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### THE ORIENTAL WAR.

Alleged Massacre by the Japs at Port  
Arthur.

The London *Times* correspondent  
states that the slaughter at Port  
Arthur was carried out with every re-  
volting feature of primeval barbarity.  
Four days were spent in murder and  
pillage, and from dawn to dark hor-  
rible mutilations of every conceivable  
kind and nameless atrocities were per-  
petrated. Prisoners were tied together  
in groups and riddled with bullets and  
then hacked to pieces. Boats crowded  
with fugitives of both sexes and all  
ages received volley after volley of  
bullets. The streets were strewn with  
corpses showing every form of mutila-  
tion. The soldiers were apparently un-  
checked in their deeds of blood by their  
commanders, who, totally losing their  
European veneer, showed absolute un-  
consciousness of the effect of these  
brutalities on their Western visitors.  
They did not forget to be especially  
attentive to them, and did not appear  
to suspect that their guests were filled  
with indignation and disgust.

In an editorial the *Times* says it is  
impossible to doubt that the general in  
command could have stopped the bar-  
barities if he felt so disposed, but his  
failure to prevent it has cast an indeli-  
ble blot on the Japanese arms and has  
gone far to destroy the admiration  
which Europe was so liberally extend-  
ing to them.

### A Strange Coincidence.

It would be difficult to find anything  
in the pages of fiction to equal the fol-  
lowing fact, which has just happened  
in Scotland: A Captain Heathcote  
rents a moor from year to year. Last  
year while out shooting he lost a dia-  
mond ring. This year he was reminded  
of it by the anniversary of his loss, and  
sitting by the fire, and taking up a  
piece of peat to put on, he had scarcely  
uttered the words, "It is a year to-day  
since I lost my diamond ring," than  
his companion was surprised to hear the  
words quickly followed by "and here it is."  
The peat had been cut from the  
very moor where the loss had occurred,  
and hence its recovery. No other ac-  
count of extraordinary recovery of  
diamonds could equal that, unless,  
perhaps, that of a lady who dropped a  
diamond into a pond and found it some  
months after on the leaf of a water-  
lily which had borne it upwards in its  
growth.

Vast Quantities of Gold and Silver  
Bullion.

The Director of U. S. Mints, Mr.  
Preston, has instructed Supt. Towns-  
end, of the Philadelphia mint, to begin  
the coining of \$22,000,000 of gold bullion  
now stored in the mints and which is  
a part of the gold reserve. The gold  
will be coined into eagles and half-  
eagles, and the work will occupy a  
month. The Director states that there  
is enough silver bullion in the mints to  
keep the forces busy for five years  
were it to be coined. The disposition  
of the metal, however, is subject to  
the order of the treasury and no state-  
ment has been issued regarding it.

New Steamer for the C.P.R.

It is said that the C.P.R. Co. are  
having a new boat built on the Clyde,  
which will be brought out in the spring  
and put on the route between Owen  
Sound and Sault Ste. Marie. The new  
boat will be a side wheeler, will make  
22 miles an hour, and will be scheduled  
to make two round trips a week  
between Owen Sound and the Sault.

Lady Thompson has decided to re-  
side in Toronto, where her two sons are  
studying law.

The Watts steel plant at Middle-  
boro, Ky., has been started up and  
will give employment to about 500  
men. It is the largest basis steel plant  
in the United States.

### A TRAGEDY IN NEW WESTMINSTER.

Thrilling Plot for a Novel.

Last week the body of a man was  
found under a wharf in New West-  
minster, which on being cleansed of  
mud was found to be stabbed in the  
neck. From papers in the pockets and  
other sources, Chief of Police Huston  
has obtained the following particulars  
of the murdered man, whose name  
was Heinrich Zechow, a German, who  
had been residing in San Francisco for  
about two years:

Jacob Zechow left Germany in 1884,  
and emigrated to the United States,  
settling at Port Orchard, Wash. He  
appears to have been an industrious  
and economical man, and by degrees  
accumulated much wealth, which was  
largely invested in lands. He took an  
Indian woman to live with him, and  
when he died, in 1877, left a son by her,  
who was then 17 years of age. Zechow,  
commonly called Sigo, left no will, and  
the estate, consisting of 70 acres within  
the present limits of the city of Seattle,  
another block of 817½ acres of farming  
land, besides lots of farms in various  
parts of the territory, all went to the  
half-breed son.

In 1892, Heinrich Zechow, the mur-  
dered man, who had just arrived from  
Germany, met a man in San Francisco  
who asked him why he did not go and  
see his uncle, Jacob Zechow, at Port  
Orchard, who was a wealthy man.  
Heinrich decided to look up his uncle,  
all trace of whom had been lost to the  
family for a good many years. Arriv-  
ing at Port Orchard, he found Jacob  
Zechow had been dead for 15 years; and  
that his half-breed son was in posses-  
sion of all his wealth. Heinrich made  
enquiries but could obtain no proof  
that his uncle had ever been legally  
married to the Indian woman, and so  
took steps on behalf of himself and his  
brothers and sisters in Germany to con-  
test the settlement of the estate. He  
had accumulated a great mass of  
papers relating to the matter, includ-  
ing proofs of his relationship to Jacob  
Zechow, copies of all the court orders  
in connection with the administration  
and settlement of the estate, affidavits  
of various people, etc. These papers  
were all found on the murdered man.

It would appear that he was ready  
to bring the matter into court when  
the murderer's knife put an end to his  
existence. The chief of police is firmly  
convinced that Zechow was lured to  
New Westminster and murdered to pre-  
vent him taking the steps he con-  
templated for the recovery of his uncle's  
estate. What brought him to British  
Columbia, where it is hardly likely he  
knew anyone, is a mystery that may  
never be explained. As Zechow was an  
American citizen, the local authori-  
ties look for the active assistance and co-  
operation of the Washington police, so  
that the victim's movements may be  
traced to the fatal spot, if that is at all  
possible.

