BRITISH AID BESOUGHