FRASER RIVER SUFFERERS.

The Victoria Board of Trade Meet and

Discuss Relief.

A special meeting of the board of trade

present: C. E. Renouf in the chair

Robert Ward, E. B. Marvin, H. E. Con

Ellis, G. Leiser.
The following circular letter from the

Westminster relief committee was read

Sir,-I am directed by the relief com-mittee appointed by the board of trade

to request that your corporation will ap-

point one or more representatives to meet

the committee at the board of trade

resolutions passed by the board of trade

erty of enclosing an extract from the

solution referred to and other information

bearing on the same subject, and should

be glad to receive your reply as early as

D. ROBSON,

Mr. Ward drew attention to the fact

that the circular letter and the resolu-

tion referred to were not at all in ac-

cordance with one another.

A communication from the lieutenant

governor was read informing the board

that he had replied to the message received from the Winnipeg Jobbers' Union,

and also to Lord Aberdeen, assuring his

excellency that there was no destitution

and that the reports of the disaster had

The chairman said it was quite evident

the reports of the flood which had gone

abroad were much exaggerated. It was

Mr. Ellis said sympathy should be

been exaggerated. Several other com:

munications and telegrams bearing on the

same matter were read.

Secretary.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.)

New Westminster, June 8, 1894.

From Monday's Daily.

What a Reporter Saw-Scenes at Once Lamentable and Ludicrous.

Piano Tied to the Rafters .-- A Family Camped Under a Barn Roof -Some Losses.

Vancouver, June 2 .-- A representative of the News-Advertiser has just returned from a trip up the river on the Transfer, and the following are a few incidents of the results of the freshet noted

on the trip: Barnston island was covered with water to the death of about six feet. Every place seemed to be deserted, but in front of a barn was a small raft with a pair of horses on it, apparently ready for removal to some safer quarters, but on returning they were still in the same

Ketsey was completely inundated, and seemed to be deserted altogether, not so much as a Siwash cur to be seen around

The magnificent orchard belonging to Mr. Sam Robertson at Langley was covered with water to a depth of about three feet, doubtless ruining this season's crop, if not permanently injuring the

After stopping and taking passengers and freight from a train from Vancouver the steamer proceeded on her voyage. West's mill at Langley was flooded, and out a mile farther up was a farm. The dwelling was completely surrounded with a sea of water just rising to the height of the door knob. At this place there was a kind of staging erected, and on this staging was placed a number of personal effects, such as chairs, table, mattress, etc., and amongst other things was noticed a barrel, evidently containing flour or other perishable material, over which was an open umbrella, with the handle stuck inside of the barrel. before the flood, got out at Ashcroft on a Evidently the genius of one of the fair sex had been at work here, as who among the sterner sex would ever have 16 miles out. thought of such a magnificent covering. All along the south bank of the river had dinner and at night we stayed at the here for a distance of five or six miles 83-mile house, 68 miles from Ashcroft. was one scene of desolation, houses deserted and no signs of life. The fences house and rode 25 miles through the were floating around, with nothing left woods to the Half Way house and the to show where they had originally

At Wharnock station the water was over the rails of the C. P. R. Opposite M. D. McLennan. This is all one angry sea, neither fences nor anything else to is then continued by the ditch. Here mark the boundaries thereof. The damages here will amount to several thous- McGillivray has some 30 men at work. ands of dollars, as the whole crop will

On the opposite side of the river from Mount Lehman the same state of affairs exists, the different farms inundated being too numerous to mention individually.

Matsqui prairie, one of the richest farming districts on the Fraser, is one vast | yound Clinton it is practically a plain lake, the submerged portion aggregating at least thirty square miles. There is proportion of the country is splendid for rothing to be seen of the Mission branch cattle raising and some of the valleys of the C. P. R. but the telegraph poles. Mission City and wharf is all under small valleys seem to be well watered, water, the steamer having to land about though the brush is rather scrubby. We a mile farther up on the high land op-posite the C. P. R. station. The Mis-men in charge showed us the hole out of sion bridge is to all appearance as sound which \$75,000 of gold was taken some as ever, but doubtless there will be years ago, and which has not been workof the piers damaged to a certain ed since. The Horse Fly company are extent by having the foundation washed doing excellent work. They have a numaway by the fearful current of the wa- ber of good log huts neatly constructed,

