(From Friday's Daily.)
Sugar Higher—Another advance in the price of sugar—25c a hundred—has taken place this week, and the indications are that the sweet necessity will go still higher. The rise in price is general throughout the country.

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The Murder Trial-The Chinese murder trial is dragging its slow length along in the special assize court before Mr. Justice Martin, without any sensa-tional features developing. The evi-dence being given is a repetition of the testimony taken at the previous trial.

Pleaded Guilty-Richard M. King, who is charged with obtaining money under false pretences—he having passed worthless cheques on two local firms—and of stealing a gold watch and a nugget, pleaded guilty to the three charges in the police court yesterday before Magistrate Hall. He was remanded until today for sentence.

Concert at Gordon Head—Residents at Gordon Head and their friends held an enjoyable Burns' concert at the public hall at that point last evening. Quite a number attended from the city. Assisting the local talent were Miss Queenie McCov and three pipers. An enjoyat Gordon Head and their friends held an enjoyable Burns' concert at the public hall at that point last evening. Quite a number attended from the city. Assisting the local talent were Miss Queenie McCoy and three pipers. An enjoyable feature of the evening was the singing of Mr. Taylor, who was heard in several solos.

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Want Telephone—Residents of Gordon Head and vicinity are desirous of securing telephone communication with victoria and to that end are subscribing to a fund for the purpose of supplying the necessary poles, it being understood that the telephone company is agreeable to installing the service if such be done.

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Interviewed the Government-A depu tation from the game protection societies of Victoria and Vancouver had a conference with the executive of the provincial government at 8:30 g'clock last evening, with reference to the better enforcement of the Game Act. The Vancouver Association was represented. enforcement of the Game Act. The Vancouver Association was represented by Messrs. Harry Abbott, R. Kerr Houlgate, C. E. Hope, D. C. MacGregor, F. M. Chaldecott. A. W. Cooper and Mr. Houston, while the Victoria delegates were B. A. Wylde, R. H. Pooley, J. Musgrave and E. Musgrave. The government was asked to take steps to secure a strict enforcement of the act, by inaugurating a special department to look after it, controlled by a game warden. A number of amendments were also suggested in the way of making the

best served by entering the municipality. A committee has been appointed to wait upon the provincial government for the purpose of asking for appropriations for some needed roads and improvements.

Appreciative 'Acknowledgment.—"Our thanks are due Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., of Victoria, B. C., the publishers, for an extremely handsome and artistic publication entitled 'Picturesque Victoria,' Perhaps nothing gives a more acturate idea of that lovely city by the Pacific than a study of the photographic reproduction of scenes in Victoria and the environs, and one realizes the strides being made in the province of British Columbia in turning over the pages of this publication by Messrs, Hibben & Co. The recollection of Kingsley's 'Westward Ho!' strikes one as being a fitting exclamation in connection with the steady growth, general prosperity and the golden promise of the years to be as shown in this series of beautiful views."—Canadian Trade Review.

Songhees' Reserve.—Ald. Hanna yesterday posted a notice of motion on the bulletin board which engenders another debate on the Songhees' reserve question at tomorrow evening's meeting of the City Council. He will present a resolution urging that the federal and provincial authorities be asked to appoint special representatives to treat with the Indians in a further and final attempt at a settlement.

Says "Tis Not So—Apropos of the announcement from San Francisco of the engagement of Miss Blanche Bates and Jack London, the author, the former's advance manager, now in Seattle, enters a denial, saying that he doubts if Miss Bates is so much as personally acquainted with London. She has got the advertising out of the story nevertheless.

At Hardy Bay—It is considered very probable that the fisheries research station which has just been decided upon by the Dominion government to be established at the northern end of Vancouver Island will be located at Hardy bay, where the federal government already has a wharf and where there is excellent harbor accommodation. Hardy bay is considered by experts to be one of the best harbors on the coast, and its utilization in this manner is something that may be taken as a certainty if the project is carried into effect.

Victoria Creamery—The shareholders of the Victoria Creamery Association met on Wednesday, when it was shown that an increase in business had been depolated by the company of the company that an increase in business had been done last year over the previous one. The secretary and auditor's reports showed that 144,931 pounds of butter was made, netting the sum of \$43,081.67, cut of which \$38,099.46 had been paid to patrons for cream. Mr. Nicholson was elected president and Mr. Borden vice-president. Mr. Snelling was appointed secretary, the former secretary retiring. Mr. Carmichael was appointed auditor. Seven directors were chosen from the different parts of the district.

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Honors for a Relative—Mr. W. A. Prestou, Conservative member elect for Port Arthur and Rainy, River in the Ontario lecislature, is a brother of Mrs. W. J. Hanna, and also of Mrs. (Rev.) Sherijan, of this city. Mr. Preston has been mentioned in connection with the office of crown lands commissioner in the new government. He is a miner and lumberman by profession and resides at Fort Francis.

