MINER'S LICENCES

Prospectors to Make Sure of Obtaining Them Must Get Them Before Going North.

Regulations for Passage of Canadian Goods Through Alaska To Be Issued Immediately.

A Well-Informed Eastern Correspondent Tells of Victoria's Advantages.

Miners going to the Yukon will have to call at a Canadian city before going stationed at Glenora. north if they want to prospect and make sure of holding any claims they may locate between the lakes and Dawson. It is true that free mirers' licenses will be issued by the gold commissioners and police inspectors in the Yukon district, but there may not be one of those officials within a hundred miles of where a man without a license wishes to prospect, and a man in that position would have to go in search of a license before he could get a title to his claim. These but between here and Dawson there will upon his recent illness, is causing his be no certainty of a man obtaining one friends some alarm. unless he accidentally stumbles on a po-

A private dispatch received this morning from Hon. Clifford Sifton states that there will be no agents at Glenora. Skagway, Dyea or Lake Takish to issue certificates. Prospectors if they consider barely sufficient to keep the wolf from their own convenience will therefore get the door during his last days. Hayes their licenses at Victoria before proceed- was a private in Company G, 39th Regiing north. It is also required that the ment of New York Infantry, with which prospector must make application in per-

Another vexed question that has been finally settled is that of the transport of Canadian outfits across the strip of American territory between Skagway or Dyea and the Canadian boundary. Hon. Ottawa that he had received word from Washington that the regulations governing the transport of Canadian outfits across this strip would go into effect at once. The regulations provide for the strip. For a while men having Canaded States inspectors to accompany them across the strip. This has been entirely

done away with. Throughout Canada, and the United States, too, for that matter, people are beginning to realize that Victoria is the

gold fields will save close upon \$100".

Nobody will say that the Ottawa correspondent of the Associated Press is influenced by any sentiment; he has probably never been in Victoria, but by a thorough investigation of the facts has no doubt arrived at the foregoing conclusion.

Even better evidence of the fact that advantages are gained by outfitting here is shown by the men who are arriving in the city every day.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

It is announced from Seattle that the expected advance in rates to Alaska, has been announced. Several transportation companies have agreed on an increase of \$10 to the passenger rate between Puget Sound points and Dyea and Skagway and a proportionate increase to Juneau and other Southeastern Alaska points. The rate on freight has advanced from \$10 to \$13 per ton.

The steamer Pakshan, which is coming here to go on the Alaskan route between Victoria, Dyea and Skagway, left Hongkong on January 16th. She is due here on or about February 10th.

The steamer Tees will leave the Esquimalt marine ways on Friday, and on Monday she will sail for the north with all the passengers and freight she can

The sealing schooner Favorite, Capt. Lachlan McLean, has cleared for her coast cruise. She will carry a crew of 6 whites and 26 Indians.

R.M.S. Empress of India reached Yokohama yesterday from Victoria and the Empress of China sailed from Hongkong en route to this port.

The tug Mamie after being overhauled on Turple's ways has returned to Che-

The steam freighter Oscar returned this morning from Roche Harbor. NOT IN WINTER.

Pat, you complain of being out of work, and yet I heard that coal dealer offer you a job to drive one of his carts, not 10 minutes ago."

"Yis, sor; but I'm not going to freeze meself to death to keep alive, sor."-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"Virginia has passed a law against C. Muir, James Tagg, and D. Fraser, "That looks like a combination of the new women and the old maids."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. From Tuesday's Daily. -Robert Gill, who recently returned

to Victoria after a long absence in the east, died last night at his home on Humboldt street. -Mrs. M A. Maltravers has

elected a school trustee for Highland district as well as secretary-treasurer the board in place of J. H. Scafe. -Mrs. Packer, mother of Charles

wreck of the Cleveland, has written to Chief Sheppard asking as to the whereabouts of her son. -Mr. John Turner, of the Vancouver custom house, who is going north the end of the month, when he will be with-

in Collector Milne's jurisdiction, will be -At the Occidental notel are several who are the advance guard of a larger party going north under the auspices of the Klondike Mining, Trading and Trans-

and have with them a large number of dogs brought from the east. -Captain Cox, cf the E. B. Marvin Co., is confined to bed again with a serious return of the lung trouble which prostrated him recently, and from which it was hoped he had quite recov licenses will be issued by the collectors ered. The captain, it is feared, caught of customs at Victoria and Vancouver, a chill on Saturday last, which, coming

