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LABOR NOTES.

Labor Commissioner Ryder, of Nebraska, has notified all theatre managers in that state not to permit children under 16 years of age to appear on the stage.

In his annual report, Chief Factory Inspector J. E. Hudson of Rhode Island, states that last year showed a marked decrease in the percentage of child labor employment in that state.

The Missouri Federation of Labor has appointed a committee to solicit donations for a monument to Martin Irons, the leader of the great Southwestern railway strike in 1885.

Embraced within the Amgigamated Society of Engineers are the trades of steam engineers, smiths, shipsmiths, fitters, turners, roll turners, pattern makers, millwrights, machine men, brass finishers, copper smiths, electrical engineers, and machine joiners. The society was organized in England early in 1851.

The future home of the International Union of Farmers will be in Chicago. It will be known as the International Equity Union of Co-operative Exchange. It is proposed to invite all existing unions of farmers to affiliate with the new body.

The Yukon members of the Industrial Workers of the World held a mass convention recently and discussed the advisability of organizing the workmen to demand an eight hour day in Dawson and vicinity in the spring.

The longest strike in the history of union labor in Vermont is that of the Slate Workers' Union of Fairhaven, which was begun nearly ten months ago and is now no nearer a settlement than the day it was started.

Through the efforts of organized labor the manufacture of cigars in the prison of Marquette, Mich., is to be abolished. The convicts are to begin the manufacture of overalls, so that the garment workers must now take up the fight.

Tom L. Lewis, who is to succeed Jogn Mitchell as president of the United Mine Workers, is one of the best known men in the labor movement in America. He is a powerful speaker and is thoroughly versed in the affairs of the union.

London, Jan. 15.—The fact that late last night the Cunard SS. Co. had not responded to the White Star's further cut in rates leads to the idea in some quarters that the former may be considering the advisability of agreeing to a compromise based on slightly different rates with respect to the Lusitania and Mauretania. It is noted that the White Star circular does not affect the Canadian rate. This is supposed to have as its object, the averting of a cut in rates by the direct Canadian lines which was said to have been contemplated.

San Francisco steam laundry employees have decided to discontinue payment of the usual tax to the International Union. This will deprive the local of international protection.

WOMAN JOURNEYS FROM FAR NORTH.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 17—Mrs. Gray of York Factory, Hudson Bay, arrived in the city yesterday after having made the journey from the far north by dog sledge. Mrs. Ray was accompanied by three children.

The long overland journey was accomplished without special incident. Mr. Ray accompanied Mrs. Ray and the children for the first seven days out from the factory and at the expiration of that time he returned to the fort. Mrs. Ray, with several servants, continued the trip southward and in twelve days from the time of parting with her husband, reached Norway House. Ten days were spent at Norway house in order that sufficient rest might be obtained, and the journey was then resumed.

The dogs used on the trip were the best procurable in the north, and the journey was made as quickly as possible under the circumstances. Six dog trains were used for the first seven days and four during the balance of the trip.

RESULTS OF FIRST CIVIC ELECTIONS

D. Nicholson Elected for Mayor and Citizens' Ticket Carries the Day.

The election for the new Municipal Council passed off very quietly on Thursday considering that it was a novel experience for the city. Polling was slow all day and at seven o'clock barely half the voters had polled. But what voting there was in the wards was exceptionally close and on one count, one vote only separated three candidates.

Most interest, of course, centred in the contest for the Mayoralty. Although Mr. Gould came in as third man, it was recognized that the fight lay between Nicholson and Malone. The result was a great surprise to everybody. Malone, it was thought, would poll a large vote, and it was generally expected that if he was not re-elected he would at least run Nicholson very close. The result, however, gave Nicholson a majority over both the other candidates, and he will assume the office of Mayor for the second time. The voting was as follows:

FOR MAYOR.

Nicholson	118
Malone	63
Gould	21

There were two close contests in the Middle and West Wards, the poll being declared as follows:

MIDDLE WARD.

Geo. Haworth	53
C. Campbell	40
G. Clemola	40
D. Johnson	39

WEST WARD.

Wm. Brown	39
D. McKinnell	35
G. R. Johnson	32

The New Council is therefore made up as follows:

Mayor—Donald Nicholson.

Aldermen:

...Middle Ward — H. Haworth, Colin Campbell, Gust. Clemola.

West Ward—Wm. Brown, D. McKinnell.

East Ward—M. Matheson, (by acclamation.)

The most noticeable feature in the election is the fact that the Citizen's ticket went through without a failure. G. Johnson and D. Johnson were running as independent candidates and in both cases were left out. It will now be the duty of the League to keep their candidates up to the letter of their promises, and to help the new Council in whatever way it can.

There was quite a crowd in the City Hall during the counting of the votes. There was no room for excitement with the poll for the Mayoralty, for Nicholson early established a lead which only increased as the count proceeded. It was different with the aldermanic contests in the two wards. It was "tally" pretty nearly all through, and in the Middle Ward only one vote separated Campbell, Clemola and Johnson.

So soon as the count had been declared, Mr. D. Johnson began the speechmaking. He was satisfied with the new Council and he had given his opponents a run for their money. He thanked all those who had given him their support.

Mr. Nicholson, the Mayor elect, also placed on record his thanks for the confidence the people had shown in him. He had always done his best for the city in the past. He had a good board with him, and they would try to improve upon the record of their predecessors in office.

Mr. Wm. Brown also desired to thank his supporters. He would try and make it his duty to see that what money was spent on the improvement of the streets of the town was evenly distributed.

Mr. D. McKinnell also returned thanks for the support he had received. He would strive to work for the interests of all concerned.

Thus ended the first real Municipal Council in Ladysmith.

Mr. John Stewart, acted as Returning Officer, and as usual gave entire satisfaction.

NANAIMO CONTEST.

The result of the contest in Nanaimo for the Mayoralty, gave a big majority to Planta. The figures were:

Planta	396
Hodgson	243
Majority	153

STANDARD CORRESPONDENCE

Ladysmith, Jan. 17, 1908

Editor Standard:

Dear Sir,—I see we have got a new Council elected and some of them made great promises of what they would do if elected. Now they are elected, and we will see how far they will carry out their promises.

There is one great promise I want them to make. First, find out where the Townsite is going to be. We would look fine if we go to work and borrow 100,000 dollars, and put in a sewerage system, instal a lighting system, and grade the streets of Ladysmith, and then wake up some morning and find the townsite at Extension.

Now, there was a time when I and Mr. Dunsmuir knew just where the townsite was going to be. At that time the writer had his money in his pocket, and Mr. Dunsmuir had the stumps; but at this time Mr. Dunsmuir has all the money, and the writer has the stumps. Now we, neither of us know where the townsite is going to be. That is why I ask the Council to find out where the Council is going to be. Until they do that I shall object to the Council 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ever mortgaging one cent on property in Ladysmith. When they find out where it is, I shall work just the same number of hours and days in favor of it.

Now, it is a well known fact that many men have been persuaded to come to Ladysmith at great inconvenience and greater expense, while other people have been allowed to live where they pleased. Now, why not make all alike; let all go to Extension, or all go to Ladysmith, or let all go where they please.

Now, one more question and then I will finish. Can Mr. Dunsmuir hold this money legally that he has got from the property owners of Ladysmith under promises that he has never carried out. The poor miner at Extension thinks that he is very badly treated. But he has his money yet. What about the property owner who has been persuaded to live in Ladysmith, and whose money Dunsmuir has taken?

Yours, UNCLE JOS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The arrival of the Ministry in Downing to attend the first meeting of the cabinet before the assembling of parliament, was made the occasion of a public demonstration by the women suffragists. The police had expected trouble, and a large force was present, but the women succeeded in making their way inside the residence of Premier Campbell Bannerman and five arrests were made before order was restored. Some of the demonstrants adopted a novel manner to prevent being carried off by the police. They had attached to their belts stout chains, which, when they saw the police about to lay hands on them, they quickly threw around the iron railing in front of the building. The police had to break them by force before they could get the women away.

