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Ontario Apples, B.C. Apples,
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Men's, Ladies', Misses' Children's and Infants' Footwear,

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You will find a general Assortment of

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Auction Sale.

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—ON—

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At 7:30 p.m., Sharp.

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About 12 Sets of Standard Works (Complete)

All to be sold Without the Slightest Reserve

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Don't miss this Sale as a fine chance is given you to get your Xmas Presents at your own price.

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EXTENSION FRONT GRATES
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Will fit most any Stove.

All kinds of old Cook Stoves bought, sold or Exchanged.

Goods of every description bo't and sold.

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NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the Nanaimo City Public School Trustee Board must present them to the Secretary on or before Saturday the 26th inst.

By order,
S. GOUGH,
Secretary.

Nanaimo, 22nd Dec., 1896.

Any present subscriber to the MAIL can have the Weekly Globe from now to the end of 1897 for 65 cents.

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POTATOES .. POTATOES

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For Wholesome Vegetables of all kinds that are in season, get them at

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Listen for his bell.

Good Potatoes, at moderate prices.

Onions, 11 lbs., 25c. 100 lbs. for $1.65.

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VEGETABLES

MAYORALTY ELECTION.

At the request of a large number of the Electors of Nanaimo City, I have consented to allow my name to be placed in nomination for the position of Mayor of Nanaimo for the year 1897.

I shall endeavor, during the time at my disposal, to meet as many of the electors as possible and explain my position upon the many questions affecting our City and at a later date to address a public meeting to which all will be welcome.

Your obedient servant,
G. N. WESTWOOD.

CLEVER CAPTURE.

Constable McLeod Has an Exciting Experience With a Burglar.

He Jumped Over the Bluff on Chapel Street, And is Seriously Injured.

Constable McLeod of the Provincial Police had a rather unpleasant experience this morning with a burglar. It appears that yesterday the dwelling of Jas. Mcleod, the section hand on the railway and about 8 miles south of the city, was burglarised, as well as a Chinaman's house in that vicinity. Last night a man sold a gun to Barney Aaronson and Constable McLeod and the city police had been keeping watch for this man during the night. This morning a little before eight o'clock, Constable McLeod entered David Taylor's store, and whilst in conversation, a man entered and offered for sale a pair of blankets and a pair of Chinese new pants. The constable at once placed the man under arrest, and he at once made a break for the door pushing the constable on to the show case and breaking it.

On reaching the back of the court house the constable intended taking his man there for safe keeping, but he refused to go and used some bad language. He then made a break for liberty and on reaching the top of the bluff overlooking the ravine, and notwithstanding the warnings of the constable deliberately jumped. Being handcuffed, it was rather dangerous work, and resulted in very serious injuries.

On being taken to the Provincial Jail he refused to give his name, but Chief Stewart told him he would do so before he left that establishment.

Dr. Davis has been called in to attend the prisoner.

Constable McLeod has obtained necessary warrants and gone out to search for the other goods, as the opinion of the police is that others of the gang are in the vicinity.

Services will be held Christmas Day at St. Albans Church as follows: Holy communion at 8 a.m. Matins with anthem, sermon and choral celebration at 10:30 a.m. Evensong, 5:30 p.m.

Central Hotel Restaurant

Christmas Day, Dec. 25th.

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

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

BILL OF FARE.

SOUPS:
Mulligatawny
FISH:
Tenderloin of Sole breaded and Tartar Sauce.
BOILED:
Mutton and Sauce Piquant
RELISHES:
Celery.
SALAD:
Italienne
ENTREES:
Beef Tongue and Tomato Sauce
Oyster Patties
Veal chops a' l' italienne
ROASTS:
Sirloin of Beef and Brown Potatoes
Leg of Veal and Bacon.
Turkey and Cranberry Sauce
Goose and Apple Sauce.
VEGETABLES:
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes
String Beans Turnips
DESSERT:
Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce
Hot Mince Pie Lemon Cream Pie
Assorted Fruits.

