LOCAL STATISTICS INDICATE PROSPERITY

Trade of Victoria is on the Increase-Imports of the Past Year-- Report of Building Inspector Received.

Building Returns.

The year's returns are as follows: Mrs. E. J. Allen, one and half story

George Anderson, one and a half story frame, Battery street, \$1,500.

Thomas Ashe, one and a half frame

B. C. Electric Railway Company's building, Langley and Fort streets,

E. M. Cooper, one and a half frame, San Juan avenue, \$1,800.

Capt. Clarke, one and a half frame Hillside, \$2,500.

C. P. R. work on new hotel, \$250,000 New freight sheds, \$15,000.

A. W. Claynorn, one frame, Third C. S. Cleare, one and a half frame,

W. H. Clarke, one and a half frame,

. R. Crotty, one and a half frame,

A. A. Crompton, one and a half

J. E. Cornwall, one and a half frame,

W. C. Cronk, one and a half frame

F. W. Davey, one and a half frame,

H. Davie, one and a half frame, Clar-

P. Finch, two story frame, Yates

story frame, Blanchard avenue, \$1,000.

Mrs. E. Gibbs, two story frame, Fort

Mrs. L. J. Gould, two story frame,

frame, Elford street, \$2,400.

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ment street, \$1,500.

S. Booth, alterations, \$8,000.

Fisguard street. \$1.800.

erine street, \$2,500.

Blanchard street, \$1,500.

Niagara street, \$1,500.

Burdette street. \$3.200

frame, \$900.

\$113,537.51 \$23,102.55 \$32,675.03 \$10,75 4.83 \$3,753.69 \$986.25 \$103.58 \$2,538.42 \$187,451.86

losses should prove satisfactory reading to everybody. Only once in the history of the department has the loss

been smaller, that being in 1902, the second year of the administration of Mrs. Forrester, one story frame, Amphion street, \$300.

Mr. Fuller, one and a half story

.... 9,982.80 1,773.51 2,678.63 98 5.72 438.80 9,650.00 1,533.45 1,795.75 88 5.00 250.00

The records for the year of the fire

the present chief.

267.88 37.50 311.20 381.06

Mrs. Ann McConnell, one frame, Gore street, \$2,000.

Turner street, \$2,800.

nce street, \$1,800.

Building operations to the extent of

| The probability of a happy New |
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| Year for Victorians is immensely in- |
| creased by the fact that the past year has been so prosperous a one. At no time during the march of events of the past decade which has caused the present century to be designated Canada's, has that progress been more noticeable than during the |
| past twelve months. The steady grow- |
| ing time shared alike by the provinces both of the East and West has made itself felt in Victoria particularly, dur- |
| ing that time. The statistics obtainable from civic, provincial and Domin- |
| ion departmental sources are more elo- |

Building operations to the extent of \$633,080 have been carried on during 1906 in this city. The above figures are nearly \$40,000 in advance of those of last year for the city itself, but it are nearly \$40,000 in advance of those of last year for the city itself, but it is estimated that the buildings erection the local letter carriers, he will find not only that every house is occupied, but that entire streets have been added to the city during the recent activity in building affairs.

Mr. Kairns, the deputy postmaster, commenting on the growing time, mentioned that every box at the disposal of the postoffice authorities is rented. The demand for more is so great that it is hardly possible that the two hundred.

Building operations to the extent of \$633,080 have been carried on during 1906 in this city. The above figures in this city. The above figures in the scity. The above figures in this city. The above figures in the scity. The above figures in the country immediately surrounding Victoria would easily total in value another \$106,000.

J. A. Mitchell, two story bri

hardly possible that the two hundred additional ones which are to be added will meet it. Most of the applicants are new comers to the city. So notice-able is the increase, the postmaster Mrs. E. J. Allen, one and half frame, Furness street, \$1,600. states, that the recent holiday mails were double those of previous years. Similarly the number of new faces in the city churches show the growth various local churches find their flocks a greater charge upon them owing to the weekly, indeed almost daily, arrival of newcomers

In regard to the custom's returns, the important announcement is made that the business of the past exceeds \$11,000. that the business of the past exceeds that of a year ago by \$144,691.05. An analysis of the items shows that there is no special factor contributing to this, but that the increase has been general. It is significant that but a few Chinese

