mail.

High School Examinations.

The half yearly examination of the New Westminster high school for the term now ended, took place yesterday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock. There were twenty-five pupils and about twenty visitors present. The proceedings throughout this examination were of more than ordinary interest. In history the teacher confined himself to the lives of Henry the II, Henry the VIII, Richard the Lion Hearted and Cromwell. The contrast between the Puritan and Cavalier as drawn by the replies to the questions given showed that the pupils were taught to think, their answers not being the parrot-like recital of the words of the book. A most interesting feature on the programme was the transaction into Latin of Longfellow's beautiful poem, commencing with the words "The day is dark and cold and dreary." The answers to the questions being readily given and correct in nearly every instance. An essay read by Miss Curry on "Happiness" was rather a superior production. Miss Waller's essay on the same subject was equally deserving of special mention. The different style in which these two compositions were written went to show that a subject could be justly done to it from more than one standpoint. Master Rankin in an essay on "Friendship" showed that he had command of the English language, and his construction of sentences would compare favorably with that of lettered men of mature years. At the conclusion of the examination D. Chisholm, M. P., in a few well chosen remarks, presented the governor-general's medal to Miss Margaret Homer for proficiency. In the course of his remarks Mr. Chisholm said that Mr. Thomson, minister of justice, and Mr. Sedgwick, who are both teachers in the Halifax Law School spoke in the highest terms of the students there who were tutored in the New Westminster high school. Mr. Chisholm's speech was an excellent one and full of practical hints to teacher and pupils. Addresses by Messrs. John McKenzie, H. Holden and Col. McGregor brought the proceedings to a close. The examination was conducted by Mr. H. M. Stramberg, M. A., principal of the school. The school was then dismissed for the holidays.

PERSONAL.

A. O. Hastings, of Vancouver, is in the city.

H. N. Rich returned to Ladner's this morning.

W. Norman Bole, Q. C. M. P. P. and wife returned from the capital yesterday.

We are glad to notice that Mr. P. Peebles, who has been rather seriously indisposed for over a week, has recovered so far as to be able to attend to business again.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

Another Triumph for Provincial Rights.

Our despatches contain the important announcement to-day that the unanimous decision of the judges in the celebrated case tried before the Supreme Court of Canada recently, of Manitoba vs. the C. P. R., has been cast in favor of the province, contrary to general expectations. This gives the R. R. V. R. the right to cross the C. P. R., and is besides a most important victory for provincial rights. Premier Mowat scores another one, too.

FEVER AND AGUE AND BILIOUS DERANGEMENTS are positively cured by the use of Parmelee's Pills. They not only cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter, but they open the excretory vessels, causing them to pour copious emissions from the blood into the bowels, after which the corrupted mass is thrown out by the natural passage of the body. They are used as a general family medicine with the best results.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

The Dominion Grange is in session at Guelph.

Frank Young, aged 12, was drowned yesterday while skating at Hamilton.

Nominations took place in Megantic Thursday. Many Ottawaites have left to help defeat Col. Rhodes.

Crossley and Hunter conclude their revival services in Brandon on Christmas Day, when they leave for Ontario.

In Dorchester county on Thursday Hon. L. N. Pelletier, nationalist, was elected by acclamation for the Quebec local house.

Wm. Sulp, farmer, living near Jordan, Ont., suicided yesterday by shooting himself through the head. He had been insane for several days.

At the nomination which took place in L'Assomption Wednesday, J. Marcon, ex-M. P., conservative, and Dr. F. G. H. Pelletier, were chosen as candidates for the local house.

Justice Richardson yesterday afternoon gave a decision, refusing a writ of habeas corpus to Godin, the Montana murderer, held for extradition at Regina, N. W. T.

News has been received at the department at Regina that Chief Crowfoot, since his return from the States, has fallen seriously ill. The nature of his malady is uncertain.

The Toronto Mail asserts that the inspector and crew of Scotland Yard detectives who brought Roland Gideon Barnett to Canada were deputized by the London Times to collect evidence in Canada to use against Parnell.

Full reports from the blizzard, which began on Sunday and only ceased Wednesday are coming in. The most serious consequences were reported from lower Quebec and the back villages out of the line of railway travel.

The governor-general arrived at Almonte, Ont., yesterday and was presented with an address by the different bodies. In the afternoon he inspected the various industrial and educational institutions and in the evening left for Ottawa.

Nominations for the vacant seat in the commons for Cumberland took place at Anahert, N. S. A. R. Dickie was again nominated as the liberal candidate, and E. B. Elmskin was nominated as the candidate of the prohibition party.

Cardinal Taschereau has received so many complaints from the country about hard times, owing to short crops, that he has invited the provincial ministers, of Quebec, to meet him at the palace on Thursday night to consider steps to be taken in the matter.

The department of the interior has no apprehension regarding the safety of Surveyor Wm. Ogilvie, who is expected from the Mackenzie and Yukon districts, via Edmonton. It is understood that he is in one of the Hudson's Bay forts, where the party can get provisions.

The master-in-ordinary yesterday decided not to reopen the case of the liquidators of the Central Bank and their claim for remuneration, but to allow the judgment made on Friday last to stand. This requires Howland, Gooderham and Lye to recast their accounts on a basis that will cut them down from one-half to two-thirds of the sum first asked, namely, \$50,000.

