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RECRUITS FOR CONSTABULARY

Canadians Will Be Asked to Join Gen. Baden-Powell's Force.

Winston Churchill the Guest of the Governor General at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Militia Department will shortly cause notices to be posted up throughout the country calling for recruits for General Baden-Powell's Transvaal constabulary force. Pay for the men will be five shillings per day from date of landing at Capetown with free transportation from Canada to South Africa.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—Official announcement is made in London of the admission of Canadian livestock to the trustee investment list.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Three hundred and forty-five persons have passed the lower grade civil service examinations during the past month of whom sixteen are from Vancouver and four from Victoria. In the higher grade, of which there are 214, ten are from Vancouver and two from Victoria. A noticeable feature of the lists is the large number of ladies at Ottawa who have passed. In the lower there were 13, in higher 49 and as optional subjects 13.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 24.—Harry Corby, M. P., Conservative, West Hastings, announces his intention of resigning when the House meets owing to ill health.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—The building occupied by The Daily Chronicle was badly damaged by fire and a considerable portion of the plant destroyed this morning. The loss is roughly estimated at between $9,000 and $12,000, covered by insurance.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—The western section of the First Contingent, who arrived on the Lake Champlain early yesterday morning, left for Montreal last night and will go direct from there by the C. P. R. to their homes.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Mary Campbell, aged 50, a domestic, fell on the street Saturday and burst a blood vessel, which caused almost instant death.

Charlottetown, Dec. 24.—Dr. James McLeod, one of the most prominent men of Prince Edward Island, died on Saturday night after a long illness.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., arrived in the city from Boston yesterday, and is staying with His Excellency, the Governor-General. Mr. Churchill in an interview says the Boers will be troublesome for a long time yet because many of them are the finest natural fighters extant, and they are too prejudiced and ignorant of outside affairs to see beyond immediate results, while the quieter ones have gone back to their farms. Those now in the field are the most daring and reckless of the army, and the strictest measures possible is the only way to bring them into subjection. Mr. Churchill expressed himself in very high terms of the work done by the Canadians.

MARINE DISASTERS.

Recent Storms Play Havoc With Shipping on the Pacific.

Tacoma, Dec. 24.—Details are coming in of shipping disasters on the North Pacific coast during the recent storms. The American bark Highland Light, was wrecked three days ago on the shore of Barclay's Sound. Her crew escaped. The steamer De Lane was towed into Puget Sound last night after the terrible experiences which threatened several times to send her to the bottom. When rescued her furnace fires were flooded. Part of the steering gear was gone. The De Lane sailed Tuesday with a cargo of lumber for Guiquil. Wednesday a terrific storm was encountered and that evening the seas broke over her, extinguishing the lights and fires. Chief Engineer Knox and his men worked 29 hours in water up to their knees and waists to keep the pumps working. The De Lane sent up distress signals and was eventually rescued by the tugs.

PHILIPPINE POLITICS.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The recently organized autonomy party was launched today at a meeting attended by virtually all the loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The declaration of principles were read and after some discussion adopted by a vote of 123, less than half a dozen declining to vote. All signed an endorsement of the platform, including Senor Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insurgent leaders whose real attitude toward American authority had been much questioned. The principal discussion was with reference to the organization of the Government of the party. A council of 25 members was elected, together with an executive committee.

ADVICES FROM JAPAN.

What is Interesting the People in the Land of the Chrysanthemum.

Yokohama, Dec. 23.—The wearisome and disappointing delays of the Pekin diplomats are having a marked effect upon public opinion in Japan, producing what may be regarded as almost a revolution of sentiment in favor of China. The native papers are now mainly ranged on the side of leniency in dealing with the chief instigators. The missionary question, of course, occupies a foremost place in the discussion. It is now felt as essential that the western powers take cognizance of the sentiment here that religious invasions of Oriental countries by powerful western organizations are tantamount to filibustering expeditions and should not only be discountenanced but stern measures should be adopted for their suppression.

The business stagnation continues and is exciting some alarm in foreign as well as in native circles. The harbor of Yokohama is well nigh denuded of shipping and there is a steady, though as yet small, exodus of foreign residents. When the Chinese troubles are settled, however, everyone is looking for a substantial revival of trade and preparations for them are being made. In the meantime, indignation against the inexcusable delays at Pekin is waxing hot.

Nothing yet has been heard from the training ship Tsukishima, which disappeared off the eastern coast in the recent storm and intense anxiety is felt for those on board. A war ship has been despatched in search.

The enthusiasm among the Japanese over the proposed memorial of the Perry expedition is increasing and something handsome will probably be the result.

ANSWER ON THURSDAY.

It is Expected the Chinese Authorities Will Be Ready by Then.

Pekin, Dec. 23.—Li Hung Chang, answering an enquiry from the foreign envoys regarding his health, said he believed he would be able to attend the meeting tomorrow and in order to adopt with Prince Ching, the preliminary joint note. The note will be presented by the Spanish Minister Senor De Cologan, dean of the diplomatic corps, with a few words expressive of a hope of as prompt a reply as possible to a note which has been carefully prepared with every desire to continue the dynasty and not to be hard toward the nation and of a further hope that the Chinese plenipotentiaries will urge upon Emperor Kwang Su the necessity of immediate compliance. An answer is expected about Thursday.

FORTY INSURGENTS KILLED.

Manila, Dec. 24.—Advices brought today by steamer from Southern Luzon say that a lieutenant and sixty men of the 90th United States cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents last Wednesday near Guinobatan, Province of Albay. After the battle forty-five dead insurgents were counted together with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a sergeant, who was cornered by several rebels and struck in the leg by a bolo. The rebel loss was the heaviest recorded among recent encounters.

TROUBLE WITH HIS DEBTS.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—The expected Imperial irade authorizing the signature of the contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman by the Cramp Ship Building Co., together with the initial deposit of £100,000 has not yet been issued. It appears that the German Embassy has protested to the Porte against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

WILL ACCEPT THE NOTE.

London, Dec. 24.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to The Times from Pekin Saturday says that official Chinese advices declare that China will accept all the conditions of the joint note "without losing her face."

DISASTER FEARED.

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Aberdeen says that five Shetland fishing boats have been missing since the storm that raged last week, and it is feared that twenty-seven fishermen have been drowned.

BERESFORD ILL.

