The Colonist.

yoos Lake; thence to Midway, and thence to Grand Forks. There will be a branch down the Coldwater to Nicola Lake. The approximate length of the death rate among insured persons of The constitution of Lake. The approximate length of the proposed line will be as follows: Vancouver to Coldwater Junction, 132 miles; the payment of \$4,604,416. Out of every the Senate. This made very little difference were 4,502 deaths, showing a death rate among insured persons of the constitution of the United States in this country, leaving any other future for the country, leaving any other future for the country, leaving any other future for the churches to talk about. We substitute for the churches to talk about. which satisfies us that the promoters of 506,550. Canadian life companies are anything. of the line, of which notice is given in doing business in almost every part of The action of the Senate in regard to way he put it, but that is what he dent that there will be a fitting rethe Gazette, are fully able financially to the world. carry out the project. There is also no doubt as to the ability of Messrs. Mac-deal of business, the amount of policies treaty will simply fall to the ground, and long exploded that it is possible to comkenzie, Mann & Co. to build the V. V. deal of business, the amount of posters will remain in statu quo, but it bine business success with the unre-& E., if they have determined to do so. \$11,022,000, which is a decrease of augurs very badly for the future to find strained indulgence of appetite. There The financial strength of the Great Northern is also beyond a question. If these interests combine, the work, though by no means a light undertaking, will be carried through with ease.

the school had to be closed because of not to be lost sight of, but should be taken up at the earliest possible moment. minums, the amount paid for losses being systematic process of adjust expenditure of about \$1,000 would sufficient for present needs. We not that the cost of any considerable provement would come higher than is. The attention of the City Sound of the City Cound of the City Sound of the City Sound of the City Sound of the City Sound of the City Cound of the City Sound of Our correspondent seems to think that an expenditure of about \$1,000 would he sufficient for present needs. We fancy that the cost of any considerabl of our correspondent's letter, and he said he was unable to express any definite opinion as to what ought to be done or the probable cost, because the complaint is too indefinite. We suggest, therefore, him, who feel the need of something being done to improve the sanitary condition of that portion of the city, should Victoria. In this respect the city is not can afford to sacrifice it. send in to the City Council a petition, exceptional, for there is a good deal of stating specifically what is wanted. If sickness in many other places. What

fit of more than a million and a half a year. In one year only did the losses exceed the premiums, namely, in 1877, when ther recent the premiums, namely in 1877, when ther recent the premiums, namely in 1877, when there are a great many other ing to be exceedingly keen in British Columbia. The prizes to be strived for are ing to be exceedingly keen in British Columbia. The prizes to be strived for are in all Canada. Our own by the greatest in all Canada. Our own boys must not handicap themselves with when they were two and a quarter times be directed to turn the hose on the mud proximate estimate of the world's popu- habits of dissipation if they hope to the Rev. Mr. Jaffray is correct, the

ing amounts was written: By Can-adian companies, \$130,509,195, at an using the bridge would be gratified. was taken in China in 2012 B.C., and in the near future, splendid types of ed by Moses in 1480 B.C. David had manhood, who are living correct, manly average premium of 1.27 per cent.; by We have been asked to say something one taken in 1017 B.C. There is of lives—young fellows whom it is a pleas-British companies, \$524,980,342, at an on the question of the milk supply of the course some doubt as to the accuracy ure to meet and whose cheery greeting -average of 1.22 per cent; by American city. Complaint has been made that companies, \$100,257,561, at an average some of the milk marketed here is highly companies. Rome made a beginof 1.22 per cent; the total being \$756, impure. We mention no names, and ning at it in 500 B.C. From that time of the finest young fellows in the world, 257,098, and the average premium being do not wish to over-state the case. In the several people duite unconnected with record of a census having been taken article has to them is to encourage them surance is lower than it has been at any each other have made the same comin the Western world, Japan and China to continue in their present course. British soldiers have been sick of fever time since 1895. It is to be noted that plaint. If it is well-founded, the health appear to have kept up the practice. They have the world at their feet, and in South Africa, and adds that this is the percentage of loss, as compared with authorities have a duty to perform the former having begun it just before we wish them God-speed. premiums is lower in Canada than in which will not bear postponement. Milk the beginning of the Christian Era, the rest of the world, taken as a whole, is one of the most important articles of France and Russia each took a cenwhich means that the Dominion is diet. Especially important is it to child- sus early in the last century, but their

premiums collected during the year to have amounted to \$549,854, and the losses to have reached \$406,359. The fig. without a certificate from the public of the present century that Prussia in Habits of soonety. We are all to some extent our brothers' keepers, especially our younger brothers'. Let all of directing the train service. The fig. without a certificate from the public of directing the train service. es to have reached \$406,359. The fig. without a certificate from the public Sweden made a beginning in 1746,

