CHEMAINUS.

From our own correspondent.

Chemainus, Dec. 14.-A very interest-

ing ceremony was to have taken place

last Wednesday evening at the residence

of George R. Porter, J. P., the christen

ing of the son and heir of Horace Davie

reeve of Cowichan district. Rev. R. J.

Roberts, who was to officiate, also a

but the baby failed to put in an appear

ed in and a very enjoyable time was

Pronounce it a very enjoyable affair.

will be present and take part.

The opening of the new hall at West-

COMOX.

On Saturday James Davidson, of Co

mox, while out hunting, was the victi n

of an accident. He fell, setting off his

into his body between the legs, tearing

its way through the bowels and into the

upper part of his left hip. He was cou-

the wound is a dangerous one.

eyed to the hospital, where the ball was extracted. He is resting easily, but

Alex. Brown was employed at Billy

McDonald's camp at Valdez island, and

taking advantage of the absence of the

latter, forced an entrance into the of-

\$10 bills, two suits of underclothing

REVELSTORE

Kootenay Mail.

about two hundred yards above Cotton-

and ties for the Arrow Lake branch.

A FRUIT EXCHANGE.

An Organization to Handle British Co

The committee of the Fruit Growers

Association met at Vancouver on Fri-

day and agreed upon a recommendation

to the association as to the formation of

a general co-operative organization of

the fruit growers of the province, such

association to be known as the British

Columbia Fruit Exchange. The pur-

pose of this association is to be the mar

and preserving plants; to collect and dis-

tribute information in reference to the

growing and preserving of fruit; to es-

and disposing of fruit; to open and de-

velop new markets; to act as financial

agent for local associations; to secure

ties, and to purchase supplies for local

I'ne committee hope to be in a position

A GREAT WINTER CARNIVAL.

To Be Held in St. Paul the Last Week

in January.

the regular events, the quarter mile, one

twenty mile event. Consolation races

and extra events will also be provided

all the clubs in the United States and

Canada have been invited. These will

ROYAL Baking Powder.

Highest of all in leavening

strength. -U. S. Toverament Report.

begin on the opening day of the carnival

for the great curling bonspiel, to which

five and ten mile races, there will be a

lumbia Fruits.

deal will be closed in March.

at the mines.

our plugs of tobacco and a hat, with

spent nevertheless.

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tually been

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

KAMLOOPS. Inland Sentinel.

G. C. Tunstall, government agent and commissioner, received from 1 tabbitt, by last stage, some good speciens of ore found on the Tulameeu, ear Mr. Rabbitt's house. Samples are ent from four mineral claims. The silveria ore is galena and gray copper in martz; the Victoria runs high in copwith some gold; the Silver Glance quartz, free milling at the surface; nning about \$20 in gold; and the Neada is of much the same nature. The ineral body on these claims are from our to five feet in thickness, with ringers of asbestos of very good qual-Mr. Tunstall will send the samples the mining bureau at Victoria.

Andrew Clar, who represents Montreal rties in dealings regarding some Brit-Columbia mining properties, came in Sunday night, coming direct from i joet, where he spent some weeks, and most of the summer he was in Cari- ports that the market for horses in that About thirty men, he says, are working on the Bonanza quartz claim of teams which have been at work on under a Mr. Hughes, foreman for the raser River, Lillooet & Cariboo Gold Fields. Of late, in tunnelling, the men vere passing through rick impregnated with some substance which covered the nen's clothing with blackness. On the have been working all summer on the Enterprise, a placer property, a pump Similkameen near Granite creek, have has been got to keep water out of the shaft that had been sunk to reach bed | hat big results are expected next searock, and since it has been working, no son from the hydraulic claims on the lifficulty was experienced with water | Similformeen and Tulameen, and on the and the company expects very soon of latter stream valuable quartz discoverhave sufficient work done to show what ies have recently been made. in the claim and to get returns.

was Mr. Clark when sent Scott and Gott in 1894 to Tete Jeune cache, where hey staked mica locations. He intended to have work done on these this summer, but after changed ais mind and nstead paid the "required sum to the overnment and holds the claims over. Mr. Clark, who left for Montreal this week, is endeavoring to have the property developed in a permanent way.