of the draw are gone. Hatzic prairie, another important farm- the river. At present a ter ing district, has not escaped, but, like ply of water is obtained from a small Matsqui prairie, is one vast sea. Dewd- lake, which is being used to clean out ney and Nicomen islands are also in the the bed in order to get the sluices in same predicament, being covered to a and when they get this unlimited supply depth of from three to twelve feet. The from Mussel Creek they will go ahead. hop farm of Mr. R. Garner is a complete | The country simply swarms with game, sea, the water rising in a great many ducks, geese and rabbits in countless erected for the hop vines to climb. The water is in some cases nearly to the though at this season they are not very eaves of the houses, the inmates having migrated with their stock to Sumas mountain opposite. Here are seen small clearings with tents erected, where families have formed themselves into small canvas villages, with their stock grazing on the hillside. There are at least twenty families camped on this mountain in different parts, and doubtless their troubles are greatly enhanced by the inclement weather, scarcity of provisions, short supply of fodder for the stock, etc.

At Sumas the writer left the steamer way through and we met one particular

and precuring a small boat proceeded to company of eight going up the Peace river with two years' supplies on pack till then did he realize to any extent the damage done by the raging flood. At ney we met a young fellow on the Sumas Landing the freight barn which from the Chilcotin country who is startused to stand with its gable end towards ing hydraulic mining up there. There is the river was found turned with its side a big one at Barkerville, Williams Ureek "where its end should be" with the water and the South Forks, the well-known up to its eaves. Here the writer could Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co.'s claim not find bottom with a twelve foot pole, over which Mr. Hobson is presiding. The next place visited was a farm near Every miner in the neighborhood, withwhere was found the owner inside his out exception, declares this to be exceedbarn camped on a small platform in size ingly rich, and the general opinion is that about 6 by 10, erected away up in the it will yield an enormous quantity of There was a cook stove fixed gold. We were shown some samples and up, and the inmates appeared to be in can vouch for their nichness. The return the best of spirits. Looking through the trip was commenced a week ago sunday, various buildings, in one of them was and on that day we rode 51 miles found an excellent piano slung up to the through the woods and five miles from roof and the upper story piled full of our destination for the night we were elothing, bedding and general caught in the biggest thunderstorm I nousehold effects. The dwelling house have ever seen in this country and in was a complete wreck, the front side fact the only one deserving the name. having been washed down by the heavy The lightning was of extraordinary vivseas coming in from the lake. The chick- idness and great beauty. The storm house was floating around, and other small outhouses were gone altogether. The inhabitants had succeeded in removing all their stock to higher lands, and so far had not lost anything but a few

Their principal losses, beside destruction to buildings, fences, etc., are sixty cords firewood, thirty acres grain, fifteen acres of potatoes and about a hundred acres of timothy hay; also the first crop, consisting of about ten acres of an orchard and small fruits.

The public school is gone altogether. The shed adjoining the church has also disappeared. The comparatively new dwellinghouse of Mr. D. McGillivray is completely gutted, and all his outhouses are gone, including the post office. The Hair Renewer restores the natural color, same story was here repeated as to loss of crop, grain, hay, fruit, etc., being

all destroyed. On the way from here to Chilliwack was passed what had been only two short weeks before fifteen happy and prosperous homes. In some cases the owners were still living in the upper stories of their dwellings, and in others the dwellings were deserted altogether. In every case there was the same scene olation, fences gone, and the fencing piled up in immense jams wherever there was any obstruction to hold it. Young

orchards were seen with parts of the trees above water and part under altogether. These young trees alone must have aggregated from three to five thou sand. The general destruction was be youd description. It has to be seen be-

fore it can be realized.

It would be premature to estimate the was held this morning at 11 to consider losses sustained here, but in the portion the question of relief for the sufferers by traversed by the small boat it would agthe Fraser river floods. There were gregate in the neighborhood of forty thousand dollars. In the town of Centreville three-fourths non, Joshua Davies, J. H. Todd, W. H.

of the houses were flooded and the in-habitants living in the upper stories. Some of the stores were closed altogether, and some with planks laid across empty boxes, etc., were still doing business in a small way, while others, built high off the ground, were doing a rushing trade.