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Wm. Beresford is ill from peritonitis. This morning his condition is reported as slightly improved. The Christmas festivities at Deepdane, his seat at Dorking, have been abandoned.

The meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church which was to have been held tomorrow afternoon has been postponed until Friday afternoon. The business of the meeting will be to complete arrangements for the reception that is to be given on the afternoon of New Year's day by the members of the Social Club.

TO THE POOR.

P. Burns & Co. wish The Miner to state that they will give away to each destitute family in Nelson a Turkey for Christmas dinner. The store will be open until 10 o'clock this evening.

'Ere's Your 'Ealth!

(The Miner's Christmas Toast.)

'Ere's to you, Gentle Reader—
May your Christmas be a joy
And bring you great big 'eaps of
'Appiness without alloy.
May it carry you conviction, and
The pleasure that attends,
Of knowing you've your corner in
The 'earts of all your friends.

We 'opes your New Year'll be a glad one
Without a bloomin' care or strife
And be filled to overflowin' with
The good things of this life.
So 'ere's to you and your fam'ly
From our 'earts we sends a wealth
Of all the Season's Greetings and
Stands up and drinks your 'ealth.

—CARROLL.

AFFAIRS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Reports Dealing With the Reforms the United States Has Made.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The War Department has made public a series of reports made to General MacArthur, by the subordinate officers constituting the heads of the various bureaus and departments which have administered the civil affairs of the Philippine Islands during the last year. These are closely but sufficiently summarized in the report of Lieut.-Colonel Crouder, 39th Regiment, secretary to the military governor.

The customs service is discussed at some length in the report and it is stated that there does not seem to be any present necessity for an increase in the number of ports of entry. Attention is directed to the marked increase in the customs receipts under American management.

CONGER SIGNED.

Washington, D. C, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hay received a cable from Minister Conger at Pekin announcing that he has signed the agreement reached by the foreign Ministers, with a written explanatory statement setting forth the exact position of his Government. The text of the statement is not forwarded by Mr. Conger, but it is understood to be based upon the last instructions he received from the department which, while disapproving the inclusion in the agreement of some of the more severe language, accepted it as the best arrangement that could be made at that time.

DIVINE HEALER.

Who Has Captured the Patronage of New York's Swell Set.

Mrs. La Walden, of Paris, is staying at the Plaza in a suite of rooms which costs her $35 a day. It is said she is doing a land-office business with those of the upper ten who have come under her magic spell. When she went to Paris not very many months ago she stopped at a humble five-dollar-a-week boarding house, and was known to the boarding house mistress as Mrs. Walden of Waco, Texas. Probably no man or woman of modern time has crossed the water dividing America and France to greater financial advantage than Mrs. Walden.

Tales of the wonderful things she can do for the sick without the aid of medicine began to come to this side last summer. Since then scores of wealthy Americans have returned from Paris bearing testimony to and much faith in this strange daughter of the Lone Star State. Her method of healing may be described in many ways, but she prefers to call it divine power. Some have accused her of working with a concealed battery, but her friends denounce this as malicious.

Most of her patients are women, but she has been known to treat men, provided they were known to possess sufficient wealth. Her women patients are treated very much as the patients in a massage establishment. In cases of rheumatism, for example, La Welden goes through a weird incantation accompanied by the gestures generally seen in Mme. Herrmann's sleight-of-hand performances, and then applies her large, strong hands to the afflicted parts.

Her touch, it is said, will raise a blister. If the patient is not strong enough to stand her electric touch La Welden will call for a silver bowl of distilled water. This she favors with her "wonderful" touch and then bathes the sick one.

The woman will tell very little of her past, except that she married unhappily, and in a moment of distress 10 years ago she received the power of healing the sick. She traveled without success in this country until the Paris Exposition opened. She went there on a chance, put up at a small hotel, and within a few weeks was making $300 a day.

She moved to a larger hotel and practiced with increased success until the police got after her for practicing without a license. Then she refused to see anyone, not even her royal patients. She lived quietly in Paris until about 10 days ago, when she started for New York. She has a daughter in Texas, and it is believed Mr. Walden lives there also.—New York Special Chicago Times-Herald.

A man from Buffalo went to the White House during Lincoln's incumbency, and said, as he shook the President's hand, "We in Buffalo put our trust in God and Abraham Lincoln." "Well, my friend," said the second in the patnership, as he passed his visitor on, "you are more than half right."

TO THE NEWSBOYS.

The management of the Hotel Hume desire The Miner to extend to The Miner newsboys, The Tribune newsboys and all messenger boys an invitation to Christmas Dinner at the Hotel Hume at 7:30 o'clock, Christmas evening.

CHRISTMAS HINTS.

Christmas means Christ's mass.

Don't forget your servants and washerwoman.

Don't try to do shopping while you are hungry or tired.

Don't buy a gift in the presence of the person for whom it is intended.

Don't give a present merely because you expect one from the recipient.

Don't forget to remove the price mark from gifts before you present them.

Don't attempt a shopping expedition without a carefully compiled list of articles desired.

The happiest home is where a baby's stocking is hung up for the first Christmas.

The Christmas turkey, not the Christmas conversation, should be stuffed with chestnuts.

Better a small gift where love is than a costly present for the sake of being in the swim.

Don't forget to use discretion in selecting gifts. It is the much desired gift that is mostly appreciated.

If money only brought happiness, there would be little Christmas cheer in a majority of homes.

The custom of giving Christmas gifts on Christmas day is general among all Christian nations.

Christmas wreaths may be allowed to remain until Ash Wednesday provided they do not wither.

It is the wise man who betrays no surprise when his wife jumps and hides something when he enters the door these days.

Christmas greens, proper are the holly, misletoe, laurel, ivy and pine. Yew and cypress are unlucky except for churches.

Different countries and localities are rich in Christmas lore, legends, proverbs, superstitions and beliefs, many of them as beautiful and suggestive as they are curious and interesting.

Don't buy things because they are cheap or because they especially appeal to your individual taste. Think of the occupation and inclinations of the one for whom they are intended, and purchase accordingly.

FOGS CAUSE WRECK.

London, Dec. 24.—Dense fogs on the coast are greatly interfering with navigation and several wrecks have occurred. The British steamer Brunswick grounded in the British channel, heeled over and sank, seven of her crew were drowned.

HERE AND THERE.

A music loving woman should acquire a husband.

If the master is negligent the servant will not be diligent.

Yawning is healthy, especially when you have a sore throat.

Be careful how you let remarks fall they may hurt a friend.

The total cranberry crop in the United States last year was 1,120,000 bushels.

It will soon be the proper thing to give a calendar with each and every purchase.

They call it a dull day in China now when less than seven or eight princes are beheaded.

The nights in Greenland are six months long, but, fortunately, there are no cats in that country.

"He gives twice who gives quickly," says the proverb, but you will please observe that the rapid paying teller never gives you twice the value of a check.

Miss Zimmerman, the American girl, whose private marriage to the Duke of Manchester is the theme of society talk in two continents, chose for her engagement gift a bull pup instead of a ring.

Sixty-eight of the leading business houses in Detroit have mutually pledged themselves not to employ any persons under 21 years of age, who, under any circumstances, indulge in cigarette smoking.

The way of the vain is hard. Jay Gould's daughter married a French count. She was stuck on title and he on money. In four years the count blew in over five millions, and now George Gould has been appointed a trustee to look after his sister's financial affairs. No guardian has yet been appointed for the count.

IN MANLEY VS. COLLOM

Mr. Justice Walkem Gives Judgment With Costs for Plaintiff.

Decision Rendered in Case Heard Here Last Month.

On Saturday morning at Rossland, Mr. Justice Walkem delivered judgment in the case of Manley vs. Collom, tried at Nelson, in favor of the plaintiff with costs, at the same time saying that the defendant, Mr. Collom, manager of the Arlington, although apparently in the invidious position of a claim jumper, had acted in an upright and honorable manner and in one that was calculated to serve the best interests of his employers. It seems that these two mining claims, the Arlington and the Burlington, which were supposed to be touching each other and through which was running a common lead. On an accurate survey of the properties it was discovered that there was a gap or fraction between the two, through which ran the main ledge of the property. One Haller, who was stated by the judge in his verbal judgment to be foreman of either the Arlington or Burlington discovering the matter, located the claims in his own name. Afterwards Foreman Haller having some groundless misgivings as to the validity of his title determined to abandon the property. On his journey downwards to the recorder's office for the purpose of executing his design of abandonment he communicates his plan to another man Cooper. The latter suggests that the claim be relocated not by himself but by Halpin, a miner of the Slocan who had never up to that time seen the property and who apparently has not seen it up to date. The number of Mr. Halpin's certificate is obtained from him and the relinquished claim is relocated in his name. Next the three proceed to sell a half interest in the property to the plaintiff for the sum of $6,000. In the meantime Manager Collom, getting news of the matter, came to the conclusion that the whole matter was a fraud and that the four men including the plaintiff, Manley, had joined together in it. He therefore jumps the claim and in consequence of this action the plaintiff brings in suit. The plaintiff, according to the evidence, had taken every pains that lay within his power to satisfy himself as to the validity of the title of the vendors. The judge therefore found that Manley was an innocent purchaser, without any knowledge of the circumstances under which the land had been acquired. He had examined the record at the mining office and saw that the title as far as the records would give him any information, was without blemish. The court therefore held that under the circumstances the purchase of Manley of the half interest ought to be sustained as he had paid cash for it and the decision was given in accordance.

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The Ferguson Eagle says: Ere another week has rolled around Christmas day will have come and gone and possibly today's edition will be as far as Arrowhead before the close of the Nineteenth Century. The Eagle might dwell at some length in a prospective and retrospective history of this camp, but we'll leave this as a winter's job. One thing is certain, we are one year nearer the gra—getting the railway, and it is almost certain that the first Christmas in the new century will see the iron horse climbing and descending the hills of the Lardeau, laden with the precious mineral taken therefrom. Great as the changes have been during the past year they will in no wise compare with what is in store for us during the next twelve months. Ferguson will be an incorporated city, with all modern conveniences, dozens of mines will be shipping ore, hundreds of industries will be established in the camp and so many things will be new in the coming era of this district that we will scarcely realize that the conditions which actually exist here today were possible. But enough; make up your mind to enjoy yourself throughout the festive season. You may be stony broke, on easy street or planted, a year hence.

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RICH STRIKE.

Paradise Mine in the Windermere District is Showing Up Well.

Peterborough, B. C., Dec. 20.—Manager R. R. Bruce of the now famous Paradise mine, Spring Creek, Windermere district, reports a rich strike in a new drift off the main shaft in the Paradise mine, viz, over six feet of carbonates. This is undoubtedly one of the most important strikes yet made in East Kootenay. Ore is now being rawhided from the mine to Toby Creek wagon road, thence by four horse teams to the ore sheds at Peterborough Landing, Columbia River. Providing the snow holds out Capt. Armstrong, who has the contract to land the ore at Golden in the spring, says 3,000 tons will be stored in the ore sheds at Peterborough Landing this winter from the property. The Paradise is undoubtedly the coming mine in East Kootenay.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES.

Rev. Dr. George of Montreal, Preaches two Strong Sermons.

The dedicatory services held at the new Congregational Church yesterday, were well attended both morning and evening. Dr. J. Henry George of Montreal, who came to the west especially for this occasion delivered two sermons. In the evening he took for his text a portion of the 19th verse and 18th chapter of St. Luke, the words being, "Why Callest Thou Me Good." The sermon was mainly to young people. Dr. George is considered one of the best preachers among the ministers of his denomination and the discourse was both eloquent and convincing. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir at both services. As the church has just been erected, a debt to the amount of $2,000 still remained to be paid. At each service a subscription was asked for, and during the day about $1,400 was raised. About $800 was raised at the morning service, and the balance in the evening. For the occasion the church was beautifully decorated with sprays of evergreens and holly. The main feature of the decorations, was the name of the church, "Emmanuel," in large white letters with a background of evergreens, being suspended near the dome, above the choir.

In the morning Mrs. W. A. Thurman sang a solo in a very pleasing manner and in the evening Mr. John Lochore's fine tenor voice was heard to good advantage in a solo. Mr. W. J. Caldwell was also among those who sang.

RAILWAY NOTES.