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A six room House, stable and other out-houses, and 2½ acres of land, ten minutes walk outside the city limits, near Chase River. For further particulars apply to Jas Bradley, on the Esplanade.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster-General will be received at Ottawa until noon on

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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the above Post Offices, and at this Office.

E. H. FLETCHER,
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Victoria, 18th December, 1896.

City and District.

Capt. Necombe, late of the ss. Cutch is in town looking as jolly as ever.

Matters municipal are rather flat these days, but we expect that next week the municipal kettle will be boiling.

The regular quarterly prayer meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Shakespear, Nicol street on Tuesday next the 29th inst at 3:30 p.m. all ladies are welcome.

The Juvenile W. C. T. U. gave a Xmas concert and sale of work in the Y.M.C.A. hall on Tuesday evening. An excellent programme was given by the children who acquitted themselves in such a way as to merit a high compliment to the ladies in charge. Owing to the lack of space we are unable to give the programme in detail.

The services at the Wallace street Methodist church on Sunday will be of a special character suitable for the season. Special music by the choir, and Mrs Green will sing "Calvary" at the evening service. The Quarterly review of the Sunday School will be held in the church, and addressed by Messrs Wilson' Freure and Powers. Parents and Guardians are earnestly invited.

Wallace Street Methodist Church Sunday school will hold their Xmas entertainment on Xmas night. The title is "Xmas Bells," and a large bell some 20 feet in diameter, will be erected, on which will be found numerous presents for the childeren. The side door will be open for the children at 6:45, and all are expected to be in their places before 7 p m, at which time the main doors will be open to the general public. Last Sunday's attendance was the largest in the history of the school.

A large audience assembled in the Baptist Church last evening the occassion being the annual Xmas tree entertainment. Two large Xmas trees had been erected and in addition a large boat, laden with abundance of presents for the little ones. One feature of this entertainment was somewhat of a departure from the old style of Xmas presents. Instead of so many toys the management had very wisely provided a number of books. Santa Claus was there in full dress, but the old gentleman has lost his voice. We always thought his voice was rather hoarse, but last night he was more for screeching. We suppose the reason was he was afraid of Co(ugh)ing.

St. Albans has been a centre of attraction for a couple of days, and the visitors to the "Fair of the Seasons" have found the hall tastefully decorated and arranged with stalls representing the four seasons of the year. Spring was represented by tastefully decorated stall pale green, presided over by Mesdames Morgan and Randle and Miss Randle. Summer took the style of a tent under the able supervision of Mrs. Cooper and Miss Honeyman. Autumn was really the most substantial, being the one to satisfy the inner man, presided over by the Misses Rendell, Binden and Cooper. Cold winter was well depicted in a snow dotted canopy in charge of Mesdames Smith, Potts, and Taylor. The cobweb and Japanese stall were also well arranged and ably attended to. We hope the affair was as great a success as it deserved, and that the promoters may be satisfied financially.

City Police Court.

Before J. H. Simpson, P.M.

Frank Willis, of the Balmoral Hotel, was charged this morning with selling liquor to a child of the age of 9 years. He stated that he was not aware he had done wrong. The magistrate said ignorance of the law on the part of saloon keepers was no excuse, it was their duty to make themselves acquainted with the by-laws of the city. He fined the defendant $5 and $3 costs to be paid forthwith.

CITY VS. J. GORDON.

This was a case in which city collector Gough sued for the license tax, ank the defendant was charged with selling intoxicating liquor by wholesale without a license. The case was adjourned until Dec. 30 for argument. Mr. C. H. Barker appeared on behalf of the defendant.

Joe Kyte, who said he came from the Old Country, who was charged with vagrancy, and was allowed until evening to leave the city.

Sunday Services.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH.