A. H. Bostock, Springfield avenue, \$2,000.

A. Blygh, 2 story frame, Maynard street, \$780.

Bray, one and half brick, Johnson them to entry to the Dominion. A large source of revenue has been the steamers of the China Mutual line, which is Thomas Baker, one frame, St. Lawresponsible for a large increase in the rence, \$1,500.

| by the custo | om offici | als ar | e as fol | lows: | |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|--------|--|
| _ | Dutiable | | Free | | |
| | 1906. | 1905. | 1906. | 1905. | |
| Jan\$ | 195,689 \$ | 158,410 | \$ 45,580 \$ | | |
| Feb | 213,334 | 166,185 | | 13,849 | |
| March | 297,451 | 168,019 | 135,735 | 28,136 | |
| April | 240,442 | 215,870 | 81.171 | 70,630 | |
| May | 332,482 | 217,616 | 86,220 | 75,589 | |
| June | 235,555 | 210,957 | | 54,161 | |
| July | 251 060 | 146 907 | 99 976 | 90 500 | |

| 1906. | | | D | Other Rev. | | |
|-------|------|-----|----------|---------------|-----------|---|
| T | otal | \$3 | ,067,911 | \$2,470,453 | \$745,935 | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| - | | - | | | | |
| Dec. | | | 225,000 | 187,151 | 32,000 | 22,598 |
| Nov. | | | 240,196 | 226,271 | 44,582 | 56,716 |
| Oct. | | | 282,178 | 181,368 | 42,316 | 29,123 |
| Sept. | | | 234,055 | 227,739 | 141,450 | 18,563 |
| Aug. | | | 320,469 | 264,660 | 51,607 | ₩.726 |
| July | | | 251,060 | 146,207 | 33,376 | 36,598 |
| June | | | 235,555 | 210,957 | 30,705 | 54,161 |
| May | | | 332,482 | 217,616 | 86,220 | 75,589 |
| April | | | 240,442 | 215,870 | 81,171 | 70,630 |
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| 1906. | Dutie | g. | Chin | A | 90 | | Othe | |
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| January\$ | 59,925 | | | | 00 | 2 | 127 | |
| February | 62,611 | 84 | | | 00 | T. | 12 | |
| March | 81,169 | 91 | 1 | 28 | 25 | | 24 | |
| April | 72,157 | 37 | 54 | 10 | 00 | | 18 | 50 |
| | 81,035 | 40 | 53 | 32 | 00 | | 75 | 08 |
| June | 69,678 | 88 | 2,0 | 33 | 00 | | 178 | 16 |
| | 72,867 | 87 | | 9 | 05 | | 544 | 00 |
| August | 83,179 | 05 | STATE | 11 | 30 | | 25 | 00 |
| September | 71,097 | 80 | 50 | 68 | 00 | | 39 | 90 |
| October | 76,916 | 96 | | | 17 | 2 | ,435 | 00 |
| November | 68,565 | 71 | 1,2 | 17 | 65 | | 175 | 00 |
| *December | 73,000 | 00 | 2,10 | 00 | 00 | | 30 | 00 |
| Total\$8 | 200 200 | 25 | 97 11 | 25 | 49 | 00 | .004 | 0 |

Inland Revenue. There is an increase of \$17,413,21 in the returns of the inland revenue de- street, \$3,500. partment during the past year over H. Findley, two story frame, Rock those for 1905. This highly satisfactory Bay avenue, \$1,500.

result is consequent upon the growth Mrs. Fry. two story frame, Queen's of spirit and tobacco trade, especially, and to a steady improvement in all branches of the departmental business street, \$2,400. in general. This improvement has been noticeable month by month; the total receipts for the year being given as \$187.451.86 as against \$170,038.65 for the manading year. preceding year.

The returns for the past twelve frame, Stanley avenue, \$1,200.

Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Cossair,

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|----|-------------------------------------|
| ij | frame, Burdette avenue, \$2,500. |
| | Hickman-Tye Co., additions, \$800. |
| | Robert Holmes, one and a half |
| | frame, Quadra street, \$3,000. |
| | Gibs & Homer, one and a half frame |
| | Gore street, \$2,000. |
| | Col. J. Hall. additions, \$2,000. |
| | Chas. Hintyre, one story frame, Am- |

Mrs. H. J. Hartnell, two story frame, Yates street, \$3,000.
G. R. P. Hull, one and a half frame,

H. T. Knott one and a half story frame, on Stanley avenue, and a one story frame on School street, \$3,800. Mrs. Grace Ann Kayton, one story frame, \$1,500.