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note if the immigration authorities of Canada, with such a straight tip as is contained in the quoted paragraph, will do their plain duty and keep the undesirables out of this Dominion.

Duncans' Aspirations.—Duncans desires a high school. At a meeting of expresentatives from all parts of the district, A. Robinson, superintendent of better education, stated that there was but one high school in the province outside of the cities—at Chilliwack. A committee was appointed to lay the matter before the government. The suggestion that an experimental farm for the Island should be arranged for, being taken up, it was eye, J. finally decided, after considerable debate, to forward copies of the petition for signatures to all the farmers' institutes and post offices on the Island.

Alaska Cable Rates.—According to a swere special Washington despatch appearing in the Vancouver press. Cars for Victoria.—According to notices appearing in the Vancouver press. the staff at the New Westminster car should be ready for the breat tweeth of the cities—at Chilliwack. A committee when the shops were burned with all they contained last summer. The work is nearly finished on them and they will be ready for shipment to work is nearly finished on them and they will be ready for shipment to victoria shortly, after which work will be proceeded with on the year's programme. Experiments are at present being made with various kinds of wood for the interior fittings of the cars. Eastern ash still remains the principal hardwood used, but trial is being made of Australia mahogany, red and blue gum, and, so far, with satisfactory results. The woods are all dark red in color, and take a fine polish, making a handsome interior decoration. Bird'steries and Alaska. This chance is that the President is being urged, and the department is for the present standing to the province outside of the province outside of the province outside of the province outside of the cities—at Chilliwack. A committee when the shops were burned when the shops were burned t

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william and Pallister Party for Sale.

Steamer Veronique, which carried the treasure hunting expedition headed by Lord Fitzwilliam and the former commander of the Esquimait fleet, is at Panama riding at her anchor. She is offered for sele by Lord Fitzwilliam, who purchased her for the trip to Cocos island, and the treasure hunters crossed the Isthmus and have gone to Kingston, Jamaica, whence they took passage for Southampton on the steamer Orinoco. The party included Eari Fitzwilliam, Rear Admiral Palliser, H. Durnford, Capt. Bulkley, Capt. North and others.

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Spiritualism Tries A Guess

Victoria Medium Has Vision of Whereabouts of Lost Nanaimo Little Folks.

nvestigation Will Prove or Disprove the Soundness of Her Dream Theories.

(From Sunday's Daily.) Nanaimo, Jan. 28.—(Special)—From Victoria today comes news that the lost holds are alive and well. This information is contained in a letter to Chief of Police Crossan, and is signed, "M. N. W.," 139 Cormorant street, which says the children are hidden on a ranch on Yellow Point, across the bay from Ladysmith. The letter gives the police full details as to the rescue. The children are, it is alleged, in the custody of an Indian woman, who with her white husband runs a sheep ranch there. The podice are to see the woman alone, she having the children in her possession or knowing where they are to be found. The police are disinclined to place much faith in the story, but have forwarded the letter to Constable Cassidy at Ladysmith, who will proceed to Yellow Point and investigate." holds are alive and well. This informa-

In search of further enlightenment concerning the above despatch, a Colonist reporter called at No. 139 Cormorant street last evening. His summons at the door was answered by a lady, who with some show of timid hesitancy, acknowledged that she was the person who had vouchsafed the information outlined in the despatch.

"A spiritualist?" queried the reporter in a respectfully interrogative tone, harmonized to avoid being previously offensive should the suggestion be distasteful, and at the same time calculated to invite a full and open confession on the subject.

"I am," came the response, following what appeared to be a mental scrutiny of the question, to determine whether it conveyed any personal disparagement.

"Can—can you tell me anything about your viz—"the reporter was about to say vision, but corrected himself—"Can you tell me anything about your impressions on the subject?"

The lady showed some signs of embarrassment, saying that she did not desire her name to appear in the paper. "They make such fun of us spiritualists," she added. "If they find the children then I will tell you all about it."

"Would you mind telling how you got your impressions?"

"Oh, I just sat down and thought until I got them."

The lady explained that as the search had apparently been given up, or was getting to appear to be somewhat hopeless, she thought it would be no harm for her to have a try at it. Her first "impressions?" were got about a week ago, but it was not until certain details thereof with which she was unfamiliar (although she had resided in Nanaimo) were confirmed to her, in conversation with friends, that she decided to communicate her "impressions" to the police.

"I did not know," she said, "that these people actually existed and I had never seen their place. It was when I found out that there were such people and that there were such people and that there was a place of that sort, that I concluded to let them know."

And so the lady wrote a letter to Constable Neen of Nanaimo describing her vision.