The suffragists were subsequently arrainged in the Bow Street Police Court. They refused to give surety for their good behaviour and were sent to prison for three weeks.

DAILY AUTO ACCIDENT.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18.—Geo. I. Billups, proprietor of the Billups hotel, Park Heights, and his ward and wife were instantly killed early today by being thrown from an auto at Pary Avenue Heights. Leo. H. Shaad of Eldridge, the owner and driver of the machine, was seriously injured. In turning the curve at the entrance to the park, the machine skidded and upset. The auto was completely wrecked.

ROAD FOREMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Showing Cost of Work Done on the Streets During Year 1907.

The following report of Road Foreman Callandar shows the actual amount of work done on the streets during the year 1907. The figures cover only the actual labor, and do not include the cost of lumber, tools, etc. For the total amount of money spent on the streets during the year, see the cash statement of the Corporation in another column. Following is Road Foreman Callandar's report:

Esplanade ....$	8.25
First Avenue	179.50
Third Avenue	178.00
Fourth Avenue	453.80
Fifth Avenue	14.15
White Street	33.00
Baden-Powell St	286.15
Robert Street	55.00
High Street	603.70
Kitchener Street	276.90
Gntacre Street	157.50
Second Avenue	63.10
French Street	5.50
Scavenger's Roar	80.50
Cemetery Road	27.00
Total	32,414.05

BURNS DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED

A regular meeting of the Burns' Club was held on Tuesday evening for the purpose of deciding how Burns Day should be celebrated. After some consideration it was resolved to have a time on Friday night, January 24th. A concert and dance will be given, and a light lunch will be served during the evening. There will only be a limited number of tickets available, members of the club getting first preference. What tickets are left, after members have been supplied, may be obtained from Messrs. J. Ross, G. Pride, A. Crossan, J. Barclay, H. Mitchell, W. Forsyth, D. W. Roberts J. Molyneaux, E. Rowland and Wm. Fraser. Tickets are $2.50 each and it hardly needs to be stated that a splendid time will be provided for all who may attend.

A CHALLENGE.

The Temperance Boarding House is out with a challenge to play any hotel or boarding house in town a game of football. It is some time ago since the boys of the Cecil Hotel were seeking a match, and if they are still anxious to play they will be accomodated. Sunday, Jan. 26, will be a good day. First come, first served, say the Temperance boys.

"Lawbreaking is the easiest and most lucrative of any business in New York," was the rather startling statement made by Police Commissioner Bingham in his annual report, and that because of the ingenious lawyers and the technicalities of the courts that law and order are actually put on the defensive. This statement, coming as it did right upon the heels of the agitation caused by the enormous increase in the number of crimes committed in New York, caused the Gothamites to sit up and take notice, and it is probable that some steps will be taken immediately to better the condition. The addition of police dogs to the force is an experiment in New York that will be watched with interest. They are to be Belgian hounds, especially trained for patrol duty in the suburbs. They are to wear muzzles. For the present, however, none of the man trailing dogs are to be used.

BIG GAME TO-MORROW

Strong Team Picked to Give First Eleven Good Practise Match.

There is to be a great game of football tomorrow afternoon, compared with which the match in Nanaimo a week ago will be made to look as tame as pump water. The champions, in Nanaimo, were defeated by four goals to two, and if inside calculations are verified they will be wiped out tomorrow. The game has really arisen out of the debacle of last Saturday. There are a number of old stiffs who imagine that they are as good as the men chosen by the selection committee, and they are willing to put it to the test. It is understood the seniors were waiting for the chance, and there will be both fun and excitement. The have beens have been training all the week, and all those who couldn't inflate a football with one breath or do a hundred inside of fifteen flat, have been rejected. A hard and fast forward line has been secured, and the halves and backs will be found the stiffest in the province.

The game will commence at 2.30 p. m., and a collection will be taken to help out the club's funds which are getting rather low. The match will be worth seeing for more reasons than one, and if the day is fine it is expected that a large crowd will be present. The teams will line up as follows:

SENIORS.

Goal— D. Morrison.

Backs— O'Connell and Hewlett.

Halves— Simpson, Morrison, McKinley.

Forwards— Grainger, Strang, Adam, Graham and Sanderson.

ENO'S ELEVEN.

Goal— J. Dunbar.

Backs— Meek and Higginheim.

Halves— Eno, Hailstone and Leaky.

Forwards— Orde, Mechie, Smith, Cosier and McMillan.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Rome, Jan. 18.—The Pope was visited this morning by his physician who found the Pope in better health but insisted that he continue to rest. Because of this the audience for the visitors was suspended, and the pope received only Cardinal Moyer and Mgr. Bislett, major domo of the Vatican. The reception took place in the bedroom of His Holiness.

TO HELP THE COTTON GOODS MARKET.

Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 18.— More than two million spindles were represented at the joint conference held here today of the Southern Association of Hard Yarn Spinners, the Southern Soft Yarn Spinners' Association, and the North Carolina Manufacturers' Association.

The present unsatisfactory condition of the cotton goods trade was thoroughly discussed and ways and means considered looking to the better protection of the cotton goods manufacturers.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Finances in Excellent Shape—Reforms in Civil Service —Railway Construction—Provincial University and Other Important Work to be Transacted Touched on by Lieut.-Governor.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 18— The Provincial Legislature opened this afternoon at Victoria, Lt.-Gov. Dunsmuir delivering the following speech from the throne:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In meeting you again at the opening of another session, it is my privilege to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity which, during the past year has prevailed in nearly all lines of trade and industry.

The Commission on Irrigation, the appointment of which you authorized last session, has entered on its duties, and its report and recommendations will be submitted to you. In accordance with those recommendations, legislation will be introduced to secure a more equitable and efficient system of distribution of water for irrigation purposes.

The large increase in immigration, with the consequent demand for land under pre-emptions, warrants my government in asking you to place a large sum in the estimates for an extension of the provincial surveys.

A measure will be laid before you with a view to the restriction of immigration of undesirable persons.

With the aim of encouraging and expediting railway construction, it is proposed to exempt from taxation for a period of ten years from time of completion, certain railways already authorized. To do this you will be asked to pass an act empowering the government to grant such exemptions.

In accordance with your recommendation that a representative of the government should be sent to London to lay before imperial government the fact of the refusal of the Federal government to entertain British Columbia's claim for adequate and equitable treatment in the matter of provincial subsidies, the honorable the first minister was assigned to undertake the duty, and his report of his mission and its results will be laid before you.

In order to secure a more efficient service in the conduct of official business, it has been thought desirable to regulate the civil service, and a measure for effecting that and creating a Superannuation Fund will be submitted for your approval.

With a view to obviate the necessity of our youth going abroad to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences, an act to establish a provincial university will be introduced during the session.

For the more convenient prosecution of public works under appropriations by the legislature, and with the object of securing uniformity between the Federal and Provincial systems in the method of accounting and the collection of statistics, it is deemed advisable to change the commencement of the financial year from July to April.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the finances of the province are in an excellent condition. This has enabled my government to effect a large reduction in the public debt, while still able to show a substantial surplus over the actual expenditure.

Measures will be submitted to you designed to secure to the province the full benefits that should accrue to the treasury from the utilization of its resources.

The public accounts for the past financial year, and the estimates of the ensuing similar period, will be laid before you. The estimates have been framed with due regard to economy, while providing for the outlay necessary to meet the requirements of the public service in a province the scene of important industrial development.

On account of the increase in the demands for public works and buildings, and the development taking place in the northern parts of the province, it is deemed advisable to create the office of minister of public works, and you will be asked to approve an amendment to the constitution act to effect that.

I now recommend these various measures to your attention, believing that their adoption will be to the advantage of the province and the welfare of the people.

DRIVING ASIATICS OUT OF THE TRANSVAAL

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 15.—Pursuant to the determination of the movement to make the Transvaal so hot for Asiatics that those now in the country will be driven out and further immigration come to an end, fifty prominent Asiatics were arrested here today. Among the prisoners are the chairmen of both of the British Indian and the Chinese, and a number of officers and committeemen of those organizations.

