THE DELTA TIMES

Vol. 6, No. 16. LADNER, B. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1908.

Santa Claus' Head Quarters

The Best Christmas Store.

We're making it worth your while to do good Xmas shopping at Home this year. This store is making a big specialty of strictly holiday stocks, such as:

Fancy China, Dolls and Toys, Books and Games, Cutlery, Souvenir Novelties, Brushes and LARGE ASSORTMENT FANCY GOODS, Men's Neckwear, Fancy Suspenders, House Jackets, House Slippers, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

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This Store will remain open every evening during Xmas week.

Marshall Smith & Co., Ltd.

MISSIONARY SOCIAL.

A missionary social will be held in the Methodist Church, on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Riverside Mission Circle.

Miss Preston, a returned missionary, will be present and will give an illustration of some of the manners and customs of the Japanese as seen during a residence of fifteen years among them.

An offering will be received at the door in aid of the funds of the Circle.

Miss Kirkland returned home, last week, from New Westminster, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Kenny since leaving the hospital.

RETURNED TO WORK.

The Str. Favorite, met with an accident on Tuesday afternoon last, while loading hay in one of the sloughs at Westham Island. The boat was run up on the mud which did not happen to be level just at that point, and the result was that there was too much strain upon the hog chains, which parted. On reaching Westminster, the Favorite was hauled out onto Crane's ways where she remained until Saturday, making her first trip to Ladner in the afternoon and tying up for the night.

BRAN, SHORTS, CRACKED Corn, Corn Meal—Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., H. N. RICH, Ladner, B.C., Agent.

THE M. W. A.

Deputies Phillips and Morgan, working in the interests of the Modern Woodmen are finding much encouragement, and a good strong "camp" will soon be established in Ladner. This society is 24 years old and among its million of members are numbered the Governors, Senators, Congressmen, etc., of almost all the states of the Union. The society's rates were passed upon by the Dominion Commissioners and a permit granted in July, '08. The rates are certainly reasonable for sound protection.

Remember the Cantata in the Town Hall, Ladner, on the 22nd inst.

RATEPAYERS MEET, ELECT A REEVE

And Discuss Matters of Great Importance to the Municipality.

At the nomination meeting held in the Town Hall, yesterday, there being only one candidate, H. J. Hutcherson was declared duly elected as Reeve of this municipality.

A well attended meeting was held at the close of the nomination for the discussion of municipal matters. Dr. Wilson was voted to the chair.

On the motion of J. B. Burr a vote of appreciation of the services of the late Reeve, J. A. Paterson, and of sympathy with his widow and friends was unanimously passed.

J. B. Burr was dissatisfied with the value received for moneys expended and complained of lack of information as to cost of work done. He was strongly in favor of work being done by contract. Same proportion of value for money spent was not obtained as was formerly the case. The Councillors were personally responsible for expenditure beyond the revenue yet the 1907 Council left a debt of $6,100, and it afterwards transpired that there would be a deficit of about the same amount at the end of the current year. He was glad to see Councillors Embree and Davie present and questioned Coun. Davie as to cost of Slough bridge but got no definite reply. He criticized the Council for using dressed lumber and paint in construction of bridge and declared that the test for next year's Councillors should be "Are you in favor of contract work."

The chairman considered Mr. Burr's remarks worthy of serious consideration and declared that the Reeve was not always to blame as some Councillors exceeded their appropriations.

J. McKee being called for said meeting was to hear Councillors This brought an explanation from the Editor of The Delta Times as to the calling of the meeting and Coun. Davie claimed the right to answer his critics and Mr. McKee said it was usual for Councillors to explain. He thought a great deal of work ought to be done by contract and that if the ward system were abolished it would better conditions.

H. D. Benson said municipal matters deserved close attention. The first Council Delta had 28 years since, worked well without the ward system and with good men would still work well. The contract system worked well if well looked after and if men with "axes to grind" were kept out. The cost of bridges could be estimated to a nicety, and if tenders were too high need not be accepted. Councillors might do the best they could and the people would still kick. It was not right to expend more than the revenue. Mr. Benson gave some interesting information relative to the early history of the municipality, especially the trips to Victoria seeking aid from the government. The idea that the needed improvements could be obtained in one year was humbug.

