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SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on FRIDAY, the 5TH FEBRUARY NEXT, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, twice per week each way, between COMOX and NANAIMO, from the 1st April next.

The conveyance to be made in a good and sufficient steamer, subject at all times to the approval of the Postmaster-General, and to include the service of the intermediate Post Offices of Hornby Island, Denman Island, Union Bay, and Union.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract 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, 20th November, 1896.

Shipping News.

Ship Wilna arrived in port with a large consignment of merchandise, and is now at the coaling wharf.

Bark Big Bonanza has finished loading.

Ship Elwell is loading.

Ss Peter Jebsen sailed on Sunday for California.

Co-operative gold and silver mining would be a good thing for some of our miners to turn their attention to. Theirs is an extremely hard life, and they should get the full benefit of their product.

You can be well when your blood is rich, pure and nourishing. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood rich and pure and cures all blood diseases, restoring health and vigor.

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City and District.

A small fire at the back of the MAIL office caused a little alarm on Monday morning. An overheated stove was the cause. No damage was done to the building.

James Peacock died at 2 a m on Monday morning after a lingering illness. He will be buried on Wednesday by the Tailors' Union. Rev Mr Bosanquet will officiate, and Hilbert & Son will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

A meeting of the Liberal Association will be held in room 22, Johnston's block, next Thursday evening to make arrangements for the reception of Hon Mr Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. A full attendance is requested.

The Athletic Club will give the entertainment in the Y M C A hall next Saturday evening. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music, wrestling, etc., is being arranged.

Rev E Robson is expected to lecture at the Epworth League of Wallace street church tonight at 8 o'clock. Subject: "Reminiscences of early life in British Columbia." Everybody welcome, whether members of the League or not.

The case of Thompson vs. Sharp was before the county court this morning, and was again laid over, Judge Harrison *suggesting that some discretion should* be used by both parties and a settlement come to

Hon Messrs Davies and Blair are expected to arrive in Vancouver today and in all likelihood will be in Nanaimo next week.

The Government dredge is now in Vancouver where it will do some work, after which work will be commenced in the harbor here, commencing near the Company's coal wharfs.

About thirty couple occupied the floor of the Opera house last night, the occassion being the annual dance of the Caledonian Society. There were also a number of spectators.

Boarding house keepers should be on the look out these days against what is commonly termed "bilks." Several complaints have reached us of the presence of these undesirarle gentlemen. It is a pity that the law is such that there is a difficulty in getting redress.

At the Provincial Police Court on Monday, Johnny Kalakumen, a Laquilto Indian, was charged with being drunk, and was fined $5 and costs. This morning Michael Barry, a white man, was charged before Messrs M Bate and J Hilbert, with supplying the liquor and wrs fined $50 and $5 costs, in default two months and fourteen days imprisonment.

A plan is on foot and likely to be consummated, to inaugurate a free reading room in the south end of the city. The need of such an arrangement has been apparent for some time to those who have lived in that neighborhood, and we think with a certain latitude and discrimination in the management, success will be assured.

Strenuous efforts are being made against the granting of a license to the Colonial Hotel on Haliburton street, not only by the residents in that neighborhood; who think there are enough licensed houses in the vicinity for the public good; but also by the Indian department, We understand that the Indians are getting up a requisition by to Superintendent at Victoria to protect them against further facilities for obtaining liquor.

William Robb, for some time a member of the Provincial Police, who lost his reason through a blow on the head received in the discharge of duty, died last week at the New Westminster asylum, of which he had been an inmate for a year or more.

A grin of surprise came over some of the faces in a certain church on Snnday evening on the appearance of a well-known politician minus certain hirsute appendages. We knew the cold snap was severe, but had no idea it was so cutting.

City Police Court.

Drunk	2
Assault	2
Fighting	2
Selling after hours	1
Theft	1

VITAL STATISTICS.

The cradle	9
The altar	7
The tomb	7

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

Dutiable goods	$ 11,313
Free goods	11,004
Total	$ 22,317

CUSTOMS.

Import duty	$ 3,213 70
Miscellaneous	187 40
Total	$ 3,401 10

Provincial Police Returns.

Indians drunk	3
Supplying intoxicant to Indians	1
Unlawfully having weapons in possession	1
Total	5

The Nanaimo Hornets.

This season is not only bound to capture the championship, but will present a splended appearance on the field in their new colors, yellow and black. The Jerseys were procured from Stevenson & Co, and were manufactured in the Old Country, specially for the "Hornets," and are certainly a credit to the manufacturers.

Stevenson & Co can procure these goods in any combination of colors.

Trade in Canada.

The following is Bradstreet's report for Nov. 28.—General trade is quiet at Toronto, owing to the unfavorable weather, cotton and woollen fabrics being relatively firm. The volume of business at Montreal has been about an average, the orders being light. Navigation is closed and exporters report the shipping trade at that port to have been the most profitable for several seasons. Trade at Halifax has fallen off owing to the holiday and unfavorable weather. A similar report is received from St. John, N B. Weather conditions throughout the maritime provinces are generally unfavorable to business.

The total bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax aggregate $17,837,000 this week against $22,729,000 last week, as compared with $23,372,000 in the same week one year ago. In the preceding week one year ago in which the Thanksgiving holiday occurred, the total was $19,713,000.

Provincial News.

The death of Mr. J. S. Clute Sr. of Westminster is announced as having taken place in that city on Saturday morning last, at the residence of his son. Mr. J. S. Clute, Inspector of Customs The deceased had attained a ripe old age. In a few more weeks he would have celebrated his 95th birthday. He was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., and came of United Empire Loyalist stock, his father having been in the British service, and served under Lord Howe at Ticonderago. Mr. Clute has three surviving sons the eldest nearly 70 years of age, and one daughter. There are twenty-eight grand-children, and several great-grand-children.

The electors of Victoria took but little interest in the by-law to raise $125,000 for the construction of a stone and steel bridge across the Victoria Arm at Point Ellice. The result of the poll was: for, 59; against, 496; majority against, 437;

Montreal Shipping.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—During the shipping season just closed the total sea tonnage of this port was 1,231,825, an increase of 253,129, tons over last year. The export of live stock trade has been the worst for many years. The total number shipped was in excess of last year but the prices were lower and on May shipments heavy losses were incurred.

Trades and Labor Congress.

When it was decided to hold the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress this year at Quebec, there were many who prophesied that the attendance, especially from Ontario, would be so slim that the gathering would practically be a failure. These predictions were not fulfilled and the twelth Congress was not only the most successful in point of attendance and representation, but is likely to be the most important in its influence on labor interests which has yet been held in Canada.

About sixty accredited delegates were present from all parts of the Dominion, and half of this number were made up of representatives from the centres of population in Ontario. The great west, too, had its representatives, Mr. Ralph Smith of Nanaimo, having been sent by the coal mining industry of the Pacific Province, and Mr. John Appleton efficiently represented the organized labor community of Manitoba. Among the prominent delegates from Ontario were Messrs D. J. O'Donoghue, D. A. Carey, and George Dower of Toronto, and John Flett of Hamilton.

The proceedings of the Congress were ably guided by the President, Mr. P. J. Jobin, one of the most thoughtful and capable labor leaders on this continent.

