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M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE

President of the United States Outlines the Matters to Be Taken Up by the Senators and Representatives.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—In the Senate today the work of the short session of the 56th Congress was successfully launched. It had been the purpose of the Senate to announce the deaths of Senators Gear and Davis, immediately after assembling and then to adjourn and to receive the message of the President tomorrow but as this had been announced by the leaders of the both branches of Congress to be a "quiet business sitting," it was determined to receive the message today and thus gain one day in a session, when that much time may be of immense importance. Aside from the reading of the message and the administering of the oath of office to Wm. B. Dillingham, the new Senator from Vermont, who succeed Justin M. Morrill, no business was transacted. The new members of the body, former Representative Jonathan P. Dolliver, who succeeded the late Senator Gear of Iowa, was present but his credentials were not presented and he was not sworn in.

The opening of the session of the House was brilliant but not exciting. There were the usual throng in the gallery and the usual display of floral pieces on the floor but the proceedings were purely formal, consisting of the rapping to order by the Speaker, prayer by the Chaplain, the roll of the members, the appointment of formal committees to notify the President and the Senate that the house was ready to do business and the reception and reading of the President's message. Despite the fact that the Presidential campaign had concluded within a month the best of feeling seemed to prevail between victors and vanquished. The reading of the message, which naturally was the feature of the day, occupied over two hours. The death of the late Representative Dealy of New Jersey and Hofficker of Delaware and Senators Davis of Minnesota, and Gear of Iowa, was announced and as a further mark of respect to their memory the House adjourned until tomorrow.

The President's message opens with a brief survey of the growing strength and increasing power for good of republican institutions and American liberty at the outgoing of the old and the incoming of the new century. The Chinese problem is made the dominant question in the foreign intercourse and an elaborate review is made of details of military operations and diplomatic steps taken in the progress of settlement up to the present time, and which have been made known to the public by official announcements in the past. The circular note to the powers of July 4 is cited and reaffirmed and the opinion is expressed that conditions give hope of a complete settlement of all questions involved. The securement of an adequate guarantee for liberty of faith is put forward as one of the essential factors of a durable adjustment, since the insecurity of those natives who may embrace alien creeds is a scacely less effectual assault upon the rights of foreign worship and teaching than would be the direct invasion thereof. Touching on the possible inability of China to pay a sufficient money indemnity, the President says: "I am disposed to think that due compensation may be made in part by increased guarantees of security for foreign immunities, and most important of all, by the opening of China to equal commerce of all the world. These views have been and will be earnestly advocated by our representatives."

In the event of protracted divergence of views in the negotiations the President favorably inclines to Russia's suggestion in the matter of indemnity that the matter be regulated by the court of arbitration at The Hague. Uncertainty is expressed as to the prospect of our well nigh extinguished German trade under the new burden of the meat inspection law and the confident hope is expressed that further regulations will be free from past discriminations. Good will prevails in our relations with the German Empire. An amicable adjustment of long pending questions of admission of our life insurance companies to do business in Prussia has been reached. One of the principal companies has already been re-admitted and the way is open for the others to share the privilege.

"The settlement of the Samoian problem, to which I adverted in my last message, has accomplished good results. Our friendly relations with Great Britain continue. The war in South Africa introduced important questions. A condition unusual in international wars was presented in that while one belligerent had control of the seas, the other had no port, shipping or direct trade, but was only accessible through territory of a neutral. Vexatious questions arose through Great Britain's action in respect to neutral cargos not contraband in their own nature, shipped to Portuguese South Africa, on the score of probable or suspected ultimate destination to the Boer states. Such consignments in British ships, by which alone direct trade is kept up between our ports and South Africa, were seized in application of a municipal law prohibiting British vessels from trading with the enemy without regard to any contraband character of goods, while cargoes shipped to Delagoa Bay in neutral bottoms were arrested on the ground of alleged destination to the enemy's country. Appropriate representations on our part, resulted in the British Government agreeing to purchase all such goods shown to be the actual property of American citizens, thus closing the incident to the satisfaction of the immediate interested parties although unfortunately, without a broad settlement of the question of a neutral right to send goods not contraband per se, to a neutral, adjacent to a belligerent area.

"The work of marking certain provisional boundary points for convenience of administration, around the head of Lynn Canal, in accordance with the temporary arrangement of October, 1899, was completed by a joint survey in July last. The modus vivendi has so far worked without friction, and the Dominion Government has provided rules and regulations for securing to our citizens the benefit of reciprocal stipulation that the citizens or subjects of either power found by that arrangement within the temporary jurisdiction of other shall suffer no diminuation of rights and privileges they have hitherto enjoyed. But, however necessary such an expedient may have been to tide over the grave emergency of the situation, it is at best but an unsatisfactory makeshift, which should not be suffered to delay the speedy and complete establishment of frontier lines to which we are entitled under the Russo-American treaty for the cession of Alaska. In this relation I may refer again to the need of definitely marking the Alaskan boundary where it follows the one hundred and forty-first meridian. A convention to that end has been before the Senate for some two years, but as no action has been taken I contemplate negotiating a new convention for a joint termination of the meridian by telegraphic observations. These, it is believed, will give more accurate and unquestionable results than the sideral methods heretofore independently followed, which, as is known, proved discrepant of several points on the line, although not varying at any place more than 700 feet."

Turkish relations are dismissed with the assertion: "We await the statement of the promise of the Sultan to make reparation for the injuries suffered by American citizens in Armenia and elsewhere in the Turkish Empire. His Majesty's good disposition in this regard has been evidenced by the issuance of an irade for rebuilding the American college at Harpoot."

The financial operations by the Government during the year are reviewed in detail: "It will be the duty, as I am sure it will be the disposition, of Congress," says the President, "to provide whatever further legislation is needed to insure the continued parity under all conditions between out two forms of metallic money, silver and gold."