Reeve-elect Hutcherson thanked the electors for the honor conferred upon him. He owned to being curious to know where money went and what things cost. As to firing the Chinks, he had watched progress during construction of bridge and had come to the conclusion that the Chinks were the best men on the job. About $23,000 had been expended this year and one and a quarter miles of new Trunk road had been built and the rest had gone in patching. There was not enough road for the money. He favored contract work and the work must be completed before the money was paid. Coun. Gibbie's letter was simply sarcasm and he did not expect to escape criticism. The present Council were not entitled to the credit of commencing to macadamize the roads and he would do all work possible by contract.

H. N. Rich was always interested in municipal matters and at once proceeded to explain what had been done relative to a water supply. Col. Tracey had been employed and had reported in favor of a supply from springs in Secs. 11 and 12, Tp. 4 Delta and the low lying portion of the municipality could be served at a cost of $125,000.

Mr. Mitchell wanted a guarantee that work could be done for amount named.

Mr. Rich said the best man available had been employed and no doubt his estimate was fair.

J. B. Burr—"It will cost a lot of money and we should be sure as to the amount."

"Has wooden pipe been sufficiently tested?" "Will it stand the pressure?" "How does it compare with steel?" these and a number of more or less pertinent questions were fired at Mr. Rich in quick succession and brought forth the reply that Col. Tracey was a reputable man and if they were dissatisfied it was up to his questioners to suggest a more capable engineer. Chilliwack had a wooden pipe system but that municipality were now sorry that they had not done the work themselves instead of giving it to a company.

H. D. Benson quoted figures from Col. Tracey's estimate. Men familiar with the use of wooden pipe informed him that it was best for the Delta. It was being shipped to Australia from B. C., it was in use where the head was 600 feet as against 200 feet required in the Delta. Steel pipe would be subject to rust. As to the cost, he was prepared to construct the works for less than Tracey's figures. Ladner would have a pressure of about 85 pounds to the square inch. Wooden pipes had been taken out in Victoria perfectly sound after 40 years' use. The scheme would be revenue producing all, the way and he believed would supply 50,000 people.

At this point the chairman ruled that the water question was not what the meeting had been called for.

Mr. Oliver thought this was a most important municipal matter, but after some slight discussion on this point it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that another meeting should be held for that purpose.

Wm. Pybus was in favor of contract work and hoisting every member of the present Council.

John Oliver, M.P.P., was in favor of a public meeting to discuss the water question. There was the sanitary question as well as water and roads. Councillors doing their best were entitled to sympathetic aid in their duties rather than too much hostile criticism.

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Sale of Work.

The annual Sale of Work and Entertainment, under the auspices of All Saints' Ladies' Guild, which was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday afternoon and evening, was a very successful affair, and the ladies are to be highly commended upon the energy displayed in cleaning the hall and making the necessary arrangements for the carrying out of the entertainment.

In the evening the following programme was run off: Instrumental, Mrs. Bartlett; song, J. E. Pacey; recitation, "The man who stole the butter," B. H. Weare; song, J. W. Rudd; laughable farce, "The Poisoned Pill," J. E. Pacey, B. H. Weare, V. Taylor.

After the programme had been run off, the chairman announced a dance to which a large number stayed and enjoyed themselves.

Reduced Rates.

The B. C. E. R. Co. is making a voluntary reduction in the price of lighting, not only in Vancouver, but on the whole of the mainland touched by the company's wires. This comes as a sort of Christmas present to the company's patrons. In the city of Vancouver an extra 10 per cent. discount has been given, making a total of 20 per cent.

The suburban districts, in the matter of reduction, fare even a little better than the city. They get a direct reduction of two cents per K.W.H. in price and also an increase from 5 per cent to 20 per cent in the discount. This applies to North Vancouver, South Vancouver, Point Grey, Richmond, Steveston, Ladner and Chilliwack. The reduction will date from Jan. 1 and will apply on all bills rendered on or after January 15.

Allowing this reduction in cost and increase in discount, the B. C. E. R. Co. is in the position of furnishing illumination at a lower rate than any other company in Canada.

NOT REFEREE OF DEBATING SOCIETY.

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—The appeal of the Delta municipality against the V., V. & E. Railway is in court. The municipality applied for an injunction restraining the defendant company from blocking the River road with their railway and, after the evidence was put in during the trial in the lower court, Mr. Justice Clement dismissed the application on the ground that what was alleged was an invasion of public rights, and action must be brought only by the attorney-general or by his authority. In court, this morning, Mr. Griffin, for the municipality, urged that His Lordship should have heard the argument on the pleadings. But the chief justice pointed out that a judge was not "the referee of a debating society," and was not there to hear counsel argue unless the case was properly brought. C. B. Macneill is appearing for the railway company.