> -Death last evening removed another of the characters who become almost fixtures on the streets of Victoria. This character was old John Haves, who having fought his way through the war of the American rebellion, and been wounded, was rewarded with a pension company he took part in a number of engagements. In one of those battles he was wounded in the shoulder.

-In reply to inquiries this morning as to the probable effect of the reported prices realised for skins on the London market upon the movements of the local sealing fleet, Mr. R. Seabrook, Mr. Sifton yesterday telegraphed from Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., said the prices were sufficiently satisfactory to warrant the dispatch of all the boats which had previously intended going out. "That is," said Mr. Seabrook, "there is nothing in the news received sufficiently discouraging to prevent the owners of free transport of such outfits across this boats who have already determined to send their crews out from adhering to ian outfits were required to engage Unit- their intention, and should the Behring Sea be opened a large number will undoubtedly go out."

-The British Columbia Association of Mining Engineers meets to-day in the Badminton Hotel, Vancouver, when the following among other papers and subjects will be presented for discussion: one place at which to outfit for the Klon- "Notes On Mining Law and Its Applidike gold fields. Among these well in cation To Mines and Mining Districts,' formed people is the Ottawa correspond- by Mr. Frank C. Loring, M.E., Rossent of the Associated Press, as the fol- land, B, C.; "The Possibilities of Smeltlowing dispatch received to day testifies: ing in British Columbia," by Mr. Rob-"It is computed that by purchas- Some West Kootenay Oro Politics On Mr. J. G. Gwillim, B. A. Sc., M. E., ing supplies and transportation at Slocan City, B. C.; "Odd Notes on Min-Victoria intended pilgrims to the ing," by Mr. A. H. Holdich, Nelson, B. C.; "Mining Machinery in the Slocan," by Mr. Howard West, A. R. S. M., New Denver. B. C.

> -For keeping a house of ill-fame on Broughton street Maude Lord was this morning imprisoned until the adjournment of the court and fined \$25 and \$2 costs. She was also required to give a promise that the two houses owned by her, adjoining St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, would not in future be occupied by wemen of her class. The prosecution against Lord was instituted at the demand of the managers of St. Andrew's church after she had been allowed two weeks in which to vacate the houses. Magistrate Macrae warned her that if the houses were again used for the purposes complained of she would be imprisoned without the option of a fine. Fred Winkel was sent to jail for a month for vagrancy, and a second information for vagrancy was dismissed, the culprit having found work.

From Wednesday's Daily. -The annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held on Tuesday evening, February 1st, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

-The registrars of Victoria, Vancouver, Westminster, Nanaimo, Clinton and West Kootenay districts have been appointed examiners for their respective dis tricts by the Full court, with their deputies, the deputy district registrar at Nelson and the registrar of the subregistry at Rossland.

-Constable T. Crawford, of Vancouver, left the Jubilee hospital vesterday. where he has been undergoing treatment for the last three weeks for a cataract over his left eye. Thanks to a successful operation by Dr. Jones he has now all but recovered his sight. With a little rest he will in all probability completely recover.

-A resident of Store street, while walking near Point Ellice bridge this afternoon, discovered the body of a child pair lighter leather boots, two wool about two weeks old, floating about in the waters of the Arm. He at once notified the police, who took the body to the morgue where a post morten exam nation was held. There were no distinguishing marks on the clothing or any signs by which indentification could be established. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

-The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, held its annual meeting last evening, there being a good attendance of members and adherents. Encouraging reports were presented from the session board of management, Sabbath school, Ladies' Aid and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, all showing the spiritual and material interests of the church to be in a very satisfactory state. Messrs. A. members of the board, of management, retiring, were re-elected, together with Mr. W. D. Mackintosh to fill a vacancy caused by the removal of a manager dur- | Chicago Record.

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ing the year. At the close of the business part of the meeting the ladies served refreshments.

From Thursday's Daily. -Mr. Frank Hales, who, it was said ntended pushing right through to Dawson City, will settle at Lake Bennett, where he will build an hotel.

-In Claton vs. Lawry the full court his morning dismissed the appeal from the judgment of Judge Spinks, given at Rossland in May, 1896. Archer Martin for appellant and Geo. Jay, Jr., for re-

Packer, who was landed here after the -The funeral of the late Charles Galagher took place to-day at 9 a.m. from Hanna's parlors and later from the Roman Catholic Cathedral, where Rev. Father Altoff, assisted by Father Van Gothen, conducted the services,

evening to discuss the formation of a second council of the institute in this city. It was decided to form a new council, and a meeting will be held on Wednesday evening to organize the same. port Company. They came from Vancouver on Saturday night by the Charmer

-In future cattle cars on the E. & N railway will leave Victoria on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and Wellington on Mondays and Fridays. Explosives will be carried north on Thursdays and south on Wednesdays. The attention of shippers is invited to these changes. -A letter has been received from Mr

Frank Cryderman by Mr. Willis Dean, of Dean & Hiscocks. The letter, which is dated from Dawson on November 5th. states that Mr. Cryderman has interests in several claims near Dawson City. He hopes to return to this city in the fall with a large sack of dust.

-Information comes from Ottawa that ernment allowing Canadian outfits to cross the narrow strip of American territory in the north will go into effect at once. On Monday Hon. Mr. Sifton telegraphed that he had that day received word from Washington to the effect that the regulations were to be issued imme-

-At the inquest held this afternoon to inquire into the cause of the death of the Indian child found floating in the water near Point Ellice bridge, the medical testimony showed that the child had come to its death by suffocation. The wound on the head could not have caused death. The police have no clue as to who the parents of the child are, but they probably are resident of the re-

-J. Charles Spence, of London, Ont., is at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Spence is making a tour of the province in the interest of the Canadian Co-operative Commonwealth, of which he is Dominion chairman. His organization is establishing co-operative industries in various parts of the country, thus creating work for a number of the unemployed. They now have several colonies in opera-

-The annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruitgrowers' Association takes place at New Westminster to day. A number of those resident in Victoria what was sincerely meant to be a joke. and vicinity, interested in fruit growing, After this two other cases were prewent to the Royal City by this morning's boat to attend the meeting. Among the same offence. There was a misunthese were Mr. M. Baker, who will deliver an address on fruit packing, and Mr. R. M. Palmer, the inspector, who will talk on fruit pests.

-Dr. Arthur Herbert Orpen, "wanted" in Auckland, New Zealand, for mur dering Susan Harriet Campbell McCallum, by performing an illegal operation. was arrested in San Francisco this morning, according to a dispatch received by Chief Sheppard. Orpen left Auckland by the steamer Alameda, but left that vessel at Honolulu, and it was thought probable that he would come to Victoria on one of the Canadian-Australian liners. The dispatch to Chief Sheppard does not say how Orpen got to San Francisco;