Many questions of vital importance to the cause of labor came up for discussion and among these one that is recognised as of vital importance to British Columbia—the admission of Chinese coolies into Canada. It was for the purpose of placing before the working men of the East the necessity of settling this question at once, if the white man is not to be crowded out of all lines of unskilled labor in British Columbia by this cheap class from the overcrowded centres of population in Asia, that Mr. Ralph Smith was sent by the unions of the Pacific Coast.

In this issue we give our readers a photogravure of the delegates, a glance at which should make every workingman proud of their representation, as a more intelligent looking group of men would be indeed difficult to find. The general union of labor, as represented at the Congress, is destined to become an important factor in the Dominion, and if British Columbia is true to its best interests in the election of such representatives as will bring matters of importance to the notice of the National Council, benefits will acrue not only to the working man, but to the people at large.

A number of men applied to the court for naturalization papers.

Rev W B Cummings will be inducted to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church to-night,

SAN FRANCISCO COAL MARKET.

	PER TON.
Wellington	$ 8 00
New Wellington	8 00
Southfield Wellington	7 50
Seattle	$5 50@6 00
Bryant	5 00@5 50
Rock Springs, Castle Gate and Pleasant Valley	7 60
Scotch	7 50
Coos Bay	5 00
Brymbo	7 50
Cumberland—In bulk	13 50
sacks	14 00
Pennsylvania Anthracite Egg	$11 00@12 00
Welsh Anthracite	$8 00@10 00
Cannel	$11@12 00
Wallsend	6 00
Coke—In bulk	$8 00@8 50
sacks	13 00

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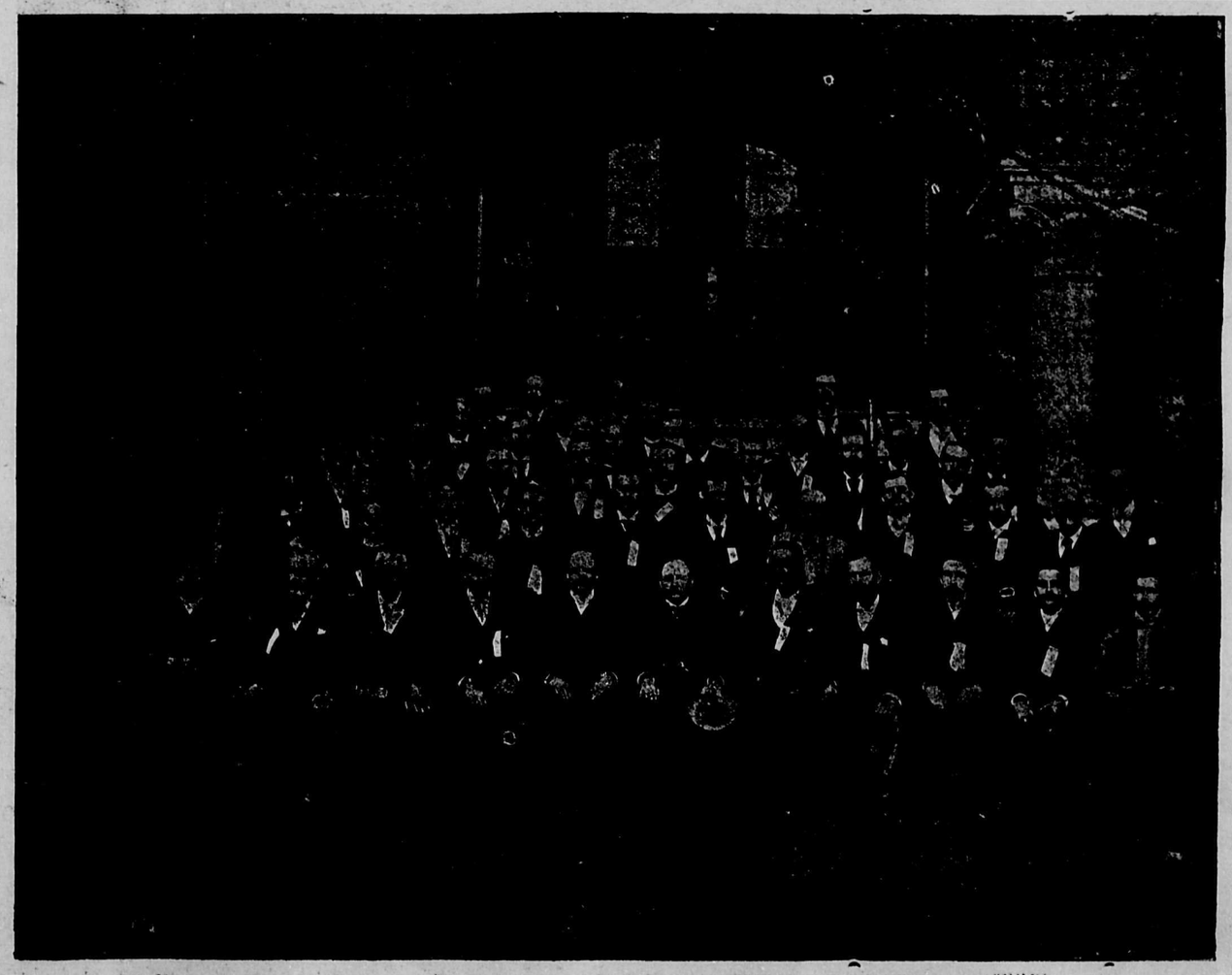

GROUP PICTURE OF DELEGATES TO TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS HELD AT QUEBEC, SEPTEMBER, 1896.

THE VICAR'S AGONY.

"I will not," he said. "Your exactions have nearly ruined me already, and until you give me the pledge I ask, I'll not give you another shilling. If scandal must come, let it."

For a moment there was silence, then the woman uttered with a hiss, these words: "My curses upon you. You have ruined—ruined me. My God, what shall I do?" A moment later, the front door closed with a bang, and the Vicar returned to the study. Mr. Whymper noticed that he was ghastly pale. He made no reference to what had happened, but simply told the Curate that he felt unwell, and would do no more work that night.

Mr. Whymper lost no time in carrying the news of this incident to all the smart people in Bourgoistown. They were horrified and outraged by it. None of them doubted who or what the woman was—she could be nothing but a discarded mistress; and, being not only smart but virtuous, they were appalled at the discovery. They immediately resolved to hold a kind of council of war to decide what steps should be taken.

At this council the general feeling was in favor of a requisition to the Vicar to resign the living immediately, under threat of exposure. Mr. Caplecourt however, was a cautious man, and he would not consent to this course. As yet, he pointed out, though there was every reason to believe the woman was the Vicar's discarded mistress, there was no proof of it. Such being the case, it would be very rash to act on the assumption that the point was established beyond doubt. But, though there was no proof, there was strong ground of suspicion, which the Vicar might very reasonably be asked to explain. Mr. Caplecourt, therefore, moved that a deputation be appointed to wait on the Vicar, to state the story which was being discussed all over the prrish, and to ask him to reassure them by stating who the woman was, or otherwise satisfactorily disposing of the scandal. After some opposition from the more eager spirits, this motion was carried, and a deputation duly appointed

Mr. Steadfast received the deputation in his library. He listened patiently, and with a sad face, to all they had to tell him. Never once during the recital did he break silence. When they had finished he rose to his feet'

"Gentlemen," he said, "I cannot tell you who the woman was. I can give you no explanation of the matter. It is a dreadful and heart-breaking affair to me. All I can do is to assure you, in the most earnest manner, that the public suspicions, to which you refer, are absolutely groundless, and to appeal to the evidence of my life among you in support of this assurance. I can say no more. Gentlemen, good night."