Touching the disposition of surplus, the President recommends a reduction of internal revenue war taxes in the sum of thirty million pounds. Immediate action is urged on a measure to promote African shipping and foreign trade and it is said, "the remarkable growth of our steel industries, the progress of ship building for the domestic trade, and our steadily maintained expenditures for the navy have created an opportunity to place the United States in the first rank of commercial maritime powers."

The President calls attention to the passage in its last message for early action to remedy such evils as might be found to exist in connection with combinations of capital organized into trusts, and he repeats the language of the previous message, adding, "restraint upon such combinations as are injurious, and which are within federal jurisdiction, should be promptly applied by the Congress."

The treatment of the Philippine question consists largely of a review of events and acts there during the past year, recalling the President's determination to await the decision of the will of Congress as to the establishment of a form of Government. He speaks favorably of the progress towards pacificing the native and the institution of local Governments, and legislation is recommended to confer upon the Secretary of the Interior supervision over public works, and duty to ascertain the location and quantity of lands, the title to which remained in the crown of Spain when Porto Rico was ceded. After reviewing the circumstances of the constitutional convention in Cuba, the president announces that when the convention concudes its labors he will transmit to Congress the constitution or such action as he may deem advisable. The necessity for a Pacific cable between the United States and Hawaii with an extension to Manila is urgd anew.

Increased needs of the army by reason of new possessions, the country's coast defences and new army posts, are pointed out and the necessity in the immediate future of from 35,000 to 60,000 men in the Philippines is stated.

"It must be apparent," says the President, "that we will require an army of about 40,000 and that during present conditions, in Cuba and the Philippines, they should have authority to increase the force to the present number of 100,000."

KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Robber Makes Good His Escape After Shooting his Victim.

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 4.—A number of sharp pistol shots in quick succession last night sent the wife of John Crowell, of this town, flying from her house to the barn, where she found her husband writhing on the floor and groaning, "He has gone and my pocket book with him." Fifteen minutes after Mr. Crowell died from the effects of the bullet wounds over the heart. Mr. Crowell recently sold out his coffee and tea trade and had carried the money about with him. Mrs. Crowell said that she must have reached the barn within a minute after the shots were fired yet there was no sign of the murderer. Neighbors, who heard Mrs. Crowell's shrieks, searched the neighborhood and found a seven chamber revolver with five empty shells in it and a whiskey bottle. The police throughout this section have turned to work on the case. Mr. Crowell was to have come into possession of several hundred thousand dollars from an English estate.

RICH STRIKE REPORTED.

A report reached Nelson last evening that an exceedingly rich strike had been made on the Sunset near the Mother Lode at Greenwood, early yesterday morning. The men were driving a tunnel on the lead near the 200 foot level, when the rich body of ore was encountered. The strike caused considerable excitement about the town.

COMES HOME WITH MILLIONS

Gov. Mackintosh Has Been Successful in Floating Big Enterprises.

Molly Gibson Force to Be Greatly Augmented. Next Week.

Hon C. H. Mackintosh of Rossland, could long since have rested on his laurels and still remained as the man who has done more than any other one for the advancement of the mining interests of the Interior of British Columbia. But the flotation of the Le Roi and other big deals did not end his labors. Only a few weeks ago he went to London with several very desirable enterprises in his pocket and with his customary ability he is now returning, and reaches Rossland today or tomorrow, with his pockets rid of the enterprises but full of money. His latest scheme involved the investment of a great amount of capital and The Miner learns on good authority that in all he has secured something like $11,000,000 to be invested in this country. Part of this will be invested at Vancouver and the remainder in various mining properties, some of them adjacent to Rossland. The people of that town have been anxiously awaiting his return as his success would mean much to the city and word that he has succeeded has been received there with a great deal of satisfaction. But Rossland is not alone interested in the Governor's success as it means much to all mining interests and the whole country will join Rossland in heartily congratulating the enterprising gentleman.

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Next week the force of men working at the Molly Gibson mine will be increased to 50 and development will be pushed rapidly from now on. Mr. Robert McGuire, manager of the mine is in Nelson today and he reports to that effect. The mine is now shipping a car load of ore every other day, but when the force is increased it is expected that a car will be shipped every day. A load was shipped to the Hall Mines smelter today and another will be sent tomorrow. The new bunk house to accommodate the increased crew is well under way and will be completed next week. The new tramway is working well, and all the workings of the mine are showing up exceedingly well.

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The following are the mining transactions recorded today: From Frank Glencross of Rossland to Oscar P. Anderson of Ymir, entire interest in Faith, Hope and Charity, on Bennett Creek, for a nominal consideration. Certificate of Work—To R. W. Bacon, on Francis B.; to John Swedberg on Red Point.

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A Kaslo despatch says information has been secured from the owners of the Bismarck mine on the south fork of Kaslo Creek regarding the present condition of the property. Early last summer the property was said to have some fine showings. Since then considerable work has been done, and the owners, G. B. Gerrard, manager of the Bank of B. N. A., McAnn & McKay and Charles Sampson, are much elated at the result. The opening up of this property has been quietly done and little was known except that the Bismarck was a promising prospect. Now a stage of development has been reached where it can be said that the Bismarck is a mine with a large amount of ore blocked out.

The shaft that is being sunk from No. 1 tunnel is down 50 feet, and the foreman, Charles Sampson, reports that it is practically in solid ore. Down to the 50 foot mark the ore averages a good two feet. At this point it appears that in breaking into the wall about two feet, a face of solid ore was encountered. This new strike is thought to be the main ore shoot and that in sinking it has been paralleled down to the 50 foot mark.