MCPHERSONS.

(From our own correspondent.) ontest for the championship of Cowichen took place amid pouring rain. The attendance was not very large on acount of the weather. The chopping took lace on the farm of John Macpherson 11 a.m. J. J. Mahony, chairman of ommittee, read the rules governing the ontest and introduced the following entlemen who conducted the contest: ludges: T. Colvin, A. Robertson; refree, John Macpherson; time-keepers, L. anderson and J. J. Mahony; clerk, E. filler. The following men competed: Total time for 19-inch cut:

Wm. Mearns.... 14 12 M. Allard..... 11 46 Humphreys.. ..... 14 36 Mr. R. Mearns won the gold medal, M. Allard the silver medal, and J. Humhreys the third prize, a steel axe. All he contestants were satisfied at the re-

was a well conducted contest.

rult, and all who contended declared it

Mr. E. F. Burt, of Seattle, and Mr. McCulloch are paying a visit to our Soundary camps and looking over the field for investment generally. The development work that is being done on the Anaconda is proving the property to be a very valuable one, as

the ore is now becoming very extensive and of a good, rich character. The Crawford mill, after much delay en route, has arrived at Penticton. At soon as it can be set up the mill wiii. commence work on ore from the Smug-

A working bond for six months, with an option of purchase, was recenly given. n the Trilby claim, Skylark camp, by Messrs. Morris and Randolph Stewart Mr. W. Nelson, of Boundary Falls. A few days since a bond was given to dessrs. Turner and McInnis, of Van ouver, by Mr. Joseph Hetu, owner of he Gold Drop claim in Greenwood camp. The terms of the bond have not vet been made known.

Everything moves along merrily on the Winnipeg claim in Wellington camp. The shaft which is being sunk near the foot wall is steadily going down, and the ore body looks well and gives great

The 9th of December, and sleighing has not yet become general, although oc asionally an impatient one more venuresome than the rest may be observed to have discarded wheels for runners. Mr. G. Cook is engaged sinking on the Ruby claim near Boundary Falls, property adjacent to the American Boy, and as far as the work has been resecuted splendid results have been ttained. The ore, which is a coppor ulphide carrying gold, is of a very ric! oking character.

Our local saw mill has donned its win er cloak, and is silently and peacefully ettling down to a season's rest, and his, too, when the demand for lumber was never greater in the district. The as the candidate. He stated, however better and cheaper transportation faciliause of this state of attairs is to be ttributed to the unfortunate loss susained by the breaking of the boom at he mill last spring, which allowed nearall the logs got out last winter to floor term. own the river, leaving only a few logs and a little lumber in the yard, which Harrison, the argument as to the as since been used up.

> VERNON Vernon News

xcess of \$30 per acre. The position of provincial constable

acout since the resignation of Consta-Thompson, has been filled, and Marie R. Lowe has received the appoint-

An auction sale of norses and farm

plements belonging to the estate of

he late W. R. McCluskey was held on aturday afternoon at the Victoria ho-The prices realized were small, and the bidding was anything but spir-Me Quin Faulkner has been plowing

or the past few days at his ranch at Thorne, was "held up" the other eventhe arm of the lake, and he finds the ing while returning from the Five Acre ground in admirable condition for work- lots. The highwayman, who was armng. Nothing much the matter with a ed with a huge revolver, let him pass

climate that permits plowing so near the when he explained that he had no STILL

Development work on the Dandy min eral claim is being pushed forward at

Camp Hewitt. Messrs. W. J. Armstrong and W. T. Shatford were down last week to visit the claim, in which they are interested, and are well pleased with the looks of the prospect.