Saint John the Evangelist. Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Masonic service at 11 a m. Carol service in the afternoon at three o'clock. 2.30 p. m. Sunday school. 7 p. m. Evensong and sermon. Rev. Mr. Bosanquet, Rector, will conduct both services.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 13th. 11 a. m., matins, Litany and sermon. 2 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., Evensong and sermon. 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.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. A. Gunton, pastor. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible class 2:30 p m. B Y P A; Tuesday evenings at 8 p m. Mid-week meetings for prayer, exhortation, testimony and Bible study, Wednesday evening at 8 p m, Everybody is welcome to all these meetings.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Preacher:—Rev W. B Cummings.

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.

The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen returned to Ottawa for the season, after a three months' stay in British Columbia.

The Turner Government—Turn Them out—Why?

BY W. MARCHANT.

AGRICULTURE.

A problem that is getting every year more difficult to solve is one presented in the oft-quoted question: What can we do with our boys? The avenues of employment suitable to boys seem to be closed in this country. The average father wonders what he can do for the growing lads that are around him. Those who are in business invariably use the help of their boys in their own stores. Government employees solicit patronage from the Government for their boys. Well-to-do professional men generally try to train their youths for some one or other of their professions. The ordinary mechanic, laborer, miner and clerk often finds it a problem difficult of solution; the problem of getting their boys taught useful trades in a thorough and efficient manner, or obtaining reasonably remunerative employment for them.

The reason is not far to seek. The conditions of labor in this country are altogether different from the older countries of Europe or the more settled portions of the East. In older countries the system of apprenticeship is still largely in vogue. Without desiring to advocate its revival here, I think no unprejudiced person can doubt that it played a very useful part in providing employment for boys, besides more thoroughly fitting the future workman for the trade or calling he intended to follow. An English workman is not "Jack of all trades;" he is a workman knowing one trade, and usually knowing that trade thoroughly. Here, a boy starts as carpenter, works as a blacksmith, passes into a machine shop, undertakes bricklaying, helps in the barber shop, tries mining for a while, becomes a full-fledged insurance agent, goes into the real estate business and finally settles down by keeping a store.

The Chinese problem accentuates the other problem. The "Heathen Chinee" is very willing to do boys' work for boys' wages, and where plodding, steady work is required without too great an expenditure of physical force, the Chinaman is more valuable than the average boy. The work in our canneries—similar to the factories in the East and Great Britain—could be done by our boys and girls. But the slave labor of the Oriental is economically cheaper, and more easily obtained than that of boys or girls, and so the Chinaman is in evidence and a very serious competitor to the rising generation.

There is one field of labor in the province practically uncultivated. One hive of industry into which the ubiquitous "Chinee" has not entered too much. I refer to agriculture. True, he has entered the market-garden business. He can and does probably produce vegetables and some fruits cheaper than the average white worker. But the industry of dairying—milk, butter and cheese-producing—cattle, sheep hogs, fruit, wheat, oats, hay, he has left to the citizens of this country.

I want to call your readers' attention to this singular position; that British Columbia imports enormously of almost every agricultural product, notwithstanding we have millions of acres suitable for cultivation as yet untouched by human industry. Why is this?

In a former article I descanted upon the failure of the Turner Government's land policy—or want of it. I propose in this to deal with their agricultural policy. I submit also, that in a true, vigorous, agricultural policy can be found the true solution of the problem "What to do with our boys?"

The farmers of British Columbia are mostly heaven-born farmers. Their experience has been, in the main, in other walks of life. A few have had good training in the eastern sections of the Dominion, some in Great Britain, a few in this province, but the vast majority of our farmers, fruit-raisers, ranchers and poultry-keepers have just "tumbled to it." A man comes to this country with a little money, filled with great ideas of the profit of farming. Coming from the mother country—where land is scarce and tightly held—he revels in the thought that he can get land for a few dollars per acre. He invests in, say 100 acres, builds a small house, tries to clear some of his land, and after spending all his money in preliminaries, wonders why it is that farming doesn't pay. Without the slightest knowledge of clearing, fencing, the seasons, cattle, poultry, markets, the condition of labor, he imagines that he will find out these things as easily as a "duck takes to water." What wonder is it that little as our agricultural production is, yet the whole province is filled with the wrecks of homesteads such as there.

