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arising out of this being that the Dominion government is seeking to get a convenient site for the proposed new fisheries' research station. It is understood that Captain J. T. Walbran will be in charge of the new station. Hardy Bay is admittedly an admirable spot for the station, being well sheltered from all sea winds and at all times easy of access to vessels of any dimensions.

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Take Over Gas Works—It is understood that negotiations are in progress looking to the control of the local gas works by the B. C. Electric Railway (Co. This would give the latter company the entire control of the illuminating facilities for this city, and give the company a franchise which would be a very valuable one.

Contract Awarded.—The Capital City Canning Company, which is to proceed immediately with the work of erecting their cannery plant building.

Take Over Gas Works—It is understood the Deal.—The recent deal by which the Deal.—The recent deal by which the Great Northern Cannery passed into the hands of Messrs. McPherson and Wilkinson, was put through by Mr. J. J. Bostock of this city. The purchase was made from E. Goodman, an English millionaire, who is interested to the extent of about \$1,000,000 in various British Columbia industry on the discovery of this fish in these waters is thought to be of paramount importance to the fishing industry on this coast.

Optimistic Spirit.—As indicative of the

lution Passed by Eastern

Guides are an auxiliary corps attacked to the regular militiar, and it is their duty to supply the intelligence department with all necessary information regarding the country, roads, etc., in which they are stationed. Mr. Napier's territory extends from here to Duncans, and the appointment of chief guide, for this extensive territory could not flave been given to a more reliable gentleman.—Cumberland News.

Chinatown Celebrates—The peaceable householder living within earshot of Chinatown may be prepared to sacrifice his beauty sleep from now henceforth for a period of six or seven days for the Celestial New Year celebration has commenced. The Chinatown nay be prepared to sacrifice his beauty sleep from now henceforth for a period of six or seven days for the Celestial New Year celebration has commenced. The Chinatown nay be prepared to sacrifice will be promoted custom of affrighting the festive devils, and for once in the year five will be given rebuilding at once.

Real Estate Active—The promised transportation developments calculated to largely enhance the material prospication assessment is sides the right to

**Balfour And His** Waterlogged Craft

John Morley Criticises Premiers Stand on the Fiscal Question.

The Salvation Army Charter Steamer to Carry Many Emigrants.

London, Feb. 3.—John Morley, speaking at Newbury, said that when Mr.
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Evanston, Wyo., Feb. 3.—The brightest meteor ever seen in this section of Wyoming soared the heavens last night, passing from north to seath, leaving in its wake a fiery trail that remained visible several minutes after the ball of fire had disappeared. For a brief interval the heavens were so brilliantly illuminated that print could be seen with comparative ease. A peculiar snapping, whistling sound, followed by a sharp clap of thunder, characterized the flight of the aerolite.

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SODIES DEEP DOWN IN WATER. Miners Perish When Cable Breaks and Cage Goes to Bottom,

Butte, Mont., Feb. 3.—William Mc-Andrews and Thomas Greeley, two miners, were killed tonight and their bodies imprisoned in a cage which lies in over 300 feet of water in the Rarus shaft, one of the hig Heinze mines. The two men were being lowered to the 40-foot level, when, without warning, the big eight-inch steel cable snapped like a piece of glass, and the cage, with its human load, went crashing to the bottom. The cable is tested to bear a load of about 700 tons, and its snapping can only be attributed to the extremely cold weather prevailing, rendering the steel as brittle as glass. Two more men, workmates of the dead miners, made arrangements to descend with the cage, but changed their minds when they ascertained that McAndrews and Greeley were only going to the 40-foot level. The bodies will not be recovered for many days.

New York Press.

There are still some great things to be accomplished in the new year, or the new years to come. Among them are the Panama canal, the "Cape-to-Cairo railroad; the conquest of the poles, and also that of the air by flying machines. There are many others, but the mention of these is sufficient to indicate that there is plenty of strenuous work ahead and plenty of room for high achievement.

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Mr. Whitney, the Premier-elect of Ontario, was born in Dundas county in 1848, and has lived there all his life. He is a lawyer by profession, and began his political career about 1886, when he contested Dundas county. He was successful in getting a seat in 1888 at a bye-election. Upon the retirement of Mr. Marter from the leadership of the Opposition, it was given to Mr. Whitney. He is not regarded as a particularly strong or mark netic man, and although a good speaker is not so eloquent as the Hon. Geo. W. Ross, whom he succeeds. He is regarded, however, as a man of sound in tendencies—what is known as a safe man. It is quite certain that the corrupt election methods of his predecessors will find no countenance from an administration of which he is head.

For the man is political career about the strikers today the men forcibly dragged officers belonging to the management of values of whether to the place of meeting. All the speakers insisted on the preservation of public order. The meeting 12,000 strikes were to the Dombriva quarter in perfect order, but everywhere persuaded workmen to strike. The same forcibly dragged officers belonging to the management of washing to the management of washing to the mentage of Tose a day, eight hours to constitute a day's work, various reforms in factory management and old age pensions. After the meeting 12,000 strikes were persuaded workmen to strikes were to the rail-way station of Streshemeschiz, seized man bettieved the staffon buildings and stopped trains in bett

# Canadians And Canada's Defence

Leading Article in London Post on a Very Interesting Subject.

Britain's Navy Alone Made Possible Settlement in Canada.

London, Jan. 17.—(Special)—The Morning Post, commenting on the mili-tary changes in Canada and Canadian lefence, says: "Some little time back of the cost of maintaining the garrisons at Halifax and Esquimalt?—was asked and answered by the Toronto Globe, the official organ of the Laurier administration, in a very significant passage. It was pointed out that 'Canada will not be one what less loyal when the last British soldier leaves the Canadian fonts,' and it was suggested that the self-respect of the Canadian nation demanded that Canada should be solely responsible for the maintenance of Canadian land defences. The principle that 'self-government must be accompanied by self-support' was enemciated as the theoretical basis of the practical solution of these and all other similar problems. On the fact of it this statement seems to imply a considerable concession to public opinion in this country, where it is believed by every intelligent person that the colonies do not contribute their share of the cost in men and money of

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