### It was the Skeleton of a Lunatic.

The skeleton found at Burnaby Lake,  
near New Westminster, has been  
proved to be that of Frank Hallgarth,  
a lunatic who escaped from the asy-  
lum a year ago last month. He was  
sent out to empty some spittoons and  
ran away. He was a native of Iowa,  
and was 32 years of age at the time of  
his death. While the skeleton was  
lying at the lakeside some one stole  
the skull, which has not been returned  
although advertised for; so the poor  
remains will probably be buried with-  
out the head.

### Didn't Prospect for it, Either.

A remarkable gold story comes from  
Marcellus, Mich. Four miles south of  
that town there is an elevation of land  
called Patterson's hill. It is covered  
with oak brush and scrubby trees.  
A month ago an alleged clairvoyant  
went there from Decatur. He said he  
had received certain signs and began  
digging for gold. The earth was found  
to be quite rich with mineral, and it is  
claimed that the dirt yielded \$100 to  
the ton.

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### Terrible Fatal Fire in Toronto.

The "Globe" Building Destroyed.

One of the worst fires that has visited  
Toronto in many years occurred there  
early on Sunday morning, wiping out  
in a few hours over a million dollars  
worth of property. Several inches of  
snow covered the roofs, and to this cir-  
cumstance may be ascribed the fact  
that the burning brands did not carry  
destruction to a larger area. The fire  
building occupied by the *Globe*, at the  
corner of Yonge and Melinda streets, is  
a mass of ruins and the valuable plant  
entirely destroyed, together with the  
files of the paper for a quarter of a  
century. In addition to this, Chief  
Arday, of the fire brigade, was badly  
injured, one fireman killed, and several  
others more or less hurt. But, per-  
haps, the greatest shock to dwellers in  
the Queen City was the knowledge  
forced upon them that with the appar-  
atus at its disposal the fire brigade  
seemed utterly unable to cope with the  
conflagration.

The fire originated in the *Globe* build-  
ing, and completely destroyed it. The  
printing plant, worth \$70,000, is en-  
tirely ruined, and the company's total  
loss will reach \$100,000. The insurance  
is \$100,000. The Toronto Lithograph-  
ing Co., whose plant was in the same  
building, lost \$150,000, and the insur-  
ance is less than half that amount.  
McKinnon, drygoods, lost everything.  
He had moved into a new building  
only a few days before. He at once  
cabled to his buyer in England to ship  
fresh goods immediately, and he hopes  
to resume business next week. Harry  
Webb's immense restaurant on Yonge  
street was also destroyed. Among  
the business houses who suffered loss  
were Michie & Co., wholesale grocers;  
Miller & Richard, typefounders; Wm.  
Brough, printer; and Haworth & Co.,  
belling.

The *Globe* building was heightened  
and almost rebuilt about four years  
ago at a cost of \$70,000, and was prob-  
ably the most complete and commodious  
newspaper building in Canada. Two  
splendid Bullock presses and eight  
Mergenthaler type-setting machines  
that cost \$3,000 each are a mass of  
ruin, and the fine stereotyping plant,  
electric motors to drive the presses and  
a magnificent engine are all destroyed.

A meeting of the *Globe* directors was  
held the same afternoon and it is likely  
the company will soon begin the erec-  
tion of a finer building than the one  
just burned. All the city papers vied  
with each other in urging the *Globe* to  
make use of the facilities of their offices,  
and the staff of the *Empire*, from  
whose office the *Globe* issued a ten-page  
paper—two pages larger than usual—  
Monday morning, is doing everything  
to make the *Globe* people comfortable  
till they get temporary quarters. The  
paper had much the same look as usual  
with a heading identical with that of  
Saturday's issue. The *Globe* safe was  
opened after two hours' work by ex-  
perts when the contents were found to be  
intact.

All of the firemen who were injured  
are doing well and will probably re-  
cover. The walls of the *Globe* and  
McKinnon's buildings are in a danger-  
ous condition and will have to be pulled  
down.

The Kennedy wire mattress factory  
at Toronto Junction was burned late  
on Saturday night, involving a loss of  
\$44,000; insured for \$22,000. It is sup-  
posed to be incendiary.

### Sullivan's Latest.

John L. Sullivan's theatrical com-  
bination disbanded rather suddenly at  
Paris, Illinois, last week. The collapse  
was the result of Sullivan's prolonged  
spree. He cursed one of the actresses  
until she resigned and departed for her  
home in Chicago. Sullivan was escort-  
ed to the opera house that night but  
his condition was such that his man-  
ager, Mr. J. Ward, remonstrated with  
him, whereupon John L. beat Ward so  
badly that he had to be put to bed.

Will Work up \$500,000 Worth of  
Silver Bullion.

Mint Director Preston, of Washing-  
ton, has contracted with the Ecuador  
Government to strike off \$500,000 in  
twenty-cent pieces. The bullion is  
furnished by Ecuador, which also pays  
the expenses of mintage. The work  
will be done at the Philadelphia mint.

The assessed valuation of Toronto for  
1895 is \$147,000,000. For 1894 it  
was \$150,000,000.

S. P. Donnelly received \$20,000 cash  
for an interest in the Webster mine on  
Lake Pend d'Oreille. The purchasers  
were Gov. Alger of Michigan and Mr.  
Preston, a banker of Chicago.

Jas. H. Lancaster, of New York, has  
completed a steam dredge with a gold-  
saving appliance, which is claimed to  
be the most successful gold saver yet  
introduced in connection with a  
dredge.