Mr. James M. Worth, who was foreman of the construction of the new two-stalled round house which was erected at Eholt, has just arrived in the City. He reports that the building was completed on Friday last and is already being used by the railroad company. Mr. Worth also stated that it is reported that the C. P. R. officials intend making Eholt a freight divisional point, and that early in the spring a 6-stall round house will be erected, the present one then being used for a machine shop. When the officials of the company start to do a thing they carry it out to the fullest extent. Eholt is a divisional point for the Midway line and the Phoenix branch, and a large amount of freight, principally ore, passes through there. Larger freight offices will also be established. On Tuesday, January 1, 1901, a passenger service from Eholt to Phoenix will be established for the first time since the construction of that branch. Mr. Worth also said that the mining industry of that section was greatly improved and much ore was being shipped to Grand Forks and Trail, from the many properties of the Boundary.

A STRIKING CHRISTMAS.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The strike of the motormen and conductors of the Scranton Railway Co., which began yesterday, continues today. Only two of the strikers have deserted and these were running one of the two cars which the company was operating on one of the lines inside the city. Otherwise the service was tied up clear through from Preston to Forest City, taking in all the towns of the populous Lackawanna Valley. President Charles M. Clark, of the company, arrived from Philadelphia last night and was in conference today with General Manager Stillman.

RAILWAY RUMORS.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Journal of Commerce says: The presence in this city of James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway and one of the largest stockholders of the Northern Pacific, is regarded as indicative of important action of the directors of the last named road this week. Persons connected with the Northern Pacific management say that arrangements have been practically completed for the retirement of the $75,000,000 of preferred stock of that company.

WILL STAND ALOOF.

New York, Dec. 24.—A formal request from Bolivia that the United States used its influence to settle the boundary trouble between Bolivia and Chili, has been denied, says the Washington special to The Times. The United States declined the request on the ground that it had no wish to interfere between the South American States in quarrels that concerned only themselves. If it has been asked to arbitrate the case it would have been different.

MAGNIFCENT SPECTACLE.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope performed today the ceremony of closing the holy door of St. Peter's Cathedral with the gorgeous ceremonies usual to a great function of this kind. It was a magnificent spectacle. There wsa a great gathering of the princes of the church who participated in the ceremony which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

It is stated that the plant used to print the Rossland Record, deceased, will be moved to Nelson, and a new evening daily called the News, will be established. The Lord pity the News.—Cranbrook Herald.

AUTHORITIES ARE CARELESS

Scarlet Fever Cases in Nelson That are Not Quarantined.

Aldermen are Asked to Inquire Into Existing Conditions.

The Miner has been asked a second time to call the attention of the health authorities and the Aldermen to the conditions prevailing in the City in connection with what has almost reached an epidemic of scarletina and scarlet fever. There is no desire to frighten anyone, as there is not cause for fright if the matter is taken in hand at once, but if matters are allowed to continue as they are at the present time it will only be a few weeks before parents will have ample cause for anxiety.

The Provincial health act provides that houses in which scarletina and scarlet fever exists shall be quarantined for a period of six weeks. There are homes in Nelson now in which there are cases of these diseases which are not quarantined and so far as the authorities know the inmates of these homes are mingling with their social and business associates. In every case the health authorities have been duly notified but have taken no action. In the home of the Rev. J. H. White one of Mr. White's sons is lying ill with scarletina. As soon as the case was diagonised as such the health authorities were informed. Notwithstanding this the house has not been quarantined and had Mr. White himself not taken the necessary precautions his other children would have been allowed to attend school and mingle with their playmates. There is another such case on Cedar Street and others in various portions of the City.

Ordinary care will prevent scarlet fever spreading but left alone it rapidly becomes epidemic.

Most malignant cases of scarlet fever may be contracted from contagion with scarletina, the latter being a mild form of scarlet fever. It is as necessary, therefore, that scarletina should be quarantined as it is that scarlet fever should be quarantined.

A GRAND DISPLAY.

The Retail Store of P. Burns & Co., Presents a Magnificent Sight.

One of the sights that attract the army of shoppers today is the display of dressed meat in the commodious store of P. Burns & Co. The walls are almost entirely hidden behind rows of carcasses, dressed with a skill that speaks volumes for the ability of the company's butchers and decorated in a manner that redounds to their artistic tastes. One would imagine that meat is not the best thing in the world to use for decorations, but such an idea is quickly dispelled by a glimpse of the store. The west window contains a tree, loaded with small game of all descriptions which evidently whets the appetite of a large bear which is embracing the trunk as if anxious to rob the branches of some of the dainty morsels. This evening the east window will be dressed and Manager Frank Paddock and his staff promise something highly artistic in accordance with the general scheme of decoration. No one in Nelson should miss this display, which certainly cannot be surpassed by any of its kind in Canada. The store was thronged with visitors today and all agreed that it beat anything they had ever seen.

Today the company is distributing turkeys free to any families where the exchequer is so low that they cannot afford to buy this necessary adjunct to true Christmas joy. Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon the company had sold no less than 4,000 pounds of turkey which would indicate that very few tables in Nelson will be without it tomorrow.

KILLED HIS FATHER.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—To shield his mother from abuse and to save himself from a beating with a poker, Albert Albertson, aged 17, yesterday shot and killed his father at their home in Wentworth Avenue. Young Albertson was arrested.

SLOAN RIDING.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—It is announced that Tod Sloan will ride Vesuvius at Tanforan on Christmas day, under a license granted him by the San Francisco Jockey Club. It is possible that he may continue to accept mounts during the winter meeting.

A friend asked us the other day what we thought Christ would do if He was running The Herald. We don't know, but have an idea he would go after those who are back on their subscriptions.—Cranbrook Herald.

The Nelson Miner

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

It is the last Christmas of the century. The thought is not without its saddening influences, but The Miner nevertheless hopes that to all its readers it will be a merry one. It wishes a Merry Christmas to all the people of Nelson; to the old and to the young, to the good and to the bad, and in all sincerity to its enemies as much as to its friends.

