Fraser Passible Beyond Fort George—Inaugurates a

No more impressive illustration of the magnitude of British Columbia can be cited than the fact that there are navigable waterways in the Northof the navigation of the south fork of the Fraser beyong Fort George, by which Tete Jaune Cache can hereafter be reached without breaking cargoes—a circumstance that will materially cheapen the getting in of supplies required in the building of both the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern. This vast interior region hitherto only visited by fur trappers and traders and by the indomitable placer prospectors, has recently been made accessible to the general public by the blasting out of hindrances to navigation in several of the formidable canyons, and the establishment of a regular stern-wheel steamer service.

The steamer Nechago partially builty. the navigation of the south fork of

will re-open about April 21.

The Nechaco on her last downriver voyage was run as far as the
Fountain, eight miles above Liliooet
town, where she was hauled out for
the winter. Captain Bonser has recently inspected the Soda Creek canyon, and found it navigable, so that
—the Fraser being found navigable as
far as the Fountain—the problem of
transportation from Ashcraft to Tete
Jaune Cache on the one hand, and to
within 100 miles of Hazelton, into the
very heart of the rich Omineca country, has been solved. What this means
in the cheapening of getting supplies
for surveyors, railway contractors,
prospectors and settlers, can only be
fully appreciated by those who are
acquainted with the exhorbitant tolls
for packing in the past.

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The steamer Nechaco, partially built in Vancouver and reassembled dast March at Quesnel on the upper Fraser, ran all season between Sood Creek and Fraser lake, a distance of 270 miles. The ascent is usually made in four days, and the return down-rever trip in a day and a haif. The service has already resulted in a notable of the service has already resulted in a notable of the service has already resulted in a notable of the Nechaco, is at present visiting the coast on husiness in connection with the awarding of a contract for another and larger steamer for this like of liver service. The new craft, and the service of the Nechaco, will be assembled at guest of the Nechaco, will be assembled at guest of the Nechaco, will be assembled at guest of larger than the country of the Nechaco, will be assembled at guest of the service of the new farth of the Nechaco, will be assembled at guest of the country of the Nechaco, will be assembled at guest of the service of the service of the service of the service of the new farth of the Nechaco, will be assembled at guest of the service of the servi

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UNUSUAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

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### APPOINTMENTS BY EXECUTIVE

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ant commissioner of lands, registrar of lands, registrar of voters, registrar under the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, etc., etc., Mr. Fisher, in his turn, is promoted to be mining recorder. As foreshadowed some days ago, the resignation was accepted of J. K. Worsfold, provincial assessor, who also returns upon superannuation.

Names But One.

It has been decided for the present to name but one additional inspector of steam boilers, the choice falling upon P. A. Goepel, of Nelson, who will assume the duties or his new position as from the first of the year, making his headquarters in Vancouver. The salary provided for this office is \$110 per month, but recommendations have been made by the Civil Service grading commission in the direction of an

ing commission in the direction of an increase, which will doubtless be acted upon.

During yesterday morning an influential deputation from Mission Junetion waited upon Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works, in respect to the early completion of the Dewdney Trunk road upon the lines of the old survey, from Pitt river to Stave river and lake. This deputation was headed by W. J. Manson, member-elect for Dewdney, and also General Manager Hayward and Chief Engineer Bonny-action of the Western Power company, having its industrial headquarters at Stave lake. From Pitt river the road is already sufficiently completed to be freely utilized for general traffic as far as Webster's Corners, and, after the interview, the decision was reached by the government to complete the road from Webster's Corners to Stave river without delay, the distance being about six and a half miles, and through connection between Pitt river and Stave lake will be thus secured. Of the Webster's Corners-Stave river section, the government will build four and a half miles and the Western Power company the remainder, the total cost of the work involved being estimated at from \$25,000 to \$28,000. The entire extension will be under the personal supervision of Road Superintendent Sprott, of Dewdney district.

Report of Commission.

The final report of the Forestry commission, which, during the late

Provincial Government Super-

At a meeting of the provincial ex-ecutive yesterday afternoon, the resig-nation of George Christic Tunstall, for many years government agent, gold commissioner, stipendiary magistrate, etc., at Kamloops, was accepted, this valuable and veteran official retiring upon superannuation, and being sucvaluable and veteran official retiring upon superannuation, and being succeeded in the natural order of promotion by E. T. W. Pearse. The latter will, like his predecessor, combine 12 public offices in his official capacities, included being those of government agent, mining recorder, stipendiary magistrate, gold commissioner, assistant commissioner of lands, registrar unlands, registrar unversely and present the superior stipendiary magistrate gold commissioner, assistant commissioner of lands, registrar unlands, registrar of voters, registrar un-

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(At home Friday.) Flynn Beats Willis. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11—Jim Flynn. of Pueblo, knocked out Jos Willis, of San Francisco, in the sixth round of a ten round fight last night. Willis more than held his own up to the sixth round.