### Odds and Ends from the Legislative Assembly.

#### RED MOUNTAIN RAILWAY.

Last Monday Mr. Eberts moved the  
second reading of the Red Mountain  
Railway Bill, to extend the time for  
the commencement and completion of  
that enterprise. He explained that  
the promoters had not found it advis-  
able up to the present to go on with  
the work, which, however, is one that  
must prove of great advantage to the  
Trail Creek mines.

Mr. Kellie asked that the bill be laid  
over for a few days, as he wished to  
receive certain information from the  
district in addition to that already in  
his possession. That is, to the effect  
that it is quite feasible to build a rail-  
way to serve this purpose within  
Canadian territory, at the average cost  
of a mountain railway, and a telegram  
to that effect had been received by the  
Chief Commissioner of Lands and  
Works. He therefore moved the  
adjournment of the debate until Mon-  
day next.

Mr. Eberts did not see why this bill  
should be held over, after passing the  
railway committee, simply because  
someone sent a telegram that another  
road could be built somewhere else.

Mr. Hume explained that it was con-  
tended before the committee that a  
railway to serve the purpose of this  
one, so far as the mines are concerned,  
cannot be built in Canadian territory.  
Mr. Kellie having since gone to con-  
siderable trouble and some expense to  
show that one can be built there, he  
thought the House should give an op-  
portunity for this information to be  
produced.

The debate was accordingly ad-  
journed.

#### CALLED TOM A "MOSSBACK."

When the House went into com-  
mittee on the Mining Bureau Bill, with  
Mr. Sward in the chair.

Mr. Irving said he did not think the  
mining bureau would do the province  
any good. When Juan de Fuca en-  
tered the straits he needed no mining  
bureau to bring him here; neither did  
a mining bureau take miners to Car-  
iboo, Cassiar, Kootenay or the Yukon.  
It would be far better to spend the  
money on trails leading to the mines.  
He moved that the committee rise.  
Had Mr. Irving's motion been carried  
it would have killed the bill.

Mr. Adams thought the bureau would  
do the province a lot of good.

Mr. Kitchen supported Mr. Irving's  
motion. The bureau, he said, would  
not do the mining interests of the  
province any good. People would not in-  
vest their money in mines on the re-  
port of an expert. An ore case in the  
provincial museum would do as much  
good as a mining bureau.

Mr. Kellie: Of all the "mossback"  
representatives the last speaker is the  
worst. Who ever heard such a lot of  
rot from a representative of a mining  
province? Mr. Kellie then went on to  
tell of the output of the mines of West  
Kootenay, which, he held, would be  
increased through a bureau of mines.

The motion that the committee rise  
was lost, and the bill was reported  
complete with amendments.

#### PROVINCIAL POLICE.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved the second  
reading of the police and special con-  
stables bill. He said the purpose of  
this, as stated while the estimates were  
being discussed, is to place the provin-  
cial police thoroughly under the con-  
trol of the Superintendent in every  
respect; and among other things it  
provides in effect that members of the  
force shall have no vested rights to live  
in any particular place, but may be  
moved from station to station as the  
interests of the service require. Read  
a second time.

#### To Borrow Two Million Dollars.

Hon. Mr. Turner has introduced a  
bill to authorize a loan of \$2,000,000 for  
the purposes of the Province.

#### Two Bills Safe.

The Small Debts Bill was adopted by  
the Legislature last week, and the Min-  
ing Bureau Bill passed Committee.

#### A Paying Mine.

The Homestake Mining Company  
has declared dividend No. 197, of 20  
cents per share, \$25,000.

#### The Pamirs Question Settled.

The Russian Government will settle  
the Pamirs question amicably by mak-  
ing concessions to Great Britain. The  
Chitral road and the route called Gen.  
Jinnoff's road, the only practical routes  
in the Pamirs, have been assigned to  
Great Britain.

The shipments of gold from the  
Rocky Mountain National Bank, of  
Central City, Colo., have averaged  
\$1,000 a day, or \$365,000 for the  
year.



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## PROTECTING GAME.

From the letters in to-day's issue it would appear that a game protection association is a much-needed institution in this district. Certainly if game is being ruthlessly destroyed some means must be taken at once to put a stop to it. As an initial step a game protection society would be quite sufficient. But such a society could do little more than suggest immediate legislation to the Government through our members. We mention this because some people seem to think that once a game protection society is formed in a district, all game is "protected," and that there will be no more indiscriminate slaughtering. We have sportsmen here who could give our legislators the information needed for enacting better laws for the protection of big game—men who understand the habits of the wild animals of our district—and such men would do well to take some steps towards preserving game from extinction.

## A BLOT ON PROVINCIAL HISTORY.

In the recent disclosures made in regard to the management of the Provincial Insane Asylum he true, it is no wonder that the poor inmates whose skeleton was found last week on the shore of Burnaby Lake, ran away. In December, 1893, he was sent out to empty some spittoons, and ran away. (Whether any search was made for the poor creature history says not. Probably there was, and very likely the searchers passed very near the fugitive's hiding place. But he had sense enough to know that his punishment would be something terrible if taken back to the asylum. That his great desire was to elude pursuit is evidenced by the fact that the skeleton was found in a dark hiding place behind a huge log. Although a fanatic, he knew enough to prefer death to the horrors of the asylum. The horrors of the madhouse are bad enough at the best—conducted establishments—but brutal attendants sometimes make it a veritable hell for the dejected creatures under their care. A humane governor would see that none but humane attendants were employed.