An esteemed correspondent at Orillia, whose letter appears herewith, thinks that the present interchange of postage stamps between this country and the United States is already sufficient for all practical purposes. It is fairly liberal, no doubt, and as far as it goes works satisfactorily, but because it does is the very reason why it should be extended if possible. The reciprocal arrangement with regard to postcards does not meet the condition which we have had in view. The Miner, for instance, is frequently in receipt of letters of inquiry from the United Strtes, in which are enclosed stamps for reply. This is no doubt the experience of many others. The stamps, of course, are useless, and are thrown aside and wasted. Why not agree to make them available? It is often necessary to write to some place in the United States for information on some point. The writer would be glad to enclose a stamp for reply, but on reflection knows that it could not be used if he did. Why should it not be made good? The reply postcard meets this difficulty to a certain extent, but not entirely, for the reason that it is not always desirable to have the contents exposed. There may be difficulties which we do not suspect in effecting an agreement of this kind, but we do not see that the postal revenues of either country would suffer by it, nor can we conceive any other reason why the convenience should be denied.

Naturally the London press is exasperated at the conduct of the United States Senate in reference to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. So, for that matter, is the better class of the newspapers of the United States. We think, however, that The London Times carries its exasperation to an extreme length when it says in effect that President McKinley will be guilty of discourtesy if he transmits the mutilated treaty to the Britisb Government. We are very sure no discourtesy will be intended, and we do not see how any can be imagined. The treaty-making power under the constitution of the United States belongs as much to the Senate as to the President. The latter takes the initiative, but with full knowledge that whatever he does is subject to the revision and alteration of the Senate. He would simply defy this power, and affront it, if he refused to hand on any determination it came to respecting this or any other treaty. It is said that without comment of any kind he will transmit the amended Nicaragua Canal convention, and Lord Lansdowne will receive it as the product of the full treaty-making power of the United States. If not acceptable to the British Government it will not be ratified, and there the matter will drop. If friction shall result, it would be manifestly unfair to saddle the responsibility on the President alone.

The Toronto Mail opens a leading article on the new century and Pacific trade with the following paragraph: "With the ushering in of the new century is lifted the curtain on a new and vast theatre of traffic. The Pacific ocean comes into an era of commerce, and instead of being a sunderer of nations will now be a medium of close connection. In the past the mighty resources of that ocean for promoting trade relations and for building up the material wealth of the countries on its shores have been utilised to but an insignificant degree of their capacity. Compared with the traffic on the North Atlantic, that on the North Pacific is negligible. The great expanse of ocean between North America and China is almost as still a blank as the prairies were two generations ago. Yet the Pacific is flanked by continents whose powers of production are many times those of Europe. These powers are beginning to exert their influences on the course of affairs in the Pacific, and before the new century is far advanced they will have made that ocean scarcely less busy than the Atlantic is." To Canadians the time has about arrived to turn their eyes and thoughts westward, and to grasp the opportunities that are presenting themselves. It should be the duty of our Western members to press the great possibilities of the Pacific trade on the notice of Parliament. Perhaps Mr. Galliher will take up this matter as one of his hobbies. It is in every respect worthy of his best effort. He might inquire, for instance, why our trade with an enlightened nation like Japan, with forty-five millions of a population, is so infinitesimal, while the opportunities for making it of magnificent dimensions are already open.

All the best business men of Nelson are astute enough to appreciate the value of The Miner as an advertising medium. It is chiefly valuable because of the fact that it enters into more of the homes of Nelson than any other single newspaper published, and it is the homes of Nelson that are the shoppers of Nelson.

In New York it is proposed to welcome the advent of the new century by assembling an immense congregation of choirs and choral societies and singing the National Anthem on the steps of the City Hall on the stroke of twelve, midnight. This is to be one, and the most striking, feature of the celebration. Toronto is agitating for some similar ceremonial in honor of the great event—the death of an old and the birth of a new century. Everywhere throughout the civilised world it will be made the occasion of some unusual demonstration. Every hamlet in Canada will celebrate, but in nearly every case the nature of the celebration will be left to chance and to the last moment. It would be much better to plan a few days in advance, and to agree on some ceremonial in which all who desired could participate.

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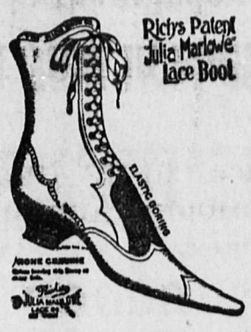

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E. L. PEASE, General Manager.

Halifax, 1st November, 1900.

MRS. BROWN'S LETTER

Nelson, B. C.
Fin de Siecle.

My Dear Uncle,—I promised to write you when we had been here a year and had got an idea of things in general. To tell you what has happened in that time would take too long, but a few words will suffice to tell you what has NOT occurred. None of the girls have got maried, spite of all efforts to the contrary, nor has my ambitious Theodore located a millionaire making paystreak on any of the numerous prospecting trips he has taken. I simply cannot induce him to give up tramping among the mountains, and when I ask to be allowed to accompany him even up to the summit of MorningMountain, he looks compassionately at me and says, "You poor little thing, the wind would blow you away before you got halfway up, and if you did manage to reach the top,all you would see would be more hills." That is what I want to see, and when Reginal and Andy come here, I will be sure of all the outing I want. My sons are better to me than their father is.

There have been many improvements in this fair City since I came here. It would take a whole newspaper to tell you in brief, less than half, but as I know you are interested, I will just mention a few. We have a gas plant; if you ever sat trying to read or work by the light they called "electric," you would know how to appreciate the change. One night when we were in church, without warning the lights went out. The usual flutter, spasmodic twittering among the youngsters and little suppressed shrieks among the ladies took place. A rush was made for lamps which could not be found just for a little while, etc. Tommy leaned over and whispered audibly to me, "Mamma, someone has dipped a pail of water out of the creek and that has stopped the power." I put my hand over his mouth but he had been heard and his remark caused quite a titter in our near neighborhood. Gas is an established fact, however, and such troubles are things of the past.

Many beautiful homes have been built in every part of the City. A magnificent brick block adorns the corner of Baker and Ward Streets. It is known as "The K.-W.-C." It is three stories high and has a multiplicity of windows—all plate glass. When the stores are occupied they will rank with the finest in the West and will be a lasting monument to the enterprise of the firm of Kitrkpatrick, Wilson & Clements. The structure cost $43,000, and is approached from the four corners, by four 43 cent crossings, the most villianous you ever saw. I nearly lost my boots the other day in crossing and Tommy did leave one of his rubbers in a mud-hole in the centre. I suggestd that he carry the other back and deposit it in the neighborhood, but he thought some day a one-legged boy might come along and it would be better to save the odd rubber, for nothing lost on that crossing would ever be found again; cute youth, my Tommy, eh? I think if we had "City Mothers" in Council, instead of "City Fathers," there would be a change in the appearance of certain parts of the streets and an injunction restraining the showering of the sidewalks with tobacco juice, but as R. Kipling says, "that is another story."

