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THE LONDON SCANDAL.

LORD RUSTON IN THE WITNESS BOX.

Several Witnesses Testify to Seeing Him Frequent the Cleveland Street Building — He Denies the Charge but Dodges Examination.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The trial of Editor Parke of the *North London Press*, for libel, in connecting Lord Euston's name with the West End club scandal, began today in the Central Criminal Court. Sir Charles Russell opened the case for the prosecution and merely offered formal proof that the alleged libel had been published. Mr. Lockwood, opening for Parke, censured Sir Charles Russell for withholding Lord Euston from cross examination until after the defence had given its evidence.

John Saul testified that in May, 1887, he met Lord Euston in Piccadilly, he entered his Lordship's carriage and drove with him to Hammond's in Cleveland street, where they participated in criminal acts. Lord Euston then testified that except, when in consequence of receiving a card in Piccadilly indicating that *poor plaintiffs* were on exhibition at Hammond's house, he visited the place, he was never in Cleveland street in his life. On that occasion he indignantly left the house immediately upon learning that he had been imposed upon. He did not know the witness Saul, and he denied emphatically that he had made any of the visits to the house which that witness alleged. Mr. Lockwood, counsel for Parke, said that Lord Euston shirked being a witness and preferred to rely on Sir Charles Russell's attacks upon the witnesses for the defence who were necessarily tainted. By the direction of Sir Charles Russell Lord Euston stood up for identification, when O'Coughlan, a coal dealer, living twenty-seven yards distant from the Hammond's House; Grinley, a railway porter; O'Coughlan, a barman, and Hannah Vorgan, living opposite Hammond's house, in turn identified Lord Euston as a frequent visitor to the Hammond's house; but each displayed some hesitation in doing so. Sir Charles Russell commented on this hesitation of the witnesses and declared that that alone rendered their identification valueless.

Stanley's Glory Disparaged.

LONDON, Jan. 15. — A savage attack made by the socialist leader John Burns in the County Council today, in opposing a motion to give a banquet in honor of Stanley, has stirred up an element of strife in that body which it will be difficult to allay. Coarse and gratuitous as Burns's remarks were, it cannot be denied that several of his colleagues shared his convictions in a greater or lesser degree, that Stanley has begun a triumphal tour of Europe, contemplating the exaction of homage which his achievements as recounted by others than himself scarcely justify. Burns's declaration that Stanley's reputation is founded upon his butchery of helpless and fleeing natives, is not sustained by any evidence yet available; but there seems to be a general desire that Emin shall be heard before Stanley is awarded the crown of glory to which the adulation of a few fawning sycophants has apparently caused him to believe he is entitled.

To Increase America's Navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The naval committee of the House devoted two hours today to hearing Secretary Tracy give his general ideas toward the further increase of the navy and the policy to be pursued by the department on naval matters. In regard to increasing the naval establishment, the secretary thought the time had come for building fighting vessels. America's ability to construct them having been satisfactorily demonstrated, he urged the committee to endeavor to enact legislation for the building of them. In regard to the question of coaling stations for foreign squadrons the Secretary used as a further argument in favor of building fighting ships, that they would be necessary to maintain these stations when established.

The Chilliwhack Horror.

CHILLIWHACK, Jan. 15.—George Rutherford, the murderer of his neighbors, John Segers and Edward Hall, had lately developed symptoms of insanity. The gun used was a Winchester rifle. Both the victims were shot dead instantly. Irwin's life was spared him for Monday evening by special pleading. He said he would commit the deed next day. He mentioned the names of other persons whose lives he was bound to have before taking his own. He wrote a will concerning the disposal of his property. Jealousy and disappointment in love are supposed to have unbalanced his mind. Hitherto he had been regarded as a quiet, inoffensive person. Nothing is talked of in the settlement but the dreadful affair, which has cast a gloom over the entire community.

Were they Suicides?

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Alluding to the report of the suicide yesterday of Colonel Volokoff and several officers of the Czar's body guard who were under surveillance, being suspected of being involved in Nihilist intrigues, it is now no longer considered a matter of doubt that a conspiracy has been unearthed in St. Petersburgh, the enormity of which is something appalling. Although the press censorship is vague in that country is very strict, enough is now known to render the theory of suicide a doubtful one, especially as they were mysterious and unreasonable. It is thought that the victims must have been murdered, and a state of panic prevails in consequence, which is beyond description.