Friends of Mrs. C. W. Nelson will be pleased to learn that she is on the high road to recovery after a very serious illness Mr. Nelson was delayed at Steveston on Saturday evening on account of the storm and was unable to cross until Sunday morning.

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GEO. R. MANLEY, Manager.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1908.

Do we NEED a New Town Hall?

Next time you come to town, drop in and tack your name on the list of members of the Rifle Association which we are endeavoring to form. The Government supplies arms and ammunition and with the present unrest in India we know not the day our services might be needed. Be ready when your country calls.

NEW YEAR'S BALL.

The Excelsior Club are having another dance in the Town Hall, on New Year's night, January 1, '09. Evans' orchestra will be in atteneance and the boys promise a real good time to all those who will find it convenient to attend.

LICENSING BOARD.

The Board of Licence Commissioners met in the Council Chamber on Wednesday last, with Commissioners A. Davie, in the chair, P. T. Gibbie and R. E. Kittson present.

The question of the constitutionality of the Board arose on account of the death of the Reeve and, on motion, the Board adjourned till Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Remember the Plowing Match. Word was received, this afternoon, that, on account of the rain, it has been decided to hold the match at J. Gilchrist's Farm, Cresent Island, Thursday next, 17th inst.

H. N. Rich has arranged for an excursion to Vancouver on the night of Wednesday, 23rd inst., to attend performance of "Babes in Toyland" at Vancouver Opera House. The Steamer Sonoma leaves Ladner at 6:30 p.m. and returns from Steveston on arrival of the special car which will leave Vancouver immediately after the performance is over. Mr. Rich will get reserved seats for any who may order them not later than Monday next, 21st inst.

WANTED—Twenty or thirty of the best young men of the Delta to become charter members of the Modern Woodmen Camp now forming. Each of the seven camps already instituted, or arranged for, in the Fraser Valley, will have a "drill team" and the competition will be lively. The Delta should have a team. Our insurance rates are quite reasonable; in fact "the very cheapest protection for those dependent upon you." Are you neglecting your duty to them? I want to get into touch with all the Delta "boys," 18 to 45. Call or address at once — FRED. WM. PHILLIPS, Ladner.

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The same principle which must be applied to make contract work a success would also make a success of day work and without it neither would succeed. We had the contract system and it was abandoned for a reason. The present system in use in the East End of paying for gravel delivered by the yard worked well.

W. R. Ellis compared contract vs. day work unfavorably to the latter and Wm. Mason gave an instance where the reverse was true.

Coun. Embree was willing to retire in favor of better men if they could be got. The present system was satisfactory in the East End, and contracts let at Sunbury and Annacis Island had been satisfactory. He was not in favor of the ward system now. Mr. Burr should not have attacked the present Council when it was the 1907 Council which had incurred the debt. The late Reeve had stated last nomination day that he would make no attempt to wipe out deficit the present year and the electors had endorsed the stand he took.

Considerable cross firing took place between Ex-Coun. J. McCallan, Messrs. Ellis, McDonald, W. Kirkland and others, directed at Coun. Embree without adding much to the interest of the discussion.

W. Kirkland, raised the point of borrowing money to improve roads but the opinion of the meeting appeared to be adverse.

Coun. Davie gave some explanation of what he had done, but it was principally confined to his own ward. He would support a trial of the contract system. The Reeve's indemnity was too low, he would pay the limit of $300.

J. B. Burr wanted paid Commissioners to supervise the public works, leaving the Council to do the legislative part of the business. They had Commissioners for the cemetery, why not for public works? The financial report was issued too late to be a guide to the people in selecting the next year's Council and he wanted Mr. Oliver, as their representative, to look into the matter.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that no legislation was necessary, the Council could, by by-law, appoint a competent man to supervise the public works, defining his powers and duties. As to financial information; they had a newspaper in the municipality and there was nothing to hinder the Finance Committee from making a monthly statement so that the people could be kept informed all the time.

Discussion then turned on the acquisition of part of the River road by railway company, J.B.Burr being very severe in his strictures on the Council declaring that without the consent of the people the Railway Company could not take the road. W.Mason wanted to know why Mr Burr had not so inforuned the Council at first and Coun. Davie declared it too bad they did not have Mr. Burr's advice sooner. Mr. Burr declared that we must have men capable of grasping these questions. We would have no road by spring.

Reeve Hutchurson said the road was not passable. Some time was then occupied in contrasting the actions of the Council at different times.

Mr. Oliver thought that Mr. Burr was a little astray as to the law. The matter had been referred to the Railway Commission who had made an award and he thought that award could be enforced.

