THE WAR.

The battle of Modder River was fierce and bloody. The enemy had the advantage of cover and position, but were unable to resist our attack and retired when darkness put an end to a fight of fourteen hours' duration. Our troops but we are sure the others will, like our then proceeded to occupy the enemy's selves, be none the less gratified. We position and to repair the bridge over the take it that, differ as we may upon the river so as to continue the advance on Kimberley.

assault from Methuen's column. For in the report that a battle is likely to local politics go. occur at Spytfontein.

At the time of writing there has practically been no war news for twenty-four hours. A despatch received yesterday morning said it was reported that Cronje had withdrawn on Bloemfontein, which was the view of the case advanced by this paper. In the absence of definite information, however, the most that any one can do it to think out what he would do himself if he were situated as the Boers are.

The news that Mafeking has been relieved "automatically." as we suggested some time ago might be probable, seems to be generally credited. This will release some good fighting material, which our generals can use elsewhere, although the force in that town is not large.

We are almost without anything to guide us to a conclusion as to the condition of things in Natal. It is said that Jonbert must have from 15,000 to 20,000 they will be so disposed as to be able, with the help of the Ladysmith garrison, to cut off Joubert's retreat by way of Laing's Nek and compel him to get out of Natal into the Free State with the remnant of his army, in which case Buller could get between him and Pretoria means the transportation to this province of Eastern issues; but we do not believe be made public without a breach of con-Methuen upon his left flank and Gatacre

Public feeling is at very keen tension over the condition of things in South

sion and the Transvaal is doing nothing time. for its protection.

think the explanation is simple and that ment of its wonderful future, the utthe plan is to advance only when suffi-most scope for his energy, the widest cient artillery and cavalry have been field his talents can desire, the most brought up to enable either column to honorable crown for a career. It seems strike a blow that will tell

Gen. Joubert has retired to a point is that we shall all of us devote our enerwithin the Transvaal for medical treat- gies more closely to the work to be done ment. The nature of his illness is not in this inviting field. British Columbia mentioned, but his condition must be with its vast area, its magnificent geo- North that will give the residents of so far from the scene of operations.

MINING ON THE ISLAND.

We print this morning a brief synopsis of the work done on the West Coast of Vancouver Island during the present to dominate our minds to the exclusion of not over-scrupulous neighbors in Seattle decision was upheld. year. We are indebted for it to Mr. William M. Brewer, the well-known mining engineer, a gentleman who is as far as this under any circumstances, amount of goods to the Golden North.

William M. Brewer, the well-known alone were selling any considerable perience. In 1872 the Victoria ministry appreciated, secure a very large share of the attention of the capitalists investing o known in mining circles as very conser- for at any day questions may arise in We told them at the time that their tion alleging among other reasons that in British Columbia. vative in his statements. Colonist the federal arena, which will compel the boasted supremacy will soon be a thing they had had no opportunity of apealing readers will be both surprised and graticoncentration of public attention upon of the past, and so it has come about. to the people, the elections having been fied at the showing made. Twenty-five themselves to the exclusion for the time Scattle has its share of 20 per cent. of held under the auspices of their opponseparate properties are spoken of and being of all other matters. But just now the trade, or probably not much if any ents, but the dissolution was refused, others are referred to. That is, there British Columbians will be excused if more than one-quarter of the business are probably thirty or more mining propositions on the West Coast in a more consisting more or less advanced stage of develop- welfare of the Empire as a whole welfa more or less advanced stage of developwelfare of the Empire as a whole. We the lion's share of the less than 30 per the colonies. One was in South Austrament, and on all of them work is being are approaching a session of the legislacontinued. It may be possible to tell ture that may be one of the most imsomething that would be fuller of en-portant in the history of the province. couragement to the people of Victoria It will not be many months before peace double the business of Vancouver, which ernment was called into office on the rethan this, but we do not know what it is restored in South Africa, and with would be. Our city has already falt the this and with a signation of their predecessors, and was benefit of what is being done, for the stitutions everywhere on a firm basis business done by Vancouver. Colonist has already had occasion to there will come a rush of capital and imspeak more than once of the greatly in- migration in that direction beyond all is hardly open to doubt, and as the creased demands upon the transportation precedent. British Columbia will have Northern trade is certain to grow apace service. Next season the amount of all she can do under the most favorable for years to come, the commercial imwork done will doubtless exceed that of circumstances to secure that attention portance of our city seems assured. this year, and it is altogether probable from the moneyed world that her vast When to this Northern business is added that of the ministry. that several of the properties will be- resources entitle her to. Therefore the the great business to be developed on the come shipping mines. Some little time necessity for dropping all experimental West Coast of the Island, the future organ of public opinion. has been necessary to establish the value legislation which weakens the confi- looks very rosy indeed.