In Life Insurance we are brought in- We have also been asked to speak on respectively. Belgium has been countto contact with large sums. The amount the subject of meat inspection. No ing her people at regular intervals for around us the subject of meat inspection. No ing her people at regular intervals for around us the benefit of our knowledge. On Sunday the first train will be mention but mention b an increase of over twelve millions over point, but mention has been made of the and Italy since 1861. The first regu-

life insurance outstanding when the attention.

statements were made up amounted to In a general way it is desirable that

nearly \$5,000,000 from the previous the Senate unwilling to assent to a containing the Senate unwilling to assent to a containing to assent to a con \$1,040,000 was made in losses by these companies during the year, and policies

they do this, the Colonist will pledge it- is called typhoid fever is quite prevalent self to see that it is kept to the front. in many points far removed from each cther. Whether this is more than a co-incidence cannot be determined. The The extreme loss of that year, there at low tide, and notwithstanding lation at the beginning of the Twen- win. when the figures reached the maximum the nature of the objection to such a tieth Century.

In 1809 fire insurance to the follow-level, no one would be hurt, and cer- was taken in China in 2042 B.C., and of youths from whom Canada will hear year than ever. among the best fields for fire insurance ren. Therefore the utmost care should example was by no means generally fol. we wish to speak about. Men of exbe taken by the authorities to see that lowed. It was not until the beginning perience should encourage younger men

478 by the American companies. The orities to give the matter their best

the Hay-Pauncefote treaty will not, we meant.

the previous year, which seems to show fact that there is really no meat inspec-that in good times people insure their tion in Victoria. We suppose the same in 1801, and in Ireland in 1811. These ing weaker, and there cannot be much spent in making this hole through the lives freely. The Canadian companies thing is true of fish. It is highly imdates are worth bearing in mind in a delay in his being compelled to give up. mountain, whose summit is 5,350 feet had the most of the business, their share portant that the food of the people general way, for they show how exhibit northward retreat has so far been above it. The tunnel is 13,200 feet being \$42,138,128, as against \$3,748,127 should be the subject of municipal super-ceedingly untrustworthy are the estiby the British companies, and \$21,514, vision, and we recommend the city authmates of population made for dates of

more than half a century ago in mos parts of the world.

statements were made up amounted to \$404,170,873, or which \$252,201,716 was held by Canadian companies, \$38,025. To KOOTENAY.

COAST TO KOOTENAY.

Statements were made up amounted to \$404,170,873, or which \$252,201,716 was held by Canadian companies, \$38,025. In seeing that his premises are cleanly. In this way we can all do something to 843,209 by the American companies are increasing their protect the public health. We have companies are increasing their spoken time and again about the practice of allowing leaves to rot in the following leaves to rot in the following leaves to rot in the following what the proposed men and again about the pay financially, morally nor physically. There is a great deal of talk here about turns showing what the proposed men and again about the pay financially, morally nor physically. There is a great deal of talk here about turns showing what the proposed men and again about the pay financially, morally nor physically. There is a great deal of talk here about turns showing what the proposed men and again about the pay financially, morally nor physically. There is a great deal of talk here about turns showing what the proposed men and again about the pay financially morally nor physically. There is a great deal of talk here about turns showing what the proposed men and again about the pay financially morally nor physically. hed in yesterday's Colonist, a no- erican companies, and seventeen times as gutters and in the corners of the fences. There is a great deal of talk here about ture showing what the proposed memortice now published in the Gazette of ap- fast as the British companies. The This must have an unwholesome effect, good investments, but a little the worst ial will be like, and we think the whole lication for a charter is of special inlication for a charter is of the same
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GREAT BRITAIN

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The commending the south lapse was \$27,808,707, which shows the nature of the material that is moral digit and of physician moral digit and of physician to be insurance combanies comes from payment of policies will be well to decide upon this plan and proceed forthwith to give effect to it.

The committee were influenced in the future in which they will take part.

The commending the proposed structure by We are speaking only of their future recommending the proposed structure by

to Nicola Lake, 165 miles; to Princeton, \$100 received in premiums, there was ference in the days when a Senator was righteousness on a commercial plane.