-Mr. Robert H. Williams, of Kaslo, and Miss Marion Pauline, seventh daughter of Mr. Frederick Pauline, of Oak Bay, were married at Christ Church Cathedral vesterday evening in the pre sence of a large number of their friends and relatives, by Rev. Canon Beanlands. The bride was attended by her younger sister, Miss Nellie Pauline, and Miss Rita Gerdiner, her nephew, Master Fred Pauline acting as page. At the conclusion of the ceremony the young couple proceeded to the residence of Mr. C. F. Gardiner, Labouchere street, where a re ception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Wilams left this morning on a tour through the Sound cities, from whence they will proceed to Kaslo, where they will reside

in future. -The following memo of clothing reuired by women making the trip to the tion for the Tacoma Ledger: suits heavy wool underwear, four pairs knitted wool stockings, two pairs Arctic stockings, four pairs hose (light weight), underwear, one suit of corduroy or mackinaw cloth (jacket, short skirt and bloomers), one fur or heavy wool ulster, one fur or heavy wool cap or hood, two pairs fur or heavy wool mittens, two airs hair seal moccasins or leggings, two pairs Arctics, one pair long rubber boots, one pair heavy leather boots, one sweaters, two pairs heavy wool blankets, one rubber blanket, medicine chest, mosquito net, silk muffler, handkerchiefs, etc.. Needless to say, all these articles can be bought more advantageously in this city than elsewhere.

RULES FOR GLENOBLE CLERGY.

Bishop Fava, of Glenoble, says a French journal, has recently issued the following proclamation to his clergy: "The clergy are reminded that they may not ride the bicycle ventre a terre. (This means 'stomach unto the earth. and probably refers to the scorcher or to him who rides for a fall.' Second-The clergy may not part with their cas-

that they may not ride at all." "Why have you taught your baby boy to eat onions?" "It keeps people from kissing him".

The Lord Chief Justice of England Makes Summary Work of Trashy Complaints.

He Refuses to Allow Obviously Nonsensical Cases To Go To the Jury.

A batch of newspaper libel suits was brought recently before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury, in the Court of Queen's Bench, London, and disposed of in a manner quite different from that -A large number of young men as- followed in our courts under similar consembled in the Y.M.I. rooms yesterday ditions. The first case was that of a professional magician against a newspaper which had commented in a jocose manner upon a project which he had for making money out of the Queen's Jubilee. He had made an agreement with some property owners in St. Paul's church-yard, to take down their shops and erect his grandstand in their places, pledging himself to rebuild the shops free of cest after the celebration was over. In commenting upon this plan the offending newspaper had spoken of the magician's grandstand as his latest Aladdin's palace, and intimated that the magician might be playing a trick, since he had "so often seriously deceived the pub-The magician made formal com plaint to the newspaper, through his solicitors, that the article was calculated to throw doubt upon his ability to carry out his project and thus interfere with the sale of his grandstand seats. The editor replied that his remarks were intended to be humorous, and he believed the regulations of the United States gov- that that intent was sufficiently obvious to prevent pecuniary damage to the

When this case came before the Lord Chief Justice, and the offending paragraph was read to the court, his Lordship asked in some surprise: "'Deceived the public'-is not that true? Surely that has been Mr. Maskelyne's (the magician's) business. I know he has often deceived me." There was a gendirect method of meeting the case; and | neries. Lordship continued, asking the plaintiff's counsel: "Where is the libel? Is it anything more than a chaffing article? Really for a man of Mr. Maskelyne's reputation to think that this article involves any imputation upon his character seems to me ridiculous." In esponse to this, all the plaintiff's counsel could say was that he thought the article was calculated to injure the seat-selling prospects of his client, and that instead of being always engaged in the business of deseiving the public, his client had devoted himself repeatedly to the exposure of deceits foisted upon the people by others. When he had finished the fore man of the jury said that he and is associates were of the opinion that there was no libel and did not thirk that the case should proceed. The case was thereupon dismissed, the defendant's counsel

saying they were quite willing to declare that no imputationwas intended in sented against as many newspapers for derstood joke at the bottom of these complaints also. The Registrar of the Croydon County Court alleged that he had been held up to ridicule and damaged in the estimation of the community, because, in reporting an incident in his ejected from the room for using bad language, he was said to have "roared" at the offender. The newspaper accounts picturing the bogus lord as waving his arms and belaboring with his umthe only reflection made upon the negrstrar was in the assertion that he "roarthe Registrar roared? I do not know what these cases are coming to at all." that he had not "roared" but had spoken pass over matters of this kind. This gentleman, I see, is said to be a member of the bar. He ought to have better sense than to take notice of trash such