Before the deputation could realize it, the Vicar had left the room. They had no difficulty in guessing the reason of his hasty departure. While he was speaking his voice had once or twice trembled so violently that they were surprised it did not break down altogether, and when he ceased his eyes were full of tears.

The Vicar's agony moved the pity even of the indignant smart people of Bourgoistown. The howl of virtuous rage which they were just setting up, died away in a few paltry grumbles. Even the stalwarts who were not moved themselves, had, in deference to public opinion, to confine themselves to growls.

Much curiosity was felt as to what Miss Rose, the Vicar's betrothed, would do. Of course, as Mrs. Earthenware and Mrs. Caplecourt, and all the other ladies pointed out, if she was a self-respecting woman, only one course was open to her; but then, the difficulty was, whether she was a self-respecting woman. You see, as Mrs. Earthenware said, she was only a governess, and so you could not expect much of her. If she had been a Miss Caplecourt or a Miss Earthenware it would have been different. But there, a governess can't afford to be particular when she gets a chance. And it was such a match, too, for the like of her. No; none of the smart ladies would be a bit surprised if she married him after all.

And she did. Not a month after the incident which caused the scandal, she became his wife. The smart ladies, in spite of their anticipations, were shocked at her callousness, as they called it. And their disgust was not diminished when, before the wedding was over, it became known that on the previous night the woman had again come to the vicarage, had demanded money, and, worst of all, had created such a scene that the Vicar had to give way to her desires.

While the Vicar and his bride were away on their honeymoon, this second appearance of the mysterious woman was the one subject of discussion in the parish. The more it was discussed the warmer grew the public indignation. That the Vicar of Bourgoistown—that spot selected from the whole earth as the especial retreat of all the virtues of respectability—that he should be a man of damaged character with a discarded mistress constantly wailing about his gates; the thing was monstrous, intolerable! The whole smart population, male and female, rose in rebellion at the thought. The matter could not be allowed to remain as it was, and yet nobody could suggest what should be done. Some talked about demanding his resignation, but Mr. Caplecourt's observations on that point before remained in people's memories, and made them cautious. Others proposed to request the Bishop to intervene, a suggestion which met with more acceptance. But the bulk of the congregation took refuge in that favorite device of British moralists, and screamed.

The screaming was at its height when the Vicar and his bride returned. The poor parson looked little like a bridegroom coming home. He was pale and worn, and his face seemed that of a broken and hopeless man. His appearance was so pitiful that it might have melted hearts of stone; but it had no softening effect on those of the smart people of Bourgoistown. Their blood was now up, and it would not cool till they had had his.

The first Sunday after his return there was a crowded congregation. The moment he rose to read the first lesson half the people present got up and left the church. The Vicar stood silently watching them go out, his eyes dry and straining, and his mouth twitching with agony. When they had gone, with an effort he proceeded to read the lesson in a voice which trembled with suppressed emotion.

Things had now come to a crisis. The Bishop. Dr. Waldiwize, heard of the matter, and intervened. He heard the Vicar's statement, and, being a gentleman, he expressed his belief in it.

"But," he said, "though I believe all you say—that this secret is one not in the least discreditable to you—still, my dear sir, you must see that you cannot expect the world to be quite so charitable. Men of the world will put reliance, not on your declarations, but upon the facts; and the facts, however capable of explanation they may be, are, unexplained, suggestive of very grave reflections. I want then to appeal to you, for the credit of the Church, either to explain satisfactorily or to resign."

"I cannot explain," said Mr. Stedfast.

"Then, my dear sir," answered the Bishop, "for the sake of the Church and of religion, resign. I appeal to you not to be the cause of bringing scandal upon our holy calling."

The Vicar did not answer for a moment.

"My lord," he said then, "I see the justice of your words, and will abide by them. Give me a week for reflection. By the end of it I will be ready with either an explanation or my resignation."

Oh, the agony of that week! What hesitation, what struggles, what suffering of spirit the poor Vicar went through, pen cannot tell. On Saturday night he made up his mind. He would resign.

The next day he conducted service. As before, the moment he rose, half the congregation went out. He persevered, however; and, when he came to preach, he told the people who remained of his resolves. It was the last sermon they should hear from him. He did not blame them for harshness to him: they could not too sternly guard the holy sanctuary from contact with evil; and appearances were against him. But when the true facts came to their knowledge, as come they might, they would then see that their judgment upon him, though not unjust under the circumstances, was altogether mistaken.

The service was ended, and the Vicar, with trembling steps, had retired to the vestry. Mr. Capelcourt—one of the few smart people who had remained—had followed him in order to take leave of him. Suddenly a woman, mad with drink, rushed into the room. At the sight of her the Vicar raised his hands in speechless horror.

"You won't give me money till I give up play and drink and Ulrici, won't you?" she screamed, with the voice and mien of a demon. "I'll show you—I'll—I'll——"

What she was going to say was lost in the report of a revolver. She had fired at the Vicar and struck him. He staggered and fell fainting, wounded in the leg.

The sound of the pistol seemed to half-sober the woman. She ceased screaming for a moment, and stood silently staring at the bleeding man.

"My God," she murmured, "what have I done?"

Mr. Capelcourt, who was standing paralysed with horror, now recovered himself, and advanced to seize the mad woman. She saw him, and raised her pistol. For a second she hesitated, then turning it towards her bosom she pulled the trigger, and a moment afterwards lay dead, shot through the heart.

Several other persons had now entered the vestry, attracted by the sound of the firearms, Among them was Mrs. Stedfast, who rushed over to her husband and lifted his head upon her knee. The others stood round appalled and motionless. Mr. Capelcourt at last advanced to the woman, and put his hand upon her chest.

"Dead, she's dead," he said. "The Vicar will be troubled no more. Who can she be?"

"I will tell you," cried Mrs. Stedfast, as she glanced up from her husband's pale face. "I promised him never to tell while she lived, but now my tongue is untied. She is his mother!"

British Campaign Speech.

The following manifesto copied verbatim from the original poster, is a capital specimen of election eloquence as applied to parochial contests: "Fellow workingmen, gentlemen, and ladies, I honorably put myself forward and under your very kind notice for a seat on the Swanscombe Parish Council. Let me tell you as a man that I was the first to give cheap meat on Galley Hill and Swanscombe and all round. I never did and never will hurt a workingman. When times is good, I want to get paid for my very superior food that I always supply, and when times is hard then you can take it at any price you like to feed your wives and children and your families, from George Cinch, 'The People's only Butcher' in this parish I shall work hand in hand with the Rev. George Hale to bury the dead at the lowest price and put the poor body deep in mother earth where they ought to be, and I promise that I shall sell my meat at the same price. I shall also help Mr. Dunbar (for he is an old Toff) to reduce the salaries of clergymen, as it do cost too much for prayers, and we can go up to glory at a less price. I also promise to do more than the last council, for they done nothing, and as Mickey Finn is not standing, but sitting down low, we can do no good business and have no Donnybrook fair at our meetings—in fact, gentlemen and ladies, I shall do every mortal thing for the good of our body, and the parson will take care of your departed souls. I shall reduce the rates and get rent for the workingmen cheaper. I shall light up your roads so that you can see them upon a dark moonlight night. The last word I say unto you is, do your duty to yourselves and never mind about me, but put me on the council for your own sake and the interest of the men who get bread by the sweat of their brow."—Household Words.