By way of digression, just here, people in the East think we Westerners are living in the primeaval forest. Some of them should walk down Baker Street and see the stores and the shoppers. Every known luxury and necessity, both in drygoods and other lines are here in profusion and at prices, except in the case of a few of the more perishable products, at reasonable prices; no need to send East for anything.

As an instance of how back woodsy we are considered, a friend of mine received by mail yesterday, a one pound tin of plum-pudding for Christmas! Ye gods, and Cousin Clara! Did we laugh? Well we did. That Christmas box—no, can—cost about 25 cents and there were three five cent stamps on the wrapper, it came over two thousand miles, and a hungry child could eat it all at once. My friend offered to keep it unopened until the first wedding takes place in our circle, but I suggested that it be enclosed in a plush lined casket and exhibited in J. J. Walker's window, when he moves, (on account of its long, trip, poor little can), and then hand down as an heirloom to coming generations. We have here what few of the great cities in the effete East can boast of, a cold storage house. It is not far from my dwelling place and every day I can see great drays laden with beef, pork, mutton, poultry, butter eggs, etc., in such quantities as would make our friends far away change their minds as to us having nothing but short commons. The rippling of the liquid over the coils in the latticed structure that covers the apparatus used in some part of the manufacturing of the cold storage, sounds like a brook running down the side of a hill in the summer time and when all the hens in the next yard cackle and the old roosters crow and the band of the Salvation Army contributes some of its soul-stirring strains, there is music in the air indeed.

The new railway station for the C. P. R. will soon be finished and will be much appreciated by the traveling public. To me it will be a perfect boon, I hate changing cars and I travel so much it is going to be a perfect delight.

Last but not least in the public building line, the early part of the first year of the Twentieth Century will see in Nelson a new and beautiful Postoffice. This will be hailed with delight, for the facilities for handling a large mail at the old shack on the corner of Victoria and Ward Streets, are of the most meagre description and in the lobby where the expectant crowd stand in line to receive their letters, there is not room to swing the proverbial cat, if that animal had the audacity to enter the portals of the place, in the expectation of being whirled around. The new buildings which will contain all the Government offices, is in the immediate neighborhood of the Miner Office.

Just now the municipal election is the absorbing topic of the day. (Theodore says all I do not know about politics would fill a small library.) I am tired of elections. First there was the Provincial, then the Dominion, and now the City. We have two candidates in the arena, of equal attainments in every respect, it is said. I do not know either of the gentlemen, but hope the best one will have the honor of being the butt of every faultfinder for a year to come. I shall be glad when the matter is decided for my house has only been the boarding place of Mr. Brown for many moons. Perhaps I will be allowed the pleasure of cultivating his acquaintance when all public business has been settled. Next year I shall insist on him entering the field himself. If he refuses I will part with him. With all the compliments of the season, I am your affectionate niece,

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ROBT. IRVING,
Manager.

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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.

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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,
Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information.

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H. J. EVANS & CO.—Baker Street, Nelson—Wholesale dealers in liquors, cigars, cement, fire brick and fire clay, water pipe and steel rails, and general commission merchants.

GRAIN, HAY AND CEREALS

BRACKMAN-KER MILLING CO., LTD.—Wholesale and retail dealers in grain, hay, flour, feed. Mills at Victoria, New Westminster; Edmonton, Alta. Elevators on Calgary and Edmonton Railway. Manufacturers of the celebrated B. & K. brand cereals.

GROCERIES

A. MACDONALD & Co.—Corner Front and Hall Streets—Wholesale grocers and jobbers in blankets, gloves, mitts, boots, rubbers, mackinaws and miners' sundries.

LUMBER

NELSON SAW AND PLANING MILL—Office corner Hall and Front Streets, Nelson—Lumber, ceiling, flooring, and everything in wood for building purposes. Get our prices. Correspondence solicited.

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P. BURNS & Co.—Baker Street, Nelson—Wholesale dealers in fresh and cured meats. Cold Storage.

WEST KOOTENAY BUTCHER CO.—Baker Street, Nelson—Wholesale dealers in fresh and cured meats.

HARDWARE & MINING SUPPLIES

LAWRENCE HARDWARE CO—Baker Street, Nelson—Wholesale dealers in hardware, miners' supplies, sporting goods, etc,

M'LACHLAN BROS. (Successors to Vancouver Hardware Co, Ltd.) Baker Street, Nelson—Wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies, plumbers' and tinsmiths' supplies.

NELSON HARDWARE CO.—Wholesale paints, oils and glass; mechanics' tools. Agents for Ontario Powder Works; dynamite

LIQUORS AND DRY GOODS

TURNER, BEETON & Co.—Corner Vernon and Josephine Streets, Nelson—Wholesale dealers in liquors, cigars, and dry goods. Agents for Pabst Brewing Co. of Milwaukee and Calgary Brewing Co of Calgary.

HUDSON'S BAY Co.—Wholesale groceries and liquors etc., Baker Street, Nelson.

CALIFORNIA WINE CO., Limited—Corner Front and Hall Streets, Nelson—Wholesale dealers n wines (case and bulk), and domestic and imported cigars.

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FIRST-CLASS SLEEPERS ON ALL TRAINS FROM REVELSTOKE AND KOOTENAY LANDING.

Also TOURIST CARS passing Dunmore Junction Daily for St. Paul, Saturdays for Montreal and Boston, Mondays and Thursdays for Toronto. Same cars pass Revelstoke one day earlier.

A POINTER

for your eastern trip is to see your ticket reads via Canadian Pacific.

Trains and Steamers Depart.

5:00 Daily	Steamer for Kootenay Landing and eastern points via Crow's Nest Route.
8:00 Ex Sun	Train for Rossland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, etc
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. }

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A. G. P. Agent,
Vancouver

KOOTENAY COFFEE CO

Our Fresh Roasted Coffee Best of Quality, as follows:

Java and Arabian Mocha. per pound	$ 40
Java and Mocha Blend, 3 pounds	1 00
Fine Santos, 4 pounds	1 00
Santos Blend, 5 pounds	1 00
Our SpecialBlend, 6 pounds	1 00
Our Rio Roast, 6 pounds	1 00

A TRIAL ORDER SOLICITED.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The regular weekly meeting of the City Council will be held at 8 o'clock this evening.