William Nesbitt, K.C., has been appointed to represent the company, and W. T. J. Lee the men, while J. E. Atkinson, managing director of the Toronto Star, has been appointed chairman of the board of conciliation in the case of the Grand Trunk railway telegraphers and station agents evolutions of wages, expany for Sunday work and annual vacations are involved.

C. B. and Mrs. Brown, of Seattle, are registered at the Empress.

Inionists Cheered by Re-Ab pearance of Their Leader on Platform

VARYING ESTIMATES OF ELECTION RESULTS

F. E. Smith Addresses Uproarlous Meeting in Lloyd George's District

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Unionists are cheered by the fact that Mr. Balfour was able to speak at Haddington today. The peers are still vigorously stumping the country, though they are frequently heckled.

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Lord Portsmouth, at Crediton, thought the best way to reform the Lords would be by selection by qualification. He desired to see the second chamber remodelled on a representative election basis.

Mr. Balfour is said to be looking forward to a majority of 60, while Mrs Chamberlain hopes for 100.

The Morning Post says: "The coming election will provide a searching test for democracy in this country. Mr. Lloyd George is simply employing the usual devices of a demagogue. Will

test for democracy in this country. Mr. Lloyd George is simply employing the usual devices of a demagogue. Will the people have sufficient sense and ludgment to disregard unscrupulous appeals to passion and cupidity, and to take a calm, comprehensive view of their permanent interests? The chief danger, as Mr. Bonar Law pointed out, is the fact that Lloyd George enjoys for the present the support of men who have a reputation for moderation."

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In other words it is difficult to convince the electorate that Lloyd George is a dangerous Socialist while men like Sir Edward Grey, W. Haldane and Premier Asquith remain at his side.

Last night F. E. Smith carried unionism into Lloyd George's own constituency Carnarvon, in support of Lloyd George's opponent, H. E. Vincent, with the inevitable result of disorderly scenes. The Unionists had taken unusual precautions. A strong body of three hundred local stewards had been organized, supplemented by strong drafts from among the Unionist quarrymen employed at Lord Penryn's ymen employed at Lord Penryn's uarries at Bethesda, and the still

quarries at Bethesda, and the still larger quarries of Ashton Smith at Lianberis. Amid great interruption and frequent hubbub, Mr. Smith showed how under free trade Carnarvon had lost its once flourishing slate shipping and iron trades. When finally his voice gave way and he had to resume his seat, he announced himself willing to answer any written questions.

Charles E. Hobhouse, parliamentary hader secretary for ladke, speaking at East Bristol, said that it had been the experience of all nations that had tried protection that the consumer and not the foreigner had to pay. The Liberal alternative was the budget. The Liberals hoped for a free trade policy to attract to the country as much capital as possible, and when it is in full working order they would take from it toll according to the wealth it produced and the convenience it afforded to the public.

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Sir William Robson, solicitor general for Great Britain, at South Shields said that what the government had done was before the country. They had attempted a good deal more than they had done. The failure in their attempts, however, was due to the power and existence of the hereditary chamber, which he hoped would receive a clipping in this election. Tories said if they taxed bread foreigners would pay it. It was a serious charge, but he was going to suggest that the promise that the foreigner would pay their taxes was made by men who knew in substance that the inducement they were holding out to the British working classes was false.

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F. E. Smith, at Landudno, declared that those who in the name of democracy were attacking the titled hereditary honors of peerages were in a very difficult position, where they were face to face with the admitted fact that rich men in the Liberal party were ralling over each other in an attempt to get into the Lords.

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Bonar Law, at Dulwich, said Winston Churchill wrote his manifesto under the influence of a nightmare and read it when he awoke.

Lord Winchester at Christchurch, remarked that the burning question at the election, if they were to believe Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George, was the veto power of the House of Lords, but he found audiences on that question as cool as a cucumber. They had shown no enthusiasm whatever for the subject. The House of Lords had never refused to bow to the expressed will of the people, and if it remained as at present constituted, it would never do such a foolish thing.

Sir Gilbert Parker, at Yalesbury, said that since Canada gave us preference. Great Britain had doubled its shipping with her, and last year British workmen got nine millions in

h workmen got nine millions in ages out of the purchases of Canada Through the death of Earl Percy, who was the candidate in South Kersington, the Conservatives have found themselves in a somewhat difficult position but another candidate will be chosen immediately.

Adjusting Collision Claims. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—After limiting the liability of the Metropolitan Lumber Company to \$16,500 for mages caused by the collision of the company's steam schooner San Pedro company's steam schooner San Pedro with the passenger steamer Columbia off the Mendioino coast on Jul 21, 1907, in which many lives were lost, Federal Judge DeHaven today ordered the adjustment of the claims by Commissioner J. P. Brown, of the United States district court: Claims have been filed to the amount of \$618,087 for the loss of life and property, the largest being those of the San Francisco & Portland teamship Company, owners of the Coeamship Company, owners of the Co-umbia, for the sinking of the steamer, and the United States Lloyds, assigned laims of shippers for cargo lost. In thirting the liability of the lumber empany, the court ruled that as the ollision was faused by the mutual ault of both vessels it was only liable. t of both vessels it was only liable he extent of its interest in the San

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