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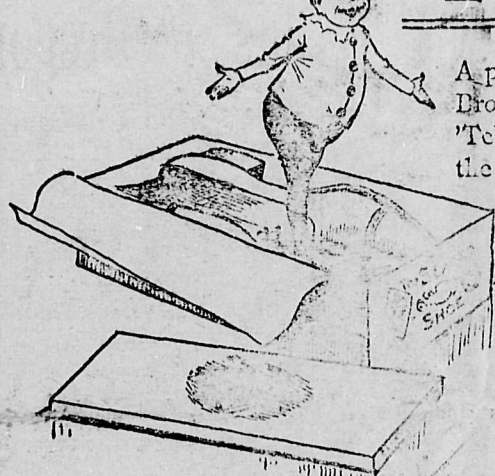
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- A \$45 Set of Chambers' Encyclopaedia, bound in calf, latest edition, in perfect order, only \$12.
- A \$16 Set of Dickens, complete, only \$8.50.
- A \$16 Set of Bulwer's, complete, new only \$3.50.
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- Also, about 200 Assorted Books, worth from \$1 up to \$7, now only 25 cts. up to \$1.50.

City Auction Rooms

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## NOTICE

Owing to the advance in Flour, the Bakers of Nanaimo and Wellington have decided to raise the price of Bread.

On and after the 1st of November, 1896, the price will be

## 16 Loaves For One Dollar

**Smart & Thorne  
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W. Raines	5.0
S. Waddington	5.0
J. Malpas	4.8
H. Bostell	4.6
E. D. Michael	4.6
J. D. Davis	4.3
J. Dickenson	4.2
J. Rowbottom	4.2
Malpas & Stokes	4.0
F. Todd	4.0
L. Jones	4.0
H. D. Calverly	3.9
E. Davis	3.8
G. Cawthorne	3.8
D. Richards	3.6
A. Balo	3.2
N. Lund	3.0
H. Fearn	3.0
J. B. De Cour	2.9

ROBT. E. MCKENNEY, M.D.,  
Health Officer.  
Nanaimo, B. C., Nov. 3rd 1896.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

A meeting of those who have subscribed towards the funds for the purpose of obtaining a Railway Charter will be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday Evening, the 10th Instant, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

## Central Hotel Restaurant

Sunday, Nov. 8, 1896.

Mid-day Dinner from 12 to 3 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

## BILL OF FARE.

- SOUPS:  
Mock Turtle
- FISH:  
Stuffed Salmon
- BOILED:  
Beef a la Jardiniere
- RELISHES:  
Celery
- SALADS:  
Lobster
- ENTREES:  
Chicken Pot Pie  
Lamb Chops, Breaded, with Green Peas  
Cream Fritters
- ROASTS:  
Sirloin of Beef and Brown Potatoes  
Leg of Mutton with Jelly  
Leg of Pork and Apple Sauce  
Mallard Duck and Jelly
- VEGETABLES:  
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes  
Sweet Corn  
Mashed Turnips
- DESSERT:  
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce  
Lemon Cream Pie  
Hot Mince Pie

## City Market

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GEO. L. SCHETKY, Agent.  
Room No. 14, Johnston Block.

The Rogers typograph operators and composing room staff of the Winnipeg Tribune newspaper, struck on Tuesday against a reduction of wages.

## City and District.

Mr. W. W. McInnes, M.P., and wife returned by this morning's train.

H. M. S. Imperieuse was outside the bay yesterday.

Ss. Peter Jensen arrived early this morning.

Ss. Signal and R. Dunsmuir were in port yesterday.

It has been decided to hold a poultry show some time in January, and as this may be the only one held in the province this year efforts are being made to make it as great a success as possible.

Preliminary steps are being taken toward the building of a railway to Alberni. The petition is being numerous signed by the citizens, and the project is being well received.

The M and M L P A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov 7th at 8:30, in the Oddfellows' Hall. The financial statement will be presented, and other important business transacted.

A petition is in circulation in Victoria asking for permission for bicyclists to use the side walks during the next four months. The privilege is asked on certain conditions; to dismount when meeting a pedestrian, and to ride at a moderate speed.

A large audience assembled at the St. Andrew's Hall last Tuesday evening. The ladies of the church had prepared a somewhat novel and ingenious affair, called a "Cobweb Social." A programme of vocal and instrumental music was given. Refreshments were also provided.

Rev. D. V. Lucas will preach in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, and address a mass meeting of children in the Y.M.C.A. at 4:15. He will preach in the Wallace Street Methodist Church in the evening, and address a temperance meeting under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. in the Presbyterian church at 8:30. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses.

The members of the E. L. of Wallace Street Church met last Tuesday at the residence of Mr. Grant, on Victoria Crescent, for a parlor social. There was a large turnout considering the stormy evening. Games were the order of the evening, and everyone enjoyed themselves. This society has increased in numbers and interest of late, and a very good programme has been prepared for the winter. The older members of the congregation are not too old to be welcomed at the meetings, which are held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

A masquerade ball is being arranged for to take place in the International Hall on Friday, Nov. 20, for the benefit of James Waters who has been sick for over two months with typhoid fever. As Mr. Waters has a wife and family dependent upon him, the public will see that the object is for a good cause, and should receive the support of many. If you don't want to go to the ball buy a ticket anyway, the proceeds will go to Mr. Waters.

Mr. W. B. Dennison, the obliging ticket agent of the C.P.R., has moved into the store recently vacated by Mr. Caldwell, tailor, and has had the place nicely fitted up. Mr. Dennison is now in better quarters and will be better able to meet the demands of the business. We hope he will be as successful in his new quarters as in the old—only more so.

Professor Wemyon had a fair audience in the Y.M.C.A. Hall last Wednesday evening, who greatly enjoyed the treat given them. As the Professor will appear again on Saturday evening, and will give a reading from "Richard III." Mrs. Ganton, Mrs. Barber and Mr. J. P. Jones will give selections, and it is hoped there will be a large audience. Report says the last number given on Wednesday evening was well worth the price of admission.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.**  
Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. 11 a. m., matins, Litany and sermon. 2:30 p. m. Sunday school. 7 p. m. Evening song and sermon. Rev. Mr. Bosanquet, preacher.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.**  
Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. Nov. 1st. 11 a. m., matins, Litany and sermon. 2 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., Evening song and sermon. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven. This evening, (Friday), Boys' Brigade at 7:30; Choir practice at 8:30.