Mr. Pybus—"We do not know what that award is."

Mr. Oliver said, no doubt a copy of the award could be obtained from the secretary of the Railway Commission if applied for by the Council.

Coun. Embree said it was reported that the Railway Commission would be here again in January and he advised interested parties to attend the Commission.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting adjourned.

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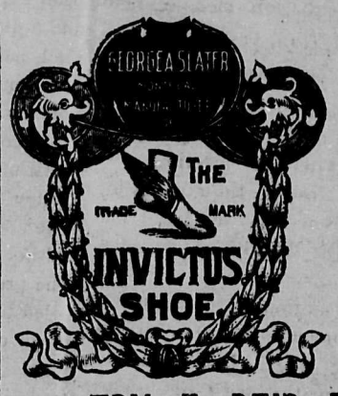

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Football.

A football match, Westham Island vs. Westminster, was played at Westham Island, on Saturday last when the home team won by a score of 3 to 2. This is the first time Westminster has been beaten this season.

The Intermediates suffered a defeat in Vancouver, on Saturday last, against the Y.M.C.A., by a score of 6 to 1. Our team played one man short all through the game. The Y.M.C.A.'s have a large field of trained men to chose from and are not really Intermediates, therefore our boys did not do too badly after all.

According to schedule the Intermediates play the Shamrock Intermediates of Vancouver, on Westham Island, on Saturday next and the Seniors go to Vancouver to play the Shamrock Seniors.

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The Launch J. C. BRUCE will leave Ladner for New Westminster at 8 a.m., on and after Tuesday, Sept. 8th; returning leaves New Westminster at 5 p.m. each day, carrying passengers only.

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J. C. BRUCE.

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ELECTRICITY FROM WIND.

Reasons Why This Method of Getting It Is Not More Generally Adopted.

If we mistake not, Dr. Fridtjof Nansen in his last attempt to reach the north pole had the Fram equipped with a specially designed windmill, which when operating drove a dynamo and furnished the necessary current for lighting purposes. An aermotor erected on the roof of a building in Park place in this city has been for some time successfully driving a dynamo in connection with a storage battery plant, the current from which has been utilized for incandescent lighting. From this it will be seen that there is nothing very new in the application of windmills to the driving of dynamos.

There are probably several reasons why the windmill or aermotor has not been more universally adopted for the above purpose. In the first place such a motive power is always more or less uncertain and cannot always be depended upon. There may be a calm just as the time it is found necessary to recharge the batteries, or the batteries may be in use when a breeze springs up. This would necessitate having two sets of batteries at a considerable cost. Another reason why aermotors have met been more extensively adopted is probably due to the fact that current can now be generated with steam as a motive power very economically, especially in large quantities. The erecting of an aermotor and the installation of a number of storage batteries with a dynamo mean a considerable outlay of money, especially when the cost of maintenance and renewals is taken into account. In certain cases it may be found that the interest on the batteries, generator and windmill, with the labor item figured in, will cost as much in the long run as the current could be purchased for on the outside.

But probably the chief reason why the power of the wind is allowed to go to waste when it could be employed for generating electricity is the same as that which prevents the immense power derivable from the tides in both the Hudson and East rivers from being utilized—namely, conservatism, or, if not lack of progress, a slowness in availing ourselves of opportunities.—Electricity.

SENSIBLE SMOKING RULES.

Read Them, Ye Burners of the Cigarette, and Take Warning.

Generalarzt Dr. Schoker publishes in the Centralblatt zu Gesundheitspflege a collection of "Hints to Smokers," which are founded, as the doctor states, upon his professional observations for many years of mouth, teeth, stomach, lungs, heart and skin of the devotees of tobacco.

The first and foremost rule is never to smoke before breakfast, nor, as a rule, when the stomach is empty. This custom is the worst possible foe of digestion. Never smoke during any exertion of great physical energy, as dancing, running, cycling, mountain climbing or rowing, and especially if in a contest. Never follow "the bad custom of the French and the Russians" by allowing the smoke to pass through the nose. Never inhale it through the nose.

Keep the smoke as far as possible from the eyes and nose. The longer the pipe the better. Beware of a short pipe during work is to be avoided. A pipe is the most wholesome form of smoking, a cigar the next, a cigarette the worst. Always throw away your cigar when you have smoked four fifths of it. The last end of it is the most hurtful, in cauda venenum, the poison lurks in the tail.