of Vancouver Island as a field for metal-, dence of investors and unsettles the mind ferous mining, but the thing seems to of wage earners. The present is a very ave been done, and the outlook for the critical time in the history of our provture is very bright indeed. ince, so far as those who now reside here

THE NEEDS OF THE PROVINCE

manner in which the result is to be ob-As yet we are without advices as to ests of our imperial province. The dis- province. If he had, there are some what became of Cronje's command. It cussion has naturally excited much at things which would not have happened. was said that he would make a stand at tention from the press, and the result is The development of Atlin would not Spytfontein but the position which he that there has been called out what is al- have been retarded by unwise legislation, could occupy there would not be nearly most a unanimous expression of opinion and the mining industry of the Slocan this reason we have hesitated to believe cient to occupy their minds, so far as tion, but we know what course the Col-

The Colonist is sometimes asked why supporter. If the miners of the provfront to the exclusion of the personal features of federal politics, which receive ference of miners and mine-owners under the British constitution. The mere attention at the hands of so many of its should be held and that an understand-Eastern contemporaries on both sides of ing should be reached between them as politics. More than one reason can be to what would be best for all concerned given for this course, but the principal before any law was placed on the statute one is that the local questions come right book. No one can deny that the mishome to us as British Columbians. They chievous legislation in regard to al'ens, touch our business interests. They bear the granting of hydraulic leases and the upon the future of our investments and hours of labor in the metalliferous mines the opportunities which the province will had the effect of checking the flow of present to our families. They influence capital then directed to this province. the solution of the great problem of how The world was beginning to look very the majority of the population can se- favorably upon this province as a field cure a good day's pay for a good day's for investment. Confidence, which, as work. British Columbia is only on the we all know, is a plant of slow growth threshold of its development. It is was beginning to make its influence felt. necessary to have the province opened and the outlook was very favorable inby railways. Our rivers need improved deed. Then came the mischievous and ment. Our coasts need to be better demagogic legislation of last session, and lighted and charted. We need highways, incalculable harm resulted. trails and bridges in all directions, and legislation that will secure, if possible, there is no manner of doubt that rail-

ready to take the offensive. We can only are to be dealt with, we think a British ful brand of repudiation has been imspeculate as to where our forces are, Columbia paper is doing its duty better printed upon the fair record of this provin discussing them than in endeavoring ince. These matters are known to the to create a false interest in the personal public, but it is not generally known that matters which make up federal politics Some people say that the immigration of people from the Eastern provinces ject. Such is literally the case, as we

level plains of the Free State, with it. On the contrary we think that the fidence. We may, however, say that majority of Eastern people are the readi- within a month the representative of est of all to break away from their old capitalists able and willing to construct party ties, and in this new land form that line, have written to Victoria asking such alliances as will serve best to ad- if there was an chance of having that vance the material interests of their project restored to the position it occuadopted home. Every one who knows pied a year ago. toria. It is said that Kruger desires family tradition, personal friendship or was installed is not easily realized. Mr. some such movement as this, which is association and in some cases local reputation. There are constituencies in the Boers are said to have occupied tation. There are constituencies in the East that are Liberal chiefly because its requirements. His successors do not.

Observed the province and the provi Dordrecht. This town does not appear they have always been Liberal, and Mr. Turner was not afraid to commit tion but was refused. tage. It is not on any line of railway, same reason. The political leaders on commensurate with its resources. His and it does not in any sense of the word either side know with almost certainty in successors are. Mr. Turner was not a command the approach to the Free State advance how such constituencies will go, demagogue. The ruling spirit among his

to us that the great need of the province

no matter what issue is placed before successors is. The reports of dissensions between the them. This is, of course, not peculiar to It was an unfortunate day for British Free Staters and the Transvaalers may Canada, but is common in all communinot be without foundation, for at presties where representative institutions office, and it would be a fortunate day ent the Free State is menaced with inva-have been in existence for any length of for the province if he could be restored to the premiership, for individually he That public man must be of more than represents that spirit of optimism and ag-Some impatience is shown at the de ordinary ambition who cannot find, in gressiveness, which is necessary for the lay on the part of our columns, but we British Columbia and the full develop- proper development of all new coun-

> VICTORIA'S TRADE WITH THE NORTH.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Let us suppose for a moment that Mr

If Mr. Turner had remained in powe

the change of ministry and the repealing

legislation of last session prevented the

inauguration of the British Pacific pro-

We print to-day some statistics in regard to the trade of Victoria with the

everything short of Imperial interests.

