HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON

Return of the Government Party Who Went North to Go Over the Trails.

Major Walsh and the Other Klondike Officials Start Down the Yukon River.

A Very Small Portion of the Miners Outfits Are Admitted Free of Duty.

From Tuesday's Daily.

After an absence of about a month the Dominion steamer Quadra returned to port this afternoon, having on board Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior and superintendent general of Indian affairs; A. J. Magurn, Ottawa cor- Mr. Sifton said that the officers were respondent of the Toronto Globe; W. F. treating the men just as they would King, chief astronomer, department of treat people entering Canada at any oththe interior, Ottawa; William Ogilvie, astronomer and surveyor, department of that is, clothing in use or that has been the interior, Ottawa; W. T. Jennings, used, is not taxed, but on everything C.E., Toronto, who acted for the depart- else they have to pay duty. ment in examining the Stickeen route to Lake Teslin, and G. A. Strickland, of Peterboro, representing a Yukon mining, trading and transportation company, who obtained passage from Dyea on the tation from the board of trade, who will Quadra by courtesy of the minister.

The Quadra arrived at Skagway on October 9th and after the provisions, outfits and dogs of the administration warty were landed several days were spent in gathering information ere anything was done. All told the party had about 30 tons of supplies, and a week after the arrival of the Quadra they had succeeded in getting 20 tons White Pass from Skagway. The cost Bennett was 50 cents per hundred

The first party sent over the trail was in charge of Capt. Norwood, inspector of wines. This party were sent to Lake Bennett to arrange for the building of boats on the day after the arrival at trip over the Chilcoot Pass to Lake Benmett and thence to Lake Tagish. They and made other arrangements for the transportation of supplies. The custhe owner, were not bought in Canada. \$22,000 in hand and was still collecting, although the travel was somewhat limited at that period. Officer Godson, it seems, collects all that is due to Her Majesty's customs. If the would-be senticient coin of the realm to satisfy the customs, the amount of duty is collected in provisions. If he has not an overabundance of provisions then the payrement of duty is taken out in labor, the moneyless Americans being compelled to Jamber and rip-saw it for the new building which the officers are erecting at Tagish, near by the famous Tagish house erected by the Tagish Indians. Although they do not like it, all comply with the regulations, saying nothing, but

sawing wood. The day following the return of the minister of the interior and Major Walsh to Skagway the first party was dispatched for Dawson to escort Judge McGuire, new judge who is to dispense justice in the Klondike, and Registrar F. C. Wade. This party, which was in charge of Inspector Stornes, got safely anything I took. over the trails and by this time they are well on their way in. The lakes are all open, and as far as can be learned the nee king has not yet set his seal on the waters. Major Walsh, the new administrator, and H. A. Bliss did not go in with this party, they remaining at Skagway for a few days to make the final arrangements for the transportation of supplies before commencing the journey inland. All the new officials are, however now well started on the journey

the metropolis of the Klondike.

The Quadra left Skagway on Thursday. October 21st, and on the way down Hon. Mr. Sifton visited Taku Inlet. which runs inland just to the southward of Denglas island. All the information that could be gleaned was picked up regarding this route and then the Quadra proceeded to Wrangel. Hon. Mr. Sifton and Mr. Magurn then started up the Stickeen in the Quadra's launch, but as The tide was coming out and at low tide the hars near the mouth were uncovered, they went but a short distance up the while on the Stickeen they met a large boat, in which were W. T. Jensings, C.E., who has been surveying the Stickeen and Teslin lake route, and E. J. Duchesnay, the C.P.R. surveyor, who was looking into the trails from Telegraph creek to Teslin lake, to find a soute for a railway, which the C.P.R. propose to commence building. Mr. Jensings was taken on board the Quadra and was a passenger downward, while Mr. Duchesnay, with the assistants, remained at Wrangel to await the next

downward passenger steamer. Hon. Clifford Sifton declines to express an opinion regarding any of the routes to the gold fields. He has, however, inwestigated them all and has gathered sufficient information to lay before his colleagues at Ottawa on his return to the capital to enable them to act promptby in reaching a policy in regard to the st way of giving access to the Klon-The and facilitating all matters of busiwaess relating to the business of the min-

Mr. Magurn, who has also looked into The routes, is of the opinion that the Stickeen route is the most favorable. especially constructed for river travel, are placed upon this river in the spring, and the pack trains from the head of send free of charge, to all who desire it, mayigation to the steamers running on this receipt, in German, French or English Lake, no other route will have lish, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing of Chilkoot Pass the Nowells Gold Mining company were stringing a cable N.Y.

from the foot of the pass to the sum- OTTOMAN GOVERNMENT OBJECT. Buckets were to be suspended from this cable, and these were to be filled with freight and hauled to the summit. The buckets were taken up by the steamer City of Seattle on her last trip, and the new freight railway will be ready for business by this time. The minister and the others who went over the trails tell the same story as have the hundreds before them of the terrible condition of the trails and of the hundreds of dead horses found by

the wayside. Assistant Commissioner Mellree, of been stopping, to Vancouver, from which point he started for Regina.

Of the party who went up with the minister, W. F. King, chief astronomer of the department of the interior, who was a member of the boundary commission of 1894, went up to advise the minister on all points relating to boundaries, distances, etc. Wiliam Ogilvie, astronomer and surveyor of the depart ment of the interior, was also a valuable member of his party owing to his extensive knowledge of the Klondike

country. Speaking of the exemption from duty of 100 pounds of a miner's outfit, Hon. er point. A man's personal baggage.

This evening Hon. Mr. Sifton will be the guest at a dinner to be given in his honor at the Mount Baker Hotel and tomorrow morning he will receive a depupresent him with an address.

AS TIME GOES ON.

"Nothing continueth in one stay." A comforting consideration or the reverse, according to circumstances. It depends on the direction in which those matters that chiefly concern us are developing. When we are growing richer every year over the Chilcoot Pass from Dyea, the and experience no calamities, time slides semaining ten tons being taken over the agreeably by and we are inclined to wish the future would hurry along as fast as of packing the supplies over to Lake it conveniently can. One likes to see the fruit ripen rapidly on his own trees: but when every step forward is also a step downward it is quite another thing. Then we would put the steam brakes on Time's wheels, if we could.

And the latter is the sense in which a woman uses the phrase, "as time went! for the Heart has been a wanderful! Skagway. Two days later Hon, Mr. on." For her it went on badly every Sifton and Major Walsh made a flying day being like the postman, come again, with a letter containing evil tidings. And, for her, there had been a long prostablished posts along the route travel- cession of that sort of days, and we can't wonder she got heartsick of it all.

"For ten years," she says, "I was alzeems officers at Tagish were found all most continuously ill. I suffered from in- 30 minutes. well and hard at work raking in the digestion and weakness. I had no appeshekels of Americans in payment of duty tite and the little food I took gave me & Co provisions, which, unfortunately for great pain at my chest. I had also a sinking feeling with burning pain in the Customs Officer Godson had then stomach. I was always belching up a sour, disagreeable fluid. I had a gnawing pain in my back and was frequently troubled with palpatation of the heart. "As time went on I became so weak I had to be assisted to my bed. I could with American goods has not not bear the least noise; my nerves were so irritable and sensitive that I trembled at the slightest unusual sound or occur-

wind blows the cradle will rock; and when the body is weak from semi-starvation and racked with pain, the nerves are like people in a haunted house-excited and open to every impression, bethe entire system of which they are a right when the condition which upset them was removed. The point is: Nervousness is a symptom, not a disease. don't take narcotics to cure it.)

"Year after year," the lady says, continued life this way. I saw a doctor from time to time, but was no better for

"In September, 1891, Mrs. Scholes recommended me to try Mother Seigel's Syrup. I got a bottle and soon found it was doing me good. I could eat and enjoy my food, and it agreed with me. After further use of the medicine (in but a short time) I could do my housework and felt stronger than I had done for many years.