Mr. H. McCutcheon, formerly the pro prietor of the Inland Sentinel, but now engaged in managing Campbell Bros.' furniture business at Rossland, was in town this week for a couple of days. ance. Games and dancing were indulg-He has the most implicit faith in Rossland's future, and expects to see at least twenty :nines exporting ore from the town in the early spring.

On Weinesday's train another new musical programme, refreshments and a settler arrived in the district, in the person of Mr. W. Cornwall's-Bate, who has recently sold out a farm at South new location.

Mr. Quin Faulkner is back from Kootenay, where he succeeded in disposing of a considerable quantity of hay. He resection is not very brisk, as a number railway construction during the summer are now out of employment and are of fered for sale at low figures.

Mr. W. F. Cameron, contractor, and Messrs. J A. and C. E. Mohr, who come home for the winter. They say

Mr Chas. H Ballard, the mining expert who has been representing the interests of Marcus Daly in this country for some time past, returned last week from a trip on which he started to inspect the Monashee mine with a view to purchase. He did not reach the mine, however, for on his way he received information that the owner, Mr. D. Mc. Intyre, had given other parties an option of six months on the property, and he considered it unnecessary to furth r pursue his investigations. While in this city he was driven out to look at McPherson's, Dec. 14.—The chopping the Bon Diable claim on the B X ranch, but as very little development work has yet been done on this property he did not express any decided opinion regard-

ing it, further than that the quartz ex-

posed to view presented a very promis-

ing appearance. Since Mr. Barnard's letter appeared in print we have been informed by Mr. C. A. R. Lainbly, gold commissioner, that he has accepted bonds from the original locators of the "jumped" claims, fuuv securing Mr. Barnard from any damage to his property. Application was made to Mr. Lambly to file these bonds before the jumping had taken place. Now that Mr. Barnard is in no danger of suffering loss from the working of the claims in question, he will no doubt feel that his interests have been protected; and upess he had other reasons for his action than those expressed in the above letter, will probably be content to withdraw with as much grace as possible from a position which has subjected him to a

good deal of strong public condemna-The Vernon Farmers' Association was organized on Saturday with the followining officers: President, G. Alers Hankey: vice-president. K. S. Streatfield

sercetary-treasurer, C. Lefroy. The constitution thus defines the objects of the association: 1. To ship live stock and farm produce to any markets. 2. To acquire land and build or rent warehouses, etc. 3. To appoint agents in any part of the Dominion to transa t business for the association, and to take cognizance of all matters detrimental 'o the interests of the society. 4. To ob tain concessions as to the reduction of freight rates from all transportaion companies. The by-laws provide that the annual membership fee shall be \$10. and that assessments may be levied to provide a freight fund.

Nanaimo, Dec. 14.—The first snow this season fell vesterday afternoon.

Philip White and John Campbell, two of the employes recently discharged from the Union Colliery Company, came down by the Joan this afternoon.

While in Victoria Mr. Ralph Smith, secretary of the Miners and Mine Laborers' Protective Association, had an interview with the minister of mines in connection with the recent discharge of employes by the Union Colliery Company. He was not at liberty to divulge further particulars, which, however, will be laid before the miners' association in

due course. Dominico Silva received a preliminary hearing in the district court this afternoon on the charge of shooting cattle telonging to the Indians of Valdez Ishand and disposing of the hides. The

prisoner was committed for trial. Nanaimo, Dec. 13 .- aid. Arthur Wilson was presented with a requisition asking him to be a candidate for the mayoralty, but he declined on the ground that he had agreed to abide by the decision of the meeting of November 23, at which Aid. Davison was chosen that he would be willing to accept a nomination for alderman for the Middle growers. ward. It is stated that Mayor Quennell will yet take the field for a inird