Today's Surrey Election.

An election for reeve and councillors for the municipality of Surrey will be held today. There are a number of electors in this city who should make an effort to cross the river and record their votes. Following are the candidates: For Reeve, Jas. Punch of Brownsville, and Jas. T. Morton, of Clayton. For Councillors, ward 1, J. W. McCallum, a member of the retiring Council, and Geo. W. Cann, both of Clayton; ward 2, Jas. Douglas, also a member of the retiring board, of Brownsville, and Jas. Johnston, jr., of Mud Bay; ward 3, Jas. Armstrong, of Mud Bay, re-elected by acclamation; ward 4, Thos. Shannon and Edward Parr, of Clover Valley and Kensington Prairie respectively; ward 5, Wm. Brown, of Mud Bay, re-elected by acclamation. There will thus be contests for the Reeveship and in wards, 1, 2, and 4.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—The Pacific Express which was delayed eighteen hours east of Port Arthur by snow drifts, arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning. The passengers were all in good spirits having evidently fared very well during the blockade. There was a good supply of provisions in the dining car and those on board were well cared for. The cuts in some places were filled in to the depth of several feet.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Jan. 15.—Fifteen men were overcome by gas in the Hoosac Tunnel this afternoon, and several barely escaped suffocation; they were brought here this evening, and it is thought all will recover. Damp weather seems to interfere with the circulation of air in the tunnel making it dangerous for workmen to remain inside.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Jan. 15.—Work at the Henry Clay Shaft, the largest mine of the Reading Coal and Iron Company employing 1800 men was suspended indefinitely this evening. No reason is assigned for the stoppage other than the absolutele stagnation of the coal trade.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—The Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance have resolved to oppose Mr. Mercier in consequence of his remarks at the opening of the Legislature, which were hostile to the interests of the Alliance.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Artolin & Hermons, foreign bankers, who have offices in London, Paris, and Madrid, have been adjudged bankrupts with liabilities amounting to £400,000. The assets are not stated.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 15.—A special from Johnstown, Penna., where the terrible flood occurred last year, says that the water in the Conemaugh River and Honey Creek is again at flood height.

CAMBRIA CITY, Jan. 15.—The bridge is in danger of being swept away, the lower part of Millville, near the stone bridge, is again under water and the occupants of some of the houses are preparing to move out.

RICHMOND, Que., Jan. 15.—The 9-year-old daughter of Wilson Placey has been missing since Saturday. It is feared she wandered into the woods and perished.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—The influenza epidemic is abating here—for four days the decrease in the number of deaths has been very marked.

TORONTO, Ontario, Jan. 15.—A citizen in the West end today picked a violet that was almost in full bloom in his garden.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The total number of deaths reported up to noon today is 173, a decrease of 39 from yesterday's report.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Princess of Wales, who was attacked with influenza a few days ago, is rapidly recovering.

ZANZIBAR, Jan. 15.—Emin Pasha has sustained a relapse and is lying in a critical condition.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Thirty deaths from small-pox are reported in Saxony.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Capt. Poole is still confined to his room.

James Ellard & Co. have a change of advertisement today.

Detective Frank Devlin was in the city yesterday and registered at the Queen's.

E. L. Kirkland is improving slowly. He hopes to be around again in a few days.

Mr. Branch's condition was unimproved yesterday. He is very low.

Messrs. Cross & Pringleton are making arrangements to lay gas in their tobacco store.

The steward of the Royal Columbia Hospital is struggling with la grippe.

Mayor Brown is confined to his house through a severe attack of the fashionable complaint.

The usual choir practice will be held in Holy Trinity Church at 8 o'clock this evening.

A fine new building will be erected shortly on the vacant lot opposite the railway station on Columbia street.

Attention is directed to the change of J. E. Phillips's advertisement. He makes a special offer.

Mr. Cockeley, Assistant City Clerk, is slowly recovering, but it will be some days before he can resume his duties.

Mr. Ryal is still confined to his bed. His physicians have not decided yet whether it is typhoid or not.

There is scarcely a bale of straw in town and people are compelled to use hay for bedding their horses.