174 miles; to Grand Forks, 267 miles, paid to policy holders in one form or ana man of standing and statesmanship.

In the first place the youth, who at-These distances are taken from the provincial maps, with a 10 per cent. allows. The crurature. The railway to be built in pursuance of the by-law adopted built in pursuance of the by-law adopted the critical maps, with a 10 per cent. allows. If it is quite true that a man can by the citizens may form a western extension of the line, and to get the distance to Victoria from the points ment of gures. We suppose that if the above figures. We suppose that if the above figures. We suppose that if the built under the existing federal charter to the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern

These distances are taken from the provincial maps, with a 10 per cent. allows the citizens and profits, which she will be that the United States government, will almost alternate to crowd a maximum of dissipation to the first few years of his man can by the citizens may form a western extension of the line, and to get the distance to Victoria from the points ment of the line of business indeed. During the last twenty years the policy holders in one form or an am of standing and statesmanship. Nowadays it is different, and the result tempts to crowd a maximum of dissipation to the first few years of his man cond, is exhibiting the rankeet kind of a character such as would lead in dealing with other nations. The dealing with other nations. The condition that it should not be too costly. The stream only be young once, but if he has good that it should not be too costly. The stream only be young once, but if he has good that it should not be too costly. The stream only be young once, but if the number will be sent the project of requient reference; that it should not be too costly. The stream only be young once, but if the number will be sent the project of requient reference; that it should not be too costly. The stream only be young once, but if the number will be sent the project of requient reference in the project of the judgest of the project of the p to the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern payments were as follows: To policy company, the mileage will be the same, holders, \$3,801,089; for expenses, \$2. as it is to be presumed the same route 616,951; in dividends to stockholders. We have information \$88,510, making a total outlay of \$6, ernment cannot commit the country to king, "but remember that you must take the promoters of that the promoters of 506,550. Canadian life companies are anything.

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The guarantee insurance outstanding during the year amounted to \$21,332,394, on which \$92,204 were received in premiums, the amount paid for losses being opinion. The people of the United up the reputation for being a good fellow, but is regarded by those, whose taste and judgment in preparing this

THE CENSUS.

to the vices of the cities. They were to the vices of the cities. They were crowded out by the youths from the country, who came into the field of comup too much of their time and energy piece of business, and Speaker Hendertaking of the Canadian census at an earlier date than usual. April is the and receipts were thus divided between thus divided between the canadian, British and American comparies as follows:

Canadian British and American Losses. Premiums.

Canadian ... \$637,101 \$1,183,739

British ... \$3,867,212 \$6,552,228

British percentage of loss is the flushed ortener with advantage. We offer this as a suggestion to the highest, the American next, and the Canadian third. It is interesting to learn that in thirty years the amount of fire dame that they are at all lax in the highest, the American next, and the Canadian third. It is interesting to learn that in thirty years the amount of premiums collected and the amount of premiums collected flushed out from the hydrants? The was \$10,688,048\$. The witterman of the man-holes in the sewers are they made defensive alliance, primarily disches and to nave in the justice of this, and to take another next year. He justice of this, and to take another next will also do so.

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While we have spoken these very course that has been raised, we renew The London Standard gives some parnamely, \$8,490,919, was due to the great the proposal. If the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest in St. John.

In 1809 fire insurance to the accumulated on the Orient next there was washed out under low water terest. The most ancient on record cities and towns of this province a class closely concentrated on the Orient next that has been raised, we renew the proposal. If the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest that has been raised, we renew the proposal. If the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest that has been raised, we renew the proposal. If the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars about censuses which are of interest to the accumulated filth ticulars are right here in Victoria and in other ticulars are right to accumulate the accumulated filth ticulars are right to accumulate the accumulation of the work are right to accumulate the accumulation of the work are right to accumulate the accumulation of the work are right to accumulated filth ticulars are right to accumulate the accumulation of the work are right to accumulate the accumulation of the work are right to accumulate the accumulation of the work are right to accumulate the accumulation of the work are right to accumulat

We have also a word for men of field during the war. May we ask the maturer years. The force of example Times where, in that case, the 16,000 is extremely potent, but this is not what prisoners, whom we have in our hands. in habits of sobriety. We are all to us, who have learned by observation or of directing the train service. Experiures for Ocean Marine insurance were, premiums, \$450,783; losses, \$361,334. Sweden in the public of the premiums of the premium of the premium of the public of the premium of t gal did not do so until 1840 and 1864, young man, who transgresses the laws roads have shown that the telephone is of Nature, which are also the laws of quite as good as the telegraph for this

Dewet's force must be steadily becom- tunnel. Nearly four years have been

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THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL

We print elsewhere to-day the report of the sub-committee appointed by the general committee on the South African Memorial. This report was adopted by recommended to the public meeting on Tuesday night. We also print a pic-

public place; that it should be on a

sponse.