**WALLACE STREET METHODIST CHURCH.**  
Rev. T. W. Hall, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. D. V. Lucas, will preach in the evening.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Rev. W. A. Ganton, pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class 2:30 p. m.

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Rev. D. V. Lucas will preach in the morning, and Rev. T. W. Hall in the evening.

**SPIRITUALISM.**  
Spiritualists' Hall, 1, O. O. F., (new block). Sunday evening next at 7:30 p. m.

**HALIBURTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH.**  
Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. D. P. Knox, pastor.

## A Tremendous Future.

London, Nov. 4.—Adolphus Drucker, Conservative member of parliament for Northampton, has just returned from a trip to British Columbia. Upon being interviewed he said he thought there was a tremendous future for the country and that it was going ahead nearly everywhere. American capital, he said, had been developing the country, but Englishmen were now spoiling it by the ridiculous prices they were asking for every mining claim. Americans were met in the most hospitable manner. Mr. Drucker said he had met with no anti-English element, while travelling in British Columbia.

Hood's PILLS are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache, 25 cents.

## Canadian News.

Winnipeg has been agitated by a series of burglaries lately, the last of which was the clearing out of Andrew's jewelry store. On Tuesday a great sensation was caused by the arrest of Michael and Anthony Egan, members of the well-known railway contracting firm of Egan & Sons. Nearly all the stolen property was found in their possession.

Robert Moran is now on trial at Winnipeg for the murder of his sweet-heart, Hannah Hilton. He is a well-known farmer of Holland settlement, and on the night of March 30, he was out walking with the girl, whose body was found next morning on the prairie, with her throat cut. The young girl was pregnant. Blood stains were found on Moran's clothes.

Walter Scott, publisher of the Regina Leader, has been committed to stand his trial on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by Melvin Ross Davin, M.P., for West Assiniboia. The alleged libel appeared in the Leader on Oct. 15th.

The jury in the case of Komukag Egan and Charlie Joachin, for the murder of Pierre Alexis, at Island Lake, returned a verdict of manslaughter, at Edmonton, N.W.T., and the prisoners were sentenced to ten years in the Manitoba Penitentiary. Mary Gray for being an accessory after the fact is now on trial.

The Dominion line steamship Canada, has made the fastest passage on record from Liverpool to the St. Lawrence—five days and nineteen hours corrected time from Liverpool to Heath's Point.

Hon. Louis Tourville, member of the Legislative Council of Quebec, and one of the most prominent of Montreal business men, died on Wednesday. He was 65 years old. His death places the Liberals in a minority in the Upper House.

The employees of the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Company, of Hamilton, have been notified that their wages will be reduced 10 per cent from Nov. 1st. Keen business competition is the reason given for the reduction.

## Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas.

The Cardiff Times lately had the following announcement: "The English cholera has lately claimed another victim. At Mountain Ash, Glamorganshire, on the 17th of September, died Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, widow of the late William Thomas, Esq., and daughter of the late William Brinn, who was superintendent of the Pembroke Iron & Coal Company. This estimable lady was highly respected and her funeral was largely attended by all classes." Mrs. Thomas was a niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Booth, Salt Spring Island. She was the only sister of Mrs. James Knight, of Nanos Bay, and was also a niece of Mr. R. Brinn, of Discovery Island.

JUST ONE.  
Of one who answers nevermore—  
Whose ear hears not the loving words  
Of one who calls across the shore.  
Just one alone must bear the pains  
And anguish of life's dreary day;  
I cannot speak across the sea  
Or press one kiss at last for aye.  
Llewellyn.

## Presidential Election.

McKinley has 277 and Bryan 170 votes in the Electoral College. Many States which were counted for Bryan went for McKinley. McKinley did not carry a single county in Colorado. California and Oregon went for McKinley and Washington went to the Populists.

## Another Duel.

There seems to be a prospect of a newspaper duel between a reporter of Colist and Mr. Colman, the Presbyterian missionary amongst the Chinese, over a report of a meeting some time ago, in which Mr. Gardner made a statement—according to the reporter—that it was difficult for a Chinaman to get justice, and that laws were made to militate against Chinamen. It seems Mr. Gardner challenged the correctness of the statement, but the reporter reiterates that Mr. Gardner is a so. Mr. Colman is now after the scalp of the poor reporter. It seems to be quite the fashion for some people to make statements, which are afterwards found to be untrue and unpoplar, to then say they were misreported. Reporters have enough of their own sins both of commission and omission, to answer for without other people putting their misdeeds upon their shoulders too.

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Medicinal value in a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla than in any other preparation.  
**More** skill is required, more care taken, more expense incurred in its manufacture.  
**More** it costs the proprietor and the dealer but it costs the consumer less, as he gets more doses for his money.  
**More** curative power is secured by its peculiar combination, proportion and process, which make it peculiar to itself.  
**More** people are employed and more space occupied in its Laboratory than any other.  
**More** wonderful cures effected and more testimonials received than by any other.  
**More** sales and more increase year by year are reported by druggists.  
**More** people are taking Hood's Sarsaparilla today than any other, and more are taking it today than ever before.  
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cure all Liver Ills and  
Hood's Pills Sick Headache, 25 cents.



**Life in British Columbia.**  
Well written in fame and story  
In England, the pride of the sea;  
Her rulers are old and hoary,  
England's greatness all can see;  
But out here in British Columbia—  
The land of mountains and streams—  
Fair is the home in Columbia,  
The home of the poor man's dreams.

The rivers are swarming with fishes,  
So is each harbor and bay;  
The poor man can catch what he wishes,  
No one will say to him nay.  
In the woods men sometimes go stalking  
And chasing after the deer,  
And if they are lucky they shoot him,  
And drop him without any fear.

The mountains have silver and gold,  
The forests magnificent pine,  
Near we have coal, iron and coal;  
Our fruit trees will win every time.  
If we were not cursed with the Chinese,  
All our workmen would have some-  
thing to do.  
England leaves it to the Liberals dis-  
cretion,  
Three cheers for the red, white and  
blue.

—Flewellyn.

## A MOTHER IN ISRAEL.

BY HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESSEN.

(Harper's Monthly Magazine.)