The river is clear of ice below the Royal City Mills and the possibility is that a few days more will see the ice opposite the city on its way to the sea.

Mr. Kenny went over to Victoria at noon yesterday. He expects to be here again in the course of a couple of weeks, on his way to the East.

A gang of Chinamen have been at work during the past couple of days clearing the snow from the railway track and buildings in the city.

No attempt has been made so far to clear away the ruins of the building which collapsed on Columbia street a couple of days ago.

The many friends of Mr. Anderson will be pleased to learn that he was able to get up yesterday and hopes to be at business again by the beginning of next week.

Mr. Henry M. Keller, representing Messrs. Richardson & Church, of Victoria, was in the city yesterday on business connected with the firm.

An advertisement in this issue informs the public that Messrs. Bradshaw & Lewson, contractors, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Bradshaw continues the business.

DEATH OF BLAINE

THE SOLICITOR TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT PASSES AWAY

Pneumonia Robs the States of One of Their Most Promising Statesmen the Son of the Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Walker Blaine, the eldest son of Secretary of State Blaine, and solicitor of the State Department, died at 8 o'clock this evening of acute pneumonia in the 35th year of his age. Around the deathbed were Secretary Blaine, Mrs. Blaine, his brothers Emmons and James, and Miss Dodge. Mr. Walker Blaine was taken ill with a cold at his office in the State Department last Friday morning, and was so much indisposed that he never came to his office afterwards. At first it was thought that he had only the prevailing influenza, but his cold developed into pneumonia, which rapidly became worse. He was not, however, thought to be in a critical condition until this morning when his symptoms would not yield to treatment. During last night he was delirious and all day he remained in the same condition, except for a short time this morning when he appeared slightly better. He was conscious for a brief time, the improvement, however, was only temporary; his fever increased, his breathing became labored and at 3 o'clock this evening for the first time his family seemed to realize his extremely critical condition. A consultation of physicians was held at 4 and it was then decided that the patient was past medical aid. He continued to sink gradually after remaining unconscious for nearly 24 hours when the end came.

The Negroes are Roused.

CHICAGO, Ills., Jan. 15.—The national convention of Afro-American Leaguers met here today. Thomas Fortune of New York was made the temporary chairman. The principal business transacted was the delivery of an address by Mr. Fortune, in which he named as reasons justifying the organization of the Afro-American League, the almost universal suppression of the colored ballot in the South, and the universal and lamentable rule of lynch and mob law of which colored men are the victims in both. The unequal distribution of school funds, the odious and demoralizing chaingang penitentiary system of the South, the almost universal tyranny of common carriers in the South, which will not permit colored and white people to ride in the same car, the discrimination practiced by those who conduct places of public amusement and accommodation. A committee of permanent officers, one member for each state was appointed, and an adjournment until tomorrow morning was taken.

Their Dignified Position.

LISBON, Jan. 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies today Premier Pimental said that the new government had come into office at a grave juncture. Portugal has the right, and Great Britain has the might, but the government having regard for the honor of the nation will uphold the interest and dignity of the country. He announced the ministers program of reforms, and said that he should not ask for the support of the majority, for he knew that was impossible. Senhor Beirao, the Minister of Justice in the late cabinet, said the majority was unable to repose full confidence in the ministry, but would support the government in the settlement of all problems involving the national honor.

A Frontier Accident.

CHATHAM, Ont., Jan. 15.—A construction train on the Ontario and Quebec Railway was conveying a gravel gang to a point near Tilbury Centre yesterday when it collided with a flat car which, being forced by the tremendous wind had run along the track for over ten miles. The train consisted of an engine and three box cars, two of which were before the engine and were filled with men. The first car was telescoped by the "traveller" and a score of men were injured, three of them, David Commage, Fred. Dawson and John Tracy, seriously.