A raise is being made from No. 2 tunnel to meet the shaft, and a survey gives the distance necessary to go at about 27 feet. This raise shows from a foot to 16 inches of high grade ore. When the junction is completed a body of ore to a vertical depth of 162 feet will be blocked out.

In doing some work on the wall of No. 2 tunnel last week one foot of solid ore was encountered. This is thought to be the continuation of the oreshoot previously uncovered in No. 2 tunnel.

When the shaft and raises meet a large force of men will be employed on the ore, and No. 3 tunnel, which is in 20 feet at a depth of 40 feet from the surface croppings, will be driven 15 feet farther to a point where the ore should be encountered. The indications in No. 3 even at the present point are decidedly promising.

A shipment of 17 tons was made in September, and at the moment there are between 800 and 1,000 sacks of ore at the mine and in the packers' hands. Recent assays of galena ore show 293 ounces of silver, 12.5 per cent lead, and of carbonates 143 to 206 ounces of silver and 10 per cent lead.

Galena is being encountered principally. Since last summer the owners have built a first class bunk house, ore sheds and an extension to the trail. They have also secured the Mountain Goat, an extension of the Bismarck, which will give them plenty of ground for future development.

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"The freight traffic of this district is better and larger now than ever before in the history of the country." This was the statement made by Captain Troup this morning when asked as to the condition of affairs in that department of the C. P. R. "The freight is so heavy that nearly every car that can be obtained is now in use. The traffic consist of coal, coke, ore and general freight. The coal and coke is being shipped largely to the smelters at Nelson and Trail and in the Boundary country. It is also a noticeable feature that many of the mines which have hitherto used wood are now using coal and coke." Taking this with the large amount of coal that has to be used in connection with the new smelters that are being built, the freight traffic will undoubtedly continue for some time. It also brings out quite clearly the fact that this district is rapidly advancing to the front as a mining centre.

PACIFIC CABLE NOW IN SIGHT

Vancouver to Be Connected With Queensland by the End of 1902.

London, Dec. 4.—The Pacific Cable Company has accepted on behalf of the Governments of Great Britain, New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand, the bid of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company to make and lay a cable from Vancouver to Queensland and New Zealand, via Fanning, Fiji and Norfolk Islands for £1,795,000, the work to be finished at the end of 1902.

M'KANE WILL WIN.

Enthusiastic Meeting For Him at Revelstoke Last Night.

Revelstoke, B. C., Dec. 4.—McKane's meeting here last night was most entuhsiastic. Goodeve held the floor for one hour and a half in one of the most eloquent and telling speeches of the campaign. It was a grand effort and Galliher's friends are dumfounded. The exposure of Galliher's duplicity in connection wtih signing the eight-hour law petition, as given by Goodeve last night, had a most telling effect. McKane will surely get a majority in Revelstoke.

Ralph Smith spoke here on Saturday night and made a straight Grit speech, hardly mentioning Foley at all. The Labor people are very sore about it and the Conservative working men here see through the duplicity with which they have been asked to poll votes for a Fusion Liberal Labor candidate like Foley under disguise of the Independent Labor party.

CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—It is stated in political circles last evening that W. F. MacLean, M. P., had abandoned all idea of seeking the leadership of the Conservative party at present, and that E. F. Clarke, M. P., will possibly be the Ontario leader. It is learned that the apparent singling out of Clarke Wallace by Sir Charles Tupper, who invited him to take part in British Columbia, was not intended as a slight upon Mr. Clarke, who also received an invitation, but could not comply.

MAY TELEGRAPH EN ROUTE.

Another Use to Which the Marconi System Will Be Put.

London, Dec. 4.—It is reported that Signor Marconi is arranging to put a wireless telegraph stations along the route from Great Britain to Australia to enable voyagers to send and receive messages throughout the trip. It is stated that negotiations are proceeding for the necessary rights at Prawle Point, the Lizard, Ushant, Cape Finisterre, Gibraltar, Malta, Algiers, Sardinia, Sicily, Greece, Alexandria, Aden, the Coco Islands, and Australian points. The promoters predict that they will be able to transmit telegrams at the rate of two pence a word.

AUSTRIANS DON'T WANT KRUGER

Another Emperor Who Is Too Busy Just Now to See the Old Man.

London, Dec. 4.—"In response to a confidential inquiry as to whether Mr. Kruger would be welcomed here," says the Vienna correspondent of The Daily Mail, "a polite reply was returned to the effect that Emperor Francis Joseph had made other disposition for the next few weeks."

Paris, Dec. 4.—"It is probable," says a special despatch from Cologne, "that Mr. Kruger will meet Emperor Nicholas at Nice or Kentone, where the Czar's physicians have advised him to go for his convalescence."

THE EMPEROR'S STAND.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The Government's curt and decisive intimation that Emperor William would not be able to receive Mr. Kruger has created a profound impression throughout Germany. What may be called the anti-British section of press does no conceal its annoyance, and the moderate Anglophobia organs with difficulty repress their utterances of the disappointment. The inspired journals declare that it was Germany's desire to intimate definitely that Mr. Kruger's visit would not be welcome, and therefore the fact that he omitted to comply with the strict etiquette of the German court and deferred asking Emperor William for an audience until he had reached the Belg-German frontier, was eagerly seized as a reason for denying him such an audience. Diplomatists generally regard Mr. Kruger's mission as frustrated and consider Germany's action of greater political importance as denoting a new era in the relations between Germany and Great Britain. On the other hand the Government's attitude is certainly condemned by a large portion of the nation.

A SENSIBLE FRENCHMAN.