"I have since been in good health, taking a dose or two of the remedy when needed. I may mention that I had two attacks of influenza and Mother Seigel's Syrup soon put me to rights. have recommended this medicine to many persons, who have benefited by using it. You are at liberty to publish my statement if you like. (Signed) Mrs. Elizabeth Pike, 3 Waterloo Cottage, Barewell road, St. Mary's Church, Torquay, September 25th. 1896."

Time now goes on with our correspondent more pleasantly than it thanks to the providence which led her to employ at last the real remedy for her grevious ailment-dyspepsia. And, since we can pass through the world but once, what a blessing it is to come upon anything that helps to smooth the way. That Mother's Seigel's Syrup does so is no vain or boasting assertion. The women in England alone who are indebted to it for rescue from pain, weakness and despair, are quite enough to fill the road from the Monument to Charing Cross. And (what is worth noting) their grateful tongues do more to advertise it better than all we print about it from one Christmas to the next. May time go on with them prosperously and happily until its gentle and painless end

shall come. CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East Indian missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a ositive and radical cure for nervous Debility and Nervous Complaints, after having tried its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his this music is what the people all want When the steamers of light draught, duty to make it known to his suffering and what we must have. fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will While Mr. Magurn was at the head with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester,

Constantinople, Nov. 1 .- The Ottoman government has notified the powers that it objects to the appointment of Colonel Schaeffer, an officer in the army of Luxemberg, as provincial commissioner of the powers for the island of Crete. The German government supports the objection

AUSTRIA AND ITALY.

London, Nov. 1 .- The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the visit which Count Goluchowski, the Austhe Northwest Mounted Police, was a tro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, passenger from Skagway, where he has is about to pay King Humbert at Monza, northern Italy, is not, as has been as-serted, devoid of political significance, but is really a special mission to the Italian government with a view of getting its consent to the definite and effec-Herzegovina.

TO PREVENT FILIBUSTERING.

Washington City, Nov. 1.-The administration has determined to add another man-of-war to the naval force now patrolling Florida waters for filibusters. The cruiser Detroit, now at Puerto Bello, Guatemala, will leave that port today or to-morrow to resume duties on the patrol. With the Detroit at Key West the navy will be represented by four vessels-the Detroit, Montgomery, Annapolis and Vesuvius, and the revenue cutter service by four revenue cutters in Florida waters

POSSIBLE COURT MARTIAL.

New York, Nov. 1 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: If Gen. Miles approves the findings of the court of inquiry, Capt. Lovering, Fourth Infantry, who kicked and pricked with his sword Private Hammond at Fort Sheridan, Ill., will be tried by court martial.

General Miles has not telegraphed the findings of Secretary Alger, who is in Detroit, because, as acting secretary of war, he is empowered to take action in the case, end especially as it is a matter affecting army discipline.

JOIN HANDS

In Telling of the Curing Powers of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart.

M. V. Thomas, of the Stanley House, medicine in my case. I was a great sufferer from heart trouble. I found it a great health builder and have received great benefit. My wife also has equally as strong testimony of the won-derful benefit received." It relieves in

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THE BRITISH AT KARAPPA.

Simla, Nov. 1.-According to a dispatch from Karappa, the expected advance to Arhanga Pass was made yesterday. covering the line of advance, and the ar- andtillery soon expelled the tribesmen from the sand bars. Only slight opposition was met with.

The Mullah of Saidakabar has fled to Kelalabad and Sir William Lockhardt is now descending into the Afridi tirah. The Ameer of Afghanistan received a deputation of the Afridis and Orazais sides sharing the weakness common to at Cabul, his capital, on the 17th of the month. In notifying the British agent part. As we shall see, the nerves came at Cabul of the fact, he wrote that the But why must she work in her father's tribesmen were full of alarm and repentance and had asked him to submit their apology to the British government and to ascertain the condition of pardon.

IMPORTATIONS OF GRAIN.