"Another child," murmured Judah Memlinger, "another sorrow."  
"Shame on thee, Judah!" said Rachel, his wife, pressing the new-born babe to her breast. "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed be the name of the Lord!" her husband repeated, humbly, and with bowed head, as he stared with mournful eyes at the tiny intruder.  
"The child is not well favored, I think," he remarked, at the end of a long pause.

"It is a male child. The Lord has done well by him," said Rachel, severely.

Baruch, the elder son, four years old, had stolen into the hushed sick-room in his father's wake, and stood near the door, biting his thumb with suppressed agitation.

"Come, Baruch, and see thy new brother," said his mother.

Baruch, with an acute sense of his unworthiness, sidled up to the bed. There lay a puny, little yellow thing with black curly hair, and one small wrinkled fist clinched under an embryonic nose. Baruch stood long staring at him in silent wonder. Then, in a spirit of enterprise, he raised his hand and tentatively touched his cheek.

"Baruch," said the mother, warningly, "beware that thou dost not hurt thy new brother!" Baruch withdrew his finger as if it had been burnt.

Judah Memlinger was by trade a furrier, and worked for a Jewish master who had the finest store in Odessa. He was neither a handsome nor a clever man; at least Gentile eyes would not have pronounced him either. He wore the two long side curls of the orthodox Jew, and his black forked beard was rusty and weather-bleached at the ends. There was in his eyes something shy and alert, as of a hunted thing, and a peculiarly anxious and uneasy look was habitual to his features. Of stature he was small, crooked, and round-shouldered, and the wide-skirted black caftan slouched about his thin legs. The waxen pallor of his face told of late hours and sedentary labor in the close, over-heated workshop.

Everybody wondered why Nathan Rosenham, a physician and a scholar, gave his daughter in marriage to so humble a man as Judah. It was, indeed, whispered that he did it as a punishment for permitting her heart to stray beyond the Ghetto. Afterward, it was said, Nathan had regretted somewhat, and had allowed her to move her piano to her new home. For that piano was the apple of her eye. It had come all the way from Paris, and it had a most lovely tone, and was beautifully inlaid with ivory and mother-of-pearl. The neighbors often paused under Rachel's windows and stood listening to her wonderful playing. Sometimes she poured forth a tempest of sound, with strange wailing, sighing, lamenting chords interspersed; and sometimes she lost herself in melodious musings, full of sorrowful resignation. Then, at the end of a year, a child arrived, and a change came over the spirit of Rachel's playing. A new tenderness awoke in her and drove away the fierce rebellion.

Four years after the birth of Baruch, another son was born to Rachel, and she rejoiced again and thanked the Lord. She called him David (though none of her kindred bore this

name), after the great king of Israel, the music of whose harp has resounded through the ages in the hearts of numberless generations.

During the years while her children were small, Rachel devoted herself with unremitting zeal to their education. In a way she held herself responsible for their poverty and lowly station. It did not occur to her that if she had married another man, these children, Baruch and David, would never have come into the world. It was her fault, she thought, that they were born to contumely and deprivation, and she would, as far as it was in her power, atone to them for it. They were not to be journeyman mechanics, like their father. They were to be artists or lawyers or physicians, such as she had seen among the Jews in Moscow. They were to break the bondage of the close and filthy Ghetto and go out into the world, and become an honor to their people. It was with this in view that she dragged them in from their play and taught them to read French and German. She sat up late at night in order to refresh her own knowledge, so that she might impart it to them; nay, she began to study Latin by herself, in order that she might help to fit them for the university. It was of no use that her husband, being unable to sympathize with her ambition, tried to throw obstacles in her way, and even threatened to complain of her to the Rabbi. Obedient to her wishes as he was in most things, in this he remained sulkily obstinate.

If she had used his money for purchasing the dangerous books he could have pleaded his poverty, and persuaded her to desist. But she had obtained several pupils in music of late, and earned enough to be independent of him. Tall of stature, with a certain queenly unconsciousness of her own loveliness, she went her way, intent upon her task, and let the turbulent currents of life roll by her unheeded. Her bearing was simplicity itself, suggesting neither pride nor humility, but a beautiful self-respect and womanly dignity. To be a mother in Israel has from of old been a title to honor; and Rachel, in the midst of her poverty, felt an invisible crown of maternity upon her brow.

For eighteen years Rachel lived in peaceful obscurity, devoting herself to the education of her sons. Her husband never directly censured her or expressed his disapproval of her teachings; but he summoned to his aid the Rabbi, who was less considerate, and denounced with all the maledictions of the Prophets those who, deluded by vain ambition, strayed beyond the fold of Israel.

It was a terrible disappointment to Rachel when her sons, one after the other, were refused admission to the gymnasium which was to fit them for the university. There was a rule, which was enforced or not, according to official caprice, limiting the number of Jewish pupils which might be accepted, and it pleased the authorities in this case to include David and Baruch among those who had to be debarred. It was of no use that she called upon the rector of the school and implored him to relax the rule in their favor. Equally unavailing were her appeals to the other officials, all of whom advised her to apprentice her sons to their father's trade, and not foolishly to aspire beyond her station. The Rabbi, too, enforced this advice with awful biblical quotations, and one day Judah actually summoned courage to carry off the elder boy with him to the shop. She had long foreseen that this would have to come, and though it grieved her deeply, she did not dare interfere. The long-skirted Jewish caftan was to her the badge of the servitude of her race, and it cut her to the quick to see Baruch arrayed in it like his father, wearing the odious side-curls, and unconsciously acquiring the stoop and the walk of the Ghetto. But if she could not save Baruch from the misery of ignorance, toil, and dreary resignation which fell to the lot of the Jewish mechanic in Russia, she would concentrate all her energy and all her hopes upon David. She read until her eyes ached and her head swam, but she could not disguise to herself the fact that she made but slight progress. With Baruch she had made some little headway, but with David her success was far from encouraging.

He wept over Caesar and sulked over Nepos, and when it came to Cicero and Sallust, she was herself completely at sea, and could offer him no assistance. Only in arithmetic was he more than her match. He could make a calculation in his head with extraordinary rapidity, and he could run up a column of figures with a sort of instinctive correctness in less time than it took to write it down. But outside of this single department his intellect did not extend.

It was a touching sight to see Rachel sitting at her sewing table dividing her attention between a colossal patch, which she was attaching to a pair of trousers, and the reluctant boy, who was writhing and wriggling and scratching his head in order to escape from the odious lesson.