Mr. Kirby, two and a half story frame, Gorge road, \$3,000. William Laing, two and a half story frame, Chatham street, \$2,200. Lee Mong Kow, additions, \$800.

John Lefere, two one story frame houses, Chamber street, \$2,200.

S. M. Lamb, one and a half frame, Bellot street, \$2,000. L. T. Locke two story frame, Cook Thomas Lumsden, one and a half frame, \$1,500.

B. F. Leight, one and a half frame,

Esquimalt road, \$1,800.

J. A. Mitchell, two story brick, Rock-

Mr. Moffart, one and a half frame, a most gratifying state of affairs, in-Richmond avenue, \$2,000. frame residence, Turner street, \$1,800.

John T. Arnall, one story, frame, Mr. Mearns, one and a half frame, El-

ford street, \$2,200. con street, \$1,400. G. McConnan, one story frame, Grave along all lines, and also a considerable Marten & Drysdale, one and a half

story frame, on Gore street, and one and a half story frame on Pemberton H. A. Allan, one and a half frame, road, \$7,500. Peter McLean, one and a half story frame, Washington street, \$1,800. Oliver & Townsend, \$600. T. W. Paterson, two story frame,

Fort street, \$6,500.

W. J. Pendray, alterations and additions to factory, \$10,000.

Pemberton & Son, Broad street, \$1,-

Henry Pike, concrete block building, out by borrowers for about a week, 2,000.

Pither & Leiser, six story brick and stone block, Wharf street, \$45,000.

Rockland the average number of the whole year-the average number of the year-the year-

wenue, \$10,000.

William Piggot, one and a half frame, lelmont avenue, \$2,500. elmont avenue, \$2,500.

ing the year 201 books were issued. Col. Prior, iron warehouse, \$2,000. Quong Man Tung, one story brick

Royal Jubilee hospital, \$6,000.

Rithet & Co., additions, \$4,000.

J. E. Redcourt, one story frame, Kingston street, \$1,500.

G. A. Richardson, two story frame, Pandora street \$2,500

Been added at a cost of less than \$2,000.

The returns for the year indicate that both reading rooms were well patronized, and since these rooms have been opened on Sunday this patronage has grown to creditable proportions. The

James H. Campell, one and a half R. Collispen, two, one and a half

story frame, residences, Ellis street, Mrs. F. St. Clair, one story frame, Third street, \$2,000. Mr. Stephens, Boyd street, \$2,000.

Mrs. Seabrook, one story frame, Su-

G. Shakespeare, one and a half story rame, Heywood avenue, \$2,000.

Wendrick Sharpe, one and a half fact the coastwise shipping during the past two days the returns in this line are: Entries, 2,108; clearances, frame, Linden avenue, \$1,500.

J. Sears, two story frame, Cadboro J. Sears, two story frame, Cadboro

Bay road, \$2,200. A. R. Shirk one story frame, Chat-Shoe Merchant Run Over by Trainham street, \$300. H. Stokes, one story frame, Belcher Mrs. Florence St. Clair, one and a

Galt, Ont., Dec. 29.-Edward Jones, alf story frame, Third street, \$2,200. shoe merchant, aged 70 years, was kill-F. W. Slack, one and a half story ed by a train. rame, Walker street, \$500. Taylor Mill Co., stables, \$500. Madoc, Ont., Dec. 29.—Daniel Bird, a E. Temple, one and a half frame, Mc- sawmill owner, was killed by a falling

R.E. Toneride, one and a half frame, RAILWAY PRESIDENT DEAD. Princess street, \$1,500.

A. J. Woodward, greenhouses, \$3,400.

A. Walters, one story frame, "Kingston street, \$1,800.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT DEAD.

Alexander J. Cassatt Died Suddenly of Heart Disease. James Walker one story frame, On-tario street, \$700.

Mr. Wright, stables, \$600. John Wren, one story frame, Dallas Additional alterations and improve ments, \$75,000.

Dry Dock Returns. Dry Dock Returns.

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Capt. Gould, superintendent of the dry dock at Esquimait, reports that during the year the dock was occupied Capt. John Kirkindale, one story frame, \$2,000.