Forecast for U. S. Next Week

Washington, D.C., Jan. 18.— The congressional mill, so far this session, has not been geared for speed, and there appears to be little prospect that any greater progress will be made in regard to important measures during the coming week than in the week just closed. Currency legislation and the reorganization of the navy continue the chief topics of discussion among the members, but there appears to be no chance of decisive action in regard to those or any other important matters in the immediate future.

Rear Admiral Evans' fleet of battleships will leave Rio Janeiro on Monday for the trip around the Horn.

The birthday anniversary of Gen. Robert E. Lee, which falls tomorrow will be observed throughout the South on Monday.

Alarmed at the prohibition wave that has swept over the country, representatives of the liquor interests will meet in Louisville Tuesday for a two days' conference to discuss the question of a model license law and other steps calculated to weed out the disreputable saloons and remove other objectionable features of the trade.

The anniversary of the accession of King Edward will be observed all over the British empire next Wednesday.

A conference of educators, manufacturers, labor representatives and others interested in the subject of industrial education will be held in Chicago the last three days of the week under the auspices of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education.

Ambassador Bryce and Joseph H. Choate will be the chief speakers at the annual meeting of the New York Bar Association to be held in New York City Friday and Saturday.

LONDON, Jan. 18— The Druce case promises to bring in the spring an aftermath of sensation charges against several persons who were connected with the hearing.

A witness in the case who calls herself Miss Robinson, was arrested last night and brought up in a police court. The chief inspector of Scotland Yard asserted that instead of this girl being a spinster daughter of a Virginia planter, she was in reality the daughter of a London policeman. On the stand this woman testified that she had been brought from America by Chas. Dickens to act as secretary to the Duke of Portland.

The inspector declares that Miss Robinson spent her earlier life in London, and that she married a butcher whom she went to see. The prosecutor said he expected to prove that Miss Robinson's story was a tissue of falsehoods. It was difficult to believe, he contended that statements so deliberate should have been prepared without assistance and he hoped to be able to ascertain whence the assistance came. The prisoner was remanded.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—Federal Judge G. H. Hanford rendered a decision yesterday in the case of the Northwestern Steamship Company against the Maritime Insurance Co., of England, by which the plaintiff can collect the insurance on the vessel Tacoma which was captured by the Japanese while trying to run the blockade at Vladivostock during the Japanese-Russian war. The policy was for about $13,900 and was for war risks only.

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THE NEW COUNCIL.

With the exception of one seat in the East Ward, the Council Board for 1908 is now complete. When the city had moved to an election it is a pity that there was not a contest in every ward. However, there is no great harm done, and this want of public spirit or derth of eligible candidates in the East Ward, will not in any way affect the future policy of the Council. All the gentlemen who have been elected to the Council have received the endorsation of the Citizens' League, including Mr. Matheson, at present the only representative of the East Ward. They have all pledged themselves to a platform which includes such important and progressive measures as a lighting and a sewerage system. These pledges have been given the fullest publicity, and the platform was widely advertised. The election of these candidates is practically a mandate to the Council to go ahead with these measures of improvement. It may reasonably be taken to mean that the people of Ladysmith are in favor of the instal lation of a lighting and of a sewerage system.

All this is so much to the good. It is an advantage which no other Council in Ladysmith has enjoyed. First of all there is the confidence of the electorate. It is no argument to say that only so many out of a duly qualified number registered their votes. The men who did vote are the only men who are interested in the city, anxious as to its proper government, and desirous of seeing its progress. It is this class of citizens who are behind the new council, who have given to the new Mayor and Aldermen their confidence Further than that, they have expressed their approval of progressive measures. They have shown that they are alive to the needs of the town, that they realize that on them selves depends the improvement of the city. They have signified their approval of the platform on which the Council sought office, and given it their authority to proceed with the contemplated measures.

It is not for us at this early stage to indicate what is the first and plain duty of the Council. It can be trusted to discharge all its obligations and redeem all its pledges. At any rate it will be the easiest thing in the world to keep a check on it. What we would say to the voters, who have placed the Council in power is not to expect too much all at once. The installation of a lighting system is a big question. So also is the laying down of a sewerage system. They both require careful and cautious treatment, and should not be proceeded with except upon the fullest possible information. The latter is the first requisite to achieve, and that the Council will no doubt set about to secure at once.

The chief thing to emphasise at present, is the happy auguries under which the Council takes office. The board has advantages which no other council has had and every citizen expects it to signalize its year of office by some memorable improvement in the city.

CALGARY'S PROPOSED NEW FORM OF COUNCIL

CALGARY, Jan. 16.—A committee appointed by the city council to draft a new form of executive has decided upon a board of control to consist of a mayor and four comptrollers to be elected from the city at large, and to hold office for two years unless resignation is demanded sooner by a two-third vote of the council. A comptroller will have one or more years' experience in the city council, and have a salary of not more than $1,000 a year, except the Mayor, who will have more.

There is much opposition to this scheme and it is feared it will not pass the provincial legislature.

Honolulu, Jan. 15.—A local Japanese newspaper prints an interview with Viscount Aoki, Japanese ambassador to America, in which Viscount Aoki is quoted as follows: "I do not approve of manual laborers going to America." He also expressed himself as opposed to Japanese seeking naturalization in America for the reason that citizenship is only needed by those who contemplate permanent residence.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD ESTABLISHED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Frank Sullivan, swimmer director of the Illinois Athletic Club, made a new record for remaining under water, staying on the bottom of the tank for three minutes. The former mark of 2.20 was held by Finney, an English swimmer, and was made several years ago at Philadelphia. The Britisher gave his exhibition in a glass tank in which the water was kept at a temperature of 88 degrees, Sullivan's feat was performed in water at a temperature of 76 degrees.

ANOTHER MOVING PICTURE MACHINE EXPLODES

This Time in an Ontario Theatre and is Attended With Less Serious Results.

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Jan. 16—Fire following the explosion of a picture machine, which was attended by serious results and no little damage to property, occurred yesterday afternoon at Hippodrome theatre, where moving pictures of Ben Hur was being shown. The audience, which numbered about 50, principally women and children, were panic stricken, and several were painfully, though not seriously hurt by being trampled upon in a rush to gain the street.

Lou McDermott, aged 15 years, who operated the machine, suffered serious and probably fatal injuries. His hands and face were burned to the bone, and he is suffering from shock.

The stores occupied by L. McDermott and A. G. Gilmore, on both sides of the theatre, were badly damaged by water.

PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION OF BREATHING APPARATUS.

The principle of construction of a modern rescue breathing apparatus consists in furnishing a means for purifying the air exhaled by the user by means of suitable chemicals which absorb the carbon dioxide and moisture breathed out. At the same time the oxygen consumed in breathing must be furnished from receptacles containing gas in a liquid or compressed state.

In order that the exhaled air may be freed from carbon dioxide it is passed through an anhydride whose action should be as rapid and complete as possible. The anhydride of soda or the anhydride of potash may be used either separately or together and either in solution or in the solid state, and if solid, in grains or in sticks.

In order to furnish the means for carrying on the two operations of furnishing oxygen and purifying the exhaled air, considerable apparatus is necessary. The difficulty has been not to provide apparatus suitable for carrying on these two different operations, but to provide apparatus that would be light enough so that it could be carried by a person, and compact enough so that it would not interfere with the movements of the carrier.—From Mines and Minerals for January.

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NEW BANK FEELING THE LOCAL PULSE.

The Chartered Bank of British Columbia are carrying a very carefully prepared plan of organization throughout the province. Everythin of a "splashing" character in the publicity and promotion work has been eliminated and the progress, naturally, is very creditable, say the promoters.

Mr. W. J. Holt Morrison, the assistant to the secretary of the board and Capt. W. Wilson Irwin, commissioner of publicity, of the bank, arrived in Nanaimo on yesterday's boat from Vancouver to feel the pulse of citizens here, as it were, and gauge their support to the new bank. There has been much said in support of the organization of The Chartered Bank of British Columbia, among others, that British Columbia is old enough, big enough, and strong enough to have its own bank.