Strange to say, she failed to perceive that Baruch, with his tall figure, fine open face, and the large intelligent eyes, was her own counterpart, while the small and stunted David, with his oldish face and serious gnome-like expression, was the very image of his father. The same shrewd, alert eyes, lying in ambush behind heavy black brows, as if to catch the unwary; the same narrow receding forehead and sharp commercial nose; the same tightly shut, thin-lipped mouth, with the mean, cramped parsimonious lines about it.

She bribed him with cakes and culinary tid-bits to practise on the piano, and to sit through his daily lesson without protest; and so displayed a patience that was simply heroic in pointing out to him for the twentieth time the same mistake which he had nineteen times repeated. Following the score with her knitting-needle, counting unwearily one, two, three, four, one, two, three, four, striking a cord here and a cord there by way of correction, she expended an amount of energy which would have exhausted any one but a fond and deluded mother. However, David learned to play after a fashion; and Rachel shed tears of joy when for the first time he toiled through Schumann's "Traumerei" without any serious blunder. David might be an artist yet, if the Lord had deprived him of the chance of being a scholar. He would lift himself out of the bondage of the Ghetto and be the pride of the people. "O Lord, remember David!" was the beginning and end of all her supplications.

But Judah, too, though he used different language, included David in his prayers, and when the boy was sixteen years old he thought it was time to put an end to his idleness. He was old enough to make his own living now; it was a sin and a shame to fill his brain with vain dreams, which, in the position wherein God had placed him, could never be realized. Having for years dropped hints to this effect, and by surliness manifesting his displeasure at his wife's ambition, he came at last to the conclusion that his duty compelled him to act. He had had frequent attacks of vertigo of late, and had become apprehensive regarding his health. The doctor declared that he did not take enough exercise and that unless he changed his mode of life his days were numbered. Particularly he must avoid all agitation, be sparing in his diet, and shorten his hours at the shop. There was an absolute necessity, therefore, to find some means of compensating for his decreased earnings.

Judah well knew that a battle was in store for him when he should broach this proposition, and in order to strengthen his authority he invited the Rabbi to sup with him. Dr. Rubinstein shared his sentiments, and had been his support in all his contentions with his wife. A light of apprehension was kindled in Rachel's eyes when she saw the tall and stern Rabbi enter with her husband. He looked to her a very personification of the law and a messenger of the wrath to come. When the simple meal was at an end he arose and read in Hebrew the 128 psalm, pronouncing slowly and in a voice of awful warning the divine injunction:

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways."  
"For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee."

Having finished the psalm, he turned solemnly to Rachel, who was standing on the opposite side of the table, clutching David's hand. "Daughter," he said, "thou hast heard the voice of the Lord. Thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands. In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat thy bread. Thy husband has, with my aid, found an honorable position for his son David. The shoemaker Abraham Cohn will take him as an apprentice, and will give him his board and lodging, even though he ought to have commenced at least three years ago."

Though Rachel's heart shot up into her throat at the Rabbi's words, and a deadly fear possessed her, she preserved an outward calm, and there was no break in her voice as she answered:

"Surely, Rabbi, the Lord did not mean all His people to eat the bread of manual toil. Has He not set up statesmen, teachers, and

artists among us, who are the pride of Israel?"

The Rabbi winced visibly at the reference to teachers, but recovering himself promptly, asked, in his sternest bass: "Hast thou ever heard the command, daughter, that a wife should be obedient to her husband? Thou knowest thy husband's will; if thou dost not know it, thou shalt hear it now. Speak, Judah!"

Judah, who had listened with obvious approval to the Rabbi's words, nodding emphatically at every pause, pushed aside his chair and advanced toward Rachel.

"Thou hast heard what the Rabbi says, he cried, in a voice that was hoarse with excitement. 'I am the head of my household. I am the boy's father, and I command him and thee to obey.'"

"Judah," Rachel pleaded, with beautiful, sorrowful dignity, "I pray thee do not force me to disobey thee. Thou knowest this is my last hope for which I have lived and toiled these many years."

"I know that thou hast nursed foolish dreams, and taught thy son to look down upon his father."

"No, so help me God, that I have never done!"

"I will have no more palaver! Give me the boy!"

He darted forward, grasping David's disengaged hand; but Rachel caught him to her heart, and clasped him with the desperation of terror.

"Thou wilt never leave me David—never, never?" she implored, gazing with anxious tenderness into his eyes.

"No, mother, no," the boy murmured, striving to pull his arm away from his father.

"A curse on the, thou rebellious wife!" screamed Judah, tugging away with all his might at his son's hand—"all the curses wherewith the Lord—"

His face grew purple. His eyes seemed to be starting out of his head. Suddenly releasing the boy's hand, he tumbled with a crash against a chair, and lay crouched in a heap. The Rabbi stooped over him and lifted him up, but with a groan he fell back dead.

"May the Lord of Israel forgive thee!" said the Rabbi to Rachel! "for thou hast sinned grievously!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

New Zealand has acquired a reputation for experimenting in legislation, and seems likely to retain it, two curious measures having lately been introduced by the dominant party in the Legislature. One is a bill for the suppression of juvenile depravity. When a policeman finds a girl in the streets after ten o'clock at night, he must take her to the nearest justice of the peace or clergyman, and, if he does not find him in, to the house of some married person of good repute, and then find out who she is, and why she is out. Another is a bill against undesirable immigrants, designed to keep consumptives out of the colony. The captain of a ship landing a passenger afflicted with lung disease is to be heavily fined. An additional fine is to be imposed if he allows a sound passenger to room with a sick one, and he is held responsible if lung disease develops in a passenger within three months after his landing.—Ex.

The Toronto Globe, lately estimated that the farmers of Ontario would realize \$1,300,000 out of the recent rise in the price of wheat, and the Manitoba farmers \$6,000,000. Even if this be an over-estimate, it will give an idea of the large amount of money that will be put into circulation as a result of the rise in wheat, and the consequent impetus that must be felt in all lines of industry.

They "ook "Scotch." The following is from a Toronto exchange: Three spirituous magnets met in the Rossin House this week. They were Joseph Seagram, of Waterloo, Mr. Walker, of Walkerville, and Harry Corbey, of Corbeyville. One proposed something wet and they adjourned to the muggery. "What will you have, gentlemen?" asked the bell-boy, who answered the push of the button.

"Whisky and appolinaris for me," said Mr. Seagram.

"I guess I'll take the same," said Mr. Walker.