Why does not the Government see the difficulties and provide a remedy—see the great necessity of developing agriculture and, as statesmen, apply themselves to the work. If I ever get an opportunity to button-hole Mr. Turner, awaken Mr Eberts, waylay Colonel Baker and hobnob with Mr Martin, I shall say to them: Gentlemen of the Cabinet, you have flung to the winds the magnificent natural opportunities of the province, you have allowed the worst evils of monopoly in land; you have subsidised wealthy railway corporations; you have appointed place-hunters to positions of salaries without work; you have rolled up the Provincial debt and increased the Provincial taxation, but why, in the name of common sense, do you not develop some excuse for an Agricultural Policy?

Why, look here, you have not even a training farm for boys. True, you have ordered school teachers to teach farming in schools, but you know this is simply an absurdity. You are willing to lend money at usurious interest to farmers who want to build creameries, but as there seems a little risk about it, you expect the farmer to take it and not the government. The Dominion Government have erected creameries and cheese factories, and tried experimental farms, but you, in whose hands the destinies, particularly of this province, are, have done—nothing.

Here is a policy for you. Provide experiential not experimental farms in every farming section of 100 acres each. Let all classes of work incidental to the settler's life in British Columbia be carried on there—building, clearing, fencing, ploughing, sowing, reaping, dairying, etc., under a competent staff. Then invite parents to send their boys for their board and lodging, to work at this farm for fixed periods. Let these boys be taught thoroughly every branch of the work of the farm; the boys will furnish all necessary labor and the farm can be made productive. Plant one farm each in Comox, Cowichan, Saanich, Salt Spring Island, and at similarly suitable places on the Mainland and you have done more to solve the two problems I have suggested than you have ever dreamt of—the boy problem and agriculture.

Then build Creamieries everywhere; try a cheese factory; and experiment with a sugar-beet manufactory. Loan the struggling settler a little money for clearing his land at 3 per cent—he often pays 10 and 12 per cent—help the settler by loan of stumping machine. Get fancy live stock imported to improve the breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. Teach the people how to keep bees, give them good information as to fruit raising. Interest yourself in freight rates for the farmer, and fight with relentless animosity the monopolistic blood-sucking railway corporations that have retarded the settlement of the land. All this is progressive, you know, and you are not progressive, all this will cost you money, but you know better than I can tell you of the many thousands of dollars you are recklessly wasting which which might be used for this purpose. The box of puppets you call the agricultural department could be be swept away and the country would be no worse, but we cannot do without these things I have suggested.

And if you will not attempt a vigorous agricultural policy such as I have sketched, well get out, and let abler men get in and do it, your funeral expenses will be less than your salaries and the country is heartily sick of the whole business.

As a candid friend, I frankly advise you to present a new besom to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and humbly request him to make a clear sweep in the Cabinet.

Many Miners Killed.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21.—About a score of miners perished this afternoon by an explosion of gas in Baltimore No. 2 shaft of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company. Fifty or sixty others barely escaped with their lives. The mine when in full operation employes in the neighborhood of 350 men and boys. About one-third of these were at work today and the number of workers was further reduced after 3 o'clock when the day shift men came out. When the explosion occurred an hour later there were probably sixty men in the mine. Of this number forty or thereabouts succeeded in getting safely to the surface. Those who perished were at work fully a mile from the foot of the shaft. They were driving a tunnel and, so far as known, were in what was considered a safe place. The fire boss had inspected the place in the morning and declared it free from gas. The cause of the explosion is therefore a mystery, although the officials have several theories. One report is that a fall of the roof in the slope exploded a quantity of dynamite which was stored there, and that this in turn caused a feeder of gas to become ignited. Another theory is that the gas was ignited by a careless workman, and a third that a blast set fire to the gas shortly before noon, and that the men were fighting the fire when the explosion occurred.

An Attempt at Rape.