All cigarettes are bad, but eastern cigarettes the worst, for they are always compounded with some degree of opium. The smoker ought to rinse out his mouth, not only before every meal and before going to bed, but several times during the day. The best rinse for the smoker is a glass of water in which a teaspoonful of table salt has been dissolved. It should be used as a gargle at night, and care should be taken that every cavity in the teeth is well washed with it. The pipe's proper place is in the hand and only occasionally in the lips or the mouth.

When Marriage Is the Topic.

The wedded state is a favorite subject with the epigram makers. From a very old ballad we take this:

There was a criminal in a cart
A-going to be hanged;
Respite to him was granted,
And cart and crowd did stand
To know if he would marry a wife
Or rather choose to die.
"Tother's the worst—drive on the cart!"
The criminal did reply.

More modern is this verse:

I would advise a man to pause
Before he takes a wife—
In fact, I see no earthly cause
He should not pause for life.

Who, by the way, is the author who describes a second marriage as being "the triumph of hope over experience?"

Samuel Lover's matrimonial epigram is very apposite:

Though matches are all made in heaven,
they say,
Yet Hymen, who mischief oft hatches,
Sometimes deals with the house t'other
side of the way
And there they make Lucifer matches.
—Chambers' Journal.

A Nice Calculation.

A Flemish gentleman conceived the idea that he would only live a certain time, so he made a nice calculation of his fortune, which he so apportioned as to last just the same period as he guessed his life could extend to.

Strangely enough, his calculations came correct to the letter, for he died punctually at the time he had previously reckoned. He had so far exhausted his estate that after his debts had been discharged a solitary pair of slippers represented the entire property he left.

His relatives buried him, and a representation of the slippers was carved on the tomb. Today in a churchyard at Amsterdam this grave may be seen, the only inscription on the stone being two Flemish words, "Effen Nyt" (i. e., "Exactly").—London Mail.

Matrimony In Persia.

Matrimonial engagements in Persia are divided into two classes. The real marriage, which is considered the most respectable, is confined to four wives. In the other the number of "partners" of the husband's joy and sorrow is unlimited.

Preoccupied.

The professor had fallen down stairs, and as he thoughtfully picked himself up he remarked, "I wonder what noise that was I just heard?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

WOMAN'S AIM.

A Louisville woman laughed so heartily in a theater that she went into convulsions. Perhaps she had noticed that the leading lady didn't have her sunburst wig on straight.—Denver Post.

"A woman," said the cornfed philosopher, "gets mad at a man if he be awkward in making love and gets madder if he makes love as if he had lots of experience."—Indianapolis Journal.

In the anxiety to miss none of the great acts on the world's stage it should not be overlooked that a Denver woman threw a stone at a man and succeeded in knocking off his hat.—Denver Republican.

An Ohioman was struggling with a thief, when his sister ran to his assistance, and, striking at the thief with an ax, killed her brother. And yet we speak of the aim of the new woman.—Richmond Times.

PRINTERS' INK.

There are 22,000 publications in North America which print advertisements.

The aggregate annual circulation of the world's periodicals is 12,000,000,000 and consumes 760,000 tons of paper.

It is estimated that there is $350,000,000 spent annually in North America for newspaper and magazine advertisements.

The grand total circulation of the publications which print advertisements in North America amounts to 3,500,000,000.

The first English newspaper was The English Mercury, pamphlet shaped, issued in Queen Elizabeth's reign. The Gazette of Venice was the original model of the modern newspaper. The Acta Diurna (Day's Doings) published in the latter days of the Roman empire, was the first newspaper the world ever had.

The Font of Knowledge.

Mr. De Science—The officers of the Smithsonian institution are having the chatter of monkeys phonographed, in the hope that in time their language may be understood, and it may be possible to converse with them.

Mrs. De Science—Isn't that grand! I hope they'll ask the monkeys, the very first thing, whether we are descendants from them or not.—New York Weekly.

A Nice Railroad.

"General Archie Williams," says the Kansas City Journal, "was on a train going up Pike's peak one day last summer. At the half way house he got off and purchased a big basket of violets at an expense of $10. Returning to the train, he presented each woman with a beautiful bouquet, though all of the women were strangers. By and by the husband of one of the women came back from the smoking car, and she said to him: 'I think this is the nicest railroad I ever rode on. That brakeman over there gave every one of us a lovely bouquet.'"

The Poor Dog.

A Parisian clothes dealer kicked a dog out of his shop. The dog shot out with some rapidity and knocked over a woman with a jug of milk. The woman broke the jug and upset an elderly gentleman, and the jug cut both of them. At that moment a cyclist arrived and was thrown off his machine by the prostrate figures, and simultaneously a cart came up and smashed the bicycle. The magistrate blandly advised the entire squad to proceed against the dog, and they are now looking for it.—London Globe.