Favor an Independent Road.

At a meeting of the Lethbridge board of trade held last week the Crow's Nest Pass road was discussed and a resolution passed asking the government to safeguard the interests of the country from a Canadian Pacific railway monopoly. A copy of this resolution was forwarded to Hon. W. Laurier and the minister of railways; That in the opinion of this board it would be for the best interests, not only of the territories and British Columbia, but the Dominion at large, that the projected railway through the Crow's Nest Pass should be constructed and operated by the government of Canada, or in the alternative, if the former course should be deemed impracticable or impolitic, and the construction of the railway be left to a private company, that the right to have running powers over that portion of the railway through or at either outlet of the Crow's Nest Pass shall be preserved for any railway or railways hereafter desiring it, to be exercised upon such terms as the railway committee of the privy council may deem proper.

The Cold Snap.

Revelstoke, Nov. 27.—Eight below zero.

Donald, Nov. 27.—Thirty below zero and clear.

Kaslo, Nov. 27.—It is snowing, light and cold.

Kamloops, Nov. 27.—Weather clear and very cold, 22 below zero.

Rossland, Nov. 27.—Weather clear and cold.

The exceptionally severe winter weather with its accompanying heavy snowfalls will cause much loss of cattle in the Nicola and Lillooet ranges, The ranchers have been unable to round up their herds or supply them with adequate feed or shelter. Old timers assert that the severity of this early arrival of winter is unprecedented within living memory. Some hope, however, that the winter having begun early, will break up earlier than usual. The increased demand, owing to the wants of many mining camps, together with the severe weather, will augment the value of potatoes and poultry, which should encourage large shipments into the province.

Rev Alexander Sutherland, General Secretary of Methodist missions was pitched out of a buggy at Clifton Springs, N, Y., and was rendered unconscious. Latest accounts state he is progressing favorably.

Nervous

[illegible] often wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; [illegible] start at every slight but [illegible] sound; why they do not sleep [illegible]; why they have frequent [illegible], indigestion and nervous

Dyspepsia

[illegible] is simple. It is found in [illegible] blood which is contin[illegible] the nerves upon refuse [illegible] elements of strength and [illegible] such condition opiate and compounds simply deaden and [illegible] Hood's Sarsaparilla feeds [illegible] pure, rich, red blood; gives [illegible] sleep, perfect digestion, is the [illegible] for all nervous troubles.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

[illegible] $1; six for $5. [illegible] Lowell, Mass.

[illegible] Pills: easy to [illegible] easy to operate. 25c.

Provincial News.

Lady Aberdeen arrived at Victoria on Thursday evening for the purpose of meeting the local Woman's Council.

The City Council, of Vancouver, intend having all vacant lots cleared of brush and underwood, at the owners expense, as they claim that at present it affords cover to footpads.

Rev. H. B. Turner of Lytton, who recently met with a serious accident, is not progressing as favorable as desired, owing to complications over a badly dislocated shoulder. He is in the St. Luke's Home

The decision of the Vancouver Police Committee to appoint some detectives from the present force, is not meeting with approval there. The force has not, by results shown, exhibited any very remarkable detective capacity.

The burglaries evidently are not at an end in Vancouver, a house having been entered on Davie street the other evening. Some articles of clothing were taken, but the burglar dropped his spoil and decamped after being pursued and fired at by the owner.

Mrs. Glennie, mother of Mrs. Dewdney, met with a serious accident at the Government House last week, her thigh bone being broken as the result of a fall. The mishap is all the more serious on account of Mrs Glennie's advanced age, she being over eighty.

The unusually severe cold snap all over the Province reminds one of the East. At Kamloops on Thursday the thermometer regis- 22 degrees below zero at 5 p.m. Cattlemen are fearing a heavy loss of stock if the cold weather continues. At Barkerville it was 20 below, and at Donald 25 below zero. Rossland, Revelstoke and Ashcroft have also very low temperatures.

Mr. Goldwin Smith on the Manitoba School Question.

Mr. Goldwin Smith was engaged in reading the published statement of the Government when called upon. After going carefully through all its sections, Dr. Smith remarked that the agreement was evidently dictated by a spirit of fairness and toleration. As a termination of so bitter a dispute it seemed in this respect very remarkable. The only real difficulty that seemed to him likely to arise would be from the fact that the plans set out would not be found acceptable to the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical authorities, who desire not alone that the child shall receive the dogmatic and religious instruction of the church, but that the whole moulding of the child's character and disposition shall be in consonance with a well-defined cast of character found within the church and which differs essentially from the non-Catholic. If it should prove that the distribution of Catholic population in Manitoba were such as to obviate this difficulty he saw no other drawback to the practical working out of the plan outlined. Certainly, in Dr. Smith's opinion, the people of Ontario have no reason whatever for displeasure, but quite the contrary.

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(Signed) BALDWIN H. WAKE.
Sept. 15, 1896. JOHN BASIL

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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EDITOR MAIL.—DEAR SIR.—Would you or some of your correspondents kindly enlighten the undersigned—for while strongly in sympathy with the Single Tax system in theory, there is much in its practice, which seems to me difficult of equable adjustment. Take for example a certain party whom we shall call A, becomes the legal possessor of a tract of land; six years ago A sells five acres to B for a certain consideration, which has not yet been paid, meanwhile B partially clears the lot, and builds a house, lets house and lot to C. Now what I want to know is, who will become owner, and to whom will C pay rent? If C pays direct to the government, what compensation will A and B. receive? both having given a valuable consideration.

Respectfully yours,
X-Y-Z.

[Under the Single Tax houses and improvements to land would not be taxed, consequently C would pay to B rent or interest on the value of house and improvements to land. B as the registered owner of the five acres would pay to the government the tax on the unimproved value of the land. The transaction between A and B being a private one the government would have nothing to do with it.—ED.]

Those Chinese Again.

EDITOR MAIL.—It is not strange that public speakers, when their public utterances cause unfavorable comment, always put the blame upon the reporters! Such being the case I am not at all surprised to find Rev. C. M. Tate seeking refuge under such a subterfuge. Had this gentleman been so very anxious to guard his utterances on this question, as he would have us believe, why did he not explain the statement made in the Christian Guardian at the time. As a minister of the Methodist church, he surely reads the official organ, and must have seen the paragraph, then why did not he contradict it? I venture to say that had no notice been taken of it, he would have been as dumb as the sphinx. For my own part, (and I am not alone in this opinion) I believe the reporter, Mr. Tate's explanation notwithstanding.

Mr. Tate would have us believe he is very anxious that the authorities should repress the lawlessness and drunkeness amongst the Indians, and implies that the reason of much of the crime amongst the Indians is on account of his advice not being followed. I venture to say that Mr. Tate never once gave information to the authorities—he has given advice—whereby any Chinaman has been prosecuted for supplying liquor to Indians. He has, however, made himself unpopular amongst his own people by his readiness to discount a white man in favor of Indians and Chinese. Had Mr. Tate been so very anxious for the protection of Indians against Chinese, why did he build a house on his property at Sardis, close to the Indian reserve, and rent it to a Chinaman who was living with an Indian woman—a member of Mr. Tate's mission, and who were not married. This went on until it became a menace to the Indians on the reserve, and the Indian Agent took active measures to remove this particular Chinaman and his Indian concubine from the neighbourhood.