A Paris Writer Who Thinks German Emperor Treated Kruger Properly.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Yves Goyot, in The Siecle, compares the attitude of Emperor William with that of France, to the advantage of the former. He says: "Emperor William wished to show his Government had not surrendered its power to less enlightened classes and intimated to Mr. Kruger that he was opposed to his coming to Berlin to be acclaimed by bands, led by Dr. Leyds, of paid agitators. I can affirm to a certitude that if Mr. Kruger approaches the Czar diplomatically, he will meet with an equally categorical refusal. The important diplomatic event which was predicted for the week by Dr. Leyds in the press has occurred, but it is the collapse of all the pro Boer illusions. Mr. Kruger's role is finished. Emperor William's despatch brings nigh the date of peace and the commencement of an era of prosperity for the Transvaal."

PROMINENT MAN DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—F. F. Cole, one of the best known grain dealers in the city and one of the most popular members of the Board of Trade, died here last evening after a brief illness.

MAYOR HAS HIS OWN WAY

Aldermen Do Not Succeed in Reinstating Chief Thompson.

Mayor Houston Finally Introduces Charges Against the Chief.

At the meeting of the City Council last evening Mayor Houston, in order to make his suspension of Chief Thompson hold, formally laid charges against the Chief. He accuses him of neglect of duty, and "certifying to incorrect payrolls as Chief of the Fire Department." The latter charge is criminal and gives the trouble in the Fire Department a much more serious phase than it has developed up to date. In regard to this charge Chief Thompson said to The Miner this morning:

"I intend to demand a thorough investigation of the matter. If the City officials do not show an inclination to investigate it to the bottom I will take other means of seeing that it is done. I have retained a solicitor and will leave no stone unturned until I have shown the people of Nelson that the charge is absolutely false. So far as the charge of neglect of duty is concerned, I think the general public know how much truth there is in that. I have always attended to my duties in the fire department to the best of my ability, have never missed a fire and have always had the interests of the City at heart. I have done the best I could and feel that the treatment I am receiving now is poor reward."

Aside from the discussion of the fire department matter there was little done at the Council meeting. There were present the Mayor, Ald. Hall, Arthur, Irvine and Morrison. After Mayor Houston had entered his formal charges against Chief Thompson, Ald. Arthur moved, seconded by Ald. Hall, that Ald. Arthur, Hall and Irvine be appointed a committee to investigate the charges, and that in the meantime Chief Thompson be reinstated. The latter portion of the motion did not meet with the wishes of His Worship and out of deference to him it was withdrawn. The resolution as amended was then carried.

At the special meeting of the Council in the afternoon it was found that Mayor Houston had completely ignored the wishes of the aldermen in the matter of the business of the meeting and he absolutely refused to allow to come up the question of the dismissal of Chief Thompson. The petition referred to in The Miner yesterday afternoon, asking that a paid fire department be instituted, was presented by the Mayor. It took His Worship three days to secure thirty-six names to it, and was taken in hand by him for the purpose of helping himself out of the mess in which he found himself. Upon motion the peition was filed and the afternoon meeting adjourned.

CAN THIS BE SO?

Peculiar Action of the Provincial Govt. re a Mineral Claim.

Victoria., Dec. 3.—A Crown Grant has been issued to the Pack Train mineral claim adjoining the Le Roi at Rossland. This claim was located in 1890, but no assessment work ever done on it, payments of money beginning in 1895 were made. There were several other claimants to the ground, the Legal Tender owned by E. Haney being the chief claimant. He located in 1891 and worked on it each year. Several adverse claims against him were dismissed by the courts. The law firm of which the Attorney-General is senior member acted in the litigation for the Pack Train. The claim is said to be worth $200,000, and the litigation was still pending when the Crown Grant was issued.

The members of the Christian Endeavor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold a social at the residence of Mr. Duncan McArthur on Mill Street, at 8 o'clock this evening. A good musical programme has been prepared and refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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ONE-MAN GOVERNMENT.

There were two meetings of the City Council yesterday. One was a special, called to consider certain matters respecting the Fire Department. Because the members of this Department presumed to petition the Council for the restoration of practices on which the Mayor had set the seal of his disapproval and which had consequently been suspended, his Worship flew into a passion, said insulting things of the firemen, ignored the opinions and wishes of other members of the Council, and ended a very vulgar display of temper by suspending the Chief of the Fire Department. The special meeting was to consider the situation thus created. It was understood to be the intention of the Aldermen to grant the petition of the firemen and reinstate the Chief, in accordance with the report of a committee specially appointed to inquire into the matter.

When the Aldermen had assembled they were met with a petition from thirty-nine business men and firms on Baker Street, asking the Council to inaugurate a change from a volunteer to a paid Department. The Mayor himself was the promoter of this petition. It had nothing to do with the object of the special meeting, and was introduced as a counter-movement to the proposed action of the Aldermen on the matters referred to it. A number of those who signed the petition knew that it was intended to create a diversion in favor of the Mayor; others signed it innocently and on its own merits. It served the purpose for which it was prepared; under cover of it the Mayor escaped the rebuke which the proposed action of the Aldermen would have administered, as the Council adjourned without taking up any other business. At the regular session in the evening a motion was made to reinstate the Chief, but this was also countered by the precaution of the Mayor in drumming up two charges against him, and being thus in the position to take the strong ground that a suspended officer should not be reinstated while under investigation or trial. The Mayor emerged safely through both ordeals, and today the Aldermen are probably wondering how it all happened.