Capt. Gould, superintendent of the dry dock at Esquimait, reports that during the year the dock was occupied 159 days, a record that compares very favorably with other years. The total receipts from the yessels accompanded.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28,-President Alexander J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died sudden ly this afternoon. The announcement of the death was made from his office

receipts from the vessels accommodated was \$25,786.12. There were 27 vessels on the blocks during the year, with a total tonnage of 82,398.

The returns as prepared by Capt.

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| ould are as follows: | He was elected to | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Name of Vessel. | Period of Dockage. | Tonnage. | Dues |
| S. S. Elleric | Jan. 14 to Jan. 16 | 3,569 | \$ 513 2 |
| Ship Milverton | Feb. 7 to Feb. 9 | 2,192 | 484 0 |
| S Cambrian King | The le got the TOLL OF | 3,600 | 513 2 |
| H. M. S. Egeria | Feb. 26 to Mar 1 | 940 | 280 0 |
| H. M. S. Egeria S. S. Aysgarth Ship Bermuda | Mar. 9 to Mar 11 | 3.118 | 522 8 |
| Ship Bermuda | April 5 to April 7 | 2,846 | 500 0 |
| S. S. Wyeneric | April 9 to April 11 | 4.992 | 547 2 |
| S. S. Wyeneric | April 19 to April 22 | 2,571 | 594 2 |
| S. S. Cheswick | | 3,246 | 517 6 |
| S. S. Ohio | May 9 to May 14 | 3,488 | 863 0 |
| S. S. Victoria | May 18 to May 22 | 3,502 | 749 2 |
| S. S. Pennsylvania | May 26 to May 27 | 3,343 | 521 4 |
| S. S. Dulwich S. S. Otta S. S. Mariechen | May 31 to June 2 | 3,278 | 516 2 |
| S. S. Otta | June 2 to June 3 | 3,250 | 404 2 |
| S. S. Mariechen | June 7 to Aug. 7 | 3,930 | 7,482 6 |
| S. S. Water Lily-Water supplied, did n | ot dock | | 7 5 |
| S. S. Indiana | | 3,335 | 798 2 |
| Barque Battle Abbey | Aug. 17 to Aug. 18 | 3,483 | 401 4 |
| S. S. Pondo | Aug 31 to Sent 1 | 2,741 | 400 0 |
| Ship Lisbeth | Sept. 2 to Sept. 4 | 2,346 | 487 0 |
| Ship Lisbeth | Sept. 13 to Oct. 21 | 4,221 | 5,344 2 |
| S. S. Henley | Oct. 23 to Oct. 26 | 3,249 | 626 8 |
| S. S. Elleric | Nov. 5 to Nov. 7 | 3,570 | 534 8 |
| Ship Elisa Lihn | Nov. 7 to Nov. 9 | 2,245 | 487 4 |
| S. S. Strathnairn | Nov. 9 to Nov. 11 | 4,350 | 529 4 |
| S. S. Jeanle | Nov. 22 to Nov. 23 | 1.071 | 350 0 |
| S. S. Jeanie | Nov. 31 to Dec. 8 | 940 | 408 2 |
| S. S. Ramses | Dec. 12 to Dec. 13 | 3,582 | 400 0 |
| D. G. S. Kestrel-Water supplied, did no | ot dock | # 10.000 Jan. 10.00 M | 2 4 |

works out at the very creditable average of five a day. The daily average

of books borrowed was 40 during January, the first month after the library

was opened, and the average during November and December was 100, an increase of 150 per cent. Of the books

taken out nearly 90 out of every 100 were in the fiction class, the average

number of books in other classes taken out monthly never reaching as high as

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

sided in Philadelphia for many years and his family had been very promin-The library returns for the first year of the new institution's existence show ent socially in that city. creasing interest in the reading rooms and lending departments being recordnell, one story frame, Bea- ed. J. G. Hands, librarian, states that he is able to report favorable progress increase in the number of patrons during the latter half of the year, as com pared with the preceding six months. During the year 1,572 applications for membership had been received, which

CARRIED THREE WOMEN TO STRONGHOLD IN HILL Details of the Burning of Town in

company in 1889. Mr. Cassatt has re-

Mexico--Ten Persons Were Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 29-Details received

vesterday say that last Saturday evening a Yaqui Indian band attacked and When the old library at the city hall was abandoned 400 books were taken into the new building, and during the year a large number of others have heen added at the state of the state been added at a cost of less than \$2,000, men and children, fatally shot two The returns for the year indicate that both reading rooms were well patron-captives to the hills.