"That will suit me," said Mr. Corky.

"What kind of whisky, gentlemen?" asked Buttons.

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## Protective Industry.

The fact of applications for positions in the civil service, many of them yielding very small incomes, has given members of Parliament and others new light upon the number of unemployed in this country. We have been living for some eighteen years under a policy which was to give the people of this country "diversity of employment." Diversity of employment is a good thing if it is brought about by means which do not unduly tax the energies of the people. It cannot fail to strike anyone who travels a few hundred miles through the country that there are too many people living upon the work of the farmer; but the tendency in recent years has been to increase rather than to diminish this burden. In this view the interest that has been aroused in the mineral resources of Canada is one of the most hopeful features of the situation. It is much better for a young man to be looking toward our mining fields, whether as an engineer, or an artisan, or a storekeeper, than to be sighing for the ease and certainty of a Government position. The development of our mining wealth would create the diversity of employment that we all desire, and give new scope to the energy and enterprise of Canadians, and instead of burdening the farmer it would open up new home markets for his products. In other words, instead of increasing the topeaviness of a structure resting upon the farmer for a base, it would broaden the foundation.

It is satisfactory to know that the mineral wealth of Canada is so diversified, and is confined to no one Province but is found all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This is brought out very clearly in an article in The National Review by Mr. George M. Dawson, Director of the Geological Survey of Canada. It is pointed out that in British Columbia the output for the first six months of the present year is \$2,000,000, exceeding that of the whole of 1895; and Mr. Dawson says there is every reason to believe "from the known geological conditions, and from an analogy with the corresponding region to the south, that as skilled prospecting is extended from point to point a mining country fully comparable with that of the entire western tier of States of the American Union will be found to exist. The mineral wealth of British Columbia includes gold, silver, copper, lead, asbestos and coal in very large quantities. Coal is also found in abundance east of the Rockies. In a report on southern Alberta, published some time ago, the amount of coal obtained in one tract some 46 miles long was estimated at 330,000,000 tons. Natural gas has been found in the Northwest, and along the Athabasca river there are indications of petroleum in remarkable abundance. Then in Ontario there are deposits of gold, silver, copper, iron, nickel, peat, and other products, in regard to most of which developments have only just begun. Quebec has phosphate, mica, graphite, asbestos and slate. Coal-mining in Nova Scotia has become an industry of some importance; gold has been found in paying quantities, and among other products are copper, manganese, antimony and structural metals. Everywhere the opportunities are good, and it is to be hoped that the interest now taken in the gold-fields will give an impetus to the mining industry all round.—Globe.

## Strange Deaths.

Right Rev. Frederick R. Wynne, D. D., Episcopal Bishop of Killarney, was found dead on Tuesday on the sidewalk near his residence in Dublin, Ireland. His wife was found dead in her bedroom soon after his body was discovered on the sidewalk. An investigation showed that the Prelate recently left Killarney for his home in Dublin on account of his wife's health, and had left his house to fetch a doctor for her about 5:30 a.m., when he fell dead near his residence. His wife, it seems, must have died soon after the Bishop left the house.

## Nanaimo Assizes.

The Fall Assizes will be held in this city on the 24th of November. The following are the cases to be tried: Dr. George and Lewis (Indians), mutilating a human being. E. Hodgson, murder. Jas. Thompson, attempted rape. R. H. Carter, uttering counterfeit coin. Mrs. Burdett, causing bodily injury by negligent driving. And a case of unlawfully entering a dwelling house at Union.

## Kootenay News.

The Jumbo is a great mine. There is no longer any reasonable room for doubt on this subject. A solid body of pay ore has been developed 10 or 12 feet wide, and at least 125 feet long and over 100 feet deep. How much longer and how much deeper it is will not be known without further development. The Jumbo has been incorporated and the principal owners of the stock are John A. Finch and Mr. R. G. Gibson, of Spokane. They are two of the most enterprising mining men who ever came, and their success is well deserved.—Rossland Miner.

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## News of the Day.

At the Clerkenwell sessions, London, Eng. on Tuesday last, the Grand Jury found true bills against Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, accused of shop lifting.

Thomas Craig was sentenced at Goderich on Monday to twenty-three months imprisonment on each of six charges of forgery.

Ten thousand people attended a religious service at Mercier's tomb, Montreal, on Sunday, which was magnificently decorated. There was no special speech making.

F. W. Peters, local freight agent of the C.P.R. at Winnipeg has been appointed freight agent of the company for the Kootenay district, the British Columbia division having been divided. Mr. Allan Cameron will have charge of the Pacific Coast division, with headquarters at Vancouver, while Mr. Peters will be stationed at Nelson.

A jury in London has granted nominal damages against the chairman of a corporation meeting who refused to put a motion offered by one of the members. The damages would have been substantial if a commercial loss could have been proved. The case is to be appealed.

Early Tuesday morning fire broke out in Cayton Hall, Richmond, Que., and spread like lightning from the Main street through to College street, which was soon a mass of flames. The town and Grand Trunk brigades worked hard, but it was not until the arrival of help from Sherbrooke that the fire was got under control. The total loss is about \$100,000, and insurance \$30,000.

John Burns proposes to have a law passed by the English Parliament, making it compulsory for employers to give domestic servants a character on dismissal. Laws to that effect have long been in force in France and Germany.

## Provincial News.

A curious accident and a miraculous escape befel a Jap, a few days ago, at the Brunette Saw Mills, Westminster. He was sent to adjust something where the odds and ends of lumber are fed into the great refuse burner. Being an inexperienced hand, he did not go about the work properly, and, slipping forward, he fell headlong into what is generally a roaring, fiery furnace. Fortunately, a lot of green sawdust had just been thrown on the flames, or, otherwise, the man would have been burned to a crisp in no time. As it was, he rolled over the crust of sawdust and cut through a door, with only a slight burn on the hand and head.

Mr. J. A. Allen, of Vancouver, was drowned Saturday morning, at North Bend. The deceased, according to the information received was working on a scow on the Fraser, when he fell into the water, and was swept away.