BOARD OF TRADE REPORT.

lumbia Board of Trade is out. It contains the usual variety of interesting and dent. useful matter, and in addition 28 pages, beautifully illustrated, devoted to Victoria. The edition is 4,000, and every copy has been spoken for. The portion girl. He felt so sorry for having said SEWERAGE NEEDED.

Companies during the year, and policies to the amount of \$13,739,500 were either to the amount of \$13,739,500 were either surrendered or allowed to lapse. The other parts of the city are receiving of the parts of the city are received and the city are received to the city are received to the surrendered or allowed to lapse. The followed to lapse. The followed to the city are received to the interpolation out with the idea that he is going to devoted to this city has been printed to the amount of \$13,739,500 were either to the amount of \$13,739,50 devoted to this city has been printed something to her that he killed her. He of either party in federal politics. other parts of the city are receiving their due share of consideration, the reasonable demands of Spring Ridge for better sewerage should have attention. He says the people there have to put up with open sewers and no sidewalks, and the points out that only a short time ago the school had to be closed because of the city are receiving receipts from members were \$1,650,862. United States, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the conformation of the states in cover is to be moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes to crystallizing the conformation of the states, which must hesitate the moment it comes

The powers are said to have reached

little purpose. We fear they are doing

The New York anarchists held a meeting a few nights ago, at which they threatened to assassinate the Mayor, the Governor of the state and the President if either of these officials interfere with the exercise of what the anarchists call free speech.

The Seattle Times says that 16,000 more men than the Boers had in the

The Northern Pacific is contemplating

On Sunday the first train will run through the Great Northern Cascade

Prince Louis Napoleon is said to very The Nelson Miner takes to task sevgreatly resemble the first Emperor of eral Conservatives who voted for the that name, except that he wears a Liberal candidate. The Conservatism beard. It is suggested that the time of a man who votes against the candimay come when it may be worth his date of his party is more apparent than while to shave and start for France.

The ratification by the shareholders of the Bank of Commerce of the purchase of the Bank of British Columbia was anticipated, but it is none the less satisfactory to be able to record it, and also to mention that the general staff of the British Columbia bank came in for warm words of praise from the chief officers of the purchasing institution.

have the highest admiration for Dewet, brought up to thirty. If, as is proposed, and after they catch him, if they ever six new senators are appointed, the do, they would like to give him a rossing government will have a practical majorplucky leader, and as honest a fighter

dential candidates in 1904, Vice-Presi- Cariboo campaign. We cannot credit and Democratic standard-bearers re- ple who so employed it. We are con-The annual report of the British Co- angel, while Roosevelt has handicapped of British Columbia is neither a Conhis prospects by becoming Vice-Presi- servative nor a Liberal government. It

Ontario a few days ago for killing a

The Times makes a strong argumen in favor of the provincial government contributing towards the cost of a nev INSURANCE IN CANADA.

The Report on Insurance for the year 1899 has been received. From it we gather that during the year the amount paid out for losses by fire amounted to \$5,182,038, and the amount received for premiums was \$7,910,492. The losses of the many balls is the smell given of the year, but the plan could not be worked out. The Netherlands took increase of the many states and incidence cannot be determined. The date than usual. April is the same as in the United Kingdom. At one time dustry. So common is this, that it is aid that the personnel of many Eastern business communities changes with the united Kingdom. At one time dustry. So common is this, that it is aid that the personnel of many Eastern business communities changes with decide not to accept the preliminary arrangement, what will do with China. Now, what about that the province is a large property holder in the city, and as such receives added not to accept the preliminary arrangement, what will happen next?