G. A. Richardson, two story frame, Pandora street, \$3,500.

G. Riley, two story frame, Oak Bay avenue, \$4,000.

F. Rudlin, one story frame, Pandora street, \$500.

F. Rudland, one and a half story.

G. A. Richardson, two story frame, Opened on Sunday this patronage has grown to creditable proportions. The institution receives 6 daily papers, 12 English weeklies, 20 Canadian weeklies and 30 miscellaneous papers, besides 24 monthly magazines.

The Indians retired after nearly two hours of plunder, riot and arson, being frightened away by a work train from Guayamas, which they doubtless mistowk for a relief train. Soldiers from the first of these questions relation to the first of these questions relation to so much from the moral side of the fort two miles east entered the town fifteen minutes later.

Following are the first of these questions relation to grow the law and whose rights infringed when others break it.

"With regard to gambling. I may grow the first of these questions relation to the first of these questions relation to grow the law and whose rights infringed when others break it.

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"We have the first of these questions relation to gambling it, we should infringed when others break it.

"With regard to gambling it, we should infringed when others of present Mayor, in stating his position upon the first of these questions relation to gambling it, we should infringed when others break it.

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and calendar years do not correspond comparisons would be difficult to give, but those who follow the business of the store and canteen, run by an Italian named Plaquenia. He made a the port are one in stating that the connage which enters is constantly indereasing.

Italian named Flaquella.

fight but to no purpose, being soon overpowered and while the Indians Making the number of vessels which have cleared and entered under the heading "sea going" during the past two days, the returns for the year show that 1,034 vessels cleared and grame, Dallas road, \$2,200.

G. Shakespeare, one and a half story frame, Heywood avenue, \$2,000.

Wendrick Sharpe, one and a half story frame, Dallas road, \$2,200.

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Wendrick Sharpe, one and a half story frame, Dallas road, \$2,200. Approximating the number of vessels drank and plundered the place they Those inhabitants of the town who got away escaped into the cactus thickets nearby, and the Indians did them but contented them-

prisoners captured in the first & Hainer, general store. charge. A woman and her children lay flat stock and \$3,000 on building, with in-upon a box car which had been side-tracked there for temporary use as a between \$20,000 and \$25,000, with insurhouse, and escaped observation.

About 8 o'clock the whistle of a work loss will not be less than \$15,000, with

train gave warning of its approach, insurance of \$7,000.

General Torres arrived at the scenf the massacre the next day from Guayamas and took charge of the or ganization of a punitive expedition. This band of Indians have a strong hold in the mountains a few miles west of the station. They had often been seen to come near the railway and watch the trains pass, but never offered any violence to American property

KAULBAR'S REMOVAL

Odessa, Dec. 29.—Governor-General Kaulbars has been removed to another

CANDIDATE SPEAKS ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES

T. W. Paterson Discusses the Water Question, Increased School Accommodation and other Matters of Interest.

The approaching municipal elections | sential that whatever sum is necessary

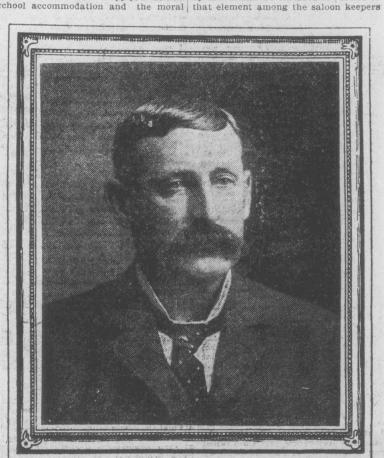
lasts. Already the supporters of Mr. revenue is collected from certain sources, those sources are entitled to their headquarters during the fight.

The two candidates for Mayor, while long as they do not interfere with the

have not been lost sight of, in the interest attending the present provincial campaign.

While the civic campaign will not be While the civic campaign will not be nection I may say that in my opinion, spread over any great space of time, the Mayor is the representative of all it is certain to be a lively one while it the ratepayers of the city. So long as

by a tacit agreement they have decid-ed to confine their personal canvassing "The city has a by-law providing that to the week immediately preceding saloons shall be closed during certain election day are the subject of discussion everywhere. The main issues, the question of the water supply, increased by-law should be enforced in justice to school accommodation and the moral



T. W. PATERSON, The Citizens' Candidate.

eform issue form the main topics of who obey the law and whose rights are The Indians retired after nearly two debate.