## CAN'T AGREE, AS USUAL.

There is a probability that the new bridge over the Illecillewaet will be a very costly affair before it is finished. The number of settlers on the other side of the river is considerably under a dozen, but a bridge is an actual necessity, as without it their land would be practically worthless. But the settlers should remember that the building of a bridge for the benefit of such a small number of people is an especial favor granted to few, and under the circumstances they should have gone to work as one man and put up a good substantial structure at the same time exercising as much care in the expenditure of Government money as if it was their own. And no doubt this would have been the case but for the opposition of one of the settlers, who wants the bridge further up stream and nearer his own ranch. So after six or seven men had worked for two weeks, getting out piles, etc., on the site of the former bridge (where there has been a roadway for years), the work was stopped and an outside surveyor has been called in to fix the location. This would not have mattered the least bit had it been a contract job, but as there is no limit set to the cost of this bridge, and whatever it does cost must come out of the appropriation for the whole thing, it does matter a great deal. The Land and Water road ought to have taught the Government a lesson as to leaving any public work to be settled by interested parties. We think the resident Government Agent should have power to decide the location of a bridge.

## WILL IT BE DONE?

As the winter progresses it seems more and more likely that the prognostications we made some time ago regarding the proposed protection works on the river bank will come true. Not that we wish them to come true. We do not cover the distasteful position of being able to say "I told you so." But how Mr. Gamble is going to "make a good job of it" in the short interval between the disappearance of the snow and the rise of the river we cannot pretend to see. From the present outlook of affairs one may be excused for asking, "Will it be done this spring?" The snowfall this winter bids fair to be a heavy one. It may not equal that of last winter, but it will not come far

short of it. Last spring the water began to rise before the snow was gone from the level. The same thing may occur this spring, and then where will Mr. Gamble be? True, he may bring in his material by rail and have it on the spot right in the nick of time; he may put on a hundred men and rush the job through in a week or two—and that's about all the time he will have at his disposal. He may finish it in time and it may be done according to specifications, but hasty workmanship is always weak, and the Provincial and Dominion Governments will stand a good chance of losing \$5,000 each and the town a lot of real estate. We hope this may not be the case, but we think the probabilities are much greater than if the work had been commenced last fall, when everything was propitious.

## THE PROVINCIAL POLICE.

The new Act regarding the Provincial Police will bear rather hardly on certain members of that body, mostly old-timers, who heretofore have had the privilege of being permanent fixtures in the posts to which they were appointed. Most of them have also held various other appointments in their districts, such as Government Agent, mining recorder, registrar of County Courts and of births, marriages and deaths. Of course, such offices as assessor and collector of taxes and perhaps that of mining recorder may still be filled by provincial constables with benefit to themselves and the province, but it would be difficult for them to carry out the important duties of gold commissioner or Government Agent, as by the time they had become acquainted with the routine of their office they might be shifted to a station where gold commissioners and mining recorders are not needed. Mr. Davis's bill removes the Provincial police force from the jurisdiction of the Attorney-General's office and places it under the control of the Superintendent of Police in Victoria. Among other things it provides in effect that members of the force shall have no vested rights to live in any particular place, but may be moved from station to station as the interests of the service require. It is generally thought that the Act has been created for the purpose of removing some very old-timers, who are just performing anything like active duty as a police officer, and whom it would appear like base ingratitude for the Attorney-General to remove.

## SHOULD BE REMEDIED AT ONCE.

The true inwardness of the case in regard to the company which built the Nakusp & Shewan Railway is being made patent by the amount of "bad paper" issued by that company now floating around in Nakusp. Three Forks and New Denver. From the facts as now known there can be no doubt that the Inland Construction Co. had no money, and therefore no right to attempt the building of a railroad. In England it would be called a "straw" company. Any three or four men in the province, without possessing money enough to buy a pair of shoes, might, after this rat, get influential backing by putting themselves "in touch" with their Governmental friends, and form themselves into a company to carry out public works with public money without putting up a cent of their own. Such companies have all to gain and nothing to lose. The I. C. Co.'s liabilities to workmen amount to several thousand dollars (\$70,000, it is said), and this time checks issued have for a long time past been of no more value than so much waste paper. It is very hard for these workmen that in the depth of winter they should be compelled to wait around month after month for what is only their honest due. Since the Government has done so much for the company it is only fair that it should do something for the workmen, and see that they are at once paid in good honest cash. One man has made himself square. N. E. Thomas obtained a County Court judgment against the company for \$22,500 and sold out the contents of their store at Three Forks, which were nearly equal to the amount of the judgment. If all the workmen whose wages are in arrears could do likewise it would be their best way out of the difficulty, but it is said the company has no property left to seize. As the greater portion of the railway is in the North Riding, we should like to see Mr. Kellie bring the matter up in the House.

## Hood's Calendar for 1895.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar for 1895 is not only one of the most beautiful that the firm has ever issued, and the edition was the largest ever printed by any one concern, being over ten million copies. There are two faces on the calendar, both of children, representing "Summer" and "Winter." The design was by one of the most gifted artists in the country, and the coloring is most exquisite. The calendar is not only beautiful, but it is also useful, for it presents all the desired information concerning astronomical events during the year. If your druggist does not have Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar, it may be obtained by sending six cents in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

It is stated that the United Verde mine at Jerome, Ariz., are producing 2,000,000 pounds of copper a month.

## BLOCKED BY SNOWSLIDES.

## Railway Traffic Stopped for Three Days.

The heavy fall of snow in the mountains during the past week has caused considerable delay to trains on the main line, both east and west, the last one to arrive here up to the time of writing this being Wednesday evening's Pacific Express, which came in several hours late. The largest snowslide occurred yesterday at the 13th crossing of the Illecillewaet, and is said to have been 230 ft. long by 40 ft. deep. There were also several smaller slides about between that point and Donald. About forty men, including the gangs working on the bridge, was all that could be mustered, and these were sent out but the force was rather too small to do much execution. Last year two or three hundred men were employed in clearing obstructions at the same place, but the recent reductions in the working force have made it difficult to pick up so many men at short notice. The Donald rotary went out to attack the slides at that end, and no tidings of its whereabouts had been received up to last night, the telegraph lines being down at different places.