He Fakes Himself.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—John L. Sullivan today received a telegram from President Fields, of the Californian Athletic Club, offering a purse of $15,000 for a fight between Sullivan and Jackson. Sullivan displayed some impatience. He said the Club knew he would make no arrangements until he got out of the Mississippi trouble. He also said he had been offered as high as $30,000 for a fight, but as this was a very rich club he would go to them for $25,000 but not a cent less. The Club would also have to change some of its rules if they wanted him.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The applications to Parliament for legislation during the coming session number 91, against 94 last year. Of applications for bills of divorce there are five, they are as follows: Hartford Ashley from his wife, S. W. Ashley, on the ground of adultery; David Clapp from his wife, Alice, on the ground of adultery; Christiana F. Glover from her husband, C. C. Glover, on the ground of adultery and desertion; Hugh F. Kinder from his wife, Rebecca Ann, on the ground of adultery; Emily Walker from her husband, A. F. Walker, on the ground of desertion.

The Police were Nervous.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—A boxing match tonight between Billy Meyer of Streator, and Harry Gilmore of Canada, proved a farce. The match was arranged for two ounce gloves, but six ounce gloves were used. This made a farce of the affair and to make the matter more ridiculous the police stopped the fight in the fifth round, although neither of the men had been punished.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—Capt. W. D. Andrews, G.C.V., whose feats of heroism are well known, has been honored by the King of Hawaii with the first-class medal of the Royal Order of Kapiolani, in recognition of his life-saving record. This Order was established for the recompensation of distinguished merit, or for services in the cause of humanity, and Capt. Andrews, who is now blind, is a worthy recipient of all the honors the medal signifies.

Quite a Probability.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—It is stated that several eminent European statesmen have in a friendly manner expressed to Lord Salisbury their fears that England's action in the Portuguese dispute will be made a pretext for Republican activity in Spain and Portugal, which will endanger the thrones at Madrid and Lisbon. The Queen Dowager of Portugal has resolved to implore the influence of her brother, King Humbert, of Italy, in behalf of Portugal.

A Scandalous Story.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Leander Richardson, the editor of the *Dramatic News*, was arrested today, charged with libelling Delancey Nicoll, the lawyer, by printing a statement that Mr. Nicoll had been seen riding in a carriage on Long Island with Mrs. J. G. Blaine, Jr., and with his arm around the lady's waist. Mr. Nicoll pronounces the story false in every particular.

Quiet in Nyassaland.

LISBON, Jan. 14.—Owing to insubordination on the part of the colonial officers of the Portuguese Government in Africa, newly arrived papers predict it will be some time before the civil and military officials in Nyassaland can be prevailed upon to withdraw from their respective posts. A Delagoa Bay dispatch states that affairs there are quiet.

The Czar Alleged Insane.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—It is said in certain circles here that the Czar of Russia is insane, owing to the chronic state of fear in which he lives. His bodily condition is known to be weak. He exhibits the deepest feeling of despondency and insists that his death is drawing near. It is known that he is trying to alleviate his misery by the use of morphine.

An Important Decision.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Recorder Smith today refused to bail the men arrested as abettors in the Sullivan-Kilrain fight at Richburg, Miss. The Recorder decided that the police justice had no power to take bail on a warrant for arrest on the requisition of a governor. The men are now in the Superior Court awaiting the result of application for a writ of habeas corpus.

A Flood in Illinois.

CAIRO, Ills., Jan. 15.—Reports received here last night state that the eastern portion of the village of Carmi is 10 feet under water and 25 families have been driven out and are being cared for by the citizens. The waters are higher now than was ever known before. The river, however, is stationary now and is expected to fall.

He Apologized.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—An indictment for criminal libel against E. D. Mann, for stating in *Town Topics* that Philip Hamilton left "two distinct broods of children," was dismissed today. A full retraction and apology to Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, the grandson of Philip Hamilton having been published by the paper.

They Must Go.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Governor Hill has temporarily suspended the operations of the warrants for the arrest of Johnson, Wakeley and Harding upon the requisition of the Governor of Mississippi, but decides that Muldoon, Cleary, Donovan, Murphy and Butler must be turned over to the Mississippi officers at once.

Snow in the Mountains.

A gentleman who has just returned to the city from Donald says that there is less snow in the mountains now than at this time last year. At Donald there is about two feet on the level and at Roger's Pass three feet. The snow plows are keeping the line clear and no serious delays have occurred to the trains.

Some Earthquakes.

VIENNA, Jan. 15.—Several earthquake shocks were felt in Corinthia last night. A performance was being given at the theatre in Klagenfurt when the shocks were felt. A false alarm of fire was raised at the same time, the audience became panic-stricken and fled. No one was hurt.