as this " In this case, as in the preceding, the jury volunteered the information that they had reached the conclusion that there was no libel, and the cause was gold fields has been prepared by a wo- dismissed, as was its fellow against the man who has made a study of the situa- other newspaper. In disposing of the Three entire batch the Lord Chief Justice said: "I cannot avoid making the observation: There is no more valuable remedy for the protection of the character of three wool night robes, one suit chamois private and public persons than the law of libel, but there is no remedy so susceptible of abuse as that law, and I am very glad to see that juries are ready and able and firm enough to discriminate between trumpery cases and real cases by trumpery cases I mean such as those we have been dealing with this morning. The courts are not intended for the ventilation of character from real imputa-

tions, aspersions and wrongs." This view of the law of libel is especially pertinent in this city at the present time, for never in our history has the business of trumpery, or, as we know them, frivilous libel suits been prosecuted with such systematic persistence as at present. We have, in fact, a considerable body of lawyers who devote their energies entirely to it. They scour the newspapers for reflections of all kinds apon anybody and everybody, in the hope of making them the basis of suits for damages in libel. It makes no difference where the matter appears, whether in the news or in the editorial columns. When they find it, they go to the persons whom socks, even when beginning to learn, it concerns and tell them that there is a "house and lot," or a "small fortune," Third-The clergy are hereby informed or some other alluring thing in it for them, and offer to bring suit for a half-share in the sum secured. This business has assumed enormous proportions in recent years, and it seems to have attract-

ed envious attention in England. It is

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a great pity that our courts do not dis pose of it as summarily as the Lord Chief Justice did. Our libel laws are far less stringent than the English laws are, but our court methods are quite different, so far us the part which the The Imperiouse, Pheasant and Leander judge takes in the proceedings before him is concerned. At the same time, our judges have full power to prevent frivolous cases from going to the jury, and they might exercise this much more frequently than they do.-New York Even-

ng Post, December 30.

If the courts of California sustain the argument advanced by Grove L. Johnson, that the editor of a newspaper is responsible for everything that appear in his newspaper, be the same editorial matter, communications, or otherwise, malt, for several of the warships are on which must also include advertisements. the eve of departure for some foreign for they are but the communications and port. Wagons are arriving constantly opinions of business men; then the news- with groceries and provisions of all kinds paper business of California is the most | The ships about to leave are each taking dangerous business a man can engage supplies for an absence from port in. for it can readily be seen that prob- about six months. H.M.S. Pheasant ably one-third of the advertisements in to sail this afternoon bound southward the average newspaper contains suffi- it is said, where no one knows; for until

felt so disposed to work it up. We repeat, if this is the law in Cali- what port she is bound. It is said by fornia, and sustained by the courts, the her officers and crew, as well as many freedom of the press will be curtailed; of those resident at Esquimalt-at least criticism of the acts of public officials, or of crookedness or dishonesty in any Her Majesty's service congregate-that quarter, or from any source, will be she is going to Guatemala, where the throttled, society will go wild and the people, as is the custom of Central Amwheels of civilization will be turned erican republics, are again indulging in back a century.-Los Gatos Mail.