The steamer Courser was steaming over the country rescuing stock and perishable effects, navigating her way be- rooms here on Tuesday next, June 12th, tween stumps, jams of floating fences, at 7 p.m., to devise some scheme of peretc., and as night was drawing near she | manent reclamation for the low lands of was noticed up in the rear of the Harri- the Fraser valley in accordance with the

From Centreville back to the mountain. and city council. I have taken the libincluding the big prairie and up to Cheam the same story could be repeat. Daily Columbian which contains the reed, with many personal hairbreadth escapes thrown in to give spice to the same, but the people as a whole, although having lost everything, are looking for the abatement of the flood, determined not to give in, but to go on again pushing to future success. Some are hoping that the government will take hold of this immense area and fomulate some scheme to prevent a recurrence of the past ex-

A VISIT TO CARLBOO.

Col. Tracy Talks About What He Saw In the Gold Fields.

City Engineer Tracy, of Vancouver, described a recent visit to the gold fields of Cariboo to a Vancouver reporter. He was a passenger on the last train through Monday morning early and had breakfast at a place called Hat Creek, 15 or

the general opinion that the provincial government was quite able to cope with all the distress caused by the floods. In "From there we arrived at Clinton, regard to the proposal of the Westminster board of trade re reclamation works, it was not for them to consider schemes of the kind suggested, but for experts. Messrs. Ward, Todd and Connon in speaking on this matter said it was enfollowing day we arrived at the place irely out of the province of the board to where Armstrong's men were working deal with the matter. Skilled experts should be engaged and the work would At Wharnock station the water was on the House Fly mine constructing the piping and his ditching, some 12 miles of the latter. This piping carries the water over several hills and depressions and then be properly done. Mr. Todd said in regard to relief that indiscriminate giving did not amount to much; if aid were needed it should be number of Japanese are employed and given out of the public funds. The government's officers, he thought, could find We met 160 more men from Kamloops out all about the extent of the damage. to Vancouver going to work on the ditch

ing. The pipes are trimmed, sheared and

couple of hundred as we went through,

good to eat. There are also lots of deer

in this region. We were told of an In-

dian across the river from Armstrong's

camp who shot the week before a grizzly

said to be the largest ever seen in Cari-

boo, together with three of four black

bears, but we were not able to inspect

these as the boats were gone and the

Horse Fly rive four feet higher than it

has ever been known. Numerous parties

seemed to converge from three different

points and to strike the valley. By mak-

ing the trip through in one day we

emerged on the stage line that night and

taking the stage arrived at the 83-mile

house on Monday and on Tuesday night

got down to Ashcroft where we found

the Thompson river foaming and all the

bridges carried away, so that we could

were eight passengers on the stage and

they expressed no sort of objection to

our making the trip first, which we did

safely, the spice of danger rendering it

Nearly all women have good hair, though

many are gray, and few are bald. Hall's

only cross by means of a canoe.

more pleasant than otherwise."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria

de de la la

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, alie gave them Castoria.

shown with the action of the Vancouver punched in the open air and the workmen and Westminster people. look the picture of strength and health. Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by I was much surprised at the nature of the country up there. After you get be-Joshua Davies, that in the opinion of this board a scheme for the permanent reclamation of the low lands of the Fraser not at all rough in character. A great valley is most desirable, but being one of great magnitude can only be devised by the most skilled experts obtainable, and and lakes are really beautiful. The that the arrangement of such a scheme should devolve upon the provincial and Dominion governments, and that the provincial government be asked to take up the question in conjunction with the gov ernment of the Dominion. Carried. It was moved by Joshua Davies, seconded by H. E. Connon, that with regard to cases of destitution requirings relief y by the fearful current of the wa-The guard piles at the lower end blacksmith's shops, stables and stores, river this board is of opinion that such etc., and are getting in their sluices from cases as cannot be dealt with by the provincial government, should be taken up by a general relief committee to be nom-

inated by the lieutenant-governor of the province, the board being of opinion that more general response would be made to an appeal having a provincial character, and that cases of distress would be more thoroughly dealt with under the instances nearly to the tops of the poles numbers and I could easily have shot a anspices of a committee so formed. Carried.