Washington City, Nov. 1 .- Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, has just issued a report prepared under his direction by Frank H. Hitchcock, chief of the section of foreign markets, that gives some interesting facts relative to the present wheat shortage in Austria-Hungary and the consequent importaiton into that country of American grain. At Reichenberg, Austria, an importation of 400 carloads of American wheat was made as early as bug. Other importations were reported. among them one of 36,700 bushels of purchased through the Vienna produce exchange.

If the official estimates quoted are fulmare than 130,000,000 bushels, or 60,-000,000 bushels short of the crop harvested in 1896.

The facts set forth are certainly of interest as indicating the lessened importance of Austria-Hungary among preath and flushed like a child, to show the countries with which the United States is obliged to compete in the grain | work basket from the little table by the markets of the world

THE BRASS BAND IN CHURCH.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—Amid strains martial music from a full-fledged brass | band, the congregation of the First Methodist church at Clark and Washington streets assembled for the service last night. A military band occupied the rostrum behind the pulpit. This departure from the trodden path at

Dr. Brushingham, was followed by another on the part of the congregation. When the band had finished playing a lively selection in waltz time the audience applauded and cheered heartily. The demonstration by his flock was not frowned on by the pastor. On the contrary, his eyes sparkled with good humor as he stepped up to the pulpit and

"I don't wonder you feel like cheering When about half way through the sermon Dr. Brushingham turned toward the young men in the bright uniforms

behind him and remarked: "I must hasten toward the close of this sermon, for when I finish these boys or fever, our all liver ills, are going to give us some more music, and I am anxious to hear them play again.'

Margherita.

Margherita's head was small and shapely her hair fine and sliky like the hair that is supposed to be nourished by the blue

But there was no blue blood in Margher ita's veins. At least, if there was in had never been boasted of in her family The blood that tingled to red the olive of her cheek was warm, rich blood, such blood

tive annexation by Austria of Bosnia and | when the sunlight fell on it here and there This she owed to the Saxon blood of her mother: all the black was the father's.

> head on the straight young neck. Perhaps he noted it all more par-ticularly this bright summer afternoon than he ever had before.
>
> There had come a change into Margher.

Had a stranger chanced along the road just then, past the little house with its great gardens that lay just outside the town, he would have cast more than a careless glance at the young couple who

round at the neck and with sleeves that fell loose to just below the elbow. Resting her elbows on the top piece of the gate and her chin in her palms, the sleeves fell away and left her slim, rounded arms bare almost to the shoulder.

The young man stood outside the closed

from those of Margherita's father. His lettuce was always the crispest and greenest, and his celery was famed the country round. Margherita often helped him tie it up into bunches, and the celery went away to market with a merry girl's bright laughter to season it. Pedro's cart never came back with a burden. 'You will go, then?"

Kingston, writes: "Dr. Agnew's Cure father's green garden until it rested on the turret-like end of a big house

"You will go up there and serve rather than— But, pshaw! What am I saying?"
Margherita looked up eagerly now into used the Heart Cure and can bear his face, as if half expecting, half hoping equally as strong testimony of the wonthing she felt sure he would say some But it was not said. In after years, when Pedro sat alone until far into the night, he wished that it had been. The girl's expectant look changed quickly to one of wilfulness.
"And why not? Why should I not as

well serve there as here?"
"Up there there are fine ladies and and fine men. You are pretty. You will lay by your calico dress and put on fine clothes. You'll forget about the gardens. General Westmacott seized the villages, and how to bunch celery and lettuce

he half stretched his arms out over the gate. To a girl not used to the soft and musical accent his words would have the singulated and sould of occurs of the significance."

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Only sight opposition was met with. The pass was captured by General Westmacott. The British sustained only a triffing loss. Capt. Searle, of the Sikhs, was slightly wounded. he used to break the orange flowers from the trees and shower them down over her head in the garden of their poor but sunny home across seas.

Here the spirit of coquetry seized her. But Pedro was to blame. She would never have thought of the fine men had he not something about them. What was it he had said about the fine men up at the big house and herself? But Margherita could not remember.