William Astor, a colored man, narrowly escaped being lynched at Trail Monday morning for an attempted assault on the 18-year-old daughter of Proprietor White of the Columbia hotel. The girl was upstairs making the beds and while passing through the corridor met Astor, who caught hold of her and tried to force her into one of the rooms. Her piercing screams brought her father to the scene, but just as he got to the head of the stairs Astor made a dash past him. He knocked the old man down with a stick of wood and tried to escape, but was run down by Constable Sweeney, who captured him on the river bank below the smelter.

He was given a preliminary hearing yesterday and committed for trial. He was brought to Rossland in the afternoon by Constable Devitt and locked up to await the session of court in June. Astor is a well known character about Rossland, having the reputation of being a tough coon. He was once engaged in the barber business here. his fase bears the mark of many razor slashes. When seen at the jail last evening Astor was sullen and taciturn, claiming that he did not know what he was doing but ventured the remark, "I know I'll get the worst of it because I'm black."

Wilful Murder.

Capt. Pittendrigh, County Coroner, returned, to Westminister, from Chilliwack, where he had been holding an inquest on the body of an Indian who was shot on the 3rd inst. The affair occured about half-past ten o'clock at night. As deceased was going out of the door of his house he was shot by some person unknown, and fell back in the doorway, saying, "I am shot and am going to die." Dr. Henderson held a post mortem examination, which revealed the fact that a rifle or revolver had been the weapon used. There was no evidence to throw suspicion on any one. The jury brought in a verdict of wilful murder by some person unknown.

Another Liberal Victory.

The bye-election in Cornwall and Stormont last Saturday resulted in the election of the liberal candidate by about 500 majority. This is a vindication of the Government school policy, as this was the question of the hour, and despite the frantic appeals of Messrs. Foster and Caron, the vote has been so emphatic as to bury the whole question without hope of resurrection.

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More people are taking Hood's Sarsaparilla today than any other, and more are taking it today than ever before.
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WHEREAS, Certain evil-disposed persons have been killing stock on Valdez Island, Nanaimo District, it is
RESOLVED in future that all persons found trespassing on the Wake Estate of 760 acres and Indian Reserve of 1700 adjoining will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
(Signed) BALDWIN H. WAKE.
Sept. 15, 1896. JOHN BASIL.

NOTICE.

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W. E. NORRIS, Sec.
Nov. 13, 1896.

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The dry-kiln of the B.C. Cooperage Works was destroyed by fire on Friday The estimatted loss is $1,000. The firemen arrived promptly on the scene and checked the progress of the flames.

Latest returns from Saskatchewan gives Davis a majority of 129 with nine places to hear from.

The report is again in circulation in Ottawa that the civil service hours are about to be lengthened, It is also said that the ministers contemplate issuing an order prohibiting civil servants from being candidates for municipal offices

A careful compilation of the capital accredited to all the chartered gold mining companies in Canada gives a total of over $290,000,000. British Columbia heads the list in the number and wealth of its gold mining companies, while Ontario with its scarcely less extensive deposits of free milling ore in the Rainy River district, come second. By provinces the figures stand: British Columbia $256,312,075; Ontario, $32,094,900; New Brunswick, $1,030,000; Manitoba, $50,000.

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Thos. Kitchin,
MINING BROKER

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Red Cross Steamer Portia Has an Exciting Trip From Halifax to New York.

Crew of a Light Ship Forced to Take in Their Cables and Seek a Safe Harbor.