The Report on Insurance for the year unusual number of cases of fever in this in the United Kingdom. At one time to arrange for the government as to what they will do with China. Now, what about that the province is a large property husiness communities communities communities communities communities communities communities communities communities of a safeth the personnel of many Eastern business communities c virtues of temperance, chastity and in a preliminary agreement as to what they bridge at Point Ellice. It points out and receipts were thus divided between the Canadian, British and American was \$1,910,392. The losses of the man-holes in the sewers are the Canadian, British and American worked out. The Netherlands took ing business man is the employee of the government will recognize their country boy, who came to town with his offensive and defensive alliance, primar-the country boy, who came to town with his offensive and defensive alliance, primar-the country boy, who came to town with his offensive and defensive alliance, primar-the country boy, who came to town with his offensive and defensive alliance, primar-the country boy, who came to town with his offensive and defensive alliance, primar-the country boy. worked out. The Netherlands took ing business man is the employee of the said to have in view the formation of an bers of the government will recognize

> sessed of more than a hundred times as much timber. When things first begin to hum here the noise will be heard session to hum here the noise will be hear to hum here the noise will be heard around the world.

real. We are inclined to think that a great many people in this province, who have been calling themselves Conservatives, belong to this class. We raise no objection to men voting exactly as they ee fit: but they should not hold themselves out as belonging to a party which they do not propose to support

There are now twenty-eight Liberal senators, with three seats either vacant or to become vacant. Two of these are A London correspondent says that the held by Conservatives. When they are officers of our army in South Africa filled the number of Liberals will be reception. They say he is a clever, ity, although short of a numerical majority. Several senators are unable to attend the sessions regularly, through

York the names of the probable presi- the Conservative candidate in the Yalespectively. We would suppose that Mr. fident that if such a thing took place, it Hill has as much chance of being presi- had not the sanction of the Premier or dent as he has of becoming an arch any of the ministers. The government is formed on the Brond lines of British Columbian interests, and it is foreign to There was a young fellow hanged in the principles upon which the present Premier desires it to be carried on to have its machinery employed on behalf

expansion. He says that France cannot spare the people necessary for successful colonization, and that it is useless to develop so-called colonies unless They have a unique sort of govern- good commercial results can be looked mental system in Denmark. The gov- for. This he regards as impossible unernment has no supporters in the low- der existing conditions, and he fears er house, and is in a minority in the that the territory already acquired beupper house. To read after such information as this that it is thought it will pense and trouble. He foresees that be necessary to form a new govern- in case of war, the colonial possessions ment, is amusing to a Canadian. Fancy of France would be a great weakness, a cabinet at Ottawa without a sup- and he urged the government to confine porter in the House of Commons and a its attention to making the nation a. strong continental power, leaving expansion to others.

THE CHANGING SKIES.

Form follows cloudy form across the sky;

In crystal seas float islands of delight;
Grand turrets seem to guard you mountain height;
Lot there the folded flocks of evening lies Here rosy billows heave, and, breaking,

sigh; Archangels meet, and clash their sabres bright; See! scarlet squadrons marshal in the night: Pale wanderers' lamps the midnight glorify.

In my life's sky dream follows dream of thee;
The wild majestic pageant passes on—
Abodes, defenses, warriors, herds, fair

seas.

Moods come and go; shape thou my destiny,
Thou who remain'st when all the dreams. My home, my strength, my glory, and my peace!
—ELIZABETH GIBSON in Chambers'



Should you die to-morrow who is left to provide for those whom you have loved and cherished.?

If Not, Don't Delay,

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Local News.

From Friday December 14.

Reported for Duty.—Having recovere from his illness, Bandmaster Finn ha again reported for duty and resumed hi position as leader of the Fifth Reg ment band. Acting Bandmaster Eugen

Must Have Permit .- City Superinter dent Eaton has given notice that her after pupils residing outside the ci limits will not be allowed to attend the city schools without permission from the board of school trustees.

His First Court.-Mr. George Powell, recently appointed judge of the court of revision for the districts in the vicinity of Victoria, held his first cour at Parson's Bridge on Wednesday. number of applications were disposed

Wanted an Owner.—A party of boy yesterday brought to the city police station two gold and two silver chains, brooch and pair of bracelets, which the found in the woods at Victoria West The articles do not answer the description of any reported to the police as have

Successful Concert.—A large crowe last evening attended the concert give in Semple's hall, Victoria West, in aid of the junior athletic association of the western suburb. The concert was mos successful in every way, every number being encored. The funds will be largely augmented as a result of the entertainment. Rev. W. D. Barber occupied the chair.

Property Recovered.—Yesterday morning Constable McDonald, who has been detailed on a number of the recent cases of petty theft, and has been most successful, found in a second-hand store a nickel-plated corkscrew and attachments for a bar, which was stolen on ments for a bar, which was stolen of Wednesday from Messrs. Pither & Leiser. The man who sold the articl known to the police and will probable arrested to-day.