It would, of course, be unwise to go alone were selling any considerable perience. In 1872 the Victoria ministry appreciated, secure a very large share of response to think the interest ueposits on this late the mineral deposits on this were telling the world that they and they are the interest ueposits on this late the mineral deposits on this late the mineral deposits on this late the mineral deposits on this late that they are the mineral deposits on this late the mineral deposits on this late that they are the mineral deposits on this late that they are the mineral deposits on this late that they are the mineral deposits on this late that they are they are the mineral deposits on this late that they are the mineral deposits on the mineral depo cities. Victoria is far in the lead, with and the other in Tasmania, where a gov-

THE COMING SESSION.

are concerned, and while we do not object with the Irish legislator to do any The discussion which has been going has done nothing for us," we claim that these columns as to the early defeat of been fraught with danger to the commontained, we all seek to advance the inter- Turner had remained in power in this trol the house will receive an increased when ministers have asked to be allowed

dissolution unnecessary. A great deal has been said, and doubt- Commons." feated minister to a dissolution. No policy. Such is not the case. The wel- ascertain them." keeps local matters so much to the ince asked for eight-hour legislation, the fare of the people is the supreme law in fact that a premier has lost the con-the Coast papers generally, says they enresentatives

> was no dissolution of the house until 1875. The latter ministry went out during the session of 1876, but there was no 1878, the house not being then in ses-

then formed, changed on the appointment of its leader to the bench to the Beaven ministry, which resigned on January 20, 1883, just five days before the legislature met. The Smithe ministry came in, followed by the A. E. B. Davie ministry and the Robson ministry. stance of a defeated premier being grant- said that no other part of the world preed a dissolution. In Quebec the Joly sents a better showing for future devel-

him to decide was not "What is advant- removed. ageous to a particular party?" but "What

upon the whole is most advantageous and fair to the people of the province?" quite serious or he would not have gone graphcal position and ts wealth in forest, this city the liveliest satisfaction. They his ministry a dissolution after a defeat liveliest satisfaction. They his ministry a dissolution after a defeat liveliest satisfaction. losses are being greatly minimized in the of what is to be done in order that the of what is to be done in order that the of what is to be done in order that the of what is to be done in order that the of what is to be done in order that the of what is to be done in order that the of what is to be done in order that the weight in odd relief against the wayful darkness official reports. This has all along of the place. Cent. is from Canadian points, their advice ceased to carry the weight of the measure was presented to them without of the main cave, of the place of the main cave, of the place of the measure was presented to them without one next visits what is christened the Methseemed likely. It is an old trick on their most by these things and leave them in per cent. is done by Victoria; that course was sustained by the colonial see solicitation by the Semlin-Cotton com-

d be. Our city has already felt the this and the establishment of British in- probably a little more than half of the promptly defeated. A dissolution was the only course open, for no one would The principles underlying these cases

Todd in "Parliamentary Government Less than a month will elapse before the legislature will be in session and the solutions of parliament inevitably tend to the legislature will be in session and the solutions of parliament methods the legislature will confront each other on dull the edge of a great instrument, given to the crown for its protection, and given to the crown for its protection, and the government. There has been no break in the opposition ranks, as they of the crown to exercise its judgment tertainingly on Kentucky's stood last session, and they will certainly upon advice tendered in favor of a dis-be strengthened by several additions, we think enough to carry a vote of want to act upon their advice he incurs a of confidence with a good majority. If great responsibility, there is perhaps no such a motion is once carried, we antici- case in which the responsibility may be pate that the party which will then con- more safely and usefully incurred than support immediately, so as to render a to appeal to the people from a decision pronounced against them in the House of

less more will be, as to the right of a de- And that great parliamentarian, Sir Robert Peel, speaking in 1841, said: as strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks as a strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks. from Kimberley simultaneously with the federal arena, unite to promote the interbeen granted an appeal to the people, as House of Commons. So long as parliaests of the province they will find suffiuer in respect to this piece of legislathough there was vested in the premier ment may be reasonably supposed to rep for the time being a personal right to resent the wishes of the people, it is not onist would have advised as his cordial have the people pronounce upon his necessary to go beyond parliament to