New York, Dec. 21.—The belated steamships which laboriously made port yesterday looked frost bitten and brought tales of wrestling with Atlantic gales. There is still a full score of ocean liners overdue,' some of them many days. The Red Cross steamer Portia, which came through the sound yesterday, had one of the most exciting and dangerous trips in her history. She runs between St John and New York, touching at Halifax. Wednesday while running for Pollock Rip a terrific storm from the east northeast hurled itself against the Portia The steamer was at the time crossing the Bay of Fundy. It seemed as though the Portia's sixteen terrified passengers were all in the waters of the bay bombarding the vessel. The lifeboats of the starboard quarter were smashed in, davits twisted into spirals by the crushing grasp of the roaring seas, bulwarks were levelled at the stern and derricks, stanchions, ventilators and other deck furnishing jammed and knocked out of position, Capt. Farrell hove to for three hours. When the Portia arrived in the vicinity of Pollock Rip the lightship was nowhere to be seen. She had either been wrested from her moorings by the gale or been obliged to slip cables and run for her life and the lives of her crew, leaving every ship that came her way in danger from the shoals which mark that part of the Massachusetts coast. Capt Farrell changed his course and put right out into the Atlantic 200 miles, steaming around Black Island and entering the sound. The Portia's passengers were joyful at the thought of stepping on something firm again. The Atlas line steamer Alpo, Capt. Long, which left Halifax an hour after the Portia, was headed directly for Sanby Hook. She was also hit by the gale and was hove to for thirty-six hours.

Where is the Women?

Miss Mary Brailey, of whose unfortunate circumstances mention has been made in these columns on previous occasions, has been taken back to the Provincial Jail from the Hospital. This girl is now sharing a cell with two other women, both of whom have been convicted of some crime, and one of whom is a notoriously bad character. Miss Bailey's offenses are that she is an orphan, friendless, penniless and in very bad health. We hear a lot of gush nowadays about Christian charity, but, when in a civilized country an 18-year-old girl can find no better shelter in her need and sickness than a prison cell, we fancy that the less said in that connection the better. If the men won't take the matter up, cannot we appeal to the women to do so? Let some of the mothers of Kamloops with daughters of their own investigate the case and make an effort to secure for the girl the accommodation her sex and necessities entitle her to. It ts true that she is a half-breed, but she is none the less a woman,—Kamloops Sentinel,

The Chinese Question.

Ex-Alderman Hewitt of Toronto, who has been in Rossland and British Columbia we don't know how many weeks took occasian at the banquet in proposing the toast of "Our American Cousins" to pledge himself and Mr. Blair as being opposed to legislation which would exclude Chinese from Canada. We regret that this matter has been brought up at this time as we are confident Mr. Blair will change his views if he has any, on the Chinese question when he comes to study it at first hand. We take this opportunity however, of assuring him that on this question Mr' Hewitt represents very few in Rossland or Kootenay except himself. If Mr. Blair and his administration should decide to champion the Chinese he can rest assured that the building of several railroads through the Crow's Nest Pass would not suffice to elect a single liberal member from this province at the next election. Mr.Blair will hear and see more of the Chinese when he gets to the coast. —Rossland Miner,

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.

In reply, the minister expressed his thanks for the address presented to him by the Association. During his sojourn in British Columbia he had received a number of complimentary addresses, but this was the first that had emanated from friends of his own political party. The could understand that having to reply to addresses from non-political bodies, he had to some extent contracted habits not easily broken off.

Speaking to the address he said that he was satisfied and proud of his colleagues, who were men in the prime of manhood; men who had been successful in their business concerns, and who would bring into the administration of the Government, business knowledge, business integrity and clear records. As for the grand man who now sits at the head of the Executive table, to know him is to love and respect him, and to admire his business capacity and moral character.

Referring to the wealth of the Kootenay district, he had no idea of the vast mineral wealth in that district, and on his return East he would have some reluctance in telling the truth of what he had seen, as he would be charged with having lost his head or that he was grossly exaggerating the facts.

He had been reported in the papers as having said that the time was not ripe for a railway from the Kootenay to the coast. He wished to say that during his sojourn in that district, the matter of a railway to the coast was never once mentioned, and he never uttered a word which could possible be construed into any such meaning. He was free to say that when the necessity of a Coast Railway was brought before the Government, he would give all possible consideration to the matter. He could not make any promises, and he had no mandate from his colleagues to make any pledges. The Government can only do what is proper for it to do, and it must have the support of Parliament. We must remember the constitution of Parliament, the great bulk of the members representing the Eastern provinces and the government, would have to convince the members that any scheme advance by the Government was for the best interests of the country, before they could get this support.