"There is really no reason why we cannot support a banking institution such as The Chartered Bank of British Columbia, with a marked degree of success," says Mr. Morrison.

"Nanaimo is a very important port, and as a centre of much wealth and of important industries, it is certainly going to grow, and the people of Nanaimo, from the feeling we have experienced, are very friendly toward our bank.

"The head office of The Chartered Bank of British Columbia being Vancouver, the money of both shareholders and depositors will not be forwarded to points in the Extreme East, and prospective customers of the bank can readily see the great advantage of having the head office so close to hand so that matters that must be referred by the resident manager to the general manager, will, in the case of The Chartered Bank of British Columbia, be taken care of with but little delay.

"No district or Municipality can accomplish much without the assistance of capital and it is quite apparent that the success of a provincial bank in taking care of the local demand for more money will materially assist in the up-building and active and rapid advancement and development of the resources of British Columbia.

"Nanaimo has much within its immediate vici is known to the residents as being capable of development."

Mr. Morrison is very pleased with this city and was much interested in the harbor situation. He remarked that it pleased him to report that there was a total absence of a boom or padded prices in real estate, in fact he felt that the local market was quite fair and that prices were moderate. The Chartered Bank of British Columbia will have business connections in every centre in Europe, United States and Eastern Canada.

Mr. Morrison and Capt. Irwin will leave on Saturday for other points in the Province.—Nanaimo Free Press

CANADA'S FINEST MILL IS BURNED.

KENORA, Ont., Jan. 15—The magnificent new mill of the Maple Leaf Flour Mills Co., costing over a million dollars, was burned last night. Only the sills are left standing. The fire originated from a live wire.

The Maple Leaf Mill was one of the best on the continent and had a capacity of 5,000 barrels a day. It employed a large number of men.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1907

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES.	
Cash in bank	$ 1,734.13	School Accounts for December	$ 674.50
Per Capita due from Govt	1,147.50	Surplus	22,013.66
School buildings	16,209.00		$22,688.16
City Hall, Furniture, and Lot	1,556.38		
Fire apparatus	1,050.00		
Police supplies	40.00		
Maps and profiles	250.00		
Unpaid taxes	660.15		
Tools	50.00		
	$22,688.16		

14th January, 1908.
J. STEWART, C.M.C.

Audited and found correct.
W. W. WALKEM,

RECEIPTS.

Bal. from last year	$ 532.08
Trade licences	695.00
Dog Tax	151.00
Liquor licences	3,250.00
Road Tax	734.00
Fines	241.50
Govt. Grant to Schools	4,582.50
Real Prop. Tax	4,801.66
Arrears of taxes	329.55
J. Bickle, use of stumping machine	3.00
Collected for broken window at school	.40
Collected by P. Malone for Cemetery water acct.	1.00
Subscribed by residents for High St. improvements	80.00
Formaline sold D. Nicholson	2.00
Mar Sam Sing Ground rent	60.00
Copies of bylaws sold	1.00
Wrestling mat sold J. Conlin	5.00
Subscribed by W. Spence for work on White St.	5.00
	$15,474.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Street work	$ 2,637.21
Stationery and Printing	180.35
School Salaries	6,225.00
School Expenses	1,489.56
Fire Dept. expenses	198.10
Pound expenses	95.00
Legal expenses	23.35
Telegrams and telephones.	40.50
City Clerk salary	600.00
Constable, salary	947.50
Nightwatchman, salary	262.00
Cleaning City Hall	80.00
Mayor and aldermen remuneration	535.00
Expressing	2.45
Coal Oil	13.25
Chairs for City Hall	15.00
Fixing windows damaged by blasting	2.25
Filing saw	.50
Crankshaw Mannual	6.30
Police Court expenses	61.15
Road Tax refunded	116.00
Dog tags	7.25
Lumber for cemetery	3.47
Washing Blankets	2.25
Donation to City Band	25.00
Racks for City Hall	1.50
Work done on Cemetery Road	22.00
Lamp burner for City Hall	.15
Auditing City Books	25.00
Brooms	1.00
Constable's Suit	35.00
Fuel	5.50
Groceries for Mrs. Tantari	25.00
Repairs to H. Carroll's house, damaged by blasting	3.00
Digging ditch for Cemetery water pipes	2.50
Formaline	30.00
Exchange on checques	2.40
Subscription to Union, B. C. Municipalities	10.00
Donation. 1st July Celebration	25.00
Premium on City Clerk Bond	15.00
Advt. Court Revision in Gazette	5.00
Fumigating	3.00
Sanitary work	2.00
Stamps	9.07
Balance in bank	1,734.13
	$15,474.69

14th January, 1908.
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SCHOOL ACCOUNTS, 1907.

Trustees' Warrants drawn on [illegible] at various times	$7,714.56	Teachers' salaries	$6,225.00
		Washing and cleaning	690.00
		Fuel	103.00
		Water	50.00
		Printing and advertising	18.95
		Furniture and supplies	46.46
		Repairs	301.90
		Telegrams and telephones	1.75
		Secretary, salary	55.00
		Insurance premiums	222.50
	$7,714.56		$7,714.56

14th January, 1908

J. STEWART, C.M.C.

Audited and found correct.
W. W. WALKEM,

CEMETERY SINKING FUND, 1907.

Bal. from last year	$ 74.04	Expended on tools	$ 8.60
Interest on account	2.81	Hauling lumber	1.00
Received for grave lots	151.50	Work done on Cemetery	20.75
		Balance paid on Cemetery water account	58.60
		Balance on hand	139.40
	$228.35		$228.35

14th January, 1908.

J. STEWART, C.M.C.

Audited and found correct,
W. W. WALKEM,
Auditor.

LOCAL CLUB PASSES SEVERAL IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Nanaimo, Jan. 15—

District Rod and Gun Club Passes Resolution Dealing with Efficient Protection of Game.

The Nanaimo District Rod and Gun Club held a well attended meeting last night.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite addressed the meeting on the subject of Game Protection, and impressed upon the meeting several means by which the game could be saved, as a means of healthy sport and also as an asset to the country, by the suppression of illegal hunting and fishing out of season, by the prohibition of the sale of game and tanning of hides of game on the mainland, as well as on the Island; and also by the establishment of game preserves on the government land throughout the province.

Under the head of new business, the following resolutions were endorsed, a copy of the same to be sent to the local member of the legislature for recommendation re amendment to the Game Act:

Resolved, that the close season for deer and grouse be extended to the 15th of September to the 25th of December, also that the sale of game and tanning of hides be prohibited on the mainland.

Resolved, that this Club place itself on record as opposed to the imposition of a game license on residents of British Columbia.

Resolved, that the appointment be made of a sufficient number of game wardens, and that these wardens be endorsed by the different local instituted game clubs, also that they be paid proper salaries, and also that the provincial government put on a patrol boat to police the waters of the gulf with headquarters at Nanaimo.

Resolved, that this club pass a resolution asking the provincial and Dominion governments, before granting a franchise for fishing rights to any company or private individual, that the conditions and privileges of such rights embodied therein should be published in the local papers for a period of three months.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Vancouver, Jan. 15— Muratoc Murato was committed for trial yesterday. The second Japanese was sent up this morning for the attempted murder of the three firemen on New Years morning. The other two Japs were dismissed.

ROLL OF DEAD 158.

BOYERTON, Jan. 15.—Of the 185 persons crushed and burned to death in Monday night's theatre disaster, there are probably more than half will be laid away in nameless graves. The morgues in which the bodies were placed for identification were opened to the public today. So far as persons and undertakers could ascertain from the charred remains and clothing, ten of the dead were women and girls, and 43 were men and boys. So badly burned were the other bodies that the sex could not be determined and it is probable these will all be buried in one plot in Union cemetery.

Up to noon today thirty bodies had been identified by means of jewelry or clothing. Two of the injured, Mrs. Dier and Jacob Johnson, both of this place, died today, bringing the list of dead to 185.