It was moved by G. Leiser, seconded by W. H. Ellis, that Mr. Renouf, viceesident, be appointed to attend a meeting for the relief of those suffering from the floods of the Fraser to be held at

New Westminster on Tuesday next as requested by a circular of the New Westminster board of trade. Carried. After an informal report from the chairnan regarding the reception given the visiting Australian representatives yesterday the meeting adjourned.

HAD A PLEASANT VOYAGE. Empress of Japan Arrives with Many

Distinguished Passengers.

The C. P. R. steamship Empress Japan, Captain George Lee, 11 days and 18 hours from Yokohama, arrived in the roads at noon to-day. She had an exceedingly pleasant passage across the ocean. The voyage was without incident except for those on board who enjoyed a hearty round of ship sports and pleasures all the way across. The cabin

pleasures all the way across. The cabin passengers were:

Miss K. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Ballagh and family, Miss Hellen Beach, I. M. Beck, Mr. Benohr, Mr. and Mrs. Black Hawkins, Misses Black Hawkins (2), Mrs. Brown, Comr. Barre, Mr. and Mrs. Brokenshire and children, Capt. Caldbeck, J. T. Cassels, Mrs. Cassilly, Dr. and Mrs. Chaimers, C. H. Charrington, Mrs. Casal, T. N. Christie, E. Dane, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Daukes, Mr. Dawson, I. W. Ladd, Mrs. W. S. Ladd, Mrs. C. E. Ladd, Miss Edith Lombard, Lt.-Gen. Lyttleton-Annesley, Mr. Lemesurier, Mr. and Mrs. Macy, Master Macy, Mr. McLean, Dr. and Mrs. McLure, Mr. G. Mulley, Capt. Munter, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Murray and child, Mr. and Mrs. Noble, Miss T. Otto, W. A. W. Parke, Mr. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pratt, A. Porter, Miss Rickards, D. Deans, Dr. Duville, Fritz Eggena, C. W. Everard, Dr. W. H. Fisher, H. C. Forde, Mr. Galpin, Miss F. M. Galpin, Miss B. O. Galpin, Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and two children, Dr. and Mrs. Morton Grinnell, Col. Green, Mr. Hadden, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall, Mrs. Hardin, Dr. and Mrs. Horsey, Master Hutchison, G. L. Heastey, Miss Hodgson, Rev. J. Ingle, T. O. Jones, W. M. Robertson, H. Robinson, Rev. G. L. Ross, His Excellency Mon. and Mrs. Stewart, three children, Col. Stock, G. Timmis, S. Timmis, Mr. Villemer, F. Walsh, Mr. Watt, Surgeon General and Mrs. Woods and infant, S. H. Yoshitake.

His Excellency Monsieur A. Sienkie-wicz Excellency Monsieur A. passengers were:

His Excellency Monsieur A. Sienkiewicz, French ambassador to Japan, is returning to la belle France on leave. In his honor the ship came in with the tricolor flying at her foretonmast. The ambassador is accompanied by his wife, three daughters and two sons. The family were the life of the trip. C. W. Everard, British consul at Hankow, China, was another prominent passena long stay in China. Dr. Morton Grin- California.

nell and wife of New York, were also aboard. The doctor is a wealthy and eminent physician of the American metro-polis. The flood will prevent him from going home in his private car which was to have met him at Vancouver. Lieut.-General Lyttleton-Annesley of London, who for two years has been touring through Japan, was aboard. He is homeward bound. C. H. Charrington, son of a wealthy London brewer, was another passenger. He has been doing the world. Captain Munter, agent for Sir William Armstrong & Co., the builders of men-of-war at Newcastle-on-Tyne, was aboard. He has just closed a contrach with the Japanese government for two of the latest battleships. T. H. Whitehead, manager of the Chartered Merchant's Bank of Hong Kong, on his way to London, was another distinguished passenger. He was given an ovation on leaving Hong Kong, I. W. Ladd, Mrs. W. S. Ladd, and Mrs. C. D. Ladd of Portland, arrived home from an all around the world tour. They left the

The ship brought 1500 tons of cargo and 175 steerage passengers; 50 Chinese and 20 Japanese were landed here. It was two o'clock before the tender, K. P. Rithet, reached the ship, the delay being caused by waiting for advices from Vancouver as to mails. The latter directed that Eastern and European mails be brought to Vancouver. The local mail amounted to 15 sacks. No sealing advices were brought by the crew but there are no doubt a number of letters in he mail for sealing men.