The Grand Forks Miner, speaking of fact that a promer and street him no the Coast papers gives him no have "but now and then in an obscure claim to be allowed to appeal to the peo-ple for a reversal of the verdict of their of affairs in the Boundary and the Kootenays." The Colonist will only under-The only instance in Canada since contake to speak for itself in denying this federation of a ministerial overthrow in assertion. Taking the month of Novemparliament, was the defeat of the Liberal-Conservative ministry in 1873. The that month printed 366 inches of matter first session of the second parliament of directly relating to the Boundary and Canada was opened on March 5, 1873, the Kootenays, and if Cariboo and Lilbrought up and Sir John Macdonald other subject except the war, and we may say no two other subjects, received that he claimed the right to a dissolution, the same amount of attention as did the but if he made the claim it was not rec- Boundary and the Kootenays at the ognized, and on November 5 he resigned hands of the Colonist during the month

editorials on Kootenay questions. During November the Colonist had only dissolution until 1878. The Elliott ministry which followed fell by the wayside in which ought to be better than anything

sion. The Walkem ministry which was we can say, for those on the ground understand such matters very much better than those at a distance.

frightful, or anything approaching it.

The United States authorities admit speaker and there was no dissolution. We formidable rival of New York as a grainspeaker and there was no dissolution. We search in vain in the history of parliamentary government either in the Dominion or of any of the provinces since minion or of any of the provinces since elevator service has been provided they confederation for a case where a de-will grow more rapidly.

The Ashcroft Journal is agitating for In the old Province of Canada the amendments to the act affecting placer ler comes to a cave on the left that is known as Little Bat room, from the a vote and the Brown ministry was there is extreme danger of the claimate once formed. Five days after the holder forfeiting title through some induced feet to adverte the advertence or failure to comply with the latter was defeated, whereupon Mr. advertence or failure to comply with the mund Head saying that the question for ground the existing grievance would be The promoter of the affair absconded,

"If the miners wanted an eight-hour

from feeling that the necessities of fed- KON AND ATLIN. The enormous in- of confidence, asked for a dissolution and ada to assist in developing the resources great-actor gave his name to, and in which eral parties should control our relations crease in the volume of our Northern was refused. In 1877 the Grey ministry of the Kootenay country. In this the some of his greatest passages were declaimto our local affairs, we have almost business is a very gratifying feature. had the same experience, and protested Miner is engaged in a very laudable ed. to our local affairs, we have almost reached a stage when we can say that reached a stage when we can say that the interests of British Columbia ought to dominate our minds to the exclusion of not over-scrupulous neighbors in Seattle to the same experience, and protested to the secretary of state for the colonies against the refusal, but the Governor's decision was upheld.

Gothic avenue here branches from the task, and it is to be hoped that its efforts against the refusal, but the Governor's will be successful; but it is quite certain that the mineral deposits on this leaded Altar, the Pillared Castle, Lood and Mourtain, Lover's Leap, and the Same experience, and protested to the secretary of state for the colonies against the refusal, but the Governor's decision was upheld.

was peculiar. Four judges were elected two of them by law were to serve two years and two of them for four years, and the law also said that the distribution of the terms should be by lot. The chief engineer of the fire department was appointed to superintend the lottery. He insisted on dice, for he said each man was entitled to an equal chance, and if they drew slips of paper out of a box, the chances would not be equal, because the first man would have one chance in four

The Descriptive Talk Well IIlustrated by Means of the Stereopticon.