Trouble Ahead.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The fact that the new Portuguese Ministry undoubtedly Primental is strongly anti-English, is widely commented on here, and leads to a general belief that the dispute between England and Portugal will be re-opened.

Funeral Generosity.

LISBON, Jan. 15.—Photographs of Major Serpa Pinto are in great demand and are sold at high prices. A movement is on foot to purchase a magnificent sword as a present to him, and the necessary money is being rapidly subscribed.

Desperate Crime.

ATON, Mass., Jan. 15.—An attempt was made today to wreck the train leaving Boston at noon for Fall River. Ties were placed across the track between Iare and Montello, probably by tramps, but the engineer discovered the obstruction in time.

But the Ring Recovered.

GRATZ, Jan. 15.—Don Carlos, the Spanish Pretender, has had an interview here with his brother Don Alfonso, for the purpose of agreeing upon a policy to be followed in case of the death of the King of Spain.

He Killed Himself.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—It has just been learned from Edwin A. Abby, who has lately returned from Europe, that Alexander Harrison, the American marine painter, committed suicide near Dover in England.

Prompt Measures Taken.

LISBON, Jan. 15.—At 1 o'clock this morning the police arrested seventy persons who were parading the streets and shouting "Down with England."

OUR FRUIT MEN

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

A Large Attendance of Members—Interesting Report by President Browning—Valuable Suggestions—What was Done at Yesterday's Meeting.

Fruit growing in this Province will in the near future be one of the best paying industries, and the farmer who lays out a few dollars in planting fruit trees will reap a rich return for his investment. Every credit is due to the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association for the interest they have manifested in this direction and their first annual convention which met at Vancouver on Wednesday shows that they appreciate the great possibilities in store for the fruit growers of this Province.

The Association began its session at 3 p. m. on Wednesday. Those present were: J. M. Browning, President; A. H. B. Macgowan, Secretary; and Messrs. J. W. Henry, Port Hammond; E. Hutcherson, Ladner's Landing; W. J. Harris, Maple Ridge; O. D. Sweet, North Arm; Norval Hutchard, Port Moody; J. R. Foster, Vancouver; John A. Hall, New Westminster; J. E. White, Maple Ridge; Thomas Bloomsworth, Port Hammond; H. Ferguson, Port Hammond; Charles Clark, Vancouver; Peter Latham, New Westminster; D. R. Robertson, H. H. Mackay, Vancouver; Alexander Robertson, Port Haney; J. G. Halpenny, Nanaimo; R. E. Gosnell, D. McRae, R. E. Winnette, Vancouver; F. F. Sinclair, Port Haney; R. V. Winch, Vancouver; F. Fooks, Nanaimo; Elliott Bell, John Overton, Walter Taylor, J. Jones, Vancouver; W. J. Brandreth, North Arm; A. W. Ogilvie, Vancouver; W. McGillivray, Westminster Road, Donald McKay, Cassington, Ont.; J. Summers, Vancouver; D. C. Webber, Port Hammond; J. W. Lawson, North Arm; M. Sutherland, Emigration Agent.

The minutes of the previous meetings were taken as read, after which the president presented his report, which proved to be a most interesting document. After congratulating the association upon the result of its first year's work, the president entered into a brief history of the organization of the association. He then spoke of the gratifying report received from Mr. Maxwell, one of the directors of the Montreal Horticultural Society, regarding the specimen apples and other fruit sent to them last fall. He advised the opening of a fruit canning and drying establishment, the products of which would find a ready market in the province. He announced that arrangements had been made to affiliate with the Ontario Fruit Growers Association. A convention will be held in Ottawa next month, at which delegates will be present from the various provinces. It was most important that British Columbia should be ably represented there. The necessary steps are being taken to have the association incorporated.

THE MARKETING OF FRUIT.

An interesting report was presented on this subject by Mr. Henry, chairman of the committee appointed some time ago to report on the marketing of fruit. The report recommended:

(1) That a competent man be engaged to visit the various fruit growing localities before the opening of the shipping season to ascertain the probable amount there will be for sale in order that markets may be opened up for its sale. He would also see that the fruit is gathered in time and forwarded in good condition.