MERRY WEDDING BELLS. David R. Ker and Miss Heisterman Married This Afternoon.

From Tuesday's Daily.
David R. Ker and Miss Laura Agnes Heisterman, two of Victoria's best known and most popular young people. were united in marriage this afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the spacious drawing room at the home of H. F. Heisterman at Douglas street and Hillside avenue, and was witnessed by a wedding party made up of the relatives and immediate friends of the couple. The room was beautifully decorated with wreaths and garlands of flowers, white predominating. From the ceiling near the bow window hung a beautiful floral bell of white syringas and roses, and t was under that, that the bridge and groom repeated the marriage vows. The service of the Presbyterian church was conducted by Rev. MacRae. Miss Heisterman was attended by her sister, Miss Sylvia Heisberman, and Miss Seabrooke, and Mr. Ker was supported by his brother, Robert Ker. The bride wore a dress of heavy creme corded silk, trimmed with lace, and a veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch set with rubies and diamonds. The bridesmaids were attired in dresses of white creme panama cloth, with insertion of pale blue silk and pale blue silk sashes. They carried boquets of creme roses and wore gold chain bracelets, the gifts of the The ceremony was over at 2:30 o'clock and at three o'clock the couple were tendered a reception. The latter was attended by a large and fashionable crowd. They were heartily congratulat-

Mr. Ker is the junior partner in the vell known Brackman & Ker Milling Company, which has extensive interests throughout the province. He is an enterprising business man and stands forenost among the younger citizens of the Mrs. Ker is the first daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heisterman and like her husband was raised here. complished young lady. The couple were the recipients of an enormous number of presents as may be judged from the following list:

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Mr. and Mrs. Heisterman, cheque; Miss S. Heisterman, table centre; Miss V. Heisterman, to cleck it, Miss O. Heisterman, doyles; Henry Heisterman, cake silcer: Mrs. Ker, silver cake basket; Messrs. Robert, A. and W. H. Ker, complete china dinner service, including cutlery, silver spoons and forks, table and dessert, engraved silver tray; employees of National Mill, silver dinner gong; Miss Seabrook, plano lamp; Mr. Seabrook, obsen knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook, plano lamp; Mr. Seabrook, dozen knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Erb, silver berry spoon; Misses Erb, silver sugar tongs, spoon and butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, half doz, silver spoons; Mr. A. and Miss Haynes, half doz, silver tea spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, clock; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ross, cut glass set of decanters; Misses Keast, etching in oak frame; Hon. J. L. Heimcken, two paintings; Mr. and Mrs. Alkman, silver cake basket; Mr. and Mrs. Alkman, silver cake basket; Mr. and Mrs. Alkman, silver cake basket; Mr. and Mrs. Mr. B. B. Gray, silver sit cellars; Mrs. B. R. Seabrook, half doz, silver tea spoons; Norman and Ada Seabrook, bread fork; Mr. and Mrs. Wr. Raiph Higgins, silver game carvers; Mr. R. E. Brett, silver crumbtray; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Austin and family, silver water jug; Mr. J. W. Anderson, silver hot water jug; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, silver cylosh, Mrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, silver tray and water pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. McCandless, silver sait cellars; Mrs. and Mrs. McCandless, silver berry spoons; Mr. A. B. Martin, silver biller, Mr. E. G. Anderson, silver syrup jug; Mr. A. F. Englehardt, silver sait and pepper casters; Mr. A. B. Martin, silver biller, Mrs. H. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reffern, traveling bag; Mr. A. E. McPhillips, opera glasses; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Yates china egg stand; Mr. J. A. Alkman