Telephone communication between the lower town and station was broken off on Wednesday night, the lines being down at the bottom of Front street.

Westward the biggest block occurred at Clavilliam, and the Revelstoke rotary went out Thursday morning. The Atlantic Express due here at 9:35 a.m. arrived at the other side of the slide, but backed to Sicamous. The rotary got through and went on westward to clear other slides, and to turn round, but on returning was again blocked at Clavilliam by huge slides that had come down during her absence. Neither the rotary nor express turned up until this (Saturday) afternoon, when about 20:30 the rotary and work train steamed across the bridge. Followed closely by the passenger train which should have arrived Thursday morning. Fifteen minutes later, the second passenger train came in, and the third put in an appearance soon after, followed by a freight train. The passengers are being made comfortable, but the delay is likely to be an extended one, as another big slide came down at the 13th crossing, and several more further east. There are now three trains blocked in the mountains. A train was dispatched for Vancouver at five o'clock this evening, so as to keep traffic moving between this place and the coast. She took three days' mail.

LATER.—News just to hand states that the trains from the east are expected in early to-morrow morning.

There is no difficulty whatever on the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake branch, and it is hoped that stay is likely to be an extended one, as another big slide came down at the main line, and will be kept open all winter. Trains will leave here Mondays and Fridays at 7 a.m., making through connections for Nakusp, and arriving there the same evening. Northbound passengers leave Nakusp Mondays and Fridays at daylight, and reach Revelstoke the same evening. Yesterday's trip was delayed on account of the trouble on the main line.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(ADDRESS TO THE EDITOR.)

The Editor cannot be responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

## Mr. Picard's Water Scheme.

Sir.—Here is a description of my proposition:  
I do not offer to put the water in town for \$500 as a contract and be done with it; but it is simply this: I can put the water in town on my own hook by getting \$500 and a certain amount monthly for the use of it; therefore I make the proposition to the townspeople.

Now it is to be done, or how much it will cost is another matter.  
If anyone or a party are willing to help me in this matter I will give them a full description of my plans and let them judge for themselves whether it is practicable or not. If it is well and good, if it is not, no harm has been done.

I did not care to explain the scheme for publication last week, and thus a great mistake arose. I consider my plan simple and one that therefore does not care to give it away.—Yours truly,

RD. PICARD.

Revelstoke, Jan. 9, 1905.

## For The Protection of Game.

Sir.—I was glad to see your article last week on the Kootenay meeting to form a game protection society. Such an association would be of the utmost importance here, as anyone who does much in the way of hunting knows that a vast amount of game is destroyed every year by those who acknowledge no authority to stop them. Game laws are being broken in the Kootenay as in every other part of the world. Will you take the initiative and call a meeting of sportsmen and others interested?—Yours truly,

LOVE OF THE CHASE.

Revelstoke, Jan. 9th, 1905.

Sir.—Mr. Macpherson and other gentlemen of Kamloops, desire to be highly commended for taking such an active part in the interest of sportsmen, and for the protection of game in the Province. These gentlemen should be encouraged, and every true sportsman in the country should render them all the assistance possible. Last winter one man killed 11 caribou out of a band of 12 near Half Landing. Last fall we heard of six goats slaughtering 11 deer and 2 moose in the Okanagan district. What makes it hard in the latter instance is that these parties claim to be sportsmen and besides hold high positions in the province, figuring as J. P.'s and ministers of the gospel; if enlightened men don't know any better, what can be expected from Indians, Indians and Chinamen.—Yours faithfully,

DERFOOT.

Revelstoke, Jan. 9, 1905.

## "You'll Give It Back to Him."

Mr. Finckle, of Nelson, B.C., while in Winnipeg recently, lost a \$50 bill at the Manitoba Hotel, the money being found by Mr. Vail, of the C.P.R. paymaster's office. There was no difficulty in finding the owner, as directly the bill was picked up the hotel man said to the finder: "You'll go and hunt up that Nelson man; it must be his; there's nobody else who can afford to carry around \$50 bills."

## 6HY LITTLE MABEL.

Mabel is shy.  
I asked her why?  
(So coy she wouldn't answer, addled)  
Where's the harm  
In not to arrive  
When you the garments have sifted?  
But Mabel is shy.  
Ah, me! 'Twas bliss,  
I sold a kiss,  
When scarce could I believe her.  
She stole a kiss, I took it.  
Please take it back.  
For stolen goods 'twill never stir.  
Mabel was shy.

## Worthy of serious Thought.

There is the ever-present demand for good roads. A hundred million dollars could be spent within a year by towns, counties, states and the nation in road making, which would repay the cost by the added value given to land, especially farm land. Of course it will be said that many of the unemployed are not physically able to do hard manual work on roads and aqueducts; but if only half of the unemployed were earning wages the problem of caring for the suffering would be just so much reduced. An impulse would be given to all industries which would afford employment, perhaps for all, for at least part time.—National Baptist.

## Chicken Surgery in Florida.

A marauding hawk made an attack on a Lakeland (Fla.) fowl yard, and succeeded in ripping a chicken's crop entirely from its body, so that it dragged it on the ground, and also cutting a hole through the crop, so that it would not hold food. A day or two afterwards the owner caught it and one of the ladies of the family performed a surgical operation. The crop was sewed up, the chicken was soaked in hot water until the wounded and dry skin was made elastic again, the crop was restored to its place, the wound sewed up, and now that is about the healthiest chicken in the yard.