A lady from Syracuse writes: "For about seven years before taking Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dr. Pierce's Cure, I suffered from a complaint very prevalent with our sex. I was unable to walk any distance or stand on my feet for more than a few minutes at a time without feeling exhausted, but now I am thankful to say, I can walk two miles without feeling the least inconvenience." For Female Complaints it has no equal.

Wholesale City Market.

Best, per 100 lbs. \$5.50 @ 6.50

Port, " " 3.00 @ 3.50

Mutton " " 3.00 @ 3.50

Potatoes " " 50 @ 1.00

Cabbage " " 50 @ 1.00

Onions " " 1.00 @ 1.50

Wheat " " 50 @ 1.00

Oats " " 1.25 @ 1.50

Peas " " 12.00 @ 15.00

Hay, per ton 12.00 @ 15.00

Butter (roll) per cwt. 0.25 @ 0.35

Cheese, " " 0.15 @ 0.25

Eggs, per doz. 0.35 @ 0.45

Goodwood (retail) per cwt. 3.00 @ 4.00

Apples, per box 80 @ 1.25

Rhubarb per 100 lbs. 4.00 @ 5.00

(dry) 5.00 @ 6.00

Wool, per lb. 8 @ 10

Mrs. O'Hearn, River street, Toronto, uses Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for her cows for cracked and sore teats; she thinks there is nothing like it. She also used it when her horses had the epizootic with the very best results. Do not be persuaded to take any other Oil in place of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.

Meteorological Report for Week Ending Dec. 24th, 1888.

Sunday.....44.0 43.0 1.5

Monday.....44.0 41.0 0.4

Tuesday.....45.0 41.0 0.3

Wednesday.....44.0 41.0 0.5

Thursday.....10.0 45.0 0.7

Friday.....45.0 45.0 0.2

Saturday.....49.0 45.0 0.4

Cloudy and mild. A. PEELE, CAPT.

Worms derange the whole system. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator deranges worms, and gives rest to the sufferer. It only costs twenty-five cents to try it and be convinced.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the next session, for an act to incorporate a company to construct and work a railway from some point on the north side of the Fraser river between Pitt River and Lot 172, Group One, in the District of New Westminster, to a point on Burrard Inlet, within the limits of the City of Vancouver, via Burnaby.

Dated 26th November, 1888.

CORBOLD & MCCELL, Solicitors for the Applicants.

B. C. Provincial Exposition Subscription Fund.

For the purpose of raising a fund to contribute towards the patriotic and worthy object of making the next annual provincial fair, to be held in this city, a grand and unprecedented success, the undersigned agree to contribute the same opposite their respective names (to be paid into the association or to trustees competent to receive the same, on or before 9 months from the date of the last provincial exhibition, and to be applied to preparing exhibition grounds and buildings in this city, for increasing the amount offered in prizes, and for furthering the exhibition in other ways):

THE COLUMBIAN.....\$100.00
 Sharpe & Paine, Lulu Island.....10.00
 L. P. Eckstein.....10.00
 G. D. Brynner.....10.00
 R. W. Armstrong.....10.00
 F. R. Glover.....10.00
 Walker & Shadwell.....10.00
 Oland Hamber.....10.00
 George Turner.....10.00
 W. J. Armstrong.....30.00
 Next!

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she clung to Castoria, When she became Miss, she cried for Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

Hard & Soft Felt Hats, Varsity, Silk, Velvet & Tweed Caps.

Scarf, shirts, Underwear, Socks, etc.

Coal. Coal. Coal.

COAL FOR SALE ON WEBSTER'S Wharf, at dde22tc 85 PER TON, CASH.

JUST RECEIVED:

SMYRNA RUGS, FANCY CARPET CHAIRS

SOMETHING NEW IN PLUSH GOODS.

Suitable for Holiday Gifts

CALL AND SEE. SUBSTANTIAL PRESENTS.

dan4tc P. PEEBLES.

Just in Time!

NOT TO BE TOO LATE FOR XMAS.

A Beautiful Selection of Eng-Goods by "Rialto."

"Metsbridge Ware"

Something New and Handsome.

Will be opened Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Wait and see before making your purchases. For further particulars see posters.

dde19tc C. J. ROBINSON, Columbia Street.

IMMENSE SALE

OF

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING

HATS, CARPETS,

LINOLEUMS, OIL CLOTHS, ETC., ETC.

Commencing Oct. 10th, 1888.

As we have decided to retire from the retail Dry Goods business this season, we now place our entire stock on the market at

WHOLESALE PRICES. NO RESERVE.

EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD.

\$6,000 worth of Clothing, Hats and Men's Furnishings.

\$20,000 worth of Dry Goods, Carpets, Oil Cloths and House Furnishing Goods, etc.

As we are known to carry one of the largest and best assorted stocks in the Province, it will not be necessary to enumerate. An early inspection will convince the public that we mean business, and that the stock must be closed out before the end of this season; therefore we have placed our goods at prices lower than have ever been offered before in this Province.

REMEMBER—The Stock must be closed out by the end of the year. CALL EARLY WHILE THE ASSORTMENT IS GOOD.

TERMS—Under \$100, cash; over \$100, secured notes at three months with interest.

D. DRYSDALE & CO.

OLDWYR MASONIC BLOCK, COLUMBIA ST., NEW WESTMINSTER.