Yates, china egg stand; Mr. J. A. Alkman and Mr. R. D. Trevor, china fish service; Mr. Brackman, silver tea service; Mr. R. Angus, silver vinagrette; Mr. Bernard Heisterman, pearl handle desert knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood, silver hut bowl; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Ellis, game carvers; Miss White, sofa cushion; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rithet, pair land painted vases; Miss Edith Wilson, flower vase; Mrs. Fergenbann, silver cake dish; Dr. and Mrs. Helmcken, biscuit jar; Harry D. Helmcken, china tea service; J. Hutcheson, fish knife and fork; Mrs. Hutcheson, painted plaque; R. Robertson, silver paper knife; R. P. Rithet, hand painted vases. The wedding party are to be entertained at dinner at the Heisterman home and this evening Mr. and Mrs. Ker leave was another prominent passend on the steamship Umatilla for San Fran-He is journeying homeward after cisco. They will spend several weeks in



## ABOUT THE FLOODS

General Conference Regarding Relief for Sufferers Held at Westminster.

Matters Across Line at Latest Acconnts-Northern Pacific Resumes Traffic.

New Westminster, June 13.-The water dropped six inches Monday night at Katz Landing, and up to Tuesday morning the fall at Chilliwack was eighteen inches in all since the flood began to subside. There is no change in the situation, but an improvement is looked for by the end of the week.

New Westminster, June 12.-The water fell five inches here last night, and reports from all up river points are to the effect that the water is gradually receding, but the ground is yet deeply covered. The total fall at Chilliwack has been eighteen inches.

A conference of delegates to discuss re-

lief measures and other matters in connection with the flood met in the board of trade rooms this afternoon. There were present about fifty gentlemen from train in from Leavenworth and train in from Leave Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, the district municipalities and New Westmin- charge of Conductor Turner and wa ster. John Wilson, president of the board of trade, occupied the chair, and It brought mail of that date to the briefly stated the objects of the meeting. Premier Davie and Hon. J. H. Turner cause these had been brought in some were present. Delegates from the cities time ago by stages of handcar and train expressed their sympathy with the suffer- service where it was possible. ers, after which the district delegates related their flood experiences and described the situation in the submerged localities. By request the premier stated etc. G. Revolin, a mining man of Leav that the government's intention in the matter was to provide where required grain and potatoes for seed, and it might make advances for lumber in urgent cases. The delegates spoke warmly of the government's action, and particularly commend Col. Baker's work, An executive committee to superintend

the general relief work was appointed, consisting of the mayors and presidents of the boards of trade of the different cities; also D. Robson, Westminster, William Templeton and A. D. Salisbury,

Vancouver. Vancouver, June 12.-Chief Engineer Peterson, who has reached here after an inspection of the line damaged by the of traffice has combined to put a cessafloods, says that although the repairs tion to all work for the time. needed to the railway are very extensive, owing to the number of bridges sending out a train to-day to Leavenand culverts and the long stretches of worth, but at the general offices of the track which have been washed away, company there was no assurance given and it will therefore be a considerable that such would be the case. The tracks time before the necessary repairs are of the company between this city and completed, still it is hoped by means of Leavenworth are in first-class condition, transfers to have passengers brought and there is no snow of any consequence through in a day or two. Mr. Peterson along the switchback. has carefully examined the whole line | Superintendent Copeland, of the Great as he came along, and a large number Northern shore line, went up to Brownof men are already at work upon it. The danger is not, it is feared, by any of the road is up there, and learn if loss means over. There is a large volume of water covering the Sumas and Mats-water to leave the track in the low lands

qui prairies, and its only outlet is by the field the Fraser.

Fraser river. If hot weather ensues the flood will be augmented by a still greater 125 men with gravel trains and it is exitorrent, which the channel of the Fraser mated that it will require them at this be unable to carry weather continues cool the water will subside gradually.