It is not at all likely that I shall get cooled off before Mr. Tate returns, and I hope to have the opportunity of bringing those "absurd" statements to the notice of the public through the medium of your valuable paper.

Yours etc.,
VERITAS.

The chief issue which the people of West Kootenay should force during the next provincial election is the necessity for an equitable redistribution bill. If such a bill is secured one-half of the injustice which West Kootenay suffers from will be removed. When this district has five representatives instead of two it will be able to force justice from the discredited politicians at Victoria, if under a fair redistribution bill any of them could be returned to the legislature. The interests of Kootenay demand the defeat of the present government, since the general policy of the government has been one of discrimination against the chief industry of the district. It matters little who inaugurated the system, the present government has perpetuated it. Nothing short of a complete reversal of its present policy could at all reconcile the people of Kootenay to the present government, and there is not much likelihood that any such reversal will be made.

Ottawa, Nov 26.—Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of the Supreme court has been appointed Canadian representative on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He will not resign the Chief Justiceship but will visit England during the long vacation.

News of the Day.

A Chinaman was run over on the C. P. R. at North Bend last Wednesday and instantly killed.

A Constinople despatch states that a fresh massacre, with 500 victims had accurred at Draibekir Turkey.

It is announced that Hon. W. Laurier will leave for Europe about December, 15. The report lacks confirmation.

The Dominion Government have commenced an action against Mr. St. Louis for $144,000 on the Curran bridge contract.

There were 36 businese failures reported in the Dominion last week as against 47 last week, and 52 in the same week a year ago and 35 two years ago.

There is a great blizzard raging in the Dakotas and northern part of Minnesota. The storm has been raging for days, and is the worst for many years.

Rev. W. Baugh Allen, of Chilliwack is expected to succeed the Rev. H. H. Gowan as rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at New minster.

Hon. Clifford Sifton has been elected by acclamation as member of the House of Commons for the district of Brandon. The minister of the Interior is expected to shortly remove his family to Ottawa.

Tom Mann the well known labor leader and prime mover in the proposed dockers strike, has been arrested in Germany. He was taken into custody at Fimsbutta, charged with inciting to create a disturbance and was placed on a steamer bound for Grimsby, Eng., after being cautioned not to return.

The storm last Thursday in Winnipeg has seldom been equalled in Manitoba, all the lines being tied up badly. The C. P. R. pulled the western express from Rat Portage with four engines. The express on the G. N. R and Northern Pacific are cancelled. The mercury is sinking very rapidly.

A despatch from Tobermorray, at the head of the Bruce Peninsula states that a timber surveyor from Michigan, named Rankin, was found dead in his shanty on Fitzwilliam Island last Thursday, with bruises on his face and body. On the dead man's chest was a note to the effect that his companions, a man named Austin of Detroit, and Geo. P. Belrose of Tobermory, had left for the latter place last Tuesday. Search is now being made for them.

Where to Draw the Line.

Kleptomania may be as real a disease as other mania; but where can the line be equitably drawn? Mrs. Walter M. Castle, wife of a prominent resident of this city, stole valuable furs, etc. in London when shopping and visiting. She was sentenced to three month's imprisonment, but the Home Secretary ordered her release, after "astonishing pressure." This may be right; but suppose some wife of an ordinary mechanic, not worth his hundreds of thousands, had done "shoplifting" to the extent of slipping a pair of gloves under her sleeve, would "kleptomania" have been entertained as a valid plea for an instant? Lawyers would have laughed at the absurdity, and an attorney making such a plea might be regarded as insulting the dignity of the court. But who is to draw the line? How much must the kleptomaniac or her husband be worth, and how much must she steal? Must the line be drawn at $100,000 fortune and $100 worth of property, or where else? If the law is to be administered one way for the rich and another for the poor (as it is), what sense is there in denouncing "anarchists" because they favor abolishing statutes? It is not improbable that kleptomania originates in heredity. For instance, some persons get enormously rich (like Rockefeller, Gould, Huntington, and others); it is not improbable that their offspring may sometimes inherit the tendency to steal without the caution of the progenitors; and in the case of women, as they could not well gratify it by stealing bonds, railroads, etc., kleptomania would be liable to result. Had the Castle incident occurred here, it would never have cropped up in court, unless "somebody blundered."—San Francisco Star.

"Justice" in New York City fined a girl $5 for selling 10 cents worth of dry goods on Sunday, and she would have been imprisoned indefinitely but for the generosity of the reporters, who paid her fine. A similar penalty was meted out to an ice man because he sold 10 cents worth of that commodity to a man who had a fever. But Rev. Clayton Heslop, Episcopalian, who pleaded guilty of stealing money from his employers, the New York Life Insurance Company, was let loose by "suspension of sentence" another variety of "kleptomania."

Sir Donald Smith.

London, Nov. 20.—Sir Donald Smith, Canadian High Commissioner in London, delivered an address before the Newcastle Geographical Society to-night upon "The Resources of the Dominion of Canada." The address embodied a comprehensive view of the progress of Canada since the landing of John Cabot on the coast of Newfoundland in 1497, and described the growth of her internal and international water and railway communications, her industries, agricultural, manufacturing and mining, and her fisheries.

In conclusion, Sir Donald said:—"More advantages can be obtained by emigrants of the first class in Canada than in any other quarter of the world. Canada does not want anybody unless he has a capacity for hard work, energy and enterprise. Given these, nowhere can one realize so rapidly such great results. The Canadians are proud of their country and believe in it. They are also proud of connection with the mother country and constantly try to make their beloved Dominion not the least important in the family of nations, all under one flag, which seems to be the ultimate destiny of the empire."

A large audience was present and listened closely to Sir Donald's very interesting description of the Dominion and the work that has been done there. He was frequently applauded. Principal Gurney, who presided at the meeting, lauded Sir Donald's generosity, and a vote of thanks to the High Commissioner was adopted.

Fable of the Counterfeit Dollar.

Once upon a time a Poor Porter in Paducah, working for the Pullman Palace Car Company, becoming hard up, made a counterfeit dollar of silver, copper and lead. With this he purchased a new hat. The Hatter paid it to a Hotel Clerk for a dinner. The Hotel Clerk, in making change, paid it to Secretary John G. Carlisle. For several days the Secretary carried it about, exhibiting it during his speech esas a genuine 50-cent dollar; then he paid it to a Hack Driver who went to Chicago and spent it. It continued to change hands until one day Prof. J. Lawrence McLaugh received it as part payment of his salary. The Professor went to New York and paid it for a ticket on the New York Central Railroad.

The treasurer of the road paid it to Chauncey Depew as a part of his salary. Chauncey Depew loaned it to President Grover Cleveland, who, on one of his fishing trips, spent it for "bait." The Bait Seller paid it to a farmer for eggs, and the farmer used it to pay interest on a mortgage held by one of Senator John Sherman's banks. Senator Steve Elkins then got it as part of his dividends on bank stock. On his trip out west he threw it into a jackpot on which Senator Ed. Wolcot held the winning hand. Senator Ed. Wolcott went over the Road on which the Poor Porter was employed and paid him the dollar as a part of the salary that Pullman failed to pay. The Poor Porter recognized his handiwork. knew that it was worthless; but as he had the hat was sure that he could lose nothing by accepting it.