London, Jan. 15— Lord Strathcona, interviewed last night on the shipping situation, said that he regarded the agreement recently entered by the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American ship lines as likely to precipitate a repetition of the situation of a few years ago, when the American attack upon the British shipping resulted in a subsidy to the Cunard Company, by the British government and the building of the Lusitania and Muretania.

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TIME TABLE NO. 4.

Trains Leave Ladysmith

Daily at 9 a. m.

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday

At 9:00 and 15:58, For Victoria.

Trains Arrive at Ladysmith

Daily at 11:57.

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday,

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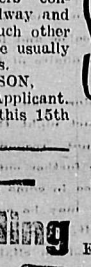

SOLE AGENTS:
LADYSMITH HARDWARE CO.

CALGARY, Jan. 17. — A young man named Wm. McGillis, who had been employed in Taylor's establishment for some time, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by drinking two ounces of carbolic acid. He had been drinking heavily for several days. His father is a wealthy lumber merchant in Saginaw, Mich. He was divorced recently by a woman living in Davenport, Iowa, and had been brooding over it.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Ladysmith, at their next regular meeting, for a transfer of the Retail Liquor License now held by me for the premises known as the Extension Hotel, Ladysmith, B.C., from myself to John Lucca Domenico Giovando.

JOHN VAIRA.
Ladysmith, B.C., Nov. 19, 1907.

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SPORTING NEWS

THE BIG GAME.

With the general tone and spirit of the reports appearing in the Nanaimo papers of the great game on Saturday last, Ladysmith sports have no complaint to make. Both the Herald and the Free Press give a fairly accurate account of the game, and give the local boys full credit for their performance. Both journals admit that the champions for fully seventy minutes of the game, held the upper hand, and that their one goal lead at this stage of the game was the result of superior play. All this is as it should be; but the Free Press raises one or two points which cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.

There was an unpleasant incident occurred in the game on Saturday. The Standard sporting man has always found it better in the true interests of sport to ignore such incidents. Any player in a hotly contested game, is liable to lose his temper. But generally it is over in a minute, and everybody wants to forget all about it. The Herald man was clearly of the same opinion for he also did not mention the incident.

The Free Press goes around it in another way. In its report of the game it says:

"There was a roughness about their (Ladysmith) tactics from the outset, an unmistakable sign of unnecessary vigor that was intended to scare the local players, that soon brought matters to a crisis. No team in British Columbia is better acquainted with the reputation that the Nanaimo goal keeper bears than the Ladysmith men, and the same may be said in regard to the local's two full backs. During the opening ten minutes when the visitors were forcing vigorously, Morrison, Adam and Saunderson used extraordinary efforts in their rushes to reach Bradshaw, and it certainly boded ill to any man who happened in their path On one occasion when the local custodian had cleared, the visitor's centre forward jumped off his feet (an unfair charge) at him. Bradshaw retaliated with a kick, which Adam returned by using his fists, and in a moment the field was flooded and pandemonium reigned. The referee pected that a good game will be would only have been doing what was right had he ruled both players off."

On the face of it this is a biased statement and is wrong as to facts. The writer has seen all kinds of games, from a country competition up to the English cup tie final, and considering the issues at stake on Saturday, he has never seen a cleaner game or one with so little rough play. Where did the unnecessary vigor come in, and how does Morrison figure in it. Arthur was playing centre half, and was never near Bradshaw. As for Sanderson, he would have given something to get near Bradshaw, but as it was, he was little more than a striped supporter. Again, while deprecating dangerous charging and unnecessary roughness, football is not a parlor game. Also be it said that neither Graham nor Hewitt use parlor methods, and can be depended on to look after themselves. Certainly it is no tribute to their staunchness, or the intelligence of the Ladysmith men to talk of scare methods. To finish with this point, it is only necessary to say that the locals went up to play the game and win it if they could.

Now we come to a question of fact. Adam jumped at Bradshaw. A minute after the occurrence the Standard man was told in all seriousness that Jimmy first of all "kneed" Albert and then jumped him. This was a man who was away up the field and in no position to see what really did happen. The Free Press man must have been with him. Bradshaw was charged fairly, and squarely. Of course he had cleared, but with so little time to spare that he could not evade Jimmy, and Albert is not a man who needs much time to get out of the road of a charge. Now the Standard man has always given Bradshaw full credit for his goal keeping. He is undoubtedly the best custodian in the province. But he affects a style which invites a forward to come in on him, and Albert has played in football where often enough a centre forward is kept for nothing else than to attend to a goal keeper. It was a pity he lost his temper under a perfectly legitimate charge. The referee declared it a fair charge and it was still a greater pity that he should have lifted his foot. No man will stand to be kicked and there is an end of it.

In another part of the report it is stated that both Morrison and Adam were pulled up for fouling in the early stages. This is entirely misleading. The writer can only remember two occasions, once with Adam and once with Morrison in which this occurred. There were fouls against other players and neither Adam nor Morrison, nor any other player on the Ladysmith team, was guilty of discreditable play. A chance foul may be awarded against the cleanest of players, but anyone with even a rudimentary knowledge of the game must confess that Saturday's game was surprisingly free from fouls.

Moreover it is to Ladysmith's credit that the club played the game. Many a captain in Adam's place, with a goal lead and only twenty minutes to go, would have transferred himself and Saunderson to the back line and put it up to Nanaimo to get through. Even First League elevens are not above resorting to such tactics and kicking out a la Wilkes is considered part of a defensive game.

This is practically all there is to be said about the game. It was lost after it appeared to be won. It should have been won. But mistakes will occur, and no one is kicking over the result. The boys cherish no ill feeling against any one of their opponents and they naturally object to being charged with methods of intimidation, with unnecessary roughness, or what is worse still, with deliberate intentional fouling.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Management Committee of the Football Club was held in the Standard office on Tuesday night. The first business was the selection of the Intermediate and Junior teams for today's league matches which appeared in Wednesday's issue of the Standard. It was also decided to play a practise team on Sunday afternoon, with the object of keeping the senior eleven up to form. It is expected that a good game will be played and a collection will be taken up in aid of the club funds, which are getting rather low.

There was then a long discussion on the vexed question of playing mainland players in the Island League. There is no desire on the part of the club to protest last Saturday's game at Nanaimo because Hewitt and Cruickshanks appeared for Nanaimo. What the club desires is for the League officials to give a definite ruling as to the eligibility of players who have already assisted mainland clubs in the B. C. cup competition being transferred to Island teams competing in the Island League. There is, of course, a difference of opinion, and the Y.M.C.A. are playing Mainland men as well as Nanaimo. If it is legal to play these men there are other clubs who may obtain similar assistance before the season ends. Accordingly it was decided to instruct the secretary to write the president of the Association asking him to call a meeting of the executive, when the question will be definitely settled one way or the other.

An echo of the regrettable incident that occurred during the game on Saturday was also raised at the meeting. Some of the players complained of the conduct of Constable Trawford during the time that the spectators invaded the playing field.

They allege that Constable Trawford was brandishing his truncheon, and his efforts were directed rather against Ladysmith supporters or players rather than in an attempt to prevent a breach of the peace. One player, indeed, alleges that Constable Trawford ordered him off the field during the time he was flourishing his baton. This it was alleged, made the second time that Constable Trawford has mistaken his local partisanship for official zeal. It was decided that the secretary, in the name of the club, should bring the matter to the attention of Supt Hussey.

The special committee are pushing ahead with their arrangements for the concert which is to be given in the opera house on Saturday evening, Jan. 25, on the occasion of the visit of the Y.M.C.A.. A strong programme has been arranged and there is little doubt that the concert will prove a great success.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

Following are the positions of the leading clubs in the first division of the English League:

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Manchester United	16	2	2	34
Newcastle United	10	6	5	25
Sheffield Wednesday	11	7	2	24
Bury	9	6	6	24
Bristol City	8	6	7	23
Manchester City	8	5	6	22
Everton	9	7	4	22
Aston Villa	7	7	7	21
Notts County	7	9	5	21
Woolwich Arsenal	7	7	6	20
Second Division.				
Derby County	13	4	3	29
Oldham Athletic	13	4	2	28
West Bromwish	12	5	4	28
Hull City	13	7	2	28
Bradford City	12	4	3	27
Fulham	12	7	1	25
Burnley	10	6	5	25
Leicester Fosse	9	6	5	23
Stoke	10	9	2	22
Stockport County	7	6	7	21

REASONS FOR BARRING CREWS GIVEN OUT.