As to the cause of the present phenomenal rise. There was an exceptionally heavy snowfall last winer, which on top of the accumulations of several previous years, was let loose by several days of exceptionally hot weather and chinook on the Great Northen for 16 days left winds, which melted the vast accumulations of snow high in the mountains and started the water on its career of destruction. The usual June rise was ex-pected, and would have been enough to Wenatchee is entirely washed out. It is pected, and would have been enough to contend with, but the people and the stated that there 200 men at work near railways were entirely unprepared for Mission rebuilding that portion of the the large lake transplanted to their road. It is the intention of the Great

midst. At Chilliwack on Friday last John Ed- give us three trains each week. wards, Rifred Unsworts and Thomas. Lewis were charged with attempting to cut away the Luk-a-Kuk dam, and were committed for trial without bail. The presiding magistrates were G. R. Ashwell and S. Mellard. The accused are now in the provincial jail in this city. It is alleged that these men, who are well-known farmers, had been working consignees in this city. It consisted on the dam trying to break it ever since the flood had commenced, and that had their efforts succeeded the course of Vedder creek would have been diverted into the Luk-a-Kuk, with the results that the lands now subjected to overflow on Vedder creek would have been freed from water; the lands of Luk-a-Kuk, a most flourishing section of Chilliwack, would have been overflowed instead. There has been trouble for years over this log jam. One section of the community is anxious to see it removed and the other equally

anxious to keep it there. Portland, Oregon, June 12-Heavy rains and cold weather interfered wit the amusement of boat riding in the flood ed streets to-day. Both had a good effect in checking melting snow, causing a subsidence of the flood. The Snake river fell a foot and six-tenths at Riparia. while the Columbia fell a foot at Umatil la and the Dalles. The Willamette fell three inches here to-day. Estimates of damage to merchants by water in this city have been greatly exaggerated. far as can be ascertained the total damage to stock will be less than fifteen thousand dollars. The damage to buildings and wharves cannot be estimates until the water subsides. The actual loss of merchants is in moving goods and loss of business, which, from present indications, will be less than one hundred thousand dollars. The loss of business is due principally to the refusal of the railroads to accept freight, which has forced fruit dealers to break contracts with eastern buyers. The upper decks of several wharves are now above water, and boats which have been docking at the city levee ever since the flood began have now re turned to the old landing places. A heavy fall in the river is looked for tomorrow.

Though by no means as rapidly as de sired, yet the Willamette continues to decline. At eight o'clock this morning the registered just 32 feet. During gauge the 24 hours ending 8 o'clock a.m. the river fell 0.2 of a foot. Since last Thursday, when the maximum height was reached, up to this forenoon, the waters | passengers she carried were drowned.

have receded just one foot. From m. to 11 a.m. to-day, the river fa a foot; to 2 p.m. there was a fa other 0.1 of a foot. At Umatil past 24 hours the Columbia had 0.4 of a foot. At Riparia the S fallen one foot in the past 24 he day freezing weather prevailed City. Through the country Columbia and tributary rivers perature is below 40 degrees. weather will prevent a further the snow for the time being the water now present to run will make a more rapid fall height from and after Thursday next river at Portland may fall four ing the next seven days. As the lowly recedes the effects of begin to show themselves. pal damage is to elevated roady houses in the low flats along the that are breaking up and will rec tensive repairs. A trip along front in a boat shows that the playing havoc with many of the structures, some of which look as if had been unsettled in such a way they will break up entirely when they settle.

Seattle, June 12.—The Great North. train in from Leavenworth, east of Cuscades, yesterday. The train wa There were no delayed passengers

A rather discouraging condition of things exists over at Leavenworth, and the town is short on provisions, lamber enworth, was a passenger on the 'rain and he said they were about out of such things, although the Great Northern had been sending over a little freight. They had had no papers over there for two weeks and had lost track completely of the outside world. The mining interests were suffering for want of lumber to carry on fluming, etc.

The people in many instances are so close run for provisions that they cannot divide with those who actually run out. Revolin was up in the Peshastin listrict. one of the best gold sections in the state, but the scarcity of money and blockade .There was some talk of the company

ville yesterday to see what the condition

road in tip top condition. The road across the Nooksack has never been dis turbed and is in fine shape. The company is still operating trains from Seattle to near Brownsville without interference Leavenworth, June 12.—The first train here this morning for Seattle. There will Northern to run a "mixed" train service between here and Seattle, which will

Seattle, June 12.-The Canadian Pacific railroad got in about 10 tons of merchandise by boat yesterday from New Westminster. A. D. Scroggy, contract ing freight agent for the company here chartered the Skagit Chief ast week and went across after delayed goods for packing house products and general mer chandise, and is the first to get in since the flood. It was a timely arrival, for some of the packing companies ran entirely out of goods last week. Mr. Scroggy says that the waters over in the Fraser valley are receding slowly, but not going out as fast as it came up, bu that it is surely clearing out and there is a corresponding buoyancy of spirits among the settlers. The company. says, hopes and expects soon to get i shape to operate its road over the submerged district.