When the history of its travels was learned, everyone had received as much value as if it had been a genuine dollar, with one exception. That was Chauncey Depew; Grover Cleveland still owed him a dollar. When the President learned that Mr. Depew had loaned him a counterfeit dollar, he was enraged, and said: "Is it not one of your cardinal principles that every dollar shall be as good as every other dollar? The people will accept nothing but 'sound money.' Why did you debase the currency?" And Chauncey, winking the other eye, said: "Sire, wait until the next Republican Convention; we'll fix it all right in the platform."

Explosion at Rossland.

Rossland, Nov. 25.—An explosion occurred in the Alfe mine this morning. Two men, A. McDaniels and D. Patterson were thawing powder about five feet in front of the mouth of the tunnel, both being knocked insensible. Patterson came to first and crawled out of the tunnel, giving the alarm. Both men are now in the hospital. McDaniels may recover with the loss of one eye. Patterson is almost sure to recover.

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The Police Commissioners.

Six weeks have come and gone since the sitting of the Board of Police Commissioners to hear the evidence in the charges laid by the Rev. D. A. McRae against Chief of Police Crossan and Constable Thompson, and there has been no decision rendered yet. That the board should require more than six minutes to arrive at a conclusion after the evidence was all heard, was, to ordinary mortals, a mystery. Yet the members of the board in their wisdom, decided that they must have a copy of the stenographer's notes to assist them in their deliberations. The transcript of the stenographer's notes has now been in their possession for six whole weeks—ample time, we should think, to read, mark and inwardly digest—and what is the result? Echo patiently pauses for a reply. On the street corners and other places of public resort, it is becoming positively monotonous to hear the often repeated query of What has been done in the police investigation? Has the case been sidetracked? Was it smothered? Were the police officers white-washed? Were they exonerated? To all such questions there is but one reply—"don't know." People of a credulous turn of mind may attribute the delay to the absence from the city of one member of the board, Mr. A. R. Johnston, but if that was any obstacle to a termination of the case it is now removed, as Mr. Johnston is here; Police Magistrate Simpson is here: so is Mayor Davison, and we cannot believe their time is so very valuable or so fully occupied but what they could find an opportunity to come together and finish their labors on this case. The issue is a plain one. Chief Crossan and Constable Thompson have either transgressed beyond the bounds of prudence, or a vile conspiracy was concocted to deprive them of their positions and ruin their character. The charges laid against them and sworn to are either true or false. If the latter, then the Commissioners should lose no time in dispelling the cloud of suspicion which rests on them. If true * * * So far we have refrained from commenting on the pros and cons of the case, leaving to the proper authorities, the Board of Police Commissioners, to adjudicate on the evidence produced, and, as nature kindly conferred on us more than the average amount of patience allotted to frail humanity, we experienced no difficulty in living up to our resolution to await the decision of the board. But there are times when patience ceases to be a virtue, and we believe in the case of the late police investigation, that time is now. We candidly admit that our supply of the Divine attribute is nearly exhausted, and in saying so we but voice the sentiments of a large majority of the people of this city. We have no desire to refer personally to any particular member of the board and trust that immediate action on their part will obviate the necessity of again referring to this unpleasant question.

The Mayoralty.

Alderman W. H. Morton has published his card announcing his intention to become a candidate for the Chief Magistracy of Nanaimo for the year of our Lord 1897. Mr. Morton in his announcement, makes several departures from the usual stereotype phrases on such occasions. It is customary for candidates seeking the suffrage of the people to either publish a platform setting forth their views and principles, or else state that they will, before the day of election, hold meetings to discuss the issues in which the people are most interested. Mr. Morton does neither; he merely says, "I beg to solicit your votes on the basis of progression." This is vague—gloriously vague. The word "progression" is a broad one and susceptible of many definitions. We would like to know whether Mr. Morton solicits our votes on the basis of geometrical progression, arithmetical progression, intellectual progression, musical progression or mathematical progression. Either will answer the purpose and the result, we feel confident, will be the same. But if Mr. Morton's opening paragraph is vague, he finishes with a definiteness truly courageous. He says: "I shall endeavor to discharge the duties assigned me in a business-like way." This is another departure from the time-trodden path of politicians, who invariably qualify such statements with the simple phrase of "if elected." Doubtless Mr. Morton will remedy these little discrepancies later on before the contest gets warm. In the meantime he is a candidate for the mayoralty, and as such we greet him, not as the future mayor of the city, for we have not the faintest suspicion that he will be elected, but because as a private citizen we rather like him. Our opposition to Mr. Morton's election will be fair and honorable. Scurrility and personal abuse we leave to those who prefer such methods in political warfare.

By the Spectator.

We are looking every day for the decision of the Commissioners on the Policemen vs. Fraser street. I understand Mr. Johnston is back again, and whilst I think he ought, as a public man, to have done his duty as a commissioner before leaving the city, there ought to be no time lost in giving the decision on the trial of the policemen. Of course it is easy to see how by hanging a question like this up to dry the persons interested and those who brought in the charges are placed at a very great disadvantage, as a prolonging of the judgment creates a sense of failure that works to the disadvantage of the defendants. Thus we hear the oft-repeated cry: This investigation, that was going to prove so much, has come out a fizzle; there is nothing in it. If any one will just remember the anxiety of the Free Press and its friends passing sentence against the prosecution before it was through, for the purpose of giving the people chaff to chew (as it knew there would be plenty of time to digest the empty skin), it is easy to see the whole plan. But even this tactic is based on the assumption that there are a large number of people in the city interested in and ready waiting to be gulled into believing what the Free Press and its friends are wishful for them to believe. Every kind of strategy has been used to blind us to the facts of the case, and I am pleased to see that so few are being blinded by the cunning process. Now a few words on the upshot of this cunning (if the people do not stop and think) is opportune. First of all I wish to make reference to a leader which appeared in THE MAIL on the 24th inst., which deals with the question of a non-partisan Council, suggesting, as it does, the conduct of the "solid four," as an example of strict partyism. The good sense of your article is unquestionable; the importance of the fact it seeks to bring into existence is undeniable, but the possibility of its achievement is away in the distance, and can only be hoped for when lost laurels are handed back to the good old party. True, as you say, reason should come to the rescue for once and adopt the give and take policy for the general good. But how much will you have to "give" and what proportion of the "takes" will you get. Your theory is sublime, and I hope you will continue to teach the importance of municipal matters being free from partyism, but I confess when I remember how this strong party feeling came into existence, and the present practice of the old party to reduce everything to their own good, I am afraid your good advice is of no avail. We have conquered the few who have shown themselves believers in the old freebooters law:

The good old rule,
The simple plan,
That they should keep who have the power,
And they should get who can.

Yet we welcome a compromise for the sake of the city, but let the disposition for such consideration come from those who created the clan, and don't let us sheath our swords until we see the enemy at least stop sharpening theirs. But as soon as they show signs of appreciation of the ability of others that they consider non-business men, you may be sure that your expressed desirability of such unanimity in our city will be taken by them to mean a consciousness of our own defeat.

Alberni Notes.