Herbert T. Steward, chairman of the committee of management, Henley Royal Regatta, has written a letter to the press clearing up the misconceptions in regard to the barring of foreign crews from the Henley regatta next summer. He writes:

At a meeting of the stewards of Henley regatta, held on the 14th inst., I was requested to forward to the press a short statement with the object of removing the misconceptions, more or less widely spread which appear to exist with regard to the resolution passed by the stewards early last year, suspending for the year 1908 the rule under which all entries from outside the United Kingdom are accepted, and which suspension will prevent the Belgian club, who won the Grand Challenge Cup in 1907, from competing at Henley this year.

In March, 1907, the Olympic Council decided to hold an international regatta at Henley in the last week of July, 1908, in connection with the Olympic games, which are to take place in England this year.

When this became known to the committee of management of Henley regatta it appeared clear to them that it would be unreasonable to endeavor to hold two international regattas in July, and that they ought to do all in their power to make the Olympic regatta the international regatta of the year.

With this object in view they decided to recommend to the stewards that entries from outside the United Kingdom should not be accepted for the Henley regatta this year.

The committee also felt that, if such a course was to be adopted, it should be settled before the entries were made for the regatta of 1907, so that any club from outside the United Kingdom intending to enter for the regatta of 1907 should be aware that they could not be represented at Henley regatta the following year.

The committee therefore made the above recommendation to the stewards who, at a meeting held May 4, (two months before the date of the regatta of 1907), passed a resolution suspending for the year 1908 the rule under which entries from outside the United Kingdom are accepted.

This resolution was forthwith communicated to the press, and was published in the sporting papers of this country.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Judgement has been rendered in the Sprague vs. Booth action, tried before Judge Mabee in the high court here last November to recover the sum of $2,500,000 for non-fulfillment of contract to sell Canada and Atlantic railway. The suit was dismissed with costs.

WIFE IN DESPAIR COMMITS SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15— Inability of her husband to obtain employment is believed to have led Mrs. Louise McClure to end her life today. Her body was found lying in a foot of water in the bath tub in their rooms this morning. The couple were married in Canada two years ago. It was a runaway marriage. After their arrival here all went well for a time but about a year ago McClure lost his position and had not been successful in getting work since that time. Mrs. McClure became deeply despondent, and when she did not recover her strength after the birth of a child a few months ago she worried continually over the family's desperate condition.

TO FIGHT THE MAIL ORDER.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 16.— To lay plans for a broad campaign of education in behalf of home trade as against catalogue houses is one of the chief objects of a convention which assembled in St. Paul today with delegates in attendance from the commercial bodies throughout Minnesota. An effort will be made to enlist both the jobbers and retailers in an aggressive fight against mail order competition, which in recent years has been seriously felt by the local merchants of Minnesota in common with other states of the west and northwest.

The conference is expected to result in a strong and permanent federation of the commercial clubs of Minnesota. This organization, it is proposed, will work systematically to advertise the advantages and resources of the state and otherwise work for its general development.

President Locke of the St. Paul Commercial Club called the convention to order this morning and Gov. Johnson greeted the visitors. The sessions will continue over tomorrow. James J. Hill, State Immigration Commissioner Welch and other speakers of prominence will be heard.

New York, Jan. 15.—Leslie Harris the English pianist, vocalist and entertainer, made his first appearance in America at the Hudson theatre yesterday. Mr. Harris will make a tour of Canada and the United States.

London, Jan. 15.— The Tribune hears from a source which it regards as trustworthy that the missing Irish regalia is held intact for a large ransom. It says that the mystery of its disappearance can only be solved by a public inquiry which would reveal amazing and romantic features.

BIG WOLF HUNT ON.

Montreal, Jan. 16— The tourist department of the Canadian Pacific Railway has made all arrangements for a monster wolf hunt to begin tomorrow in the Kippawa region of Quebec. The hunt will be under the guidance of an old wolf hunter, and the sport will be participated in by parties from New York, Boston and other cities across the line as well as many Canadian enthusiasts.

OWLS HOOT IN PORTLAND.

Portland, Jan. 15.—The Brotherhood of Owls, a fraternal order, began its first national convocation in Portland today. Many delegates and visitors are here and during a stay of three days in Portland they will be handsomely entertained. The reports to be presented to the convention show that the organization, since it was first formed at Walla Walla, a little more than a year ago, has spread into twenty-two States and Canada, and is still growing at a gratifying rate. The total membership now approaches the 100,000 mark.

WHAT WOMEN WILL DO WHEN THEY RULE US.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—"What will women do when they rule?" asked a Berlin newspaper recently. Answers came from all over the world. Here are a few:

"They rule already, and always have, so cannot understand your question."—Lady Alma-Tadema.

"Nonsensical things." — Mme Susanne Despres, Paris tragedienne.

"They will retain their good and bad qualities, as men rulers have done, do and always will."—Mme Sgrah Bernhardt.

"They will not differ much from the best men rulers. I don't believe in the superiority of either sex. The world is for both. They must sway its destinies."— Lady Henry Somerset.

"They will have undisputed nower to aid my life-work of supplying the gowns to needy actresses."— Mmme. Yvette Guilbert.

"I would destroy all but a few schools and create a generation of minds free from traditions of modern wretchedness; until there is a new humanity reform can be but superficial."—Mme. Ellen Key, Scandinavian writer on Marriage and Maternity.

"We would restlessly seek office but would not spend fortunes sending warships to the Pacific to terrify our neighbors. We would strengthen industry, make the church more popular than the theatre and enforce total abstinence and open all schools to women."—Belva Lockwood, twice Woman's Rights candidate for president of the United States.

Rich Man a Tramp.

When the Sartoroville, France, police heard a few days ago of a tramp who had been buying champagne of a local inn here they decided there was something suspicious about this "hobo."

They were looking for the perpetrator of a bold robbery in the neighborhood, and a vagabond who could offer a 100 franc note for wine looked good to them. They found the man with three other waifs in a ramshackle roadside house.

"Your suspicion is natural, but unfounded," the tramp explained politely. "Here are my papers."

He handed over a bank draft for $360 and documents showing him to have been once a prosperous manufacturer and mayor of a community. Then, with a communicativeness begotten of champagne, he explained how, at the height of his prosperity years before, he had been deceived by his wife, whom he adored. Turning his property into money and so investing it as to insure himself a handsome income, he disappeared, taking to the public road. For two decades he had lived, cut off from friends and family. His income he drew regularly, spending it among his wandering companions. The police left him to his vagabond friends.

DEPRESSION IN DIAMOND SALE.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 16.— As an outcome of the depression in the diamond industry, negotiations have been opened between the two great prodicing companies, the DeBeers and the Premier Lemond Co., with a view in limiting the odtput, while diamonds remain practically unsalable.

BEREAVED BOROUGH BURYING ITS DEAD.

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Jan. 16.—This little borough, which lost one-fifth of its population in the opera house here Monday night, today turned to the task of burying its dead. Because of the condition of most of the bodies the borough authorities have asked the bereaved relatives to bury the dead within three days.

All night long scores of men worked in the morgue preparing the identified for their removal to their late homes or to the cemetery. As early as five o'clock a long line of dead wagons moved here and there, distributing corpses, and before night fell most of the dead were ready for interment.

There was a slight hitch in the work of removing bodies from the morgues through the action of Coroner Strasser forbidding the removal of any bodies during his absence. This was due to a mix-up in identification of the body of a boy. There were three claimants for the body and all appealed to the coroner for permission to remove it. Each one was positive the body was the one they were looking for, therefore, in order to prevent mistake, the coroner issued the order. When it was explained that people who had positively identified their dead wanted the remains and that those in dispute would be held the coroner rescinded his order.