It was quite consistent and appropriate that last evening's lecture at A.O.U.W. Church. hall by Rev. J. C. Speer should have -for the subject was the "Mammoth

legislation that will secure, if possible, the local treatment of our ores of all way construction from the Coast to the way construction from the Coast to the local treatment of our ores of all way construction from the Coast to the way construction from the Coast to the line prove extremely precarious. Gen. Buller is evidently taking his time about at tacking. Doubtless he desires when he strikes a blow that it will be decisive. It is quite possible that Joubert's army the local treatment of our ores of all way construction from the Coast to the doubt that rail way construction from the Coast to the month is true of almost any month that way construction from the Coast to the month is true of almost any month that way construction from the Coast to the month is true of almost any month that will seed the premiership two days later. The house was at once prorogued and on January 2, 1874, was dissolved on Mr. Water action—the upper stantum being a hard sandstone, and beneath, lime to admit that will be selected. Moreover, this news to selected. Moreover, the local treatment of our ores of all them to the prover and the provided to the premiership two days later. The hou ion the geological structure of the mam-moth cave district, showing how the cave it. We pay some attention to this matformed in the sandstone. These are yet
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fellies of found in overwork, worry, the may be annihilated when Buller gets ready to take the offensive. We can only speculate as to where our forces are, cember 23, 1872; the De Cosmos-Walkem ministry was at once formed and there Coast papers do not print very many plugged with debris and their discharge! Weeks or months of suffering loss of the cave was originally carved out by then teach again the lesson that prevention these waters, together with rivers flow-ing through from the north and west. better it is to keep the system in health The full extent of the cave is not yet and vigor, to restore and revitalize the known, although the guides and others have surveyed its wonderful avenues for Fcod.

hotel. Traversing Audubon avenue the travel-

one next visits what is christened the Meth-edist Church, a splendid cathedral-shaped chamber, with a ledge extending from one

Gothic avenue here branches from the

To shake diee to settle who should reached by a difficult and somewhat haz ardous descent, is Napoleon's Dome, rising to a height of ninety feet or more from the cavern floor, and a little form. have a judgeship is something novel, the Dining Hall, Wandering Wille's Spring, person who adopted it saying that as Anetta's Dome (so lofty that its crown can-

Greatest Cave.

tertainingly on Kentucky's Greatest Attraction.

hall by Rev. J. C. Speer snould nave light beauty of Green river, into which been delivered in the semi-darkness necessitated by its stereopticon illustration cold waters. Cave of Kentucky," and so graphically Property Is Active.-Numerous transdid the lecturer picture its many wonders fers of real estate in various parts of the that his audience enjoyed practically all that his audience enjoyed practically all the pleasures of a visit to that most redecided improvement in their line of business. Among other properties changing hands recently is a fine building site. tendant discomfort or expense. The attendance was good, and the entertainment—perhaps needless to say—was heartily enjoyed.

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The attendance careful without any or attendance properties changed in a fine building site on Esquimalt road, not far from the Cantenn, which has been purchased by Mr. J. Gerhardt Tiarks, the intention being, it is understood to errect several band.

lecturer to the starting place of his sub-terranean ramble with "My Old Ken-tucky Home"—It being in Edmonson county, Kentucky, that the world's most wonderful cave is located. First of all, the original cabin at the mouth of the cave was shown—it is now part of the Canada was opened on March 9, 1869, and was prorogued on August 13. A second session was called on October 23 of the same year. Almost immediately the Canadian Pacific charges were brought up and Sir John Macdonald the bro

In his introduction, Rev. Mr. Speer described in plain, understandable fash-

more than 150 miles. The press correspondents talk about of exploration at the mouth of the cave, the "frightful" loss of the British in sixty feet in height to the overhanging ers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. the "frightful" loss of the British in ledge, out of which the crystal stream of South Africa. The losses have not been water known as the Bridal Veil bursts into feathery spray, and then disappears Linseed and Turpentine indispensable as a in the rubble at the door of the cave. cure for coughs, colds, croup, broachitis, Africa. Reports from several sources give color to the belief that the Boers may be, in part at least, retiring on Pretoria. It is said that Kruger desired the inner working of politics in the East will bear us out in saying that the division of parties there is largely a matter of from office and the present combination was installed is not easily realized. Mr.

Davie ministry and the Robson ministry, which is the rubble at the door of the cave, which were followed by the Theodore the inner working of politics in the East will bear us out in saying that the division of parties there is largely a matter of from office and the present combination was installed is not easily realized. Mr. Narrows, so named for a hunter who so became one of the pioneers of the cave's explorers—probably the first white man to feast his eyes upon its marvels. Going through the Narrows, the cave

and can only be viewed by the use of the Bengal lights—this being the rotunda of the cave, and directly under the great

caves below. At another point on Audubon avenue are passed the famous Brown asked the Governor-General for complicated regulations. It is claimed dubon avenue are passed the famous a dissolution, but was refused, Sir Edhowever, before the experiment could be tried, and the company was the only day they should be content with an it narrows and comes out on a sloping hill it narrows and comes out on a sloping hill In Nova Scotia the governor refused eight-hour wage," says the Nelson in the cave, by a sharp turn to the right of far from the scene of operations.