Robert Hudband has lately found something that looks very fine on Douglas Mountain, below the Regina group.

Alberni is shortly to have a hall with club rooms on the upper story. It will be opened with a ball on Dec. 21.

William Campbell, who has the contract on the Mountain Rose, reports that he will have his work finished in the course of a few days.

Messrs McGillivray and Armstrong, of Vancouver, paid Alberni a visit a few days ago. They went up to Mineral Hill and district and were very favorably impressed with the work and improvements done in that neighborhood.

Work on the Regina is going ahead in good shape. No. 2 tunnel is now in over 30 feet, and No. 3 is in over 45 feet. On this property they have the advantage of driving the tunnels in the solid quartz as the lead runs up the hill.

Messrs Jones and Bledsoe returned from the canal last night and report having made a good strike about one mile north of the Uchuchleset harbor and about a quarter of a mile from the canal. The find is solid copper ore and looks very fine. One would almost think it was pure copper. They have not done any work on the property as yet. The width of the lead cannot be determined, but they judge it to be about 12 or 15 feet.

The Consolidated Alberni Gold Mining Company's new road from the mouth of Mineral creek to the Alberni mine is now completed, as is also the ore chute from the tunnel, and it is expected that in a very short time the stamp mill will be in full swing. The new find on the Victoria, one of the Consolidated Alberni Gold Company's group, has turned out good. It carries free gold like the Alberni, and the quartz in both is so much alike that one can hardly tell them apart; there are also two other ledges cut by the new road which promises to prove valuable.

Advertisements Changed.

We direct the attention of our readers to the following changes in our advertising columns:

Mr. Thos. Morgan is calling for more orders for his $27 suits of clothes. Everything is A1 at Morgan's.

Mr. Whitfield, the boot and shoe man of the Crescent, is announcing fine bargains in children's footwear. Drop in and inspect his stock some time when you are passing.

Auctioneer Good is calling for more second-hand furniture, for which he is prepared to pay spot cash. If you have articles of furniture to sell drop Mr. Good a card.

Mr. Jas. Young is announcing to the public that he is going to clear out his boot and shoe department. Those who are acquainted with Mr Young's method of business will realize that this is an opportunity for bargains not had every day.

Ottawa News.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—The Premier is yet undecided about his trip to England, saying that he might have to go, but he does not want to do so this winter.

The Postmaster-General is about to reimpose a postage rate on newspapers having free transmission in the country of publication, say of one cent per pound. The object is to shut out advertising fakes and help the business of legitimate newspapers. Hon. Mr. Mulock asks for suggestions on the subject.

The government have received advices of the modification of the Guatemalan tariff from February to June next during the period of the Central American exposition. Many articles, including fish and canned goods of all kinds, fruit, etc., will be admitted duty free.

This is the time of commissions; Mr. Greerar, of Hamilton, has been appointed to inquire into the election of the member for Algoma being held on June 30 instead of June 23. Mr. Seager, of Goderich, is to investigate the charges in connection with the Coburg custom house. Mr. Lazier, of Belleville, has been appointed to investigate the charges of partizanship preferred against Postmaster Farrow of Brussels.

St. Alban's Church.

The choir social of St. Alban's church will be held in the Free Press hall tomorrow evening. The members of the congregation are also invited to attend.

W. R. DUNN, Secretary.

The Place to Get

Wheat, Corn, Chop, Oats, Bran, Seconds, Potatoes, Onions, Flour, Rolled Oats, Oatmeal, Farina, Buckwheat Flour, Rice Flour, Hominy, also a Full Line of Choice Groceries, is at

ROBINSON'S, the Wallace-street Grocer

Our Tea, Coffee, and Butter are the best in the market.
Remember, our motto is—Square Dealing and Close Prices.

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.

Progressive Christianity.

EDITOR MAIL.—As a reader of your paper and one interested in social and moral reform, I congratulate you upon the outcome of your recent article on the duty of Christian Ministers of our city to deal with the numerous social problems which effect us in a peculiar manner, from the fact that the Rev. T. W. Hall last Sunday evening preached an excellent sermon on that subject. Whilst I do not wish to be critical, I confess that I was somewhat disappointed that the discourse did not take the course expected by many. Mr. Hall dealt with his subject from a theological standpoint, which was to be expected from his position as a minister, but the great social questions were not handled as one would have liked to see. I give Mr. Hall credit for sincerity, and feel sure that as soon as he thoroughly understands the question, he will not be afraid nor backward in speaking out. I deduce the two following propositions from his remarks as calling for passing notice.

1. That society first needs regeneration, not reconstruction." This is just what I believe, the reformation of man must be the first thing. I admit that a man may have good social enviroments and remain a bad man; I admit also that there is a greater tendency for a good man to make his environments better, than for good environments to make a man good; but the preacher said nothing of the beneficial influences of good environments and circumstances in helping a man toward goodnes and regeneration. As an intelligent observer of humanity in all its social conditions, I cannot help seeing the barriers placed in the way of human regeneration by the existence of injustice and inequality referred to by Mr. Hall. There is constant and persistent agitation going on to change these conditions, yet my complaint—if complaint there be—is that ministers rarely refer to the wrongs affecting society. When they do so, men will be ready to come in and assist, and regard their voice as of great importance affecting the life here and the life beyond,

2. "That Christianity contains all the elements necessary for the reconstruction of society." I may say at once that I admit this also. My dispute has never been with Christianity, (and the same may be said of your article) but with the representation of it in the world. Does the Rev. gentleman consider that the past teaching of the church—or the present for that matter—has ever contained the elements necessary for the re-construction of society? The past history of the church goes to prove its opposition to every scheme of reform both social, industrial, and scientific. Every one of which contains the elements necessary for this reconstruction. This teaching was forcibly brought out last winter during a course of addresses at the Y.M.C.A. by Mr. Ralph Smith, a Methodist local preacher. I admire Jesus Christ and His teaching as exploited in the parable of the good Samaritan, but I think the church has come far short of continuing His philosophy.

However, I was more than pleased to perceive an indication in Mr. Hall's intention to look at these questions as the affect us to-day, and can assure him of the attendance of men, who have hitherto held aloof, to hear him when Christianity is presented in such a way as to make them realize that it is for this world as well as the next.

Yours etc.,
EARNEST THINKER.

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS.

Foreign coal shipments for November were as follows:

BY THE NEW VANCOUVER COMPANY.

DATE.	NAME and DESTINATION.	TONS.
Nov.		
1	Str Holyoke, Pt Townsend..	26
3	Bk Carrolton, 'Frisco	2,318
4	Ss Wanderer, Pt Townsend..	38
4	Ss Signal, Juneau, Alaska...	660
4	Ss Peter Jebsen, San Deigo...	4716
9	Ss Edith, Tacoma.....	9
9	Ss Willapa, Pt Townsend....	60
14	Ss Aztec, Acapulco.....	4003
14	Ss Willapa, Juneau	21
22	Ss Edith, Tacoma.....	8
22	Ss Wanderer, Pt. Townsend..	42
23	Ss Sea Lion, Pt Townsend ...	32
24	Ss Willapa, Pt Townsend....	63
25	Ss Angeles, Pt Townsend....	56
28	Peter Jebsen, Los Angeles...	4669
28	Ss Willapa, Juneau	29
28	Bk Big Bonanza, 'Frisco ...	2222
30	Str Pioneer, Pt Townsend ...	33
30	Str Tacoma, Pt Townsend....	27
	Total.....	19,032

FROM WELLINGTON.