Since then the relief committee, working in conjunction with the relatives, has removed more than fifty bodies from the morgues.

More than sixty death certificates were issued up to 10 a.m. and more of these bodies will be buried during the day, most of them without any funeral ceremonies. There is not a clergyman in the town able to conduct services. There will be no service in the Lutheran church Sunday. The Rev. Adam Weber, who lost a daughter, is still prostrated.

The town has decided to buy eight lots for the burial of the unidentified dead, in the centre of the plot sufficient space will be left for the erection of a monument.

Daylight found crowds around the entrance to the morgues clamoring for admission. At 7 o'clock the doors were opened and the gruesome work of identification was again taken up. It is believed that more than fifty bodies will never be identified.

FIANCIAL SITUATION AASING OFF IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from 6 to 5 per cent today. The reduction was anticipated as the fresh gold arrives, most of which was absorbed by the bank, and the return of cash to the country, so materially strengthened the reserves in the metal, in spite of the considerable amount taken by South America, that there was no excuse for a further protection of the higher rate, which has so discommoded finance for some months past.

Even had the bank desired to retain a higher rate, it is doubtful if it could be made effective, as the supply of money in Lombard street is abundant as to be almost for the moment in excess of the requirements.

The discount rate in the open market fell to 4½ per cent, the recent continental purchases of sterling bills indicated the probability that the gold borrowed from France during the American stringency would be allowed to remain for a time here and the bills renewed. This proved a further inducement for the bank to lower its rate.

The Stock Exchange already had fully discounted the 5 per cent. rate which caused a slight hardening in quotations.

FIENDISH METHODS OF BLACK HAND SOCIETY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—An explosion which the police attribute to the "Black Hand" occurred early today in a tenement house on East 29th street, shattering the front of the building, breaking windows in nearby buildings and almost causing a panic in the wards of Bellevue side of the hospital towards the hospital, which are located on that building where the explosion occurred.

No one in the building was seriously hurt. The explosion seems to have been directed toward the family of Pierre, a coal and wood dealer, whose wife and children were in the building. Pierre states that on Dec. 5 he received a letter signed "Black Hand" in which he was directed to place $1,000 on the grave of a certain man in a Brooklyn cemetery within a month, on penalty of being killed with all his family.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—The members of the commission appointed by the government to operate the telephone system in Manitoba have been named. F. C. Patterson, northwestern manager of the Bell Telephone Co., is chairman, and Mr. W. Hayes and H. J. Moran, both Bell officials, are the other members of the commission.

JAPAN'S ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE FOR ARMY!

TOKIO, Jan. 16.—The presentation of a synopsis of the budget to the leaders of both houses, which it had been arranged was to have occurred this morning, was suddenly postponed and it was announced that changes are to be made in certain items. While absolutely nothing official has been given out, leading business men estimated that the government receipts for 1908-9 will amount to about $610,000,000 and expenditures to about $615,000,000, of which approximation one-third is for the army and navy.

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Girls' and Misses' Tweed and Melton Cloth Coats, all to go at a reduction of 25 per cent. Don't miss this opportunity.

Girls' Navy and Grey Serge Skirts, (only 5 left). Regular $1.50. SALE PRICE 1.00

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After one of the Best Seasons in our history in Ladies' Ready-To-Wear Skirts we have decided to offer the remainder of our Stock at Prices to insure a speedy clearance. About 50 left—in Black, Navy and Tweed Effects. Our SALE PRICE will be 20 Per Cent Off.

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Now is your time to get a Snap on FURS. 20 Per Cent. Discount on any Article in this line.

Ladies Underwear

Flannelette Gowns, regular $1.50. SALE PRICE $1.25

Flannelette Gowns, Pink, White, or Stripe, reg. $1.25. Sale Price, 1.00

Flannelette Gowns, Stripes and Pink, reg. 95c. SALE PRICE ..... .80

White Flannelette Chemises, regular 90c. SALE PRICE ..... .80

White Flannelette Chemises, regular 75c. SALE PRICE ..... .65

White Flannelette Drawers, regular 65c and 60c. SALE PRICE 55 & 50c

Undervests, in White and Natural Wool, regular 60c and $1.00. SALE PRICE ..... 50c and .85

Undervests, Penman's, 2 dozen, in size 2 only, regular $1.50. SALE PRICE 1.25

Vests and Drawers, Penman's best make, regular $1.50. Sale Price, 1.30

Vests and Drawers, Penman's, extra large. Regular $1.65. SALE PRICE 1.40

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Girls' Flannelette Dresses—Must go at 25 per cent off.

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Four dozen Stocking Caps, regular 50c., to be cleared at ..... .25

Two dozen Children's Bonnets, in Silk and Velvet, regular $1.75, to be cleared at ..... .75

One dozen Bearskin Bonnets, regular 75c., to be cleared at ..... .50

Four dozen Ladies' Felt Hat Shapes, regular up to $2, to be cleared at ..... .25

All Ready-to-Wear Hats going att 75 cents, and all Trimmed Millinery at HALF PRICE.

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We place the whole of our Men's Suits, Overcoats and Trousers, as well as our stock of Boys' Suits and Pants at a Reduction of 20 Per Cent. NO RESERVE. TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

All of our Men's Shirts sacrificed as well. Those that were $1.50 and $1.25, will have to go at $1.25 and $1.00.

Men's Natural Wool Underwear, Penman's best make, in all sizes, from 34 to 42, that were $1.50 per garment, now $1.25

50 Suits Ribbed Underwear, all sizes, regular $2. SALE PRICE.... 1.65

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We intend making this one of the Greatest Money Saving Opportunities ever known. Several Special Lines will be offered at a mere Nominal Price, but the whole of Our Stock we offer at a SPECIAL DISCOUNT of 15 PER CENT.

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White Bedspreads, large, which were $1.75, for 1.40

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Ingham has been indisposed this last week.

Mr. J. A. Van Tassell, of Victoria, is in town.

Mr. C. E. Wilson, of San Francisco returned to Ladysmith yesterday morning.

A. Auchinvole and F. G. Ashton will furnish the music at the Annual Masquerade Dance of I.O.O.F. at Duncan, Thursday, 23rd of Jan.

The next dance of the Ladysmith orchestra will be on Monday, 20th of January at the Opera House.

Mr. C. J. South, J.P., Provincial Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, was in town on Wednesday night.

Mrs. G. W. Scott has been seriously ill during the week, but is now slightly improved.

The Merchants' Employees' Association gave their Annual Ball on Thursday evening. Dancing was continued until 3 in the morning, and the dance was pronounced a great success.

..... Loffkals ... .

Cumberland men are so numerous in Nanaimo that there is some talk of forming a Cumbrian Society to be known as the Cumberland-Westmoreland Association.

Rev. R. A. Heath will preach a special sermon in St. John's Mission Church on Sunday evening. He will take for his text "The Relation of the Christian Life to the Civil Authority," and all are cordially invited to attend.

Today is pay Saturday, the best day in the month, and the mines are idle. In spite of the disagreeable weather the streets are busier than they have been for a month.

Standard readers will see from the large advertisement in our advertising columns that there is to be a great Clearing-out Sale at the Big Store. All kinds of Bargains in every line are being offered. Prices have been cut all round, and any one wanting good articles at a cheap rate will be well advised to look in.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sabbath Services.
Morning—11 a. m.
Evening—7 p. m.
Sunday School—2:30 p. m.
Evening subject—"Gambling," Sunday, January 19th.
All are cordially invited.

R. WILKINSON,
Pastor.

There is a report down here that no fewer than 300 men have been laid off at the Nanaimo mines. The story is that 125 men have been shut out at Protection, and 175 at Brechin, and it would appear that a general slump is overtaking the coal trade. The large local trade of the Extension mines should prevent Ladysmith from suffering from the depression.