He could give them the assurance that the present Government would deal with British Columbia in a generous spirit, they might fall far short of the desires of the people, but if they did the reason would be that they could not devote as much as they would like to do.

With reference to the Nanaimo-Alberni Railway he could only repeat what he had said to the deputation, that the Government would consider the matter when placed before them.

Mr. Blair referred to the matter of reciprocity and said that we can not tell yet whether the U. S. is ready to entertain the question. He was inclined to think that the effect of McKinleyism if it was the same as when Mr. McKinley introduced his famous bill into Congress, would be rather to place obstacle in the way of fair reciprocity. He hoped that something might be done on the laws of the treaty of 1854 and if the Government of the United States are in favor of such an agreement we shall not be found lagging. He did not think we should evince too great a desire for this reciprocity, or there might be a despotion to take undue advantage, and the best course to pursue was to move along calmly.

With reference to the Chinese the subject was a new one to him. He was quite aware that in British Columbia there was a feeling of opposition to too free ingress of this undesirable element, but he had not been informed of any proposals. To encourage the entrance of this class of immigrants would undoubtedly prove disastrous to the mining and other important industries of the Province, aud it was incumbent to legislate on this subject so as to confine this country for—he would not say only the English speaking people—but for the best of nationalization.

Speaking to the Manitoba school question he felt sure that the question was dead and buried never to rase again. The ex-Minister of Finance and Sir Adolph Caron had been trying to make it an issue in the election in Cornwall and Stormont, but the victory in that constituency proved that this question could never again become a live issue in politics of Canada. Had coercion been passed as attempted by the late decayed and decrepit Government, it would have been the commencement of a trouble that this generation would not have seen the end of.

Col. Domville also made a few complimentary remarks, and the party then proceeded to the Quadra, which had arrived during the afternoon, and left on Sunday morning for Vancouver.

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The MAIL extends the compliments of the season to all its readers and patrons. At the same time we wish to take this opportunity of thanking our friends for their sympathy and support during our first year under tne present management, and trust that we shall have the honor of serving you during the coming year. May your Christmas be a merry one, you have our best wishes for the coming year.

What's in a Name?

Cornelius Novello Westwood—Mayor of the City of Nanaimo! It sounds good. It looks well. It reminds us of the imperial Caesars of mighty Rome—of power. No wonder that ambition begins to stir the heart of our worthy municipal law maker. Cornelius Novello Westwood is not a name to be hidden among the massive volumes of the land registry office. It was conceived to stand out prominently in the archives of our city, to become to all posterity a synonym for riches, right and rotundity—the Crœsus of a new world.

But—and in this case we have one of the largest "buts" that ever stood between a man and glory—we are constrained to remember that—

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its fragrance on the desert air."

and to fear that the pranks of an unkind fate will preclude "Cornelius Novello Westwood, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo" from ever ornamentfng the bob end of a municipal decree.

We Sow, and Another Reaps.

We have read in good books—and do not hesitate to believe—that Providence often attains its object through the instrumentality of babies and, reasoning by analogy, some of our citizens contend that Mr. Westwood, having utilized the infant of the North throughout his aldermanic career, will also succeed in his purpose. This would probably be correct were there no distinction between Mr. Westwood and Providence. But, unfortunately, a few differences can be detected, and while we do not wish to detract from the importance of any fellow citizen, yet the truth is better told, and here—while in a theological turn of mind—let us subscribe to the maxims of justice "Return unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's" and "Honor to whom honor is due." If there is any credit attaching to the obstructionist faction in the Council for their persistent efforts to defeat the wishes of the public, it is due to Ald. Albert Edward Planta (by the way another of princely name) and not to Ald. Cornelius Novello Westwood. Who was it that was going to lick Ald. Wilson? Albert Edward. Who was it that called every opposing city father a liar? Albert Edward. Whose scream was heard above the din of every ruction in the Council for the last two years? The Infant's! sure. Why then should the honor and glory of war be denied him? Why should a chee chacko in municipal life bear the standard? Why has our local Tammany discarded its eternal principle of clubbing an ambitious upstart? But our "whys" would be infinite if we attempted to ascertain the wherefore ness of such enigmas. We stop—no, we must ask one more and will give anyone until Jan. 14th to answer it. What has Mr. Westwood done, while in the Council for a year, to warrant an embryonic belief that he has any executive or legislative capacity, progressive ideas, independence or spunk.