Plenty on Hand.

"You would get along a great deal better if you didn't get so excited," said the calm man to his irascible friend. "Can't you learn to keep your temper?"

"Keep my temper! Well, I like that!" retorted the other. "I'd have you understand that I keep more temper in one day than you have in your possession during a whole year!"

Insane on One Point.

Erskine mentions a case where a person who had been confined in an asylum prosecuted his brother and the proprietor for imprisonment and false duress. The prosecutor, himself a witness in support of the indictment, was put into the witness box and examined. When Erskine came to cross examine him, he tried to discover some lurking alienation of mind, but during a cross examination, conducted with all the skill and sagacity of which he was master, for nearly an hour he was completely foiled.

But a gentleman who had come accidentally into court whispered in Erskine's ear that the witness thought he was the Saviour of mankind.

On receiving the hint Erskine made a low bow to the prosecutor, addressed him in terms of great reverence, respectfully begged to apologize for the unceremonious manner in which he had treated a person of his sacred character and called him by the name of Christ. The man immediately said: "Thou hast spoken truly. I am the Christ."

The Original Carnation.

The original carnation was a five petalled bloom native in the south of Italy. It was imported into England about the time of the Norman conquest. As early as 1619 horticultural works gave minute directions for the cultivation of the flowers in winter. The carnation industry has risen to considerable importance during the last ten years, according to Town and Country. As 2,500,000 of young carnation plants are sold each year and florists produce an equal amount grown by themselves which are not sold, the entire production of young carnation plants approximates 5,000,000 and upward a year. These plants are grown under glass during the winter time for cut flower purposes, producing an annual average of more than 100,000,000 blooms. What becomes of this enormous number of flowers is somewhat of a mystery. They are put to innumerable uses.

"If you are in doubt," says Talleyrand, "whether to write a letter or not, don't!" And the advice applies to many doubts in life besides that of letter writing.—Bulwer.

The Market.

New Westminster, Dec. 12.—There was a very good market yesterday, and a good business done.

Following is the list of quotations prevailing at yesterday's market:

Beef, hindquarters, 7c to 8c per lb; forequarters, 4c to 5c.

Mutton, 10c to 11c per lb.

Lamb, 11c to 12c per lb.

Veal, medium, 11c per lb; large, 6c to 6½c.

Pork, 8c to 8½c per lb.

Eggs, wholesale, 50c per doz; retail, 55c.

Butter, 35c to 40c per lb.

Fowls, $7.00 to $8.00 per doz; chickens, $6 00 to $7.00 per doz.

Broilers, $4.50 to $6 per doz.

Geese, alive, $1.25; dressed, per lb, 20c.

Ducks, $9.50 to $10 a doz.

Potatoes, $11 to $12 per ton.

Apples, 75c to $1.50 a box.

Onions, $1.25 per sack.

Turnips, 50c per sack.

Carrots, 50c per sack.

Parsnips, $75c per sack.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ALL SAINTS.
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Holy Communion—1st and 3rd Sundays at 8:30 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.

Matins, 11 o'clock.

Evensong, 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday School at 2.0 a.m.

Friday evening, Litany at 7:30.

Rev. E. R. Bartley, M.A., Vicar.

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Services first and third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m.; Benediction, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday school at 3 p.m.

Low Mass and Holy Communion first and third Mondays at 6 a.m.

Rev. Father Wagner, O.M.I.,
Parish Priest.

METHODIST.

Services next Lord's Day at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p.m.

Class meeting, after the morning service every Sunday.

Sabbath School at 2 p m every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 8.

Rev. J. E. Betts, pastor.

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Services next Lord's Day at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sabbath School at 10 a m Midweek meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Rev. J. H. White, M.A.

BAPTIST.

Sabbath services — Crescent Island, 3 p.m.; Ladner, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.

Prayer meeting on Thursday 8 p.m.

The S.S. Sonoma leaves Ladner at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; returning, leaves Steveston at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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FASHION AND FABRIC.

The skirt models cut with five or seven gores gain rather than lose in favor. The five gored shape has a rather wide side breadth.

The new English serge and wide wale diagonal costumes have little tucked sleeve puffs, some of the bodices being tucked also, the tucks edged with very fine gold braid.

Velvet in all shades and varieties will be fashionable, both as an accessory and for the trimming of redingotes, underdresses and complete costumes. Black undoubtedly takes precedence.