The death occurred in Nanaimo on Wednesday, after a year's illness, of Joseph McAloney, internal inland revenue officer.

He was a native of Springhill N. S., and was 53 years of age. He came to Nanaimo in 1887 together with Arthur Wilson, now commissioner in the Yukon, just after the explosion. His wife followed him six months later, and for some years he occupied responsible positions in the mines. After meeting with an accident which crippled one of his arms, he was appointed internal revenue officer in 1896.

The deceased was a member of the Knights of Pythias. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and will be under the auspices of the above society.

JAPAN TAKING THE AGGRESSIVE WITH CHINA.

TOKIO, Jan. 17.—The diplomatic relations between China and Japan over the proposed Syimnit railroad, have reached a stage wherein Japan has assumed a most firm attitude, and has assured China that a railroad paralleling the South Manchurian shall not be built because it violates both the spirit and the letter of the Pekin treaty.

A British syndicate has proposed building the road. A correspondent of the Associated Press has been informed by the Astors at Tokio that under no circumstances will Japan permit construction to commence.

In reply to the question, "What will you do about it?" a member of the cabinet replied, "We will stop it."

That Japan would not permit the construction of the proposed railroad was intimated to China more or less forcibly nearly three weeks ago. The reason given for this refusal, according to despatches from Pekin, are that a parallel line will injuriously affect the Japanese railroad, and China's rejoinder that the line would not be built nearer the Japanese line than is customary in foreign countries is declared by the Japanese government to be unreliable.

In view of the official action taken by Japan that government was considered to have committed a violation of the understanding of equal rights that severely affected British interests.

The verbal promise given by China, and which was incorporated in the minutes of the negotiations are reading Komia of 1905, namely, not to construct a competing railroad parallel to the existing South Manchuria.

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Outside of the American Federation are about fifteen labor organizations, the most important being the Knights of Labor, the Stone Masons' International Union, the Bricklayers and Masons' Union, and the various orders of railway employes.

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175 Pairs, Ladies Bals. Regular $2.50.
SALE $1.35

300 Pairs, Children's Shoes. Regular $1.00.
SALE ..... 50c.

150 Pairs, Girls' Shoes. Regular $1.50.
SALE ..... .85c.

200 Pairs Felt Slippers—
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JAPANESE SITUATION TODAY.

TOKIO, Jan. 17.—The foreign office is in receipt of a despatch from Washington pointing out that there is much uneasiness in America consequence of sensational reports eminating from Europe concerning the distribution of the Japanese naval fleet.

While not intending to treat the matter seriously, the Japanese officials have assured the Associated Press that the governments of various countries are in possession of all the facts connected with Japanese distribution of their warships through their attaches at Tokio.

Admiral Sate, minister of marine, said today that he was willing to make a full statement if it would in any way allay excitement, but he considered the rumors from Europe hardly worth attention.

It is conceded among the financiers of Japan that the difficulties in the budget are entirely due to two causes, over expenditure for the army, the navy, and the nationalization of railroads, which is now considered to have been a vital error in national finance.

FACTORY GIRLS BURNED IN FIRE.

SCRANTON, Jan. 17.—Two girls were killed and seven others seriously injured in a fire today in the building occupied by the Imperial Underwear factory. About two hundred girls were employed in the factory and there was a panic when the alarm of fire was sounded. Florence Watrous was caught in the burning building and died in the flames. Mary Bueckly, who with a number of other employees jumped from the fire escape, was killed.

The injured were Sadie and Annie Kowen, sisters, Florence Cusick, Margerite Horman, Kate Conzie, Mary Whelan, Kate Griffith. All were burned and suffering from broken limbs and internal injuries.

The fire is supposed to have been started from the upsetting of a glue omy Furniture Co., located in the pot in the warehouse of the Econ- basement of the building, which was four stories.

ANOTHER HOLD-UP IN VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 16.—Harry Stevens, a bank clerk and Ed. Hala were held up early this morning at the corner of Hastings street and Westminster avenue by two masked men armed with revolvers. The young men were forced to give up their watches and $12 cash. The hold up occurred within one block of the police station.

JAMES STOVE, THE OLDEST PIONEER, DEAD.

Deceased Came to Nanaimo Away Back in the Fifties. Was the Oldest Pioneer in City.

Nanaimo, Jan. 15—Nanaimo's oldest pioneer passed away yesterday in the person of Mr. Jas. Stove, whose death took place at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Brown, on Franklyn Street. While not the oldest resident of the city Mr. Stove was the oldest pioneer, being 81 years of age, and having come to Nanaimo in the latter part of 1852, or the beginning of 1853.

The first white pioneers of Nanaimo were the late John McGregor, John Muir, Robt. Muir and wrchibald Muir, who came to Nanaimo in August, 1852.

Mr. Stove came afterwards to the city from Fort Rupert, going to work at the coal mines then just opening up. He afterwards was for two years employed on the steamer Beaver, and subsequently was in charge of the first saw mill in Nanaimo, then situated on the Millstream. After that he was variously employed in the mines until about 1870 when he took up land on the Nanaimo River, working there almost ever since.

The deceased was a native of the Orkney Islands, and a man of splendid physique, industrious, and a thoroughly reliable man in every way. He had many an interesting tale to tell of pioneer days and many a pleasant hour has he passed for many citizens, telling of the earlier days of Nanaimo, when sterling integrity of character counted for more than position or means.

It may be interesting to know that Mr. Stove hewed out the timbers that the historic Bastion is constructed of. His first arrival in Nanaimo was made in a canoe in company with Isbister and Malcolm. The latter is still living and is now a resident at Kamloops.

The deceased was married, his wife dying a few years ago and he leaves three sons, Messrs. James, William and David and two daughters, Mrs. F. Vales, and Mrs. G. S. Brown.

Bronchitis was the immediate cause of death.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 1:30 from the residence of his daughter Mrs. Geo. Brown, Franklyn St.

BIG OIL FIRM IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 15.—Oil producing firms here today received news from the Caucasian Mountains of finding an oil gusher at Baku, flowing at the rate of 120,000 barrels a day, it far surpasses any other well in the Baku region, and unlike the new gusher opened at Surakh, the new gusher was discovered in an already explored field.

At the headquarters of the producing firms of the region where the new gusher was found great pleasure is expressed over the evidence of the continued vitality of the Baku field.

FORESTERS OBJECT TO BILL

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—A deputation representing the Independent Order of Foresters, including Ed. Stevenson, supreme chief ranger, and othe high officials, are at Ottawa today, interviewing Mr. Fielding and the superintendent of insurance regarding the new insurance bill before parliament.

The Foresters object to the clause requiring all new insurance done by fraternal societies be based on a national fraternal congress tables of mortality.

The inforcement of such, according to Stevenson would practically put the Foresters out of business in Canada.

The deputation asked that the clauses of the bill dealing with fraternal insurance be held over for a year in order that all societies be given an opportunity to discuss the gestions, etc.

clauses with a view to making sug-

Mr. Fielding promised his consideration of the request.

NEGRO EDUCATION MEETING.

New York, Jan. 17.—Gov. Hughes has accepted the invitation of the Armstrong Association to speak in Carnegie Hall tonight in the interests of negro education in the south as represented by the Tuskegee Institute.

Ex-Mayor Seth Low, who is chairman of the Tuskegee board of trussees, is to preside, and the speakers, besides Gov. Hughes, will be Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Booker Washington, and Bishop Grant of Indiana. The musical features of the program will be furnished by a chorus of Hampton Institute students.

A joint board of the three leading labor bodies of Great Britain has issued a report on unemployment, in which it is recommended that the trade unions be urged to abolish overtime, and that where this is not wholly possible, it be restricted to the narrowest limits, and that when worked, it be penalized to the fullest extent.

A labor candidate for a vacant seat in the Australian parliament, has hit upon a novel idea—"young age pensions," on the ground that they are wise and merciful, and will be commercially profitable to the commonwealth. He adds that they would conduce to good citizenship, and "enable the struggling parents of large families to bring up their children decently and with credit to themselves and the community."