Mr. J. S. Lawrence, train master of the C. P. R. at Smelter Junction, is in the City today.

Dr. O. Rose, who is at the General Hospital suffering from typhoid fever, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Melville Parry, general agent of the Confederation Life, has returned from a trip through the Slocan.

On Thursday night the children of the Presbyterian Sunday School will give a cantata that promises to be a very creditable undertaking.

At the Bodega Hall tonight the Jeffries-Sharkey fight will be produced by an improved Edison projectoscope. The exhibitions will start at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30.

If the weather braces up and becomes as Christmas weather should there will be skating in the rink for the holidays. An attempt at ice making is being made now.

A very handsome invitation has been received by The Miner to the first ball of the new century, to be given by the Cranbrook Lodge, I. O. O. F. on January 1st.

The tickets for the concert to be given on New Year's evening at the Congregational Church in connection with the reception of the Social Club have been distributed, and are being rapidly disposed of.

The regular train service on the Crow's Nest Pass has again been established as the mudslide which occured near Kitchener has been removed. The train will be about three hours late this evening.

Christmas services will be celebrated at St. Saviour's Church tomorrow. There will be Holy Communion at 7 and 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, and at 11 o'clock a full choral service will be conducted.

Edward, the Indian who was brought to the Provincial jail here, from Robson some time ago and who was again taken back to Robson to be cared for by the Government, was found dead beside a trail near Robson on Saturday.

Mr. Henry Dawes, a pioneer of Nelson, who has a greenhouse on Stanley Street, was stricken with a paralytic stroke this morning. He is being treated by Dr. Arthur and is reported to be improving. He is at the General Hospital.

Midnight Mass, commencing at 12 o'clock tonight, to welcome in the anniversary day of the birth of Christ will be celebrated at the Church of Mary Immaculate. Father Ferland will officiate and special music will be rendered by the choir.

At the Presbyterian Church last night Mrs. Melville Parry, who was in excellent voice, sang charmingly Adams' "Light of the World." Mr. George Kydd and Mrs. Parry sang as a duet, "Love Divine," from Stainer's, "Daughter of Jarius."

The West Kootenay Butcher Co. will move tonight from its present quarters on Baker Street into the new store in the K.-W.-C. block, and will be opened for business there on Wednesday morning. Because of the removal Manager Traves made no effort at Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Matt Kelly, while passing along Baker Street this morning slipped and fell, and although no bones were broken, she received a bad shaking up. She had to be carried to the Madden House and medical assistance was at once called. She was removed to her home in a cab.

All the newsboys and messenger boys of the City are invited to a Christmas dinner at the Hotel Hume tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Manager H. D. Hume is giving the dinner. There will be turkey, candies, nuts, and everything that will please the Christmas appetite of a small boy.

Mr. W. N. Brayton, of Kaslo, is in the City today. In speaking of the general condition of Kaslo he said: "Kaslo was never more prosperous, than it is at the present time. The Christmas trade is exceedingly large, and the general prosperous times that are being experienced is largely due to the opening of new properties, and the vigorous development of the older ones."

J. R. Chisholm, a laborer, who was brought from Rossland on Saturday by Chief Jarvis on the charge of stealing several articles of clothing from Frederick Ross at the Hotel Hume, came before Magistrate Crease this morning at the Police Court. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months with hard labor, and was at once taken to the Provincial jail to serve his time.

At the Maple Leaf ball to be given at Fraternity Hall tomorrow evening, and which promises to be a decided success, a waltzing contest will be conducted which will make the occasion of more interest. A handsome prize will be given to the lady of the couple who are successful in winning the contest. The Grand March will take place shortly after 8:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Fred Beer, who has been engaged at the Chapleau mine, for some time, arrived in the City last evening, and will spend the holidays with his friends here. He said that everything was going well at the mine. The new tramway is running steadily and the working of the mill is proving most satisfactory. The management of the mine started a test run of 50 cars of ore yesterday, and the returns are expected in a day or two. During Mr. Beer's absence some sneak thief entered his room in the Carney block and relieved it of a considerable quantity of clothes and other articles. The police have no clue as to the perpetrator of the deed.

E W Grove

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

INTERCHANGE OF STAMPS.

Editor Miner:

Sir—It seems to me that we already have as near an interchange of postage stamps as is practicable with the United States. If a reply postcard be sent from one country to the other the reply half will be returned without additional stamp. If sending to any other country in the Postal Union, affix one cent stamp to each half of the card; or if enclosed in a letter with the necessary stamp to make it a two-cent card, it will be returned without additional charge.

Another convenience sought by the Canadian Postmaster-General is an interchage of postal orders (called in Canada postal notes), for remitting small amounts between Canada and the Mother Country. Still another, the delivery of newspapers and periodicals from one country to subscribers in the other, on payment of the domestic rate of the country of origin as is now done with the United States. These reforms are advocated by the British Empire League in Canada, our historical societies, the Hon. Wm. Mulock, M. P., Canadian Postmaster-General, and Mr. Henniker Heaton, M. P., for Canterbury, in the Imperial House of Commons, and were endorsed by Sir Charles Tupper when High Commissioner for Canada in London. But the Imperial Postoffice Department has so far successfully blocked the way. Yours faithfully,

G. H. H.

Orillia, Ont., Dec. 17th, 1900.

AT THE HOTELS.

Hume.—W. N. Brayton, Kaslo; F. Davidson, Toronto; C.D. Hunter, Lardeau; J. B. Thompson, Vancouver; A. McAllister, Vancouver; Henry Roy, Rossland; W. J. O'Brien, Revelstoke.

Phair—V. Anderson, Revelstoke; G. H. Miller, Winnipeg, Stewart Patterson, Granby, Que.; G.O. Buchanan, Kaslo; Jack Goodan, Rossland; Arthur O'Leary, Sandon; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson, Rossland; W. H. Adams, Kaslo; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson, Rossland.

A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she begun to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by Canada Drug & Book Co.

GOOD ADVICE.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the Dominion are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects; such a Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnawing Pains at the Pit of Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food After Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. For sale by W. F. Teetzel.