## When a Horse is Unsound.

It has been determined by an English judge, as a definition of the meaning of "unsoundness," that, "if at the time of sale the horse has any disease which either does diminish the natural usefulness of the animal so as to make him less capable of work of any kind, or which, in its ordinary progress, will diminish the natural usefulness of the animal, or if the horse has either from disease or accident, undergone any alteration of structure that either actually does at the time, or in its ordinary effects will diminish the natural usefulness of the horse, such horse is unsound."

## Liquid Oxygen for Sterilizing Milk.

Describing his experiments on milk, in his work "La Pression Barometrique," the late Paul Bert, who lost his life while on a political mission in Russia, announced that compressed oxygen prevented the germination of bacteria, the spoiling of milk, because it destroyed the germs or vibrios which produced the fermentation. M. Villon has now put this discovery into practice, and employs liquid oxygen for the purpose of sterilizing milk. We are told that the liquid oxygen is supplied for the purpose in tubes as an ordinary commercial article.

## A Remedy for Sore Throats.

Take two parts of soft water to one part of alcohol, or if there be paint spots on the shirt, spirits of turpentine.  
Soak a sponge well, dip in the mixture, and rub a breadth at a time, on both sides, stretching the material on a table.  
Iron on the wrong side, or that which is to be inside when the stuff is made up. Sponge off with water, hot, but not scalding, before you iron. Iron while damp. This proceeding will make the material appear like new.

## Phone From London to Berlin.

It has been decided by the Belgian Government to open negotiation with the British Government for the construction of direct telephone communication from London to Brussels via Ostend, it being understood that should the negotiations be successful the authorities at Berlin have signified their willingness to consent to a connecting telephone line from Brussels to Berlin.

## Sheep Pointers.

Prof. Thomas Shaw has informed the Ohio Farmer that the Leicester is the most popular breed of sheep in Canada so far as his acquaintance extends.

So that the breeding ewes have such care now that they will begin to improve in flesh. This will insure more rapid breeding, hence a more uniform lot of lambs next year.

## Temperature of Deep Wells.

W. Haddock has been measuring the temperature at various depths of the "wells" of Wharfedale in Western Virginia. These wells are over 3,500 feet deep, and dry, and it was found that at about 1,300 feet the temperature was 20.4 degrees C., while close to the bottom it was as high as 43.3 degrees.

## A First-class Pasture Mixture.

The Ontario Experiment station recommends the following mixture of grasses and clover for a pasture: Orchard grass, 4 lbs.; meadow fescue, 4 lbs.; tall oat grass, 3 lbs.; timothy, 2 lbs.; meadow foxtail, 2 lbs.; lucerne, 5 lbs.; alfalfa, 2 lbs.; white, 1 lb. and yellow clovers, 1 lb., or a total of 31 lbs.

## Tip for Tip.

Pipkin—Bruce gave the faith-cure a dose of his own medicine.

Potts—How was that?

Pipkin—Told him if he could only believe his bill was paid it was paid.—N. Y. World.

## A Bully-Necked Law.

The use of broader wheel drops should be enforced by law. It seems as though the most urgent reforms now slowest—Haverrill (Mass.) Bulletin.

## Smothering a Locomotive Fire.

From one-eighth to three-quarters of a cord of wood is required to start a fire in a locomotive furnace—the latter amount when hard coal is used.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

Snow was responsible for the caving in of the roof of T. Lewis' woodshed on Thursday night.

We understand that the next public event of importance will be a masque-rade ball.

W. R. Reid went down to Nakusp by the last boat. He is going to work for P. Genelle as a blacksmith.

Mr. W. S. Jones, lately customs officer on the str. Columbia, has been appointed to a new station at Rossland.

A party of nine gentlemen and three ladies of Rossland visited Northport in sleighs for the New Year's ball at the Grand View Hotel.

Robt. Wetmore left for Banff last week to take in the hot springs. Bob is troubled with rheumatism. Old age does not come by itself.

Dr. E. H. S. McLean has received notice from the Provincial Secretary's office of his appointment as coroner for this district.

Mr. John Bourke having purchased the house built by Mr. James Harper, on the new addition north of the track, the family moved into it on Thursday.

Messrs. R. Marpole, Supt. C.P.R., and J. A. Mara, M.P., arrived at Vancouver on Sunday in Mr. Marpole's private car, and left on the charmer for Victoria.

The annual general meeting of the Revelstoke Printing Co., adjourned from the 2nd inst., will be held next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the firehall.

Several young people of the lower town had a dance and supper in the large dining room at the smelter house, last night. Gilted youth, however, did not come by itself.

The Northport News shouts "Hurrah!" because the Shien Creek wagon road is open and ore can now be carried from the Trail mines to Northport. Hurrah, too!

We are informed that steps are being taken to form a company to build a public hall in the lower town, such a step having been rendered necessary by the closing of Peterson's hall.

Mr. Thos. Wren, railroad contractor, who has lately been in Nelson, left for Rossland, by way of Northport. He has great faith in the Trail Creek district, and is probably looking up a new route for a railway.

The chimney of the MAIL building again caught fire last night and blazing with its usual energy, but was speedily smothered. Chief W. M. Brown was the first of the fire brigade to put in an appearance.

Some passengers who came up on the last boat, detained at the Wigwam awaiting the train to bring them to Revelstoke. Mr. J. C. Whyte, of the Nakusp & Slovan road, is one of them.

J. H. Robinson, who formerly worked at the sawmill here and since then at Genelle's mill at Tappen, Siding, came from Donald on Thursday, and will go west on the first train that can get through.

The deep snow has prevented John Nelson from starting for Big Bend with his dog team with the mail. He had intended leaving last Monday morning, but will wait until the snow hardens.

Miss Lizzie Lindsay will be married to Mr. Archibald McQuig on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. McKay, at the station, for which interesting event a large number of invitations have been issued.