The Undians retired after nearly two hours of plunder, riot and arson, being T. W. Paterson, who will oppose the "With regard to gambling, I may say

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. Three Stores at Ninga, Manitoba, De- reasons, Mr. Tamura admitted that stroyed-Loss Will Exceed \$45,000.

Ninga, Man., Dec. 28.—Fire broke out dian flour is more expensive than Amthis morning in McKinley's hardware erican, owing to its superiority in store, and before the flames were got strength, but in spite of this and of the

not follow them, but contented them-selves with the murder and torture of ware; N. J. Ryan, general store; Miller McKinley's loss will be \$7,000

and the Indians hastily left.

Soldiers from the fort arrived about damaged to the extent of \$2,000. There two hours after the firing of the first was insurance on this building to the amount of \$500.

IMMIGRATION RETURNS.

ending November 30th, 74,791 immigrants reached Canada; for the same bered 49,896.

FLOUR TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.-S. Tamura, a district. The reason for this change is said to be the governor-general's close day. He states that his efforts to bring in Canada was more gratifying than

not so much from the moral side of the "Before abandoning it, we should issue upon which I do not venture to thoroughly examine the present source pronounce, but because I am convinced

F. Rudin, one story frame, Pandora street, \$500.

F. M. Rutland, one and a half story frame, Oak Bay avenue, \$1,800.

Mrs. Rounding, one and a half frame, Gorge road, \$1,500

The fort two miles east entered the formulate later. Source and the first minutes later. The formulate later is the formulate later. The formulate later is the first minutes later. The formulate later is the formulate later. It is found that minute later. It is found that much money is squanties by mating its quantity. If it is found that much money which would be much better example. The formulate later is the formulate later. It is found that much money which would be much because I am convinced the formulate later. It is found that much money which would be much because I am convinced the formulation is formulated in Gorge road, \$1,500
J. T. Redding stables, \$500.
William Ross, one and a half story frame, Rothwell street, \$1,800.
Oliver Richards, one and a half story frame, \$1,500.
Otho Ruffer, one story frame, Dallas road, \$1,000.
Savoy theatre, aiterations, \$10,000.
Savoy theatre, aiterations, \$10,000.
Simmons & Coker three story brick, \$2,800.

Mrs. F. St. Cleib, case steep with a series and their families. The only Americans in the place were the station master, Thompson, his family and two American drillers, the tests I speak of, which in them selves would take little time and expense, should have been made during the past year. Immediate action in this regard is an absolute necessity."

In line with other increases the number of vessels which have cleared and entered at this port during the past twelve months has been greater than ever known previously. As the fiscal and calendar years do not correspond comparisons would be difficult to give.

Mrs. F. St. Cleib, case steep 49; October, 102; November, 98; October, 102; November, 101; December, 98; October, 102; November, 102; November, 101; December, 98; October, 102; November, 102; November, 102; November, 103; December, 98; October, 102; November, 104; Plant and two Americans in the place of years, I consider it inadvisable to spend our money upon it. I believe that the duties of years, I consider it inadvisable to of years, I consider it inadvisable to spend our money upon it. I believe that the station master, Thompson, his family and two Americans in the place of years, I consider it inadvisable to spend our money upon it. I believe that the duties of years, I consider it inadvisable to spend our money upon it. I believe that the duties of years, I consider it inadvisable to spend our money upon it. I believe that the duties of years, I consider it inadvisable to spend our money upon it. I believe that the station master, Thompson, his family and two Americans in the place of years, I consider it inadvisable to spend our money upon it. I believe that the duties of

> When asked if this wish was engensentiment had much to do with it.
> "I am a pioneer of the Canada-Japanese flour business and I think it will

TO HAVE RESIGNED

Ottawa, Dec. 29.-It is reported here that Lord Strathcona cabled his resignation of the high commissionership before leaving London for Canada. Leaves for Canada.

London, Dec. 28.-Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada, left here yesterday for Canada. Before his departure he said he was sure all Can Ottawa, Dec. 29.—In the five months | tion with which the appointment of James Bryce as ambassador at Washington had been received in the United States, and that there was no disposi-tion in Canada to regard this appointment other than in a most favorable light. He thinks that some statements in the press alleged to have emanated Pioneer Merchant Says Demand For seriously. He explained that although Canadian Product Is Growing. important affairs demanded his presence in the Dominion, it has been his custom to go home every year. This

CHAPTER XVII.