Mayor Houston is full of tricks, and there are men outside scattered along Baker Street and elsewhere who are ready at any time to help him in them. Whether the dignity of the Council or the interests of the public service shall suffer by them is regarded as if no consequence; the main thing is to enable Mr. John Houston to get the better of those who do not agree with him. That is excellent gratification to his friends of Baker Steret, who take keener enjoyment in a petty triumph of this kind than they do in their own business. There are citizens of quite another variety, however, and they have become wearied beyond all patience by this protracted employment of public positions to minister to the vanity or cupidity of an unscrupulous adventurer. They think it is high time this City had a Council with firmness enough to carry out its own will, whenever that was clearly ascertained. Probably the time has about come to consider whether we should not have a paid Fire Department, but no public interest will suffer if consideration of it be deferred a few weeks longer. There was no occasion to bring the question up at the special meeting yesterday, and the Council did right in ignoring it. But the Aldermen should have proceeded to carry out the purpose of their meeting, and not suffered themselves to be diverted from it by a side issue that was so manifestly intended as a mere trick to distract attention. There is too much Houston in the public affairs of this municipality; the people have become tired of him, and they expect the Aldermen who are elected to manage these affairs to teach him his place and keep him in it. They would have done this yesterday if they had ignored his charges against the Chief of the Fire Department, trumped up for the occasion as they no doubt were, and asserted their own authority for reinstating him. What this town needs above all else is a Council that will act thus whenever the necessity arises, entirely regardless of the occupant of the Mayor's chair. We have outgrown one-man government and it is time we signified our appeciation of that fact by acting up to it.

In his petition to himself Mr. Houston says that until the Fire Department is brought up to a higher standard of efficiency the present exorbitant insurance rates will be maintained. Very likely. The insurance companies can fasten on that or any other excuse for maintaining the "robber tariff," that prevails now. It is a fact, nevertheless, that we already have better protection against fire than half the towns in the East, where insurance rates average about one-third of those changed here. If we had a paid Fire Department to morrow it would not affect the rates one iota; the companies will let up only when they ascertain by painful experience that the people refuse any longer to be fleeced as they are now. That time has not yet come, and a paid Fire Department would not bring it. All the same, however, the question of the reorganisation of our fire service is one that the new Council might profitably consider in the early months of its existence.

All those who are dissatisfied with the Government at Ottawa, whether Conservatives or others, should feel it their duty to vote for Mr. McKane on Thursday next. That is the only opportunity afforded them to register their protests and as the franchise is a trust as well as a privilege they owe it to the State to take advantage of it.

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T. C. DUNCAN, Secretary.

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INCORPORATED 1670.

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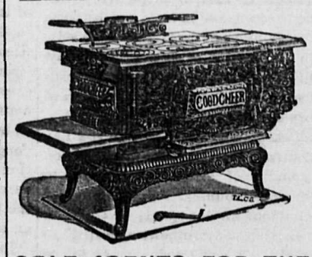

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in virtue of the Act of the Dominion Parliament, 63 and 64 Victoria, Chapter 103 and Chapter 104, the name of

THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF HALIFAX

will be changed to

"The Royal Bank of Canada"

from and after the Second day of January, 1901.

E. L. PEASE,
General Manager.

Halifax, 1st November, 1900.

HIS MASTERPIECE.

Mr. Alexander's Fine Lecture on Things Marital.

While Prof. Alexander's lectures throughout have been listened to with intense interest, that of last evening was his masterpiece. The Opera House was crowded to the doors. "Love, Courtship, Marriage and Jealousy," was the subject, and for two hours he fascinated his audience Each of these heads was taken up and dealt with in away which demonstrated the wonderful analytical powers of the speaker.

While many of his word pictures were full of pathos and even tragedy, others were amusing in the extreme and utterly convulsed his audience with laughter. Love, he said, was the great motive power of the universe, in a physical as well as psychological sense. He succesfully maintained that marriage was not a lottery as was popularly held, and that with a knowledge of actual conditions a large proportion of unions would never take place. God Almighty himself couldn't make some pairs agree. There must be a mutual appreciation in religious, social and domestic things in the home or love cannot live.

The flirt, male and female, came in for a scathing denunciation, although not every flirt is depraved. There is too much flippancy in both countries in matters of matrimony. The consequence is that things are ushered in with orange blossoms and in a few months or years ushered out in the divorce court. Marriage is a more solemn thing than death for it may be the gateway to exquisite happiness or unutterable woe, while the consequences may affect future generations of society. At one time two criminals were deliberately married, the fruit of that union passing through a few generations was 250 criminals.

Courting should be a process of getting acquainted, but instead it is a game of blind man's buff, in which each is deceiving the other. Mental faults and gross and unclean personal habits are carefully concealed. Lovers should be frank. The trouble is that woman is not educated for womanhood, but taught to regard matrimony as the one aim of her existence. Don't marry the girl who allows her mother to drudge, or her father to fasten his suspenders with a nail. Marry brains rather than boodle if happiness is desired. The poor fallen woman is more honest than the woman who sells herself for wealth and position. God has nothing to do with the joining of many people although the marriage ritual says so. There is a slavery today more damnable than that of the south, and the preachers are the auctioneers who knock the human chattels down to the highest bidder.

The speaker drew some very laughable pictures telling the young man how to pop the question. He advised the youth to depend more on inspiration than a set speech on such an occasion.

The ladies he advised not to promise to "obey"; nobody meant it.

Lack of daintiness was vividly described with its disastrous effect on love as was also chronic fault finding.

Praise when praise is deserved, and pass in silence the occasions when the mistakes are made.

The last lecture by Prof. Alexander will be given in the Opera House tomorrow night.

SAYS HE WAS TORTURED.

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This signature is on every box of the genuine **Laxative Bromo-Quinine** Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

Labor Mass Meeting.

The Independent Labor Party will hold a grand rally in the Opera House on

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 4th

At 7:30.

Chris. Foley, Alexander Dick and James Wilks will speak and a Glee Club will render some of the latest campaign songs. Everybody invited.

CALL ON THE

NELSON WINE CO.

and try a bottle, a dozen, or a barrel of CALGARY BEER as it is the best and cheapest on the market. Also try our WINES, LIQUORS, and CIGARS.

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Christmas

During this month nearly everyone is looking for suitable gifts for their friends. Nothing is so suitable as a piece of Jewelery or Silverware.