There were only occasional glimpses to be had of Margherita now when Pedro drove his cart of fresh green things to the back door of the big house each ing. Margherita's young mistress had long been one of Pedro's patrons, and Margherita August, coming by the way of Ham- would take care now to see that no other carts were so liberally patronized as his. The short blue calico frock and the gay red winter No. 2 and Kansas wheat, handkerchlef that she used to wear over her head were gone. Instead, the trim and-rounded figure was clad in a dark blue cloth gown with white lace frills at the neck and sleeves. The dark hair was filled, the combined wheat production of tossed up in a fluffy mass at the back of Austria and Hungary will not amount to the little head, and a tiny cap of lace and ribbons topped it all. In place of the stout leather shoes slim black satin slippers, with saucy bows that called attention to them. were on her feet.

Pedro looked at the girl and sighed. "Why do you look so, you stubid! Don't you want to see me in pretty clothes? Well, maybe there are others who would And Margherita caught hold of her skirt This departure from the trodden path at each side and spread it, displaying as of religious service by the paster, Rev. she did so her shapely ankles and small feet

Much in Little

sick headache, jaundice, constipation, stc. He. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

as the honest Italian peasantry women de-light to keep pure.

There was a touch of yellow in her hair

that just saved it from being black as night, and gave to it little hints of gold How shapely her figure! And her hands -her hands were very small, Pedro had often noticed, in spite of much hard work in the gardens.

The gold in the hair Pedro had also long ago noted, and the fine set of the small

ita's life, and she was telling him about

stood at the gate.

The girl wore a blue calico dress, cut

gate and gazed earnestly down into the

girl's laughing face. "He is as handsome as the girl is" the passing stranger would have commented: "Just as dark, and unmistakably a child of the sunny clime."
Pedro's gardens were but a bit of a way

And the young man's gaze travelled across the wide slope of Margherita's just peeped up over the brow of the hill and between the tall trees.

His dark cheeks were burning now, and

Some day-yes, maybe, some day, when Pedro paid off all the debt on his gardens, he would ask her to be his wife. But gold was not as fast coming in America gardens and wait-always wait? The only glimpse she had of the big, gay town was on market days, and now-now as a fine lady's maid she would perhaps see the town every day and hear the music at the But the thought of it all made her head

Pretty? Yes, Pedro had said so. And the

herself to him. She had overturned window where she was sitting, putting buitons on a long pair of gloves, when she espied Pedro's cart coming over the hill. The mistress had seen the flight of the little maid, and guessing the it, stooped, smilingly, and picked up the scattered buttons.

Pedro sighed again and mounted his

some word; that she would what was right, never fear.

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wagon seat. Margherita's eyes filled with "Pedro! Pedro!" she called after him, "You are mean! I hate you!"

But Pedro was driving away. The summer days were fast passing. The gardens had grown and flourished, and there was another small sum to add

to the debt which was now almost done, Pedro happily thought.

Margherita could find less time for a chat at the wagon in the morning. There was time enough in the evening, but she said she was busy getting ready to go away, to travel with her mistress abroad. "Back to Italy, Pedro: think of that!" she

that her going was certain. Slowly the days were passing for Pedro, but, oh! how fast they went for Margherita. Margherita was light-hearted, but Pedro's heart was aching. There was gossip afloat. and Margherita was the one whose name

gossip whispered,
"No good will come of it," said busy Gossip. "No good will come of it. It means no good when a girl meets a man to take walks only after the sun is down and he one who is a fine gentleman, Margherita shohld know better. And then she goes no more to confession. Poor Pedrol If he knew!"

And Pedro did know, though he said over and over to himself that they were busybodies who said that Margherita was seen walking alone in the moonlight with a handsome stranger. It was one moonlit evening that Pedro just strolling by the great house, to maybe catch a glimpse of Margherita as she would chance to filt by some window, saw two figures going along a secluded path of the wide lawn. One was Margherita's, the other that of a man, tall and young, Pedro's

heart grew sick. But he had just come up to see Margherita pass a window. ould not do so mean a thing as spy. He knew that Margherita had always loved him. He could trust Margherita, so good and honest. But it was Margherita walking there. One day there came a letter. It was

written on delicate paper and bore a crest. Margherita's father walked across the now almost bare gardens to where Pedro lived. He put the letter in Pedro's hand and said not a word as he turned away.