Two carloads of horses arrived here from Calgary last Sunday, and were taken down to the Wigwam over the R. & A. L. Railway, where they were put to work hauling ore over the sleigh road between that point and the head of the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lewis entertained a party of friends at their residence on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday evening the Misses Lewis invited a number of young people to their home, where a most pleasant evening was spent.

H. O. Johnson, who was tightening up the brake block of a C.P.R. engine with an iron bar in the roundhouse on Monday, got a terrific rap on the nose by the bar slipping back in his face. He is now wearing several inches of sticking plaster, which does not add to his beauty.

Mr. Fletcher, of Vernon, brought in four teams of horses for work on the sleigh road between the Wigwam and Bannock Point. He took the animals down on the R. & A. L. cars, leaving them in charge of teamsters, and returned here on Wednesday, leaving for home the same evening.

One of the gentlemen with whose name our punster made free last week sends us the following: "This will, I hope, go you as one better. Puns on names and names are not considered in the best possible taste, nor R. they necessary. Very good. Puns are permissible during such a dearth of news as now."

The weather changed on Tuesday, when the cold spell had its nose put out of joint by the arrival of a big thaw. Since then "the beautiful" has been piling up on the landscape and the house-tops, till there seems every probability that the snowfall this winter will equal that of last year. It is to be hoped that there will be no repetition of last year's floods when it melts.

C.P.R. Detective Ross took a large tumble to himself last week. He was going into the roundhouse "in the gloaming," all unconscious of the cavern which yawned beneath his feet. He landed—not in clover—but in oil and grease; and then it took a great deal of hot water and soap to make his face and hands presentable, while the Chinese laundryman had a tough job with his shirt.

One of our "gilded youth" was seen at the depot a few evenings ago, just after No. 1 had pulled out, with difficulty restraining his tears, and was overheard repeating Moore's tender lament—

"I never nursed a young gazelle—  
To gaze on me with fond eyes,  
But when it came to know me well,  
And love me, it was sure to—  
Go to the coast."

Jas. Smith and E. Londell, came down from Carnies Creek last week, bringing five ounces of gold, which was the result of four or five days' work in the canyon. They are in the employ of the Carnies Creek Mining Co., and will shortly return to the claim. The output was very good, considering all things, and it is believed if the creek is flumed instead of being dammed, as at present, the results will be more favorable still.

Ore is now being hauled over the sleigh road from the Trail Creek mines to Northport.

D. McKellar's stage line between Rossland and Northport is now running regularly, meeting all trains at the latter place and carrying the mails.

A dance was held at the Grand Hotel, Rossland, last Friday night, when there was a good attendance from Northport.

Alex. Lynch, of Rossland, has disposed of his interest in the Clifton Hotel to Mrs. J. M. Stewart and T. B. Garrison. Rossland (formerly Thompson) is at the southern end of Revelstoke riding.

We may expect ere long to see the price of furs considerably reduced, owing to a glut in the market. Wm. McCulloch has just started on a trapping expedition to the upper parts of Jordan Pass, hence the anticipated slump in prices.

Gold Commissioner Fitzsimons, who has just returned from a visit to Trail Creek and Rossland, expressed his approval of the site of the town as suitable to the district. He inspected the Le Roi and War Eagle mines in company with Messrs. W. M. Newton and W. S. Jones, and studied the water supply question with a view to securing the interests of residents in Rossland, as well as the mine owners.

We have been cut off from the outside world since late Wednesday night, when the last mail from the east arrived. This has delayed the arrival of our parcel of plate matter, and we are compelled to use plate that has appeared before. The western mail arrived as far as Chinwiltan on Thursday morning, but had to put back to Selkirk, as the track was blocked for a considerable distance by immense snowdrifts; the three delayed mails arriving here this afternoon. No mail has been received from down river points since Monday.

Charlie Norleins and D. McEachern arrived down from Big Bend on Sunday. They found it excellent walking till they reached Carne's Creek, where they had to put on their snowshoes. They report the snowfall around Carne's Creek as very slight. They expect to return on Monday. Charlie is now working on his claim in Gold Stream, which he says is looking most promising. His partner is Sol Holden, with whom he was associated in the late sale of the Smith Creek mine. Sol went east on a holiday trip and is expected back this spring, when they will put up a lot of money in developing the Gold Stream claim. McEachern is working with Harry Howard on a claim on Gold Stream, not far from Norleins' place. They bring good reports from all the mines in the Bend, but when they left the cold snap had put a temporary stop to placer work.

## A BURNING QUESTION IN THE WEST

The subject so often mentioned in these columns—that of sending east for goods—is being discussed by many of our exchanges, and although we have said all we intend to say on the matter, we are still interested enough in it to give an extract or two. The Melita Enterprise says:

"We find that of late some of those who have been sending east have not had the best results. One party sent for a \$15 cap and got an article which he can buy here for \$4. Another gentleman sent his order accompanied by \$25 to a grocery firm and has never heard from the firm since. In course of time people will learn. How would it do to try our own merchants with a \$15 or \$25 cash order?"

The Vernon News devotes a whole column to the subject, from which we cut the following:

"It would be interesting to know just how much hard cash left this town during the past year for the purchase of articles from eastern merchants which could have been obtained for about the same price in this city. It is certain that a sufficient amount has been sent away to have made a very appreciable addition to the balance sheets of our local merchants had it been distributed among our city stores. One large retail firm in Toronto annually reaps a rich harvest from this district. Their catalogues are scattered broadcast over the country, and every mail and express brings in numerous parcels addressed to residents in this city. Some months ago we were informed that on an average over \$100 a week was sent away from our post office in money orders alone for this purpose. Possibly half as much more accompanied this enclosed in registered letters; and as many of the parcels come C.O.D. it is not impossible that the total amount may foot up to \$10,000 in the course of a year. This is a drain upon the city's financial resources which cannot help but make itself felt in a town of this size."