(2) That the fruit producers of the association form themselves into a company for the purpose of disposing of their fruit and by having a standard brand of British Columbia fruit, they would soon have a remunerative market for all the surplus.

(3) That an auction market be established in Victoria and Vancouver.

The report was discussed clause by clause, and a letter was read from Messrs. Chipman, Morgan & Co. with reference to trial shipments to China and Japan. Several gentlemen related their experience in fruit shipping and some valuable suggestions and hints were given.

THE EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session a report was discussed which recommended that a committee be appointed to adopt a standard set of packages for the different varieties of fruit. Also that an inspector and instructor be appointed and that auction marts be established in the various cities. The first clause was adopted and a committee on packages consisting of Messrs. Henry, Hutcherson, Sweet, Harris and Hutchard was appointed to report at the next meeting.

It was decided after a long discussion to ask the various city councils in the province to provide auction marts for the sale of fruit.

The Secretary presented his financial statement for the year ending November 30th last. It showed receipts, $[illegible], disbursements, $[illegible], leaving a balance on hand of $[illegible].

The convention then adjourned until 9.30 yesterday morning.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

The association resumed business at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The election of a delegate to attend the Dominion Fruit Growers' Convention at Ottawa was disposed of by the election of Mr. J. W. Henry to the position. The following directors were then elected for the ensuing year: J. M. Browning, George O. Mackay, Vancouver; Peter Latham, New Westminster; G. A. McTavish, Victoria; O. D. Sweet, Richmond; D. McGillivray, Sumas; A. C. Wells, Cloverdale; C. B. Sword, Matsqui; James McAdam, Langley; J. Punch, Surrey; H. B. Boles, Burlon Prairie; Mr. Bulmer, Mission; E. Hutcherson, Ladner's Landing; W. J. Harris, Maple Ridge; John Cloperton, Nicola; W. J. Roper, Kamloops; Alfred Postill, Okanagan; Donald Graham, Spallumcheen; John Murray, Spence's Bridge; C. A. Semlin, M. P. P., Cache Creek; Richard Hay, Lillooet; John F. Booth, Salt Spring Island; Thomas Percy, Denman Island; J. D. Bryant, Sayward; W. Grimmer, Mayne Island; J. G. Halpenny, Nanaimo; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Enderby; H. Fry, Cowichan; Ex-Governor Cornwall, Ashcroft; W. J. Brandreth, North Arm; A. W. Mansell, Comox.

Mr. W. J. Harris read an interesting paper on strawberries, on which a discussion took place. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: Mr. W. J. Harris, Maple Ridge, President; O. D. Sweet, Richmond, First Vice President; A. C. Wells, Cloverdale, Second Vice President, and A. H. B. Macgowan, Secretary-Treasurer.

Maple Ridge was chosen as the next place of meeting on the second Tuesday in May.

Mr. J. M. Browning presented the draft of a bill to be presented at the approaching session of the Legislature to incorporate the association.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President, Mr. J. M. Browning, and the meeting adjourned.

OUR STOCK-TAKING SALE A

GENUINE CLEARING SALE

WINTER GOODS TO BE CLEARED AT HALF THE ORIGINAL SELLING PRICES.

STOCK MUST BE REDUCED

And only eighteen days until we commence taking stock.
Do not miss this opportunity of getting

GOOD GOODS AT HALF THEIR VALUE

Remember Our Loss is Our Customers' Gain.

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THE LEADING DRY GOODS HOUSE

MASONIC BLOCK, COLUMBIA STREET. NEW WESTMINSTER.

THE WEATHER

INTERESTING FACTS CONNECTED WITH RECENT SNOW STORMS.

The Official Establishment of a Discovery—Why there has been so Much Snow—The Record since 1873—Probabilities of a Break-Up Within a few Days.

The oldest inhabitant has been racking his brain to find a counterpart for the present season with its cold weather, winds and snow storms. But he has failed. Away back somewhere there may have been a winter just as severe as the present, but if so its history is so shrouded in the mists of antiquity that no information can be obtained regarding it. However, the reports of "Old Probs" may be relied on to give a fairly accurate record of the meteorological conditions of the days and months and years since he set up his barometers, hygrometers and thermometers on the summit slope of the Pacific Coast. In the East the climate of British Columbia is looked upon as being the best on the continent of North America. And the people here believe it, too. The longer they have been here the better satisfied are they with the country and its climate. Although it does rain sometimes and even snow at occasional intervals a man may travel a long way before finding a more salubrious climate.

But the present weather is simply horrid (to use the expression of a fair worshipper at one of the city churches last Sunday). The river is one mass of ice and the snow has piled in huge windrows up and down the roads, and has left the sidewalks in anything but a favorable condition for pedestrians. It has been snowing and blowing and blowing and snowing for days past. The Bible(?) statement that "the wind bloweth where it listeth" has been exemplified in the condition of the weather here, since before Christmas. But the assertion that "ye know not whence it cometh nor whither it goeth," is no longer in the opinion of some scientists absolutely correct. Science has mapped out the paths of the planets, and predicts with unerring accuracy their places in the heavens, for months and even years ahead. Science, too, has charted the course of the winds, and thanks to daily simultaneous observations all over the continent and to the electric telegraph, the track of a storm can be predicted with almost perfect accuracy.

Unfortunately, or nearly all the storms come from a westerly direction, the possibility of predicting their approach to the Pacific slope is beyond the present powers of the meteorologist. However, by a careful observation of the barometer and thermometer, something more than a shrewd guess can be made as to the weather that may be expected for the next day or two. The present almost unprecedented rainfall is due to a variety of circumstances which, although apparently inexplicable to the lay mind, are well understood by those who have made a study of the subject.

As is well known, the prevailing direction of the wind on this coast is somewhere between the south and west. A current of comparatively warm water sets along the coast, and the winds as they pass over it become laden with moisture, which they carry with them till they strike the cold mountain ranges. Owing to the lowering of the temperature a certain amount of moisture is deposited. Now if the temperature should be above 32° the moisture will be precipitated as rain, whereas if the temperature is below, that the precipitation will be in the form of snow. It will be remembered that for some time before Christmas the nights were clear and cloudless, and therefore there was nothing to interfere with terrestrial radiation. The result was that the rocks cooled off rapidly, and as about that time the prevailing winds had a northerly direction and were therefore cold, the conditions were favorable to snow. As everyone knows, there was [illegible] In fact, [illegible] over 12 [illegible] has almost been unbelievable.

But the air [illegible] rest. Areas of high and [illegible] follow each other like the waves of the sea and cross the continent with great regularity. The wind there [illegible] thing more nor less than the atmospheric wave, which came [illegible] the expansion which had created it, [illegible] past.

The barometer last [illegible] was down to 29.5 inches having fallen [illegible] inch within twelve hours. This depression had to be filled up, and [illegible] it was heard last night [illegible] the gables, and rolled the snow into ridges on the frozen surfaces of the river.

After all people should not be too severely disposed to take the statements of the old inhabitants as absolutely correct, with corroborative evidence. They may think well enough, and may think their statements are perfectly correct, and at the same time be very far from the truth. "Old Probs" may be relied upon to give a satisfactory statement, and his record is kept by the Government. Probs shows that after all snow is not of such rare occurrence here, as some imagine. The following record of the monthly snow falls will no doubt prove of interest:

1873, 19.5 inches; 1874, [illegible] inches; 1875, 72.7 inches; 1876, 32.0 inches; 1878, 1.75 inches; 1879, 9.0 inches; 1880, [illegible] inches; 1881 to 1883, none; 1884, [illegible] inches; 1885 to 1887, none; 1888, 34.5 inches, and 1889, 16.5 inches. From this it will seen that since 1873 there have only been six years without snow.

To the agriculturist in this province the study of meteorology will prove particularly interesting, and at the author his statements is comparatively trifling. There is no reason why every farmer should not be something of a scientific weather prophet. The probability is that the next few days or perhaps hours will see a wonderful change in the weather. Probably the ice will break up and drift out to sea, and by the end of the present month the soft Italian climate of which British Columbia is so proud will have asserted their sway once more.

The Board of Trade.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held last night to consider the question of holding an annual dinner. Owing to the absence of the President Mr. J. Hendry, the chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. T. J. Trapp. There were twenty other members present. After a long discussion a committee was formed, consisting of Messrs. W. Wallbridge, C. E. Woods and M. Sinclair, to consider the question and report at a future meeting. All present expressed themselves as favorably disposed towards the scheme, but owing to the general unfavorable state of the weather it was not thought advisable to fix upon a date. The whole matter will no doubt be arranged shortly.