It was from Margherita's mistress, saying Margherita had left her before the steamship sailed from New York, leaving a note behind, telling that she would be happier where she was going, and beg-ging that no one look for her, as she would

There was a check enclosed for Mar-gherita's last wages, which she had not asked or waited for. How the winter came and wore away. and spring once more, with its warm shine, coaxed the seed in the garden to send up fresh green shoots. Pedro could never remember. But all the warm season had been good, that was certain, for the last of the debt was paid.

be safe. "But please send word to the folks

at home," Margherita had asked, "that I will not be home for a long time."

Next summer there would be a stall in the market for Pedro to tend, and a man the market for Pedro to tend, and a man to look after the gardens and the wagon. It Margherita had only waited a little longer. But it was winter now and a long time until the stall in the market would need attention, and there was plenty of time to think in the long evenings of Margherita, from whom no news had come. "It will never come," Pedro said to himself, but he cheered the old father with the assurance that Margherita was a good girl and that in time she would send them some word; that she would never do but what was right, never fear.

Springtime again and a letter for Pedro. horseback brought it just as it was time to light the lamp and put more wood on the fire to get supper. The postman was late in his rounds that day, the roads were so muddy. The letter should have been

there three hours ago, but for that. Pedro almost snatched the letter from the man. Why did he stand there and talk? Didn't he know that maybe it was a message he had been waiting through long, weary months for, and now delayed It was just a scrap of writing. It only

said, "Pedro, come," and gave an address.

The roads were muddy and it was a long way to the depot, but what of that was a good horse in the stable. and if one travelled fast the train that left in an hour could be caught. And by midnight Pedro would be gherita.

It was just midnight when a quiet-faced le sister met him at the hospital door. Pedro looked at her intently. woman, so used to reading anxious looks, said gently, "She still lives."

Then it was as he had feared. Maybe Margherita would die! All Pedro's petuous haste left him, and he followed the little sister softly and on tiptoe, as though were going where there was a sleeping child

On a little iron bed in the tiny, spotless room, lay the girl, pale and thin. Her dark hair was cut close and clung in little rings above her forehead. "Yes, you may speak to her. It can She may not know you now.

the sister whispered. strong figure of the man bent over the little cot, and "Margherita" was all he said. The girl opened her eyes.
"Pedro," she answered; "yes, it is Pedro.
We were married, Pedro. You did not think we were not, did you? I am sorry. So sorry. Poor Pedro!'

The sisters drew him away. There was a sigh, a little flutter of the slender hands on the white coverlet, and the sister at the foot of the bed made the sign of the cross and said: "It is all over." But Pedro. bending down, saw that faint breaths stirred the ruffles of her nightgown, and all that night he sat by her bed. sisters came and went, and in the m ing the doctor came and said that Mar gherita was better; that she had slept. Then Pedro went away. Margherita woke

up and told the sisters the dream she had Some weeks after that she told it to Pedro and he said she had not dreamed. Then Margherita told the story of the years that had not for either of them known happiness; of how she was tired of as a toy; of unkind treatment; of desertion and the coming of kind death to set her free—free to go bac love and ask his forgiveness. back to Pedro's

The lettuce and onlons were sprouting high above the ground and there were wide stretches of green on every side when Mar-gherita came back home. She had not forrotten how to bunch lettuce or either, and as she worked the old color and life came back into her face. The The stranger who might have chanced to pass that day when she stood at the gate long ago and told Pedro that she was going up to the great house on the other side of the hill would have noticed little change in her. The blue calico dress and gay handkerch looked just as bright as ever, and Pedro thought there was no change in the girlish face, except it might be a trifle less of langhter in the eyes. In time the tongues of the old neighbors forgot to wag, and the new neighbors coming in had many good words of praise for Pedro's thrifty wife. "He was a lucky man, very, to have a wife to turn her hand so well to belping him." to turn her hand so well to helping him.

GOVERNMENT POL

Hon. Mr. Sifton Intimates W. Government Will Do fo the Yukon.

Strongly in Favor of an A adian Route to Gold Mines.

The One Hundred Pounds Exe Was Only a Temporary Arra ment, He Says.

From Wednesday's Daily In response to the invitation Board of Trade, Victoria busine this morning crowded the board when an address was presented Clifford Sifton, minister of the After a few introductory President Kirk, who occupied read the following address:

To the Honorable Clifford Sifton, of the Interior: Dear Sir:-We, the members of ish Columbia Board of Trade. avail ourselves of the opportunity by your visit to this city, the capita most western province of the Domi
extend to you a hearty and cord

It is gratifying to know that y ernment is alive to the importance immense trade which will result for recent discovery of gold in the No Territories of Canada. It is to the ters which we would first refer being Duties

You are doubtless aware that fitting trade is at present principall hands of the Puget Sound and Coast merchants in the United Stat merchants of British Columbia have most strenuous efforts to divert Canadian channesl, but for various not least being the gross misrep tions in the United States press. not been effected to any appreciable It was expected that the collection usual custom duties would have a goo towards the end sought, but the ter allowance duty free of 100 lbs. of pr in addition to blankets, wearing and cooking utensils in use has prejudicially to Canadian interests therefore considered of primary important these allowances be disconti that these allowances be soon as possible and that an autho and explicit declaration be made act ly. In any event it is hardly to be e that this course will fully meet and other expediencies are therefor

Stickeen Route

The value of an all-Canadian rout Klondike gold fields is beyond all dou it is believed that the most practi is via the Stickeen river and Tesl There will be no difficulty in get Glenora and Telegraph creek during the summer months, b portage between the river and Tes-a light railway is required. We w encouraged by your assurance reasonable assistance asked for i struction will meet with your With such a railway, and the stea nections which would be prove Teslin lake and rivers to the K the principal passenger and light traffic would doubtless be secured.

Mail Posts. to consider the establishment of me along this route.

Miners' Licenses. In the province of British Colum compulsory that every miner take license. It is strongly urged that flar law be enforced in the Northwe ritories. Such license should be upon personal application only in Columbia cities or other places southern boundary of Canada, where en route to the gold fields would ! was necessary, many would get t fore going north and considerable might be secured in this way.

ter we strongly commend to your f consideration. Gold Escort. The establishment of a gold esc an all-Canadian route would be be to the Dominion and would materi

ist in the retention of the precious within Canada. Purchase of Gold.

This board is informed that the demand at the gold fields for banks, will doubtless be established in due In the meantime much inconveni experienced, and it is suggested t Dominion government agents be aut to accept gold dust in exchange for payable at other points in Canada. Mint.

The establishment of a mint is

matter which we hope the governmentake into consideration. This will sitate the establishment of a p metal purchasing agency in this pr and there is no doubt much gol would be offered which at present is into the United States in conseque there being no official assayers in Royalties, Alternate Claims and A With regard to the royalties which

be levied on the gold output of the this board assumes that it is only porary expedient. It is hoped th Dominion government will soon repe measure and also the retention for of every alternate claim, substitutin for the regulation that only Britis jects be allowed to become own

Alaska Boundary. Before concluding this reference to dian Yukon matters, we would as to urge upon the Federal governme importance of promptly getting the boundary dispute settled. It is b that owing to this Canadians are wrongfully charged duties at the h Lynn canal.

Rallway Construction. view of the very rapid develo British Columbia, it is importar Dominion government grant ald towards railway construction. eyes of tens of thousands are now

xtends from the south boundary ace to the far north. Such an unity for securing and retaining a acrease of population never before Comox Mail. st a year ago tenders were semi-weekly mail service to board would urge that such -weekly mail service to

ted without delay, as much

is experienced at present

t of the delivery of mails only

pon the wonderfully rich gold belt

Insolvency. We hope at the ensuing session of