Chinatown will be lit up this evening. Immediately the clock has chimed the midnight hour they will noisily welcome the new year. Cymbals will clang and tom-toms beat and the drinking chorus been in the drydock for about a week, be heard in every lane and byway of and in port only about two weeks, has Chinese calendar, the twenty-fourth year they, as is well known counting from the day the present emperor, Quong Shin, began his rule. The Chinese are feeling very much put out owing to permission being refused them to use firecrackers. They will not be able to scare away the evil one, they say." Another cause for annoyance is the fact that money is scarce in Chinatown, as a number of the cannery employes have not received their pay for work done this year eral laughter in the court room at this at the northern and Fraser river can-

Notwithstanding their grievances, however, they are merry, and to-day are busily engaged in settling up their just debts. Many are hanging up lanterns, others writing visiting cards, and all making preparations of some kind for the holiday. All grievances are now fogotten for the time being, and enemies become as friends, and all residents of the Chinese quarter are until the holidays are at an end-men of leisure. The festivities will last for about a week, and in many cases even longer.

ITALIAN OPERA.

The writer has seen Cavalleria Rusti cana played many times, but never better than it was played last evening by the del Conte company at the Victoria Opera House. Such representations go far to explain how the Roman audience who heard it first hailed the youthful composer as another genius added to composer as another genius added to the long list Italy boasts. It really takes WORK FOR COUNCIL Southern, warm-blooded people to play the Rustic Chivalry to its best: Sicilian fire and malevolence are not to be successfully portrayed or imitated by the fair-haired, blue-eyed, florid skinned folk. It absolutely requires the olivecomplexioned sons and daughters of the sunny south, of bella Italia itself, with their coal-black liquescent eyes, dark court, in which a bogus lord had been crimson lips, snowy teeth and quivering nostrils, to give Mascagni's music its reality. It is, this little Sicilian tragedy. a gust of withering passion: all the sought to make the incident ludicrous homeric passions wrought up with consummate art into one tremendous whirlwind that sweeps on to the tragic brella the officer who ejected him, but climax and carries away the beholders irresistibly. The character of Santuzza was taken ideally by Signorita Montaed, "Turn that man out!" When the nari. Her treatment of the part surpass-Lord Chief Justice had the case fully be- ed anything that has been seen on fore him he asked the plaintiff's counsel that stage for many years. Her rich, in visible surprise: "Is the whole thing mellow voice, her eloquently expressive that you complain of here that it stated gestures, and the exquisite mobility of away with this blot on the beauty of her features gave to the part the life and volcanic vigor demanded by the words for for a permanent causeway across When the counsel had endeavored to and music. Only an Italian could throw the bay, and one set was chosen, but show that the charge was likely to so much of love, of hate, of eagerness nothing was done to carry out the work. bring the Registrar into disrepute by into glances of the eye; and so much making him appear as having acted in thrilling expression into the voice. Signisentative of South Ward, the portion of superb rendering of his part, which is an quietly, his Lordship said: "There is exacting one. His singing was grand, successful; his voice is also full of splenmezzo, which dwellers in larger cities than Victoria are apt to remember with fear and trembling and muttered curses on account of the eminent barrel-organ the water. signors who grind it out by the hour underneath bedroom windows, was played by the orchestra last evening in so finished a manner that an encore was demanded

Madame Ginevra Johnstone-Bishop then sang Handel's famous aria from "The Messiah:" "I know that my Redeemer liveth," in fine style. Her voice is one This would make Government street, inof the finest sopranos ever heard in Victoria. As an encore Madame Johnstone-Bishop sang beautifully an air from 'Gabrielle." This lady is said to be the greatest oratorio soprano in America. Two acts from "Lucia di Lammerconcluded the entertainment. The singing of Senorita Vicini was the best thing in the representation, although Sig. Agostini, as usual, bore off a large share of the honors. The mad scene, where Lucy Ashton horrifies the retainers and guests, has often been compared to the mad scene in Hamlet, where the distraught Ophelia distributes rue and rosemary to her sorrowing hearers. As Lammermoor" ranks with the Spakesperean tragedies, and the magnificent music which Gaetano Donizetti has wedded to 25th inst., and have it ready before the story still further ensures its immortality and wider renown. The accompaniment by the orchestra throughout the two acts was beyond praise.