In the supreme court, before Judge constitutionality of the small debts act was begun and concluded, Mr. C. Bark. er and Mr. E. M. Yarwood representing the negative and Deputy Attorney-Gen Messrs. French Bros. have purchased eral Smith the affirmative. The arguacres of the Girouard estate near ment arises out of writs of prohibition his city, the price paid being slightly in applied for by Mr. Barker in the case of Worden v. McMillan, originally be fore the small debts court at Nanaimo, Okanagan Mission, which has been and by Mr. Yarwood in the cases of McNeill v. R. G. Cameron at Nanaimo Edwards v. Parry and Rushworth v Parry at Union. Mr. Smith agreed that all these cases should be argued together and admitted all necessary facts. After arguments were heard and authori ties cited the court took the matter into

> consideration. Provincial Constable McLean was married last night to Miss Victoria Jane | and will continue all 'he week. McGuire, of Nanaimo.

A. Challoner, driver for Smart &

H. M. S. Royal Arthur Went Out Yesterday to Search for the strathnevis.

Steamer Maud Has an Unusually Stormy Passage From the West Coast.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur left Esquimalt holm took place last night. A short at 9:30 yesterday morning to search for tue steamer Strathnevis. It is feared dance, caused those who participated to that the vessel has met with another accident since she was reported by the A Gospel temperance meeting will be Antler, Manitoba, and is looking for a held in the river school house on Mon- bark John Gamble. The weather has been very stormy and she would be helpday evening next, when several speakers less in her disabled condition. Capt. Roberts, of the British clipper ship Buckingham, which of arrived Union, Dec. 11.—Last wednesda, Jas. George F. Drabble was up before Jas. Abrams, S. M., A. McKnight, J. P., and The wind changed about so often that it seemed at times to be blowing from it seemed at times to be blowing from the charge pre-Union, Dec. 11.—Last Wednesday Mr., the Sound last week, reports one of the ferred by Richard Walsh of misapproseveral different points of the compass priating funds collected for the E. & N. at once. On December 1 he was with a railway company, for which it is claimed ten miles of Cape Flattery, but the wind he was not agent. He was bound over suddenly whisked about and drove him on his own recognizances in \$100 and out to sea again and he did not get inthe bond of R. Grant in the same sum | side the cape until the third time he to appear at the spring assizes to an approached it. He is of the opinion that tne Strathnevis, with her limited can swer any indictment that may be prevas, is having a serious time of it in mid-ocean. On account of the frequent Mr. Walter Williscroft, who has been changing of the wind he is inclined to in the employ of Grant & Mounce, Cothink the disabled steamer will be pickmox, has left for Comox to take charge ed up, if at all, in the vicinity of the of the affairs of his brother, Capt. Wilpoint where she was reported on November 19. The collier Costa Rica, J. W. McIntyre left with his dog on which arrived at San Francisco on Sa-the Joan last Friday and closed the urday, after spending several days in doors of his candy and ice cream estabsearching for the vessel, could not find lishment. The creditors have stepped

> A Portland dispatch says: "The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's steamship line between this city and 44 calibre rifle, and the ball passed up Hongkong and Yokohama, established yond the anticipation of the promoters. On the first of the month the first contract expired, and to-day another was signed, which makes the line permanent. fice, broke open a trunk belonging to Tom McDonald, who had been left n charge, and appropriated twenty-nine who own the three vessels on the line."

which he repaired to the water's edge and embarked in Tom McDonald's boat, valued at \$100. Tom got wind of the robbery and pursued the thief along the the assistance of his rifle, and mad. Brown a prisoner. The latter was com- other American seal hunters are said mitted for trial by R. H. Pidcock and to be in the same predicament. The Rus-Mr. Peary, J. P., and has been taken to sian penalty for fishing off the coast of to address the meeting. Saghalien is said to be life imprisonsent to Washington authorities.