We cordially invite all to come and examine our stock and assure yourselves that we are giving better value than can be found elsewhere in the Kootenay. Our store will be open every evening during December

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FOR SALE.—New six-roomed house. Very convenient. Modern improvements. Easy terms. Apply to E. F. Crawford, Cedar St., or Box. 698.

WANTED—One or two rooms furnished or unfurnished, with private family, for light house keeping, with heat and light. Apply to H. K. Miner Office.

FOUND.—Saturday night, a money order issued to W. J. McDonald on Eaton & Co. Apply to Richard James, Silica Street

WANTED.—Girl for housework, best wages paid. Apply Mrs. Schermerhorn Water St., near O'Neil's Grocery.

FOR SALE or Rent—Two Smith-Premier, one Remington and one Empire tyewriter. Apply W. L. Tebo, C. P. R. telegraph office.

LADIES' HAIR DRESSING Parlors—Mrs E. H. Thompson, (late of Doranwend's well known establishment, Toronto), has opened parlors for hair dressing in Victoria Block. Ladies may make appointments by mail or otherwise. Room 1, corner Baker and Josephine Streets.

FIRST-CLASS Room and Board, in private family, reasonable terms. Apply on Silica Street, two doors west of Ward.

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WANTED—Good smart boy to deliver packages. Martin O'Reilly & Co.

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TRAINED Nurse, open for engagements. Surgical, medical, and accouchement. English and Canadian diplomas. Apply, "E" Miner Office.

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Beaver Line Lake Superior.....Dec 7
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Cunard Line Etruria.....Dec 8
Cunard Line Lucania.....Dec 15
American Line New York.....Dec 12
Red Star Line Friesland.....Dec 12
N.G.L. Line Lahn.....Dec 11
French Line La Gascogne.....Dec 13
Allan State Line Sardinian.....Dec 8
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7-8 inch diam. $13.50 per 100 feet. For immediate delivery in Nelson apply.
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BUREAU OF PROVINCIAL INFORMATION

In order that the Government may be in possession of definite information with which to supply those seeking investments in this Province, I am instructed to invite particulars from those who have properties for sale, and who may feel disposed to forward such particulars to this office for the purpose in question.

In view of the proposed early re-organisation of the Agent General's Office in London, England, the desirability of having on file a list of farms and other properties for sale, with full and accurate details, is obvious. Properties submitted may include farms and farm lands, industrial or commercial concerns, timber limits, water powers, or other enterprises affording opportunities for legitimate investment.

It is not proposed to recommend properties to intending investors, but to afford the fullest access to the classified lists and all available information connected therewith, and to place enquirers in communication with the owners.

The fullest particulars are desired not only of the properties themselves, but of the localities in which they are situated, and the conditions affecting them. For this purpose printed schedules will, upon application, be forwarded to those desirous of making sales.

R. E. GOSNELL,
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5:00 Daily	Steamer for Kootenay Landing and eastern points via Crow's Nest Route.
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9:00 Ex Sun	Train for Slocan City, Slocan points, and Sandon.
16:00 Ex Sun	Steamer for Kaslo and intermediate points.
18:40 Daily	Train for Rossland, Nakusp, Revelstoke, main line and Pacific Coast Points.

For Time Tables, Rates and full information call on or address nearest Local Agent, or,

R. W. Drew, Depot Agent. } Nelson, B. C.
H. L. Brown, City Agent. }
W. F. ANDERSON, Trav. Pass. Agent Nelson
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8:00 a.m.	Spokane	6:40 p.m.
11:50 a.m.	Rossland	3:10 p.m.
7:00 a.m.	Nelson	7:15 p.m.
	NIGHT TRAIN.	
9:45 p.m.	Spokane	7:00 a.m.
11:00 p.m.	Rossland	7:00 a.m.

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NEWS OF THE TOWN

Dr. W. O. Rose is suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

Mr. J. H. Bowes has returned from a pleasant trip of a month's duration to Eastern Cities.

The Ladies' Aid of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold a meeting at the church at 3 o'clock tomorrow atternoon.

Lodge Neslon's Queen S. O. E. B. S. will meet tomorrow evening for the election of officers for the ensuing year. All members are requested to attend.

Mr. John C. Blandy, of the engineering department of the C. P. R., will leave this evening for his home at Oxford, England, where he expects to remain during the next four months.

The annual deluge of calendars and hangers has commenced. The Miner has received a beautiful hanger from W. A. Thurman. It is a representation of "The Soldiers of The Queen—To the Front—The Carbineers."

J. A. McDonald, of the Palace Confectionery store, received a shipment of a ton of choice G. B. Chocolates yesterday. This would be a nice present for a young man to send to his best girl as it would probably last at least a couple of weeks.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid met yesterday afternoon at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and the officers for the ensuing year were nominated. There are several for each office and the election will take place at the monthly meeting held in January. Offices for the local branch of the Women's Council were also nominated, and these will be elected next month.

The bazaar under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational Church will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in the new store to be occupied by Kirkpatrick & Wilson. A large assortment of fancy and useful articles will be offered for sale. Arrangements on being made to serve hot meals at noon and during the evening of each day. Good music will be provided every evening.

A rather peculiar accident occurred at th City quarry this morning when a horse and cart tumbled over a 15 foot embankment to the road below, without sustaining any injury. At the foot of the rock-crushing plant there is a road-way that leads to the rock bins and at this place the City carts take on the rock which is being placed on Baker Street. The road is rather narrow and this morning when one of the drivers attempted to back his cart up to the bin he got too near the edge and the horse and cart went over the bank. The fall is a nasty one as the bank is composed of large pieces of stone. The crushing gang went at once to the rescue and soon had the outfit righted again but on a decidedly lower level. The horse seemed none the worse for his fall for after a few shakes of his anatomy he went to work again hauling the stone to make a roadway for his brothers in bondage.