DATE.	NAME AND DESTINATION.	TONS.
Nov.		
3	City of Topeka, Sitka.....	170
3	Excelsior, Karluk	280
5	B P Cheney, Honolulu.....	2050
6	J C Potter, 'Frisco.....	1950
9	Costa Rica, 'Frisco	2400
11	Wellington, 'Frisco.....	2500
13	Al-ki, Mary Island.....	600
13	City of Topeka, Victoria ...	350
16	Astoria, Pt Angeles.....	27
18	City of Everett, 'Frisco	3600
19	Williamette, Juneau.....	2200
24	Costa Rica, 'Frisco.....	2450
26	Al-ki, Pt Townsend.....	875
27	Wellington, 'Frisco	2600
28	Gatherer, 'Frisco.....	2200
26	Tyhee, Pt Townsend.....	6
	Total.....	24,398

FROM UNION.

DATE	NAME AND DESTINATION.	TONS
Nov.		
9	Tyee, Tacoma..	300
	Total...	300

Municipal Council

There was no quorum last night at the council, only Ald. Morton and Planta being on hand when city clerk Thompson called time.

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

We have just the sort of Shoes it will please parents to see them wear.

Shoes for school, for play, for skating or snowballing,
Now the snow and ice have come.

Fit the little fellows here, where the shoes sold are reliable and economical.

Little Shoes—Little Prices.

GUM BOOTS AND RUBBERS GALORE.

Whitfield's Crescent Shoe Store

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
Wilson & Matthews
F. Rowbottom
A. J. Smith
L. Schmitz
J. Black
C. Docile

PLAYTHINGS OF A GALE.

The Government Dredge "Mudlark" in Rough Weather.

All the small craft caught out in Wednesday night's gale report rough experiences. Probably the most exciting of these hinged upon the narrow escape from destruction of the dredge Mudlark, while proceeding to Vancouver in tow of the tugs Princess and Hope, the former being her regular tender and the latter the Sayward mill boat. Off Discovery island the cumbersome craft became unmanageable, and had it not been for the assistance of the C. P. N. steamer Maude, which was going to Nanaimo for coal at the time, might at least have suffered serious injury. The following day, however, she was passed by the tug Skidgate proceeding slowly in rough water without the Maude. She expected to reach Beaver Point safely, and there find shelter until calmer weather allowed her to continue her voyage. When the Skidgate reached Victoria she was three days out from Nanaimo, having been obliged through bad weather to make the trip by stretches, as she had a big scow load of rock in tow. The steambarge Fingal suffered most, however, from the effects of the storm, having blown ashore near the East Saanich Indian reservation. She was light at the time and when the tugs Sadie and Skidegate went to her assistance Friday morning she floated off comparatively little damaged. Her stern post was carried away and she is lacking a shoe, but otherwise her injuries are trifling. After being floated she was towed in lee of James' island, and the Skidegate will take her up to the Terminal City for repairs. At the time of her accident she was bound to Vancouver from Victoria.

The proposed expedition next year against Khartoum will, it is said, number 25,000 men, of whom 18,000 will be Egyptian troops and 7,000 British troops, including batteries of the Royal Horse artillery and probably a Highland regiment, an Indian brigade with cavalry, amounting to 20,000 men, all to be available for an attack upon Omdurman, the fortified dervish camp near Khartoum, where fierce fighting is expected. The dervishes there are reported to be at least 60,000 fighting men and the forts are defended by 70 Krupp guns.

Highest Honors—
DR.
PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 Years the Standard

FOR BIG MEN ONLY

We have a very complete line of Large Sizes in MEN'S UNDERWEAR. A full range of prices. You can have the Canadian make or the best Scotch, which comes in pink and natural colors.
Sizes, 42, 44, 46.

STEVENSON & CO.
GREAT CASH DRY GOODS AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS HOUSE
Commercial St., Nanaimo, B. C.

DON'T DELAY

ORDERING YOUR WINTER SUIT ANY LONGER.

You will need it for the Xmas Holidays. MORGAN the Tailor has just what you want for a Good Warm Suit in . . . . .

English, Irish and Scotch Tweeds and Heavy Serges.

$27 IS THE PRICE.

In Make and Fit I guarantee to please you.

MORGAN THE TAILOR,
Commercial Street.

HAVE YOUR
Shirts, Collars and Cuffs
DONE BY THE
Pioneer Steam Laundry

By so doing you will PATRONIZE WHITE LABOR And help to GET RID OF THE CHINESE!

Dye Works in connection.

P. O. Box 95. D. M. STEWART, Proprietor.

City Market
HEMANS & WAMSLEY
Wholesale and Retail Butchers
COMMERCIAL STREET
P. O. Box 227 Telephone 7-8

C. C. & B. I. Westwood
BASTION STREET
Are now prepared to Cut Down Old Axles, by use of an Improved Machine, making them as good as new.
HORSESHOEING
GENERAL BLACKSMITHING
CARRIAGE WORK
Done in the most approved manner.
Their prices are right. Call and see them.

NOTICE.

ALL FREIGHTS left on the Nanaimo Wharf Co.'s Wharf will be at owners' risk.

A. R. JOHNSTON & CO., Wharfingers.

Shamrock Livery Stables
NANAIMO, B. C.

DUNLOP BROS.
TEAMSTERS
AND
DRAYMEN
An Express Van meets all Trains and Steamers Daily, and On Hand to Order at any hour
FIRST-CLASS TURNOUTS
AT REASONABLE RATES
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BARKER & POTTS, Barristers and Solicitors. Commercial street.

G. F. CANE, Barrister and Solicitor, Room 11, Johnston Block.

McINNES & McINNES, Barristers, Room 6, Johnston Block, Commercial street.

YARWOOD & YOUNG, Barristers, corner of Commercial and Bastion streets.

BOTANIST.

T. HARDY, Botanic Druggist, Winfield Crescent. Try Hardy's Pile Ointment.

DENTISTS.

DR. MASON, Dentist Extracting a specialty. Gas and Ether administered. Office, Odd-Fellow's Block, Nanaimo.

W. J. CURRY, D. D. S., Green Block. First-class work guaranteed.

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CRESCENT PHARMACY. HALL & STEARMAN, proprietors. Victoria Crescent. Dispensing and family recipes a specialty.

McDOWELL, ATKINS, WATSON CO., Limited. Medical Hall, corner Commercial and Bastion streets. Telephone 1-3-5.

DYE WORKS.

NANAIMO DYE WORKS.—Dyeing, Cleaning and Repairing 14 Nicol street. C. CHARLTON, Manager.

FISH MARKET.

G. MARSH, Wholesale Dealer in Fish and Game, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL AGENT

M. WOLFE, Financial and Insurance Agent, Johnston Block.

REAL ESTATE—INSURANCE.

FOREMAN & HARDY, Real Estate Brokers. Bastion street.

SECOND-HAND STORE.

WANTED—All kinds of Old Cook Stoves. Articles of every description bought and sold. D. TAYLOR, Commercial Street. Masonic building.

WATCHMAKER.

JOS. M. BROWN, Watchmaker. Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned and repaired. Corner Church and Chapel streets.