PRENDERGAST'S CASE.

Again Continued by Agreement of Attorneys.

Chicago, June 12.-Additional complications may arise in the case of Assassin Prendergast. Judge Chetlan is not sitting in the criminal court, and the Payne, case came up to-day. Judge when a continuance was agreed upon and was submitted to him, refused to enter the order, saying he knew no reason why a continuance should be granted. The matter went over temporarily Prendergast insisted on making a speech "I am defendant here," he said.
want no continuance. The question be determined is my guilt or innocence not my insanity. Murder is a maliciou taking of life; that is a crime I have no The prisoner was thrust committed." into a chair by the bailiffs.

Recalls an Awful Accident. Chicago, June 12 .- One of the crew a dredging company, while working in the lake off the foot of Addison street, has raised a rusty boiler which belonged the ill-fated passenger steamer Lady Elgin, and which recalls one of the worst disasters ever known on the Great Lakes. The vessel collided with the steamer Augusta in September, 1860, and immediately sunk. It is estimated that four hundred persons out of the seven hundred The Government's Fi and System of Exposed The first shot in the ed last evening in Philh of theatrical standing room only" would have been hu trance. Many who were disappointed in o find seats, took the ically, even stoically, a men. The only vaca men. whole place was the bla sive look on the faces course and who had come expecting to guard, but had got so

THE OPPOSITION

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led Davieites in one con whelmingly left, thatthey hadn't come.
pleasant to note the gent of intelligent and ingmen among the audi e the deep interest the marks of the speakers was awakened and kept est, manly sentiments various speakers. Shortly after 8 o'cle Beaven ascended the I posed that Alexander chair. The audience the choice, doughty champion of people as against the tion of a certain clique of affairs advanced to was saluted with che

was saluted with the line a few vigorous w outlined the objects of said that he had no dot opposition ticket in the elected. (Great applay been circulated of an ter as to the intentio ment; a bait had been the people's votes; which some high in au ministration just going called a "great humbu prolonged applause.) estly warn them; he workingmen don't be now call upon Hon. address the meeting. Hon. Robert Beave applause as he advan lights and glanced ove preparatory to beginni said he was sorry to present the great loss had suffered by the c of its chief justice,

A subdued murmu

audience at this melan Passing then to the oning, the honorable ed that regarding publi jeet ought to possess the people than the m lic affairs. No doubt a him then had given a to public affairs as the province, and upon the talk. He would draw first place to the fin-though among the dr pellant of subjects to was one which deman tention. Indeed the must be studied by if they wished for th province. It was a con his opponents in the the public platform management of the it would result in all t province being starve was a remarkable, th lovely, trait of the h ney-general's charact paigning he gave on opponent's history as his purposes, so the upon his (Hon. Mr. policy could be quite in the light of this ex ing money for the p eration that should precisely similar ma money for an individu good business admitt between the two. W head of affairs in th ernment had carried it had promised to government did not thing before election turned to power do The policy of the I was the very best fo province at that tim present government, een an enormous ex it was a fact that public works to show sums had been fritt wasted in the gross regrettable that this of affairs was not fu who had to foot the session of the legisla a thorough investiga into the financial aff and what was divu nation was only too been clearly proved heavy loans negotia ment they have no

for the new parliar deed, so impoverish was this mismanage was not enough gath or scrapings to pay ances of the memb from the bank. (App The present govern just trusting to luck power so that they nexcusable gaucher management. Hon. finance minister of (the speaker) could venture that his esti at sea. Mr. Beaver nctorious blunders i mates, and said: "T have shown, are who fore as a finance Turner is a failure.

The government, ven, have spent two ures in excess of the until 1893. To show Mr. Turner's figures clearly proved to the ing the five years fr the estimates of reve and receipts there \$400,000. Mr. Tur that much. Surely, not reliable figuring ment question Hon. himself upon is the debt. Mr. Beaven