AT THE HOTELS.

Phair—Thomas Allice, Victoria; W. K. Esling, Rossland; Franklin Wilson, Slocan; Ed. Devolph, Kaslo; Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Jacobs and family, San Francisco; H. N. Galer, Grand Forks; C. W. Browning, Slocan.

Hume—M. S. Logan, Rossland; H. T. Kingbury, Slocan; Percy Dickenson, Slocan; John F. Holden, Tamarac mine; E. G. Woodford, London, Eng.; Fred Thayer, Toronto; Geo. A. McIntyre, Vanouver; F. P. Clark, Ymir; R. W. Macfarlane, Ymir; L. Godbolt, Toronto.

CITY COUNCIL.

Business Transacted at the Meeting Held Last Night.

Outside of dealing with the question of the trouble connected with the Fire Department, very little business was transacted at the meeting of the City Council last evening.

Ald. Arthur and Hall brought in a resolution to increase the number of Aldermen from six to eight. It had to be carried by an unanimous vote, but was lost as Ald. Irivne did not vote.

A resolution was passed providing for the construction of three crossings on Water Street, between Park and Mill; a sidewalk on the south side of Vernon Street, between D. McKays and W. McNabs residences; a side walk on the east side of Falls Street, between Baker and Vernon, and one on the north side of Latimer between Kootenay and Stanley Streets.

Bylaw 84 to regulate the waterworks department was finally adopted.

As a building is to be built at the corner of Josephine and Mill Street to be used as a store, it was ordered that the corner should be graded.

Sometime ago the City ordered from Brantford what they thought a pair of jaws for the City crusher. When the repairs arrived it was discovered that they were sides and will never be used. The freight was $57 and it was ordered paid.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday evening when the question of the Fire Department will again be considered.

ONTARIO GETTING GOOD.

Churches Showing Remarkable Energy in Saving Souls.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—About forty pastors of different churches in the city met in the Methodist Book rooms yesterday and held a service of prayer for an outpouring of the holy spirit in Toronto, the awakening of business men to the sense of their spritual needs and a special blessing from God upon their efforts to awaken a revival of religious feeling in the city. Rev. Dr. Parsons, who returned from Cobourg, said there had been a remarkable revival there and said letters he had received made it plain that the fire of religious fervor was breaking out all over Canada.

MILITIA NOTES.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—In answer to enquiries made by the militia authorities as to when the Canadian nurses in South Africa are to return, Colonel Otter says he left them at Pretoria and has not heard of them since. The military authorities not yet heard of the sailing from the Capetown of the Second Canadian Contingent (Artillery, Royal Canadian, Dragoons and Mounted Rifles) who were to have sailed December 1.

LOTS OF HOMES.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—It was learned here today that Lord Strathcona had purchased a second residence in London. The property is on Grosvenor Square. This would make seven residences his Lordship possesses, namely two in London, one in Scotland, Knebworth, Stevenage, (Hertfordshire); one in Montreal, one in Winnipeg, and one in Pictou, N. S.

PROGRESSIVE SETTLERS.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—A Winnipeg despatch to The Globe, says that J. W. Turiff, of Ottawa, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, has returned from the Doukhobor settlements in the vicinity of Yorkton and reports the settlers in good condition. They are housed in comfortable and substantial dwellings all of which are neat and surprisingly clean.

SENATOR MACINNES BURIED.

Hamilton, Dec. 4.—The funeral of he late Senator McInnes took place here this afternoon. It was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of deceased, including Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, President of the C. P. R. and R. B. Angus, one of the C. P. R. directors, Montreal.

PURSE FOR HARDY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 3.—Friends of Hon. A. S. Hardy, ex-Premier of Ontario, have contributed a handsome sum as a practical token of their appreciation of his public services. The presentation is to be made to Mr. Hardy here on Thursday.

WOMAN RUNNING WILD.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—A wild woman is reported to be camping in the bush near Manotick. The woman is said to be living a sort of aboriginal life.

FOOD CHANGED TO POISON.

Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25 cents at Canada Drug & Book Co.

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Ladies of Canada:

Inter-mutual trade is the true basis of the federation of the Empire. So far as possible, one colony should consume the produce of another.

Canadians and India and Ceylon tea planters fought side by side in Africa. About 10 per cent of the latter volunteered for the war.

The Teas of Ceylon and India are the best and purest the world produces. Already the Black Teas of those colonies have captured the Canadian market. The Green is now fast displacing Japan's colored article. Quality and sentiment unite to recommend it. Canadian ladies who drink Japan tea should help the British planter by drinking Ceylon green tea. Blue Ribbon, Monsoon and Salada packets are ready for you. Colonist.

A GOOD THING.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boshee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affecton and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Bosche's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75 cents. For Sale by W. F. Teetzel

ONE TO DIE.

Butcher of Missionaries to Be Beheaded at Tiens Tsin.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 3.—Lan Wen Huen, the author of the outrages upon the Pao Ting Fu missionaries, arrived here today and was paraded through the Victoria Road in a cart under a strong German guard previous to being handed over to the Provisional Government for decapitation.

LATEST FROM WALDERSEE.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—A despach from Field Marshall Count Von Waldersee, commander in chief of the international forces in China, sent from Pekin under date of Saturday, Dec. 1 says that after hoisting German flag at the Ninmg Tombs and punishing several neighboring villages for the murder of Christians the late Col. Yorck's detachment, commanded by General Gay, returned to Pekin in four columns by way of Yang Fang, Chen Pien Tehing, Thang Shan, and Niu Lan Shan, each about a day's march northward of Pekin. The Kal Gan expedition, the despatch also says was very successful. Several thousand Chinese regulars were driven in wild fright from the Province of Chi Li to Shan Su.