Winter has set in at Hecillewaet camp. The snow is about 18 inches deep for the low ground and three feet | Captain Roberts, arrived last evening obtained terms for a bond on two claims 'The Isabella, the richest grey copper claim in Illecillewaet, was worked at for West Coast points on the 20th inst.

a former time, the ore averaging 300 unces silver and some samples running The Norwegian bark Prince Regent, as high as 3000 ounces to the ton. It belongs to the Lanark company and five de Janeiro, arrived in the Royal Roads men will be employed on it during the on Saturday evening. She was towed by the tug Active to Vancouver this The steamer Kootenai, Captain Alex. morning, where she loads lumber at the Lindquist, on her trip last Tuesday Hastings sawmill for the United Kingmorning from Wigwam to the mouth of dom. The Prince Albert, another vesthe river, struck an obstruction, supsel chartered to load at Hastings sawposed to be a rock or snag, and sunk mil!, left Rio de Janeiro en October 12.

Several vessels were delayed by the wood island. She was leaded with ties and was towing a scow loaded with rails storms of last week. The Ardmore did not leave Plumper's Pass till Friday norning when she was towed to Vanconver by the tug Active. The America. coal laden, from Departure Bay, and in tow of the tug Wanderer, ran into Plumper's Pass for shelter and is still anchored there.

Early this morning the Alaskan steamer Topeka arrived at the outer wharf. and left shortly afterwards, for the Sound. The Topeka encountered some very stormy weather on her way down but saw nothing of the Strathnevis nor the Danube which went up north in search of her.

keting of the fruit of the province and The Puget Sound & Alaska Steamship such other products of farm and garden Company, owners of the Schome, have as may be deemed desirable; to have about finished repairs on the steamer power to operate fruit and vegetable Edith, and will put her on the Victoria canneries, cider mills, and evaporating run instead of the Sehome.

The steamer Rainbow leaves this evening for the Skeena and northern ports. tablish uniform methods of producing R. G. Cunningham, J. A. Carthew and F. Robinson, northern cannerymen will be among her passengers.

Six hundred cases of Salmon and a number of passengers leave by the Canadian Australian line steamer Miowera which sails at six this evening for Honto make full reports and recommendaolulu and Australia. The cabin passen tions at the annual meeting of the Fruit gers booked from Victoria are Rev. Lud Growers' association to be held at New gate, Mr. Carter and Miss Carter. Westminster on the 29th of January, There are also eleven steerage passen-

> The C. P. R. steamship Victoria sailed Saturday from Yokohama. She has 600 tons of freight and 15 Chinese passengers for Victoria.

St. Paul. Dec. 14. - The Winter Carni-Bark Thermopylae of this port with val association has named January 27. lumber from Port Blakely passed Deal. 28 and 29 as the dates for the champi-Eengland, on Saturday and reported all onship skating race for the National Annteur Skating association. Besid's

last week for the Japan coast.

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## JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF

Strengthens-Use it

The Subject of Claim-Jumping is Discussed and a Resolntion Adopted.

Several Gentlemen Express Their Views-The Condition of The Law.

he following report:

Pursuant to notice given by the handbills, a fairly large number assembled Railway and Navigation Company and to be distinctly understood that the government, which would, he Samuel Samuels & Co., of Yokohama. meeting had no political significance thought, be glad to receive and entermeeting had no political significance thought, be glad to receive and enterwhatever. It would be unfair, he be- tain any suggestions offered. San Francisco, Dec. 1.-Five San ment on account of the recent unpleasthe matter were properly laid before the the best course to be followed. He the miners. called upon Mr. McIlvanie, of Lumby.

Mr. McIlvanie spoke at some length ment. A report of the arrest has been of the great necessity of fostering the mining spirit in our district. Our very bread and butter depended upon it, as After being delayed by contrary winds the question of markets for our farmers and heavy seas, the steamer Maude, would then be solved. He believed from the West Coast with the following this section and we should give the min-Ar English company that proposes to passengers on board: C. Spring and er every facility to pursue his calling operate in British Columbia mines has wife, Captain Balcom, Cox, Foley, Hacer every facility to pursue his calling kett, W. Cox, Magnesen and W. T. all. It was wrong for a poor man to few miles from Illecillewaet. The Dawley, St Spain and Mrs. Geddes. The take another's claim; and the wrong was Maude brings no West Coast news of made more flagrant when the jumper any impogrance. She will leave again happened to be a rich man. He was glad to notice that the Colonist, a government paper, had denounced jumpers in very vigorous terms, and felt sure Captain Johnnason, 140 days from Rio that the government would give the matter very earnest consideration. He then read the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Leo Simmons:

"Resolved, That this representative meeting of the citizens, miners and residents of this district view with alarm the extent to which mineral claim jumping has been carried on and consider it inimical to the interests and future prosperity, not only of the Okanagan distriet, but of the mining industry throughout the province, and that if allowed to continue it will retard the development of the mines and prevent capital being brought into the country, the claims and the probability of their

being tied up in litigation: "We therefore request the government instructing the recording officials not to tory. allow a second record without the full-

es investigation." The chairman put the resolution to the meeting, stating at the same time that he thought it would be more to the point to ask for an amendment to this act. It was carried, however, without

a dissenting voice. Mr. Hewitt Bostock, who was present, was next called to the platform, and thus made his first public appearance before a Vernon audience. We regret that our space permits us to give only a very bare report of his and the other speeches, and only an outline of their remarks can be given.

otice in various parts of the province, and when recently at Rossland he had seen the evils of it made very apparent. a country like this, and every possible effort should be made to discountenance

it. He wished to emphatically repeat the chairman's assurance that no political move was contemplated in calling this meeting. Apart from his position as a candidate for the Dominion parliament, he took a deep interest in all that affected the welfare of the country, and had no ulterior motive in appearing on this occasion. He thought that every person in the district should take a lively interest in this question and hoped that pressure would be brought to bear on the government to remedy the evil. The sealing schooner J. Eppinger left He thanked the meeting for giving him so attentive a hearing and would give place to practical miners whom he hoped would express their opinions on the matter under consideration.

Mr W. J. Armstrong was loudly called for but refused to respond, and the chairman then asked Mr. Price Ellison to speak. Mr. Ellison briefly said that the meeting had his hearty sympathy, and he felt sure that the government would do all in its power to meet the knew that the act had been prepared programme is promised for the evening

with great care and after long consultation with the most experienced miners in the country, and was certain that it was the desire of the government to afford every facility to prospectors in following their calling.

Mr. J. W. Simmons next addressed the meeting, and spoke fluently and at some length on the subject, vigorously denouncing claim-jumping as an unmitigated evil. Though he had no personal in-terest in the claims involved he was deeply interested in anything that affected the country. He spoke strongly against an example set by an M. P. in the matter which could not but have a bad effect. The eyes of the world's capital was being turned on this district The Vernon News of last week gives and nothing could retard progress more than allowing claim-jumpers to wrest from the hardy pioneer prospectors their hard-earned rights. The country was in Cameron's Hall on Tuesday evening, destined to become a great agricultural. the object of the meeting being to pro- mining and manufacturing district, detest against the recent claim-jumping spite the fact that the "Rip Van Winkwhich took place on the BX ranch, and les" who had lived here for years had which has since become a subject of tramped over rich mineral ledges with-Lewspaper comment over the entire province. Mayor Martin was voted to the chair and with him on the platform was question, and one great hope for the Mr. J. W. Simmons, who had taken an miners lay in the fact that our judges active part in the calling of the meeting were men of integrity and ability who and arranging the details connected would seek to interpret the law accordsix months ago as an experiment, has therewith. The chairman briefly stated ing to its spirit and intent rather than become permanent. For the past six in his opening remarks the object of the its letter. He urged all to do their months the experiment has been tried meeting, which had been convened to level best to put down this crying evil. to running a monthly line of steam- afford prospectors and miners opportun- Mr. J. A. McKelvie was next called ships, and it has proved a success be- ity to discuss the mining act, with the upon, and said he was thoroughly in acintention of effecting some change which | cord with the spirit of the meeting, but would secure the prospector from un- would not take up time as he desired to scrupulous individuals who might take hear some practical miner give his views. advantage of technical points to rob him | He did not believe, with the last speaker, The contract is between the Oregon of the fruits of his toil. He wished it that any necessity existed for fighting