"Another objectionable feature about this traffic is that many of the people who are in the habit of buying from outside, run long-winded accounts with home merchants. These bills in many cases remain unpaid, while if anything is seen in one of the enticing catalogues which catch the eye of the debtor, the money which should in common honesty be paid to the merchant who has accommodated them with credit, is sent away for the coveted article. In the majority of cases no direct saving is effected. The goods are frequently of an inferior quality, and with the postage or express added come to about the same price as is asked by local dealers."

## Sent Him Nigger Juice.

The well-known Lardau "Silver King," having seen in a late copy of the P.I. an advertisement of the wonderful virtues of Dr. Fliegenschos' "Complexion Improver and Renewer of Youth," determined not to miss the opportunity of renewing his youth like the eagles. While he was enjoying a comfortable nooze in the comfortable bar-room of our best-known hotel, some of the friends in whom he had confided went to his room and got the mixture, with which they liberally covered his face and head. When he awoke—"Oh, what a difference in the morning!" His face was as black as the proverbial crow and his hair as curly as a nigger's. He spent a considerable portion of the small hours of the morning looking for the man that did the deed, but without success. It has since transpired that owing to an error of the doctor's apprentice a bottle of the fluid intended for the Southern States, and not the quality for white people, had been sent to our indie friend.

## NOW WE KNOW WHY.

Merchants in the coast cities have never been over anxious for Kootenay's trade, and it appeared strange to the people of this district that while Winnipeg, Spokane, Toronto, and even Chicago, were making efforts to get a share of our trade, Vancouver and Victoria were not only indifferent, but almost churlish in their refusal to touch it. The Victoria correspondent of the Winnipeg Commercial, however, is able to throw a little light on the matter, and now we know why. He says:

"Up country trade is reported very good. In the mining towns money was spent most liberally for Christmas presents. Scarcely a dollar's worth of Christmas supplies was obtained from the Canadian coast. Vancouver and Victoria jobbing houses have been actually coaxed to send goods into the Kootenay country, but have resolutely declined. Your correspondent interviewed several wholesale men to ascertain the reason of the apparent apathy. A variety of reasons were given, the chief one being that collections were difficult to make, and on account of the small profits obtained, owing to the competition from eastern points, the game was not worth the trouble. This was certainly the case two or three years ago, as Vancouver and Victoria firms know to their cost, but things are said to be different now. There is abundance of money in circulation up country among the mines and collections are much easier than on the coast."

## Ashford, The Murderer.

George Frederick Ashford, who murdered his wife and daughter at Vancouver two weeks ago, becomes insane at intervals. It appears that he shot himself in the head when he attempted suicide at the time of the murder, and it has since been discovered that one of the bullets had fractured his skull to such an extent that brain matter is oozing from the wound. In all probability he will grow worse until death relieves him. This would be a more merciful fate than the gallows and less of shame for his relatives. It is said that Ashford belongs to the aristocracy, that his real name is Flowers, and that he is brother to an English marchioness.

## Cutting Down Expenses.

Fifty clerks have been dismissed by the C.P.R. Co. from their general offices at Montreal. Light business and reducing expenses are the reasons given. The men were given to understand they would be taken back in March next.

At Winnipeg and Toronto and other large centres touched by the C.P.R. large numbers of men have been discharged. Mr. Pitt, assistant general manager, stated that the reduction in the locomotive department would amount to 50 per cent. and in the other departments 25 per cent. This means that several thousand men will be dismissed.

Four men working on the Revelstoke bridge were laid off on New Year's Day.

## Archbishop Tache's Successor.

Father Langevin, of St. Mary's parish, Winnipeg, has been appointed by the Pope to the see of St. Boniface, rendered vacant by the death of Archbishop Tache. The three names submitted by the Suffragan Bishops were those of Rev. J. Allard, administrator, Rev. A. A. Cherrier, pastor of the Immaculate Conception parish, and Rev. Langevin, O.M.I., pastor of St. Mary's.

## A General Election on the Tapis.

A despatch from Ottawa says: "Trustworthy indications all point to a general election before another session. The official announcement will not be made for some time, but until the public hear that the day has been fixed for the calling of parliament they had better bank on the election."

## The Tinplate Outlook.

Many tinplate works in the Swansea district are closing their contracts. Some 3,000 men were discharged in accordance with previous notices. The cause of the reduction is the decrease of the American demand.

## Great Rush to a Gold District to South Dakota.

Just now Keystone seems to be the coming gold camp of the west, says a despatch from Custer City, S.D. People are flocking in from all directions until every house in the town and stables and sheds are filled to overflowing. No such rush has been witnessed in the hills since the palmy days of 1897. Many are compelled to sleep out under the trees. There is now thought to be ore enough in sight to insure an output of 2,000 tons a day for the next 20 years. The average value of ores in all the mines is about \$15 per ton. The gold belt of the Keystone is a mile in width by four miles in length.

Northport News: The foot of the Lytton coming into Northport on New Year's afternoon was a very pleasant sound. The same old crew, with Capt. Gore in command, and Jas. Anderson as purser, are still on her. She will ply between Trail Landing and Northport and expects to make a trip a day, carrying ore and transacting any other business she can secure.

## BIRTH.

Thomson.—Jan. 10th, at Revelstoke, the wife of J. W. Thomson, of a daughter.

Revelstoke Printing & Publishing Company, Ltd.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting, adjourned from the 2nd inst., will be held on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., in the Fire Hall.

A. H. HILDICHL, Secretary.  
Revelstoke, Jan. 11th, 1895.

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