Mrs. Lines Dead.—The death occurred last evening at her home, 57½ St. Lawrence street, of Mrs. Edmond Lines, who has been a resident of Victoria since 1876. She was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and 65 years of age. A husband in this city, daughter in San Francisco, and son in Boston, survive her. The funeral is arranged for Saturday afternoon.

Trading Stamp Tax .- An informatio was yesterday sworn to by Mr. E. C. Smith, assistant city treasurer, charging the Dominon Trading Stamp Company, through Miss Murphy, the local manager, with refusing to pay their license for the month of December, amounting to \$116, which is payable in advance. The company paid their November license, but now propose to test the legality of the by-law.

Death of Mrs. Casse.-Eliza, the wife Death of Mrs. Casse.—Eliza, the wife of Joseph Casse, naval storekeeper at Esquimalt, died at the Jubilee hospital on Wednesday night. The deceased lady had been ill for a few weeks, and was removed to the hospital on Sunday. She was 49 years of age and a native of Chathan, Kent, England. The funeral will take place next Sunday from the residence, at Esquimalt, to the naval cometery.

Work at Mount Sicker.—Among the guests of the Victoria hotel is Mr. E. W. Molander, of the Key City Boiler Works, of Port Townsend. This gentleman has just returned from a visit to Mount Sicker, where he has important mining interests. During the past autumn work on these properties was suspended, but with the new year, Mr. Molander expects to have operations prosecuted before spring sets in. He left for Port Townsend last evening.

Satisfactory Test.-Mayor Hayward, Jas. L. Raymur, water commissioner, and the city engineer, paid an official visit to the North Dairy Farm pumping station yesterday morning. A most satvisit to the North Dairy Farm possibilities, and the station yesterday morning. A most satisfactory test was made, a pressure of 100 pounds at the station raising that at the city hall to 72½, and at the Yates street pumping station to 85. As soon as the necessary certificates are signed the Albion Iron Works will turn the station over to the city. This will most likely be done in a day or two. be done in a day or two

Death of Lionel Barff-Yesterday's Death of Lionel Barff—Yesterday's mail brought the news of the death of Mr. Lionel C. Barff, who was well known in this city in artistic and literary circles. During the Klondike rush of 1898, Mr. Barff joined the party of wealthy young Englishmen who outfit ted in this city, but which came to grie on the Chilcoot Pass, the members returning to this city with an accumulation of experiences and minus much good turning to this city with an accumulation of experiences and minus much good money. Mr. Barff afterwards joined the staff of the Illustrated London New and went to China. Recent numbers of that journal contain some pictures by Mr. Barff, depicting scenes in the China war, and it was in his capacity as special artist with the allied troops on the march to Paoting Fu that Mr. Barff con tracted the fever which proved fatal, for he died in the Diamond Jubilee Memorial Hospital, Tien Tsin, on the 13th of last month, from typhoid fever, at the age of 31 years.

Suppression of Gambling.—A specia session of the Ministerial Association was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The business before the meeting was what action should be taken in relation to the alleged flagrant violation of the daw in respect to gambling. The association learned with great satisfaction that the chief of police had strict instructions to suppress the evil. The ambiguous word, "abate," in the polic commissioners' letter to a member of the society, was evidently a clerical error. The whole of the correspondence be The whole of the correspondence between the Mayor and the representative of the association was produced. General satisfaction was expressed at the way the Mayor had taken up the mater. It was decided after some debate to adopt a course that would make is more difficult for a recurrence of the evil to take place, and at the same timbave a healthy effect upon the minds of those who engage in the nefarious traffic.

Mercer's Embezzlement.-George Mercer, the blueiacket who deserte from H. M. S. Warspite and ran awa h the proceeds of the concert give the Ocean Rovers, under his man agement, in aid of the Soldiers Seilors' Home, got away with more sellors' Home, got away with more that was at first thought. Not only did be take the concert funds, but also a sun belonging to the ship's mess, making over \$300. Commander Williams, of the Wanspite, was much incensed over the flight of Mercer, and may take step to secure his extradition.

"eeds Widening.—At Monday even by the council Ald Cooley

in's meeting of the council, Ald. Cooler will move that the work of widening Menzies street between Oswego and Ni agara to the full width of 43 feet, he carried out under the provisions of the local improvement by-law. Menzie