## To Run to Victoria.

Victoria, Nov. 3.—A well defined rumor is in circulation to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has become alarmed because of the agitation of Victoria business men for better railway way communication, and that it will make a strong effort to secure and retain the Victoria trade. From a prominent business man it is learned that when Mr. Robt. Kerr, the C. P. R.'s general agent at Winnipeg, was in the city a few months ago, he had several conferences with Mr. James Dunsmuir, the subject matter under discussion being the practicability of running the C. P. R. cars to Victoria via the E. & N. Railway. The scheme as outlined includes the building of a ferry boat capable of carrying cars and running the same between Vancouver and Nanaimo. It is said that the C. P. R. intends putting this scheme into operation at as early a date as possible, so that it will be in a position to compete with any other railway that may secure direct communication with Victoria.

Mr. James Dunsmuir is confined to his house through illness, and therefore could not be seen to-day, but it is learned on very good authority that such a proposition was favorably considered by both the railway companies interviewed.—Times.

A later despatch from Vancouver says: The report that the C. P. R. intended to build a ferry boat to carry loaded cars of freight from Vancouver to Nanaimo appears to be without foundation. Superintendent Abbott denies all knowledge of such a plan.

## Laurier's Promises.

An Ottawa despatch says: Messrs McConnell and McGreevy, who spent the summer in West Kootenay for the Geological survey, have returned and speak very favorably of mining progress. They will prepare a sheet which will be valuable as the country develops. Mr. Fraser, who conducted the oil borings near Edmonton for the Government survey, have returned and speak very favorably of the prospect of getting oil at Athabasca landing, but cannot get deep enough, and will do nothing more until a new location is struck next spring.

Premier Laurier has promised Mr. Bickerike, president of the Board of Trade, Montreal, to give 14 feet depth in the canal west of Montreal and 30 feet in the river east. It is said that provision will be made in the estimates next session to carry this work to completion.

## Sad Drowning Accident.

An inquest was held on Wednesday before Coroner Davis, on the body of Hannah Smithurst, of Union, who was drowned at Johnston's wharf last Monday night, under sad circumstances. The following were the witnesses: jury—Wm. Orr (foreman), Geo. Raymond, W. L. Jeffry, F. Charlton, W. E. Green, W. F. Norris, Geo. Bevilockway.

After viewing the body and the place of the accident, the inquest was adjourned until 8 o'clock, at which time the following evidence was taken. Benjamin Guest said he was a stone-cutter residing in Nanaimo. On Tuesday evening he had been sleeping in his bedroom at Rowbottom's, and at 6:45 he came down to the dining-room, where he found the deceased in conversation with his sister. They sat talking about one hour after he got his supper, and he then offered to accompany the deceased to the steamer. She asked him to fetch a glass of beer before they left, and he got 25 cents worth. They then went into the kitchen and drank one glass each, afterwards going into a room where there was a fire, where they had some more of the beer. They then left the house. As they went down the street the deceased let a bottle fall on the sidewalk, which witness picked up. He had a lighted lantern with him, which was carried all the way. When they reached the wharf he went round to find the boat, and not seeing anyone around, he came back to where the deceased was standing near the Princess Louise. The deceased told the little girl Josie to go on board, which she did, and the deceased followed her. She got down about a yard, when she fell overboard. She said "Oh!" and was all the witness heard. It would be from 6 to 8 feet from the wharf to the boat, being low tide. It was about 9 o'clock and dark. There were no lights on the steamer outside, only the lights in the windows. He was sure of that. Questioned by the jury, the witness said the deceased went down backwards, she had no parcels, and her hands were free. He did not think she was under the influence of liquor. When she fell he made an alarm and put the gang plank down, thinking she might get out of it. It slipped out of his hands. He thought the gangplank was about 2 feet 4 wide. It was three or four minutes after he called out before any one came, the steamer was blowing off steam and it was difficult to see anything. The deceased was the one he picked up on the sidewalk.

Aaron Barnes, son-in-law to the deceased, gave evidence to the effect that he had accompanied the deceased earlier in the afternoon. He was in the room for her on the City of Nanaimo. He did not think she had been drinking, he could certainly have detected it. Thos. W. Gaholm said there were four lamps on their wharf, but only three were lighted on Tuesday night, one had been broken by the wind. It was repaired early next morning. The responsibility of transferring passengers safely from the steamer to the wharf lies upon the steambot company. Dr. Brian had made a careful examination of the body and found no wounds or contusions. He had especially examined the neck, but found nothing of that kind. In his opinion, the cause of death was drowning. He thought the deceased dropped straight into water. Samuel Drake, Sheriff, procured the effects of the deceased, found in the stateroom, and on the person.

Anthony Oliver gave evidence as to the finding of the body floating in the water under the wharf. Josie Barnes, the little girl who was with the deceased, said she saw the body, but was in too dazed condition to tell anything.

Albert Hilbert deposed that the body the jury had seen was the same one he had brought off the steamer Joan. The jury returned a verdict of death by accidental drowning, adding a rider calling the attention of the Government to the unprotected condition of the gang planks.

Mrs. Smithurst was the widow of Elijah Smithurst, of Union, who died some two months ago. She was born in York-shire, England, and has been a resident of this district a number of years. She was about 50 years of age, and has a married daughter living at Northfield—Mrs. A. Barnes.

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## C. P. R. Policy.

Sir William C. Van Horne's journey to the Pacific coast has been punctuated with interviews. From Winnipeg west the press has been full of his opinions and comments on them. One thing stands out clearly in the whole mass of verbiage. The C. P. R.'s president now recognizes the importance of Kootenay and is exceedingly anxious to inform the public that it will be the policy of his company to gridiron the district with railways. His plan embraces a through line from Lethbridge, Alberta, to Hope on the Fraser river, the long expected Crow's Nest Pass line. In addition to this he proposes to build connection north and south lines from Fort Steele to Golden in East Kootenay, from Slooan Crossing to Revelstoke in West Kootenay and from Penitence to Sicamous in Yale. This network of railways would of course be likely to make an independent system to the coast, a dangerous experiment from a financial point of view, and it is clearly the intention to convey this moral. Whatever other portions of the province may think of this scheme, we, in West Kootenay, can thank our stars that the American railroads will always furnish us with at least a modicum of competition.—Rossland Miner.

The steamer Unatilla came off the Tacoma dry dock on Monday and proceeded to Seattle. She will return to Tacoma this week to load a cargo of wheat for San Francisco. On Sunday the Angeles brought to Tacoma from Port Townsend several tons of general freight which was damaged in the Unatilla wreck. The local agent of the steamer is making arrangements to have the goods appraised. At the opening of the goods the consignees are expected to present.

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### Nanaimo's Christian Ministers.