It is officially announced that buttons will be extensively used wherever possible and that they will, as a rule, be of considerable size, not always round, but oval, square and oblong also.

The new purple or plum red tailor cloths, velvets, satin brocades and henriettas are exceedingly artistic and beautiful and very becoming together a blonde or a brunette with color.

Rose colored peau de soie or satin waists will be very fashionably worn in the evening with skirts of black velvet, faille or satin, and occasionally they will be seen with skirts of lustrous dark green repped silk.

Straps of braid terminate on many costumes in tiny buckles of fancy buttons, and tailor vests fasten with the latter trimming. The really necessary button is small, but the one for ornament only is rather large.

On evening toilets nets, soft liberty satins, india silks, chiffon and crepe de chine are variously used for yokes or guimpes, and many times the sash or folded girdle and little sleeve puffs are formed of corresponding material.

For elderly women are some new shawl shaped capes, almost as long as a shawl proper, formed very much like the newest fur capes. These are made variously of corded silk, plain satin or brocade and are trimmed with a deep graduated ruffle of the same or with rather wide lace.—New York Post.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

A statue to Mme. Melba is to be put up next year in Melbourne.

Walker Whiteside will shortly produce a new play from the French of M. Poisard.

Edna Wallace Hopper will star next season in a comic opera that is now being written for her.

Ernest Sharpe has been invited to Bayreuth by Frau Cosima Wagner and is studying under her direction.

Maude Banks and Nestor Lennon have been appearing in vaudeville, presenting a one act play of civil war times.

Miss Florence Marryat has written in collaboration with Herbert Pearson a drama in four acts entitled "The Gamekeeper."

Forbes Robertson and Mrs. Patrick Campbell will electrify London next, it is said, with a grand revival of "Antony and Cleopatra."

Miss Hamilton Griffin, a half sister of Mary Anderson, is cultivating her voice in Germany and will make her debut as a singer next year.

Mme. Modjeska has been playing in San Francisco the past two weeks, appearing as Mary Stuart, Magda, Lady Macbeth, Camille and Rosalind.

"Cyrano de Bergerac," translated into German by Ludwig Fulda, was played recently at Berlin. The title role was assigned to Joseph Kainz.

The company engaged to support Annie Russell in "Catherine" includes Joseph Holland, Frank Worthing, Joseph Wheelock, Jr., U. G. Saville, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lemoyne, Ethel Barrymore, Elsie De Wolfe and May Buckley.

TOWN TOPICS.

Chicago is eager to welcome Hall Caine. They claim to have not only a Manxman's society there, but several Glory Quayles as well. How sad!—Boston Herald.

Boston can hardly go wrong on art, judging from the make up of her new art commission. Fake artists will do well to comprehend the situation.—Boston Exchange.

The world does move. Chicago actually contemplates the appointment of a commission to devise a new form of government for that badly managed city.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The Pittsburg Dispatch declares that the ancients played baseball. Cleveland fans are willing to wager something handsome that Cleveland wasn't in the circuit.—Cleveland Dispatch.

A London magistrate fined an offender against the smoke nuisance law $50 and refused an appeal. In Chicago—but why compare the orderly and progressive city of Chicago with effete old London?—Chicago News.

Hartford finds it hard work to maintain the claim that one of its citizens discovered the anæsthetic properties of sulphuric ether and is now falling on the proposition that the baseball curve originated in that city.—Boston Transcript.

The Kaiser as a Humorist.

We went up to the Kiel Yacht club to see the presentation of prizes by his majesty. He was in particularly jolly humor, and his speeches of presentation were most happily spoken. One prize winner, a little German officer, fully realized the importance of the occasion and was the more easily embarrassed when with cap in one hand and sword in the other he stood ready to receive his prize—a pair of large vases.

At the close of the kaiser's speech he handed the vases to the little officer, who hurriedly put cap under one arm, sword under the other and received them, whereupon the kaiser insisted upon shaking hands in congratulation, much to the embarrassment, chagrin and bliss of the winner and the shouts of laughter from every one else, led by his majesty.

The next winner was given a liqueur set and received orders not to drink from all 12 glasses alone.—Outing.

The outfit of an oyster tongs man's canoe consists of a pair of rakes, a pair of tongs, a pair of nippers, a cutting board, several culling hammers, a couple of half bushel baskets and an iron half bushel.