lieved, to condemn the provincial govern- Mr. Duncan Wood was the last speaker, and it is to be regretted that he Francisco seal hunters are supposed to ant jumping episode, as he felt certain did not let himself loose at greater be imprisoned at Saghalien by the Rus- a great deal of trouble had been taken length, for he evidently had some firmly sian authorities for fishing in Siberian to give the province good mining laws, fixed ideas as to the mineral act. He waters. The sealers went a year ago to and any change which would further refered to the diffificulty which conbank, overtaking him at John Knight's join a fishing crew whose headquarters protect the miner, he thought, would be fronted a poor prospector in securing cabin, where Brown had diseambarked are at Yokohama. They are Frank Here Tom recovered his property with Peterson, James Maloney, Steve Brender, where Brown had diseambarked are at Yokohama. They are Frank the matter were properly laid before the would be to revert to the east of 1802. would be to revert to the act of 1891, nan, B Sheehy and Edward Howe. Ten legislature. He suggested a petition as which he considered very satisfactory to

The chairman repeatedly called for other speakers, but none being forthcoming, the meeting was adjourned.

UNFULFILLED PROPHECY.

What a Harper's Magazine Editor

The following is copied from Harper's Magazine of April, 1869: "The British government seems once

o have had a serious idea of constructor a great railway and steamboat route from Montreal to the Pacific. "Several noted engineers reported about plans and surveys. One Wad-

ding on read his paper thereon before the Goographical Society. All that was wanted was to track the great Canadian lakes and the Saskatchewan river for 1,249 miles, and then catch the Fraser river in British Columbia and follow it for 260 or 280 miles down to Bute Inlet in British Columbia. "By this route, out of 3,940 miles be-

tween Montreal and the Pacific there would be 2,400 miles by water, and, moreover, 'the fertile settlement of the Red river, now detached and isolated, would be connected with civilization and the outer world.' "We imagine that no one who has

read the various papers on this vast reewing to the insecurity of the title to gion which have appeared in this magazine will be inclined to invest much solid casa in any enterprise like those suggested by the British schemers. Nobody to immediately take the necessary steps within the lives of living men will go to prevent claim jumping, which can be overland from the Atlantic to the Paci done by exercising their prerogative in fic except through the American terri-

Harpers' editor evidently had not the spirit of prophecy.

SCOTT IS RATHER SEVERE.

The Well Known Critic's Strictures on Trilby Creates Some Talk.

London, Dec. 16.—The hostile criticism which Clement Scott, the wellknown dramatic critic, has continually bestowed upon the performance of "Trilby" at the Haymarket has recent y assumed a magnitude that is classed as surprising, that he alone, of all the London critics, could claim to have Mr. Bostock said that the matter of | found fault with the play and its clever laim-jumping had been brought to his interpretation. The provincial newspapers, which were quick to recognize the merits of the play, have, it appears, become much exercised by Mr. Scott'. It was an extremely serious matter in strictures, which, it is asserted, seem to reflect upon their previously expressed opinion and in some cases denounces his criticism, which they think is inspired by personal animosity, rather than from the standpoint of impartial journalism To such an extent, it is added, has Mr. Scott carried his resentment that his criticism for "Truth," of which he is tne regular dramatic critic, was rejected and written by Henry Labouchere

"Further developments" are expected as a result of the controversy l Mr. Scott and the manager of the Haymarket. What makes matters more interesting is the fact that Clement Scott is a relative of Demaurier by marriage, and it is intimated in many circles that a family feud may have something to do with the affair.

-The ladies of the Victoria West Methodist church hold their annual sale of fancy and useful articles on the 17th instant, in Semple's hall. High tea will be served during the afternoon and evwishes of the miners on this matter. He ening at a moderate charge. A good