The question as to what is the business of the ministry in the present age, has been settled by the action of a few of the most successful men in that sphere. We now see clearly that when a Christian minister makes it a part of his business to deal with those every-day questions that are pressing us so hard for solution and amends, the people will go to church and appreciate every effort put forth by him in such a direction. Such a minister makes humanity feel that he is acquainted with and shares their sorrows and wrongs, that whilst he is a teacher sent forth from God, the information he seeks to convey stands related to this world principally. Yet it is surprising what little interest is manifested by many ministers either by their efforts in the pulpit or their every-day activity as citizens. At the present time the ministers in Nanaimo seem to have agreed to keep their hands off anything that is not straight theology, and one feels that the most of them, with their frock buttoned tight and the emblematic purity of their front-pieces, impress one of their presence by accident and that they are foreigners and pilgrims here below, not wishing to interest themselves with the world's affairs, but are waiting for a better heritage.

The serious error that has come down from the middle ages, viz., the unwarranted, unscriptural division of life into sacred and secular; a double standard of piety that is as unreasonable as a double standard of purity, seems to be encouraged by the teaching of our ministers in Nanaimo. They seem to have forgotten that they are the successors, not of the priests, but of the prophets, who were statesmen as well as preachers. These prophets admonished the law makers and law enforcers. This course could be profitably imitated by our ministers today. There is not such a thing as a sermon dealing with a single public question. We are not calling upon them to become the advocates but the judges on these questions, impartially submitting to the jury of the people, for their verdict, attested facts and unquestionable principles, stripped of all sophistries and class exaggerations.

The Bible is sociological as well as theological. In fact there is more material for biblical sociology than for biblical theology. Certain social evils have grown apace, and we may expect them to thrive with still greater rapidity because the ministry does not teach sufficiently that personal and social ethics are an integral and important part of their work.

There are two elements that may be the cause of our ministers keeping themselves apart from teaching social and public questions. There is the old-fashioned church member who likes to hear of his future heritage and be encouraged to look upon the beggarly elements of this world as fit subjects only for what he would term the worldly man. There are those also, who want things to remain as they are. As soon as a minister has anything to say on a social question, affecting their enjoyment, the horns are aroused and want to know why

a minister cannot mind his own business, and for one of these reasons, or perhaps the two combined, the ministers confine their consideration to other-worldism—predestination and other far-off subjects that help no one in this world, and certainly do not make the best preparation for the next.

We wonder that it never strikes our ministers that so many strong-minded people, so many intelligent young men never go to church at all. They ought to see this, and if they would seek to find the cause they would then see the needed remedy, and we are sure, more attention would be given to these burning everyday questions that affect the social life of the people, and are left to self solution, and therefore, self despair, so far as the church is concerned. So the minister prays and wonders at the people's lethargy, and the people long and wish for an institution that will bear greater resemblance to the crying needs of this life, and wonder why the church exists at all.

### Editorial Notes.

The late rains will no doubt have augmented the supply of water in the Water Works Company's dams, and now the directors of the aforesaid company, as well as the citizens generally, will sleep more soundly than has been their privilege for some times past, owing to the fact that there is less danger of a water famine in case of a fire. Speaking of water as it affects the health and happiness of our community, it strikes us as rather peculiar the action of the City Council in dealing with a certain communication received by them from the above-named company. Why that communication, which was a reply to a report from the Medical Health Officer, of which we took occasion to refer to in these columns some time ago, was received and filed is a question the answer to which would no doubt puzzle the Council itself. It seems to us that in all fairness to the Medical Health Officer, it should have been referred to him, so that he could have an opportunity to make good his contentions, which the Water Works Company took the liberty to flatly contradict. We are firmly convinced that there was more truth than poetry in what the Medical Health Officer reported, and if the whole question was to come under review by the Provincial Board of Health, we give it as our opinion that the report would be found to be true in every particular, and should be carried out to the very letter, if the health of our citizens is a matter worthy of consideration by those in authority.

We notice that Ald. Marchant's "ward reconstruction by-law" has been "killed" by the casting vote of Mayor Beaven, at the last meeting of the Victoria City Council. No doubt the worthy Alderman was actuated by the best intentions in bringing forward such a by-law, and now that his work in this direction has been cut short, just at the moment when the end sought was within reach, we hope he will now turn his attention to the question of doing away with that useless ward system altogether. We have never heard one single argument advanced, why such a system should be perpetuated in any city, (it would be interesting to listen to any such argument), while on the other hand there are a thousand and one reasons why it should be wiped out. We understand some attempt has been tried to have this done, but it never got any further than the "Committee on Municipal Law" and then died for the want of some one with backbone enough to see that it got the proper attention which it deserves. New Westminster, under the powers granted by special charter, has taken this forward step, and now nine aldermen are elected by the entire city the same as the Mayor, and the

result is very satisfactory indeed, now the aldermen are responsible to all the electors and not to a little pocket-borough ward. Thus we see all ward heelers, and ward strife die a natural death, because every alderman has an equal interest in doing what is right by every portion of the city, which is as it should be. We hope to see the day come, and that very soon, when such a question will be left to the different municipalities for them to decide for themselves.

If Nanaimo is going to give a reception to the Hon. Messrs. Tarte and Davies, it is about time some move was made in that direction. In other cities of the Province the several Boards of Trade have already made all necessary arrangements to receive and entertain the distinguished visitors. Not only have they arranged to make the hon. gentlemen feel at home, but also to lay before them the wants and requirements of their respective localities, in the matter of public works, etc. We have always been led to believe that there was such an institution as a Board of Trade in this city, yet the public are not aware that any such move has been taken in the direction above indicated by our Board of Trade. Why is this? Surely our wants are as many and as varied as any other district in the Province. Such being the case the Board of Trade ought to lose no opportunity to bring to the attention of the Government these needs and requirements, and thus strengthen the hands of our representative who has done so well, and is ever ready to do all in his power for his constituency. It may not be the easiest thing imaginable for a majority of the members of our Board of Trade to overcome those feelings born of adverse political opinions to the present ministry, yet for the good of all, these sentiments should be thrust aside upon such occasions as the present, and a united effort put forth to secure the advantages to be derived from a little more attention to this district on the part of the Government.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

This column is open to the public and we heartily invite the citizens to make use of it for discussing public questions. We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