The meal ended, Mirza A Persian girl both returned to to of the latter the sick man ed see the eyes, but these, large trous, were all the more bew that account. Her father seated himself to commence when he heard a knocking at the door of the house. I her opportunity, Fatima sa

you, I implore you to agree ever my father may propos Even if the part he calls u play may seem hypocritical, not shrink from it, unless to be torn literally limb from are now in a country of hypo must fight them with their pons, even as my father and being Shiahs, pretend to he eonverted into Sunnis. Do i that the Dervishes, who are for your blood, will probab-long cross-examine you as to ligion. Whatever you reply dox, and, if questioned upo ject of Shiah and Sunni, Shiahs if needful; my father not mind, but when you sa know that the word Dervish what is intended. Moreove curse the Shiahs in our pr we do not flinch, our own co Sunniism will be all the established, and we shall be ened. One cannot be streng much in this terrible Soud is still running with blood. I of Mahomed Ahmed, the M of Manomed Ahmed, the shood was shed chiefly in war; how, by Abdullah, it is ed out wholesale. The las from Khartoum are that he l up the inhabitants of a wi innocent people, after fi their right hands and left cut off! Judge, then, we chances are, oh Pey! if you into his hands! Most earnes fore, do I beseech of you to my father requires. Reme he has befriended you who

may, "my gratitude to you is ed, and to your father. The noxious as may be the part I upon to play, I will play it God help us all! But why father befriended me?"

"Because your skin is white who are from the mountain of the north of Persia. Because later, you may help us to es Egypt, or, if we do escape from punishment there as a partisans of the Mahdi. B im coming. Remember!"
"I will remember," repl

Nada," said Mirza Ali, in r daughter's glan "He has contrived to get th ery at the cartridge factory of der again. I wish I could g the blockhead-the magn there is not another man i with the faintest mechan am helpless, Fatima." "Never mind, father, the

many the less cartridges ma ed, that is all; and in co there will, perhaps, be less u human beings shot." "Or catridges wasted, say ra daughter; for these Dervish worst shots in creation, and ly formidable when at close with sword and spear. But

our guest," and he turned to wounded Viscount. "Rabeh Abdullah—for such your name—you are, I under Muslim and a Sunni of cour you oblige me by repeating tion of faith?" "La ila illallah Mahomed Allah!—There is no God but

Mahomed is the messenger repeatedly Reginald glibly. Of course! I need hardly quired it of you, since duri feverish ramblings you have aloud about half of the Kor Have you been brought up Rabeh Abdallah?"

"I have received considera ous instruction, and yes-praised!—my memory is good "That is well? for you m tively listen to my words hem, lest you would quickly death from which, for the my daughter and I have you. Since we are all in Allah, I cannot foresee the both you and we too may horrible death after all ver, will now have to en of a holy man and a seer, an ery evening, and let us what you foresee may pr correct. No, do not answer explain. But first, will you nd my daughter, whatever

Mirza Ali. I never yet went a friend to whom I had far be both grateful and fai

your own blood; I will hold; hand on it for you, if you

"I am not too weak-now replied Lord Rothi is compelled to swear blood-stained Koran.

The total loss by fire for 1902, \$5,657

Mrs. M. Horton, one and a half frame,
Fort street. \$1,800. district. The reason for this change is said to be the governor-general's close connection with the union of Russian people and his failure to prevent the canada have been successful. Mr. for 97 alarms, while that for the pres- Mrs. Hipwood, one story frame, ent year to date is \$6,350.50 for 139 Cedar Hill road, \$600. Tamura pointed out that at the present time Japan imports six million dollars worth of flour from the United Norwood, Ont., Dec. 28.—The body of alarms. This too is in face of the fact Mrs. V. R. Harris, Birdcage Walk, that several really serious fires have GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT DAWSON T. C. Hibbard, one and a half frame, started this year, which if not handled Clarence street, \$2,000. centrating their minds on study or work, and also when under the influence of de-pressing emotion. On the other hand, they breathe more when exhilarated by States and that every year the amount fred Norwood, aged 18, has been found increases. He hopes that eventually in the river. He was missing for some Canada will be able to take a large days. There are suspicions of full Which was destroyed by fire, together with contents, on Clarence street, \$2,000. Christmas Day. pleasure and amusement part of all this trade.