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seemed likely. It is an old trick on their part. People who know their habits said before the war that they would adopt this plan.

The Rossland Miner addresses an invitation to the capitalists of Eastern Cannosing chamber. Booth's theatre, which the most by these things and leave them in he best shape to benefit their children, the is, THIS CITY DOES UPWARDS OF retary.

The Rossland Miner addresses an invitation to the capitalists of Eastern Cannosing chamber. Booth's theatre, which the country to chamber, with a ledge extending from one side, pulpit-like, from which long ago the pioneer ministers preached to the salipetre ministers

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We close by quoting two authorities.

us blind fish); and Shakespeare's Gallery.

picture on the wall, which with a very sight exercise of imagination may be recognized as Shakespeare's portrait. In a similar chamber, Rev. Mr. Speer had the good luck to discover a somewhat similar picture of Tennyson, seated at his desk, a readily recognized three-quarter view, from which this apartment is of course named. which this apartment is of course named. Echo river justifies its name, for it is asserted that at no other place on the face of the earth (or under it) is an echo so mul-tiplied and modified. The last notes of a song return faintly but with distinctness after one has counted a hundred slowly and with precision; while the report of a revolver is multiplied until it becomes the

Returning, the exploring tourist traverses Cleveland's Cabinet, White's Cave, Wild Hall, Revellers' Hall, the Egyptian Temple, and Bandit Hall, emerging ultimately by means of the Corkscrew at what is termed the "vestry door" of the Methodis

The lecturer leaves his party in the sun-

heartily enjoyed.

The sunday school orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Aaron Parfit, prefaced the lecture with a number of appreciated selections, finally bringing the of western suburb have also been disposed of within the week in each case.

Forwarded to Ottawa.-The several tenders for the carriage of the mail be tween the city post office and the Victoria & Sidney railway depot have been forwarded to Ottawa, and the name of the successful tenderer is expected to be announced from the federal capital in

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Victorians in busi won the reputation servative. Apparent deserved, for otherv undoubtedly have b this that the mercha commercial as well tal of the province are in control of the trade of the great It is a fact, and d

claims of rival town refer to official statis selves of the suprem It is estimated tha tons of goods went Atlin and other Nort ing the year that is close-that, indeed, l so far as the great I Of all the import camps in British ter and Atlin disticts of ing the first eleven n year, 80 per cent. v This fact is atteste agers of Skagway, t and the customs offi-the United States. And of this 80 per returns show more Private statistics ship and railway co Victoria proport per cent., but taking turns as a basis of that Victoria's sha trade is already, at calculation, 60 per c cent. of the whole. Collector Milne, full statistical inf

iect to Ottawa, is c merchants at the more than 50 per Northern trade, w trade so far as Vicindicated by the ar values of Victoria North country by during the past fo 1896 1897 1899 The total for the above is of cours eleven months of t ing been an especiall season in the North by the 1st of Decem are still being collection goods moving forw During October i collected a larger possibly the larges dian port, with fiv "The Victoria me

coralled the trade by Pass," said Collecte "and they are pretrade of the lower season's work, and be very heavy. All to Dawson during supplied by British being a highly impo in itself. The bulk panies' supplies v Canada, Victoria and every one wi that these comps experience where ket in which to be The Alaska Co may be noted, is patrons of Messrs. of this city.

Another point in value of the North

PRESBYTERY Missionary Activity Mining Camps-

is "strictly cash.

perance The usual Decen Presbytery of Victo church at Wellingto noon and evening, t being Revs. Dr. J. Clay, D. MacRae an from Victoria: W. J. from Victoria; W. mo; E. G. Perry, lor, Alberni; and M and A. Camp, cat O'Dell, elder. In addition to rou less general interwere taken to seco for the missionary mine and also for ing at Extension,

Sicker. Mr. Stephen repo ing of a small able church at So highly commended forts in this matte ing a suitable pla tension mine rece tion. Rev. E. G. Taylo pointed to visit new

ing camps on the W date with the view sionary in the spri tions be found to c The congregation orized to call a mi take this step, and was appointed to a A committee wa and co-operate wi representing other to secure amenda eference to Sabb nittee to confer an

mitees representing in reference to am ing marriage laws.