EDITORIAL MAIL.—The editor of the Free Press in his issue of Friday, Oct. 30th, accuses the Rev. D. A. McKee with the hideous and unpardonable offense of improperly and unfairly obtaining the fabulous and inconceivable sum of \$1.35 from the—according to him—poor, staggering and already overburdened tax-payers of this city. The sapient scent sniffer of the imaginary con in the civic wood-pile also assumes, (on the grounds that clergymen usually travel at half-rates) that Mr. McKee's bill was \$50.50 in excess of his actual disbursements for railway and steamboat transportation from Los Angeles to Victoria and return. No proofs, however, have as yet been vouchsafed for the accuracy of the latter item, but it is safe to predict that the journalist of 23 years experience who is magnanimous enough to devote a whole day of his waning life, a dollars worth of ink and a column and a half of good advertising space to a subject involving the enormous sum of \$1.35; will go still further and give us "absolute proof" of the alleged excessive charge of \$50.50. Up to the present time we have only got the statement of Mr. McKee's bitter enemy that the rev. gentleman has overcharged the city to the extent of \$1.35. Mr. McKee has yet to be heard from in this connection, and in the meantime let me point out to the public another item in the Free Press article which when given due consideration, will doubtless afford the citizens of Nanaimo but another proof that the sweet and commendable virtue known as veracity is not one of the peculiar characteristics of the living monument to muckraking journalism who has monopolized an editorial chair for the past 23 years.

In alluding to the expense of the police investigation the Free Press says: "The expenses of the investigation will aggregate approximately \$500, and this large amount will have to come from the already overburdened tax-payers." The disgruntled editor of the daily sheet has doubtless evolved the above misinformation from the inmost recesses of a diseased imagination or, if his own reports of the council proceedings are to be believed, the bills of costs re police enquiry have all been presented and passed by the Council and in all total up to the sum of \$288.

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of discrediting certain members of the Council, the public must in all fairness doubt his charges against Mr. McKee until they can obtain the actual facts from a more reliable source.

Were the editor of the Free Press sincere in his desire to diminish the burden of taxation, (which by the way is somewhat slighter than it was last year,) why did he lack the moral courage to arraign Commissioners Simpson and Johnston before the bar of public opinion for postponing the investigation for a period of two months? thus enailing a cost of \$288 for an enquiry the actual cost of which should not have exceeded \$50 had the Board acted promptly and impartially.

Constable Thompson's request for a postponement pending the return of Chief Crossan, was based on the plea that the Chief would be an important witness in his case. I was at the inquiry and heard the Chief make his statement, and the only evidence given by him in his subordinate's behalf was, that he was a "capable man and a good officer." This brief but pithy panegyric, though coming from the immaculate lips of a man of such decided virtue and excellence as the Chief, was not in itself considered ample justification for the two months postponement and the additional expenses resulting therefrom.

This, however, is not the first time in the history of this unhappy city that the ratepayers have been called upon to pay the costs of an inquiry into the conduct of public officials. The first was an investigation into the questionable methods of our late Police Magistrate, J. P. Planta. This inquiry was conducted by the Provincial Government, and in a manner which merits but little commendation from those who had to pay the costs. And who were they? Why the "already overburdened tax-payers" of the province, and when the whole thing terminated in a mild rebuke to the delinquent to "go thy way and sin no more" the wily editor of the Free Press scratched the bristles on the dome of thought under which his agile anatomy has ambled so long; turned his beaming countenance toward the distant capital—made his salamu to the powers that be, and maintained a palpable silence on the subject ever since.

The commission of inquiry of 1894 clearly revealed to the astonished though somewhat suspecting citizens that Mr. S. Gough the then City Clerk had paid thousands of dollars of city funds into the Bank of B.C. to his own private account, and moreover, he was forced to admit that he had paid Police Court fines to the Chief of Police instead of depositing them in the city treasury according to law.

The second little incident which added additional weight to the "already overburdened tax-payers" of this city, occurred in the early part of January, 1895, and was consequent upon the discovery in 1893, of a "full grown con in the corporation wood-pile." When A. Richardson audited the city books for 1893 he ascertained that amounts aggregating \$1,382 were owing to the various debenture accounts in the Bank of B.C. and that Mr. S. Gough could produce neither receipts nor vouchers to show how the money had been expended or if it had ever been used for corporation purposes. For the mysterious absence of this money a plausible excuse was given to, and accepted by a not over scrupulous auditor, and nothing more was said or done in the matter until Mr. Richardson was employed to audit the city accounts for the year 1894. Once more the \$1,382 shortage stared the auditor in the face and he ordered the amount to be made good forthwith or he would not pass the accounts. The "African" disorged quietly, though reluctantly, and the sinking funds have

presented a more healthful aspect ever since. "Murder will out" they say, and the shortage in the accounts soon became the current topic of the day; and it was to allay public suspicion and restore confidence in Mr. Gough that a Government auditor was imported from Victoria to make a re-audit of the city books. The imported expert and intimate friend of the family, lived here in "Li Hung Chang style" for a period of 35 days and "freely pocketed a cool" \$321, which also came from the "already overburdened tax-payers" of this city.

When Mr. Gough was being subjected to the scathing criticism of the conscientious members of last year's council for his peculiar methods of book-keeping and banking, and his grossly irregular manipulation of the corporation sinking funds, the editor of the Free Press studiously refrained from publishing anything which might possibly throw a ray of light on the sheltered nook where "Sambo" lay reposing in the civic wood-pile.

The tie vote by which Mr. Gough was retained in office only resulted in prolonging the agony. The Pierson report pleased the "promoters" of the re-audit immensely, but that it failed to justify their "philanthropic raid on the city treasury"—to pay for the results of clerical incompetency—is fully evidenced by the fact, that the present Council lost no time in removing Mr. Gough from the position of City Clerk and relegating him to one which his mediocre abilities best qualify him to fill.

The old gentleman felt exceedingly sulphureous at the members of the council who voted for the subversion of his brother-in-law Mr. Gough; and the transposition of the officials. He has tried one ruse after another since the beginning of the year, to poison the public mind against them; and it has been positively painful to witness his last frantic but fruitless effort to locate an imaginary nigger in the city wood-pile. This latter idea re the nigger, can not be ascribed to any knowledge of the civic finances and can only be attributed to one of the three following causes, viz. A morbid imagination to which I referred previously. A delusion resulting from a deranged digestion, or lastly: A vagary that frequently attends senility on the eve of a final dissolution.

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