A CHINAMAN'S VIEWS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—Kwan Chang, an attache of the Chinese legation here, in a formal interview today said: "It is futile for Field Marshall Von Waldersee to send into the interior expeditions, the presence of which only irritates the natives and increases their animosity towards the Europeans. The Emperor will not return to Pekin as long as foreign troops, other than the legation guards, are there. Should it be necessary the Emperor will fly further than Sian Fu. I do not believe the United States intends to negotiate apart from the other powers. The interests of all the powers including the United States compel them to act in concert. Consequently it is improbable that Mr. Conger will be secretly instructed to act apart from the representatives of the other countries. I believe the powers will soon reach an agreement. China is anxious to conclude peace as this condition of affairs means the ruin of the commerce, the gradual annihilation of public welfare and the devastation of Pekin and other towns and villages."

MORE EXECUTIONS.

London, Dec. 4.—A special despatch from Nan Kow Pass, dated Nov. 30, says the Kal Gan expedition was ineffective, the Chinese evading all attempts to engage them. The towns en route were occupied unopposed and some tons of skins and silver were levied. The cavalry captured the baggage of the retreating Chinese force at Swen Hus Su, killed 30 of its guards and secured 2,000 taels. Three Marandines, instigators of massacres of converts at Tsi Ming, and twenty-three Boers were executed. The Germans generally ignored evidences of anti-foreign activity. There are continuous disturbances in the interior where a bad impression has been made by the excessive withdrawal of foreign troops and the complacency of the allies. The missionaries anticipate a recurrence of the outrages.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

The talk of the day in Monteal is the opening of the magnificent new building erected on the best site of the principal street by The Family Herald and Weekly Star. The Family Herald's contemporaries are paying it the highest compliments. The new building is said to be the finest newspaper building in the world. This is saying a good deal for Canada. The Family Herald and Weekly Star has made gigantic strides.

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LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE No. 23, A. F. & A M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethern welcome.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited. John A. McRae, N.G. D. W. Rutherford, V.G. Fred J. Squire, Per. Sec.

S.O.E. NELSON'S QUEEN NO. 241 SONS OF ENGLAND, meets the first Wednesday evening of each month at Fraternity hall, corner of Baker and Kootenay streets. Visiting brethern cordially invited. JOHN WATSON, Secretary.

NELSON L. O. L. No. 1692 meets in Fraternity Hall on first and third Friday evenings of each month at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. R. Robinson, W.M.; Wm. Crawford, R. S.

NELSON AERIE No. 22, F. O. E., meets every second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invit- Charles Prosser, Secretary.

Nelson Encampment No. 7. Meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, in Odd Fellows Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, Nelson. A. H. Clements, C. P.; D. McArthur, R. S. Visiting brothers always welcome.

COURT KOOTENAY, I. O. F., No. 3138. Meetings 4th Thursday of month. Fraternal hall, J. A. Irving C. R. P. G. Fleming, R.S.

Slaughter Sale In Miners and Heavy Working Shoes..

Having decided to go into the handling of Ladies' and Gents' Fine Shoes exclusively, we have decided to clear out all our Miners and Heavy Working Shoes (of which we have about 500 pairs) regardless of cost; at your own price.

62 Pairs of four laced Banigans, solid leather soles and inners, sizes 6 to 10. Regular Price $1.50; slaughter sale price

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110 Pairs Blucher and Gaiter Shoes ingrain and kid leather, nailed or plain sole, outside counters if preferred, sizes 6 to 10. Regular price $3.00; slaughter sale price

$1.75.

42 Pairs Grain Blucher and Boots with buckle or lace, heavy soles, sizes 6 to 10. Regular price $3.00; slaughter sale price

$2.00.

132 Pairs Oil Grain, kip and calf skin, lace and blucher, cut Boots hand made, nailed, outside counters. This is the best Mining Boot we carry. Regularly selling at $5.00. Slaughter sale price

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LAST LECTURE Wednesday, Dec. 5.

PROF. W. G. ALEXANDER

will lecture on "HOW TO READ CHARACTER" by Walk, Style of Wearing Hat, Laugh, Handshake, Forehead, Nose, Eyes, Mouth, etc.

A REMARKABLE TEST—At the close of the lecture the Professor will examine any three ladies or gentlemen selected by the audience, by simply looking at their faces, then he will be blindfolded and three new subjects brought up, the six will change places, and by examining the heads only, the Professor will pick out first subjects and describe new ones, telling color of hair and eyes.

Admission 25c. Lecture Begins promptly at 8 o'clock.

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Our new line of Dolls is now on display. While the quality is of the highest, the price is so modestly low that you will be surprised at the size of the doll you can get for a dollar or two. Jointed Dolls, Kid-bodied Dolls, new French-shape Dolls, Blond Dolls, Brunette Dolls, 9 to 27 inches; 35c to $ 8.50.

Silk Waists.

Nothing but the finest Taffeta, Liberty Satins and Liberty Silks, from $3.50 to $15.

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The great demand for Furs this season was recognized by us very early—in time to make selections when they were at their best. Whatever there is for ladies to wear, made of Fur, will be found in this department at very low prices.

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You lose most of your handkerchiefs, the laundries wear out the rest, and your handkerchief case needs constant filling. We have them from 5c to $7.50 each.

Winter Gloves

And Mittens in great variety. The very latest style in Gloves is the Suede, Castor and Mocha. These Gloves are nice for cold weather, as they are much warmer than dressed kid. We carry these lines in black, mole, tans and greys, $1.50 to $2.00.

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The cold snap which we have just experienced, suggests what we may expect when the winter sets in in earnest, so get your Comforts now and be ready. Prices, $1.50 to $25.00.

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