What the People Say.

Special.—That Ald. Westwood looked very much disappointed after his canvassing tour.

That as he and Mr. Cocking left some of the houses, the people said that the old proverb was true, "Birds of a feather flock together."

That he will make a good showing on the platform.

That some Methodists in this city are learning to play at cards.

That one is especially appointed to lead off the ball on New Year's Eve.

That Mayor Davison is placed at a great advantage in the municipal race over Ald. Westwood.

That Ald. Planta's speeches are very good if they were only original.

That the Free Press editor is practically the opposition.

That the MAIL is making the Free Press get a move on.

That the MAIL ought to be encouraged because it helps the subscribers to the Free Press to get better value for their money.

That Dr Walkem is in a strait between two.

That he considers one bird in the hand worth two in the bush.

That he considers the advice of the MAIL very opportune.

That if he stops down in Victoria he will not be at the bird show.

That his absence from the show will not injure him, but it may the show.

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.

EDITOR MAIL:—I notice in your last issue that you state that I am the standard-bearer of the "Simpsonite party." This I most emphatically deny. I am not brought out by the "Simpsonite party", neither am I brought out by the Davisonite party. I am brought out by the citizens of Nanaimo who are tired of the purile and unbusinesslike manner in which the affairs of our city have been conducted, and who, in view of the very promising developments of the gold, silver, and baser metals, in our neighborhood, recognize the fact that Nanaimo must wipe out of the council chambers all partyism and make an effort—a strong and businesslike effort— to secure reduction works within her borders that she may become, as her position and resources demand, the distributing point, and centre of our mining industries. These are the men who are bringing me out and no others. I am independent of any party, clique, company, creed or organization. And ,if elected, I will work for the interest of the city—the city's interest alone.

If any civic officer oversteps, or fails to do his duty, I shall be the first to favor his dismissal, but I will not lend myself to any underhand methods to remove any one to please office seekers.

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News of the Day.

Frank Karn. son of D. W. Karn piano and organ manufacturer, is dead.

Mr. Howell, of Victoria has taken charge of the Victoria Lumber Co's store at Chemainus.

Full returns of last Saturday's election in Cornwall show that Mr. Snetzinger's majority was 602.

George Jones, aged 85 committed suicide by shooting himself in head at Owen Sound. He was a butcher by trade,

George M. Black, of Hastings died on Monday. He was born in Balmoral. Scotland, and came here from California in 1859.

The Chatham Banner printing office, was badly damaged by fire on Monday, and the loss is $5,000 chiefly in stock and presses.

Mrs. Barrett, of Port Townsend has been holding revival service at Chemainus. The meetings have been well attended, and good work is being done.

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The result was that Mr. Pollard's leg was broken below the knee. Dr's. McKechnie and Drysdale attended the sufferer and he is resting as easily as expected.

Not Anti-Imperial.

London, Dec. 21.—A long interview appears in the Chronicle this morning with Hon. A. G. Jones, in which he declares that it is wrong to suppose because a Canadian ministry is pro-American in its sympathy it is therefore anti-imperial. The ministers, he says, desire commercial reciprocity with the United States, but they utterly reject the idea of discriminating against British goods. An undying sentiment of attachment to England existed in Canada, Mr. Jones added, and would not be affected even if she were obliged to contribute her share to the national defence.

Durant Case.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—What may prove to be the beginning of the end of the Durant case took place in the chamber of the Superior Court yesterday. The brief of Theodore Durant was filed and was granted a re-submission. The attorney general also filed a brief replying to the defendant's counsel. Duant is now given ten days in which to file a brief, replying, after which the case of the alleged murder of Blanche Lamont will be finally decided.

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