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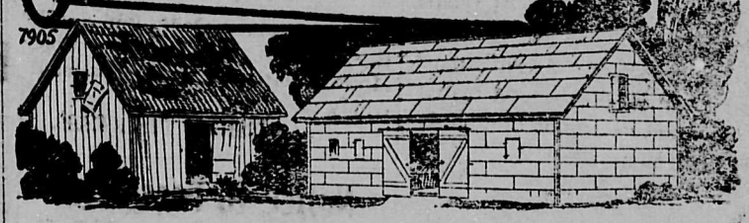

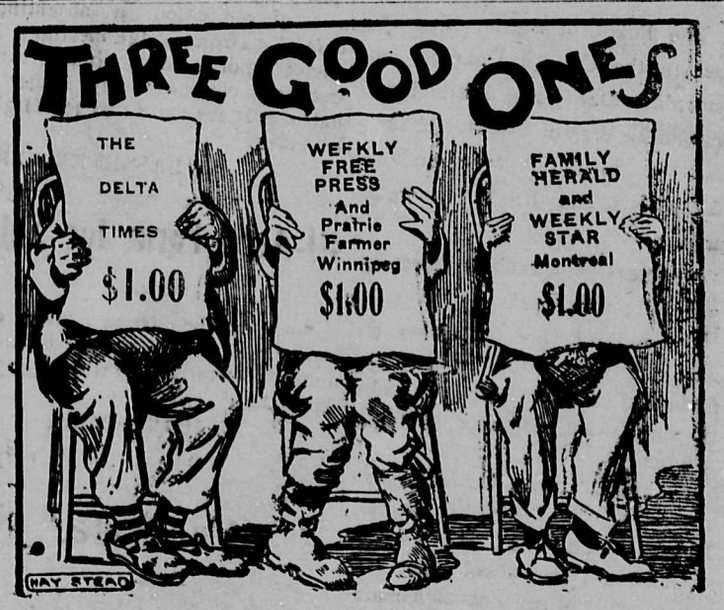

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LOCAL NEWS.

Come and help find Santa Claus.

Dr. Thorpe is expected back about Xmas time.

H. N. Rich was a visitor to Vancouver, last week.

J. Bulman, of Kamloops, visited the Delta last week.

The S.S. Sonoma will make only one trip on Christmas Day, in the morning, the afternoon trip being dropped.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaw visited Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie at the Delta Hotel. Mrs. Shaw is a sister of Mr. McKenzie.

C. Rummell, manager of the light department of the B. C. E. R. Co., paid a short visit here, last week, testing the light voltage.

Mrs. Johnston and Miss Johnston, of Vancouver, were visitors at Mrs. A. Davie's last week. Mrs. Johnston is a sister of Mrs. Davie.

N. A. McDiarmid spent a couple days in Vancouver last week and has since been laid up. Too much city life isn't a good thing taken all at once.

Mrs. Marshall Smith came over from Vancouver, last week, to take in the sale of work and entertainment under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of All Saints'

Remember the Christmas Entertainment to be given in the Town Hall, Ladner, on the 22nd inst., under the anspices of the children of All Saints' Sunday School. Doors open at 7:30 to commence at 8 p.m. sharp.

A special meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Methodist Parsonage on Thursday, December 17th, at 3:30 p.m. A full attendance is requested as several matters of importance are to be brought before the Union.

School Board.

The Board of School Trustees met in the Council Chamber on Saturday, Dec. 12th, with Trustees Smith Wright (in the chair), A. DeR. Taylor, P. Swensen and W. Pybus and R. H. Quaggan present.

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted as read.

On motion it was decided to communicate with Miss Lindseth to find out if she is at liberty to take up the position of teacher at Gulfside school.

On motion it was decided to purchase one acre of land from Jas. Nelson, at Gulfside, for the purpose of building a new school house.

A number of residents of Annacis Island waited upon the Board asking for a school house. There being the required number of children on the Island, all that is now required is a deed to one acre of cleared land in a central location to be handed over to the Council in trust and the Board will lay the matter before the government.

Another petition is in circulation for a school to be built to accommodate that portion of the district lying between the Goudy road, the Benson road and the Tasker road.

Trustees Wright and Pybus will present these matters before the government this week.

The Board then adjourned till Saturday, January 2, '09, at 2 p.m.

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Mrs. Jean Templer lectured at Crescent Island, on Saturday evening last, and during her stay was the guest of Mrs. D. Price.

John Oliver, M.P.P., paid a visit of inspection to the new bridge under construction over Canoe Pass. Mr Oliver is well satisfied with the work so far done and thinks it is time the Council had the work of connecting the existing road on Westham Island with the west end of the Bridge under way.

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