Hotel Arrivals.

AT THE CITY HOTEL—H. M. Kelly, W. G. Mackenzie, Victoria; D. McDonald, W. Hargreaves, Winnipeg; J. A. Yates, C. H. Tupper, C. E. McFadden, Vancouver.

AT THE CLARENDON HOTEL—J. Lockman, A. Ross, Port Moody; H. Tait, Mud Bay; W. Barclay, Campbelltown, P. Q.

AT THE QUEEN'S HOTEL—J. B. Bellingham, New Westminster; J. S. Pugh, H. G. Malcolm, Vancouver.

AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL—F. Stimch, Seattle; W. Belcher, Whatcom; J. C. Fitzhayes, Vancouver; J. Henderson, Chilliwhack.

Mayor's Critical Condition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Mayor is seriously ill with la grippe, but night his condition was such as to cause the greatest anxiety, but this morning he is somewhat better. In his present weak and exhausted condition fears of pneumonia are entertained by his family and physician, and should it set in the gravest consequences may result.

LATER.—Walker Blaine, son of premier, arrived at his father's residence in this city at 8.20 o'clock this evening.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

The Building Prospects—Outlook for the Coming The Need of Manufactories.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 14. Talking with Vancouver contractors the other day they all seemed satisfied with the business outlook for the coming season. They say there is every prospect for a very busy summer. And what kind of buildings were going to be erected they did not explicitly say, but they let one to infer that quite a number would be private residences, while some would be brick blocks for business. Vancouver already has a good many brick blocks that have no business of any kind except living rooms. It is reassuring to know that our building trades are likely to be good. It has been expressed that competition will be keen and profits small, the prominent cut by irresponsible men of the class who do not without paying their workmen or the Tradesmen who supply them with goods. If the competition among the contractors is keen there may be an attempt to reduce wages. Any such attempt, or any effort to lengthen the hours of labor ought to be sternly resisted. It will take labor organizations to be on the lookout to watch for and expose any encroachments on the rights and privileges of the wage workers. While it is satisfactory to know that work kind of trade is likely to be lively, it would prove little much more satisfactory if some of the money that is being invested in real estate and buildings were to be invested in manufactories of some kind. What Vancouver needs just now is not more business blocks but manufactories. At the present time the Terminal City has to import almost every article of manufacture, and instead of trading for his imports, she has to pay cash. In this way the city is getting poorer, there is a scarcity in the money market, and laboring men, the real wealth producers, are working round idle for want of capital to employ them. There are many industries that would pay handsomely if they were once established. He will be a benefactor of the people who will inaugurate the establishment of manufactories in Vancouver.

Miss Brown, the temperance lecturer, is convalescent from an attack of la grippe.

Henry King, of the Bank of British North America in Montreal, died in that city on the 8th instant. He was a brother of Mr. Atwell King of Vancouver.

The youths John Williams and Daniel Chapman were each sentenced to one month's imprisonment by the Police Magistrate today for stealing carpenters' tools.

Mr. Alexander Dow, of British Columbia, was married in Guelph on the 7th instant to Miss Nellie Scandon, of that city, and left at once for their future home in this Province.

The World's error in announcing the death of Mr. Chisholm was occasioned by a report to that effect which was current on the street and very generally believed.

Richmond Nominations.

The nominations for Richmond, held yesterday, were as follows: Reeve—J. W. Scrimgeour and W. H. London. Councillors—Ward A—J. T. Errington and W. F. Stewart, elected by acclamation. Ward B—R. W. Corrett and George E. Magee, elected by acclamation. Ward C—W. H. Steves, James Westnidge and John Blair. The elections take place today. Polling will take place at the Town Hall, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. This is the first regular election that has been held in the municipality since its incorporation.

Mr. Chisholm.

The unfortunate report of Mr. Chisholm having died has travelled a long distance, and the probability is it has gone into the Eastern papers as an item of news by wire. Today Miss Chisholm received a telegraphic message of condolence from Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice. A despatch was immediately returned apprising the minister of the mistake.

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