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VICTORIA, ESQUIMALT AND COLUMBIA.

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The eastern batteries, commanding the bay where its channels contracts a good account of any ships trying to run a gauntlet and get round the island. Besides the two guns of the island, however, there are four heavy guns of the greatest calibre, for which five miles is hardly more than a point-blank range, there are four four six-inch guns in pairs. Hidden quick-firing batteries along the shore keep watch for torpedo boats, and these could give any battleship a very warm time.

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INHABITANTS OF MARS.

Are There Beings There Superior to Mankind Here?

From Chicago Daily News. In his recent expressions as to the habitability of the planet Mars, Professor Hough of Northwestern University has the weight of authority with him, though many astronomers will question seriously his deduction that Mars is the planet is actually inhabited with sentient beings of a high type. The whole tendency of recent investigation has been to strengthen the view that Mars, both in its atmosphere and its chemical character is fitted for animal life.

The point of interest in Professor Hough's announcement is the declaration that as the law of evolution has necessitated the development of an advanced race on earth, that law, operating in the case of the Martians, must have produced a race superior to the people of Earth in intellectual development. Mars, Venus, and Mercury, he reasons, are old planets, and presumably habitable. Mars, being very much older than the Earth and having solidified and cooled long before the Earth was fit for animal habitation, the process of evolution there presumably began much earlier. Judging from the published excerpts from Professor Hough's report, he is ready to believe that the Martians have advanced to a stage of civilization and intelligence which is hardly conceivable to the minds of earthly races.

It is noteworthy that, in spite of constant rejections of the alleged proofs of inhabitation, as in the case of the famous lines marking the surface of Mars, men of science appear to incline more and more to the view that it is essentially improbable that the Earth is the only planet supporting sentient life. What manner of animal the Mars man, if he is man-made will continue, apparently, to afford an endless subject of curious speculation. The conditions there, it is known, differ oddly in some respects from those of Earth. During his night of twelve hours, for instance the Martian sees his little moon, Phobos and Deimos, between ten and fifteen miles in diameter, in all their phases from new moon to full. Owing to the smallness of the planet, gravitation has only a fraction of the force which it has on the Earth, so that a human being on Mars could leap long distances provided that the air was not too thin for him to breathe. As yet it is not believed that any method of communicating with any being dwelling in the other hemisphere has been found, but speculation as to the possibility of such creatures and as to their form, size, habits, and possible intelligence must continue to be one of the absorbing puzzles of science.

M. A. THOMAS Real Estate, Insurance General Agent.

TENDERS - FOR A - Steel Bridge AT POINT ELLICE, VICTORIA, B.C.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tenders for Point Ellice Bridge" will be received at the office of the undersigned, until Monday the 10th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon, 1902. Information will be furnished by Mr. C. N. C. at the office of the undersigned.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. N. C. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., August 15th, 1902.