If you don't like Blue Ribbon Tea it's because you've never tasted it.

Spokane Mining Stock Exchange Quotations.

This morning's Spokane quotations as received from The Miner's special correspondent:

(SPECIAL TO THE MINER.)

NAME.	ASKED.	BID.
Blacktail	9¾	8¾
Butte & Boston	2¾	1¾
Crystal	5¾	4¾
Deer Trail Con	8	5½
Evening Star	1⅛	¾
Golden Harvest	21	18¾
Iron Mask	30	25
Jim Blaine	7	6¾
Mountain Lion	24	20
Morning Glory	7⅜	7¼
Morrison	3¼	2⅞
Princess Maud	1⅛	1¼
Quilp	25	20
Rambler-Cariboo	25½	24½
Republic	63	59
Reservation	4¼	3⅜
Rossland Giant	2⅜	2⅛
Sullivan	14¼	13⅞
Tom Thumb	11¾	10¼
Waterloo	2⅝	2
UNLISTED STOCKS.		
Conjecture	5¼	4⅞
American Boy	10½	9½
Dewey	3⅛	2¼
Gold Standard	9⅛	8
Bitter Root	6	4½
Miller Creek	2½	2

Sales—Black Tail 5000 at 9¾, 1000 at 9½; Conjecture 1000, 1000, 1000, 1000, 1000 at 4¾ seller 60; 1000, 1000, 1000 at 5, 3000 at 5 seller 60; 5000 at 5 seller 30; 4000 at 4⅞, 1000 at 4¾, 5000 at 5 seller 90; Lone Pine 1000 at 7, 1000 at 6⅞; Morning Glory 3000 at 7⅞, 2000 at 7⅞, 1000 at 7¾, 1000 at 7¾; Rambler-Cariboo 1000 at 25, 1000 at 25; Sullivan 4500 at 14.

All Provincial offices at the Court House the sheriff's, and Provincial Police office will be closed until next Thursday morning, as today, tomorrow and Wednesday are Provincial holidays. Next Tuesday and Wednesday are also Provincial holidays, and the offices will also be closed then. As no legal work could be transacted with the Registrar at the Court House today, nearly every law office of the City was closed this afternoon and will remain so until next Wednesday.

NEW DRY GOODS

—AND—

MILLINERY STORE

NELSON.

We wish our customers and friends a very Merry Xmas.

Kerr & Co.

Cor. Baker and Ward Streets, Nelson.

WADDS BROS.,

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Baker Street,

NELSON. - - B. C.

Tomorrow Will be Christmas

Today we will sacrifice prices as is seldom done except in extreme cases. We are not in a desperate strait, but we want YOU to come to our store, and form **the habit of coming** to us when you want Jewelry. You will be treated justly. Call this evening.

If Brown Said So It's Right.

T. H. BROWN.

178 Baker St. Jeweler. NELSON.

..PRICES CUT IN TWO..

This has been done to accommodate those Shoppers whose resources compel them to economize in order to make a small sum go a Great Way. It is a Glorious Opportunity for those who desire to make a Pretty and Useful Present for a small outlay.

LADIES' TAILOR MADE SUITS

From $12.50 to $35.00.

A large stock on which prices have already been cut, are again ruthlessly sacrificed. The best opportunity offered to shoppers. There are forty of these suits.

LADIES' JACKETS

From $5.00 to $30.00.

These were cut too, but the knife has been applied again. They are all the latest styles and cuts. They must all go by January 1st.

FANCY COLORED DRESS GOODS

From 50c to $2.00 a Yard.

About Fifty Dress Lengths of Fancy Colored Dress Goods, six yards to length. They are all to go at half price; none held back.

The Prices Quoted Above will be Cut Just in Half.

These are going fast, just like the saw in the window. Your chances of securing them are cut shorter each day. Come now.

MARTIN O'REILLY & CO.

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AT REDUCED PRICES.

LEATHER GOODS—Dressing Cases Manicures, Shaving Sets, Portfolios, Writing Cases, Purses, Card Cases, etc.

BRASS GOODS—Lamps, Gongs, Candalabra, Inkstands, etc.

EBONY GOODS—Mirrors, Brushes, Military Sets, Manicure Sets.

TOILET and MANICURE SETS in 14 karat gold, Sterling Silver and Nickle Mountings.

SOUVENIR GOODS—Papteries and Pads with local views, Purses, Match Boxes, etc.

XMAS CARDS, Calendars, Bibles, Prayer Books, Standard and Miscellaneous Books.

FANCY GOODS—A large variety of Fancy Goods at figures from 10 to 40 per cent below regular prices.

Don't miss this opportunity to get Bargain Prices. The reason why is that we wish to reduce our stock before remeving to our new store in the K. W. C. Block.

Canada Drug and Book Co.

BAKER STREET STORE.

WE MUST MOVE OUT

WE cannot remain in our temporary quarters in the Kirkpatrick - Wilson - Clements Block after Christmas Day. Consequently we must dispose of the Stock we have put in there before that time. For this reason we have made Another Cut in Prices, and are now carrying on such a Slaughter Sale as has never before been known in Nelson.

We received and opened yesterday a large lot of Manicure Sets, Cut Glass, Silverware, Clocks, Silver Novelties, and all kinds of desirable presents.

The Prices are Right. Come, See and Buy.

J. J. WALKER

Open from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. Corner store, Kirkpatrick-Wilson-Clements Block.

GRAND DRAWING

30 PRIZES

Pipes, Cigars, Cigar Holders, Cigarette Holders, etc.

Biggest stock in town to select Xmas Gifts from.

DRAWING NOW ON.

THURMAN, Tobacconist.

Upholstering,

REPAIR WORK OF ....ALL KINDS

We make a specialty of

Cozy Corners, Foot Stools, Ottomans, and Odd Pieces.

R. S. CLARK.

Kootenay Street, opp. Bank of Montreal. Leave orders and we will call for work.

REISTERER & CO.

Brewers of Fine Lager Beer and Porter.

DROP IN AND SEE US.

Nelson, B. C.

The Palm

This handsome new Confectionery Store and Lunch Parlor will be open for patronage on

Saturday, December 22nd

The public are cordially invited to call and examine our stock and prices.

Everybody welcome.

W. G. BROWNE.