This evening the company will present also for forage, lumber, nails, bricks, "Faust." Sig. Scholari, basso profundo, ement and casting for the corporation will take the role of Mephistopheles; Sig. Agostini that of Faustus; Sig. Francesoni of Velentine, and the charming coni of Velentine, and the charming
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to of Thos. J. Allan and wife of San Francisco, Thos. J. Allan and Wife of San F of this excellent company.

to Sail Under Sealed Orders at Once.

Considerable Speculation as to Their Destination-It is Believed They Go to China.

All is activity in the harbor at Esqui-

cient material for a libel suit, if anyone she rounds Cape Flattery none, not even her commanding officer, will know that portion of Esquimalt where men of the pastime of having a revolution Others say that she, as well as the flagship, which will follow her, sailing on Saturday next, and the Leander sailing on Wednesday next, is going to China The prevailing opinion is that the menof-war are going to South America, where they may be joined by H.M.S. Amphion, now craising in South Ameribeen ordered to hurry her preparations for departure. She has had her hull cleaned and painted, and will be in readiness to sail on Wednesday next. It is said by some that the torpedo boat de stroyer Sparrowhawk will accompany

her, but this is only rumor. Admiral Palliser when spoken to conerning, the departure of the vessels declined to say where they were going. The orders, he said, were secret, and no one. not even the commanding officers of the different vessels, was informed of the destination of the vessels. The vessels were all to sail under sealed orders. which were not to be opened until the ships had left port. The only information the Admiral was willing to give was

that they were not going to China. Another phase of the talk at Esquimalt relates to the Cocos Island treasure. Many think that while south another party will be placed on the island to endeavor to discover the thirty million dollars' worth of gold, silver and jewels that lie buried in the sands of the little island. The Imperieuse has already made a search, and so has the Amphion. but the sailors still have faith, and say that those who have already searched dug in the wrong place. The vessels renaining at Esquimalt after the denarture of those now about to leave will be the Icarus and Pheasant and the torpedo boat destroyers Virago and Sparrow-

Ald. Humphrey Proposes Another Step Towards a Causeway Across James Bay.

He Would Also Extend Bay Street Across Rock Bay to Work Street.

Since the completion of the new parliament buildings, the James Bay mud flats and the far-from-handsome bridge that connects Government street and Birdcage Walk have become a greater eyesore than ever. For years the people have urged that something be done to do Victoria. Competitive plans were called Now Ald. Humphrey, the new repre-

an undignified manner, the truth being nor Agostini as Turiddu gave also a the city most directly interested, proposes to take another step in the direction of having this work carried out. no judge so low that he cannot afford to and more than ever proved that he is the He will move at the next meeting of the finest tenor Victorians have ever heard, council that application be made to the It is a voice of astonishing range and Dominion government for right of way power, and its training has been perfect. across James Bay to construct in lieu Signor Francesconi as Alfio was very of the present bridge, a permanent roadway as a continuation and in line with did natural qualities and has received Government street. The next question thorough training. The celebrated inter- will be as to compensation for the property owners whose land faces on that portion of the bay that would be cut off, although now little use is made of The same alderman is looking towards improvements at Rock Bay, in fact he will again bring up the scheme to do away with Rock Bay bridge, the most expensive bridge in the city to keep up.

The proposal is to build a permanent roadway from Bay street across the upper end of Rock Bay to Work street. stead of Store street, the main thoroughfare to Esquimalt, and would do away with the necessity of Rock Bay bridge. The only ones to be inconvenienced would be the street railway company, who would either have to keep up the bridge themselves or run their track out Government street to Bay street and down that street to connect with the track on Work street. At Monday's meeting of the council Ald, Humphrey will move that the city engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of building the permanent roadway. Other resolutions to be moved at the next meeting of the council are: (1) by literary performance. "The Bride of Ald. Kinsman, to the effect that the city assessor be instructed to commence the May 1st; (2) by Ald. Phillips, instructing the purchasing agent to call for tenders for groceries, meat, milk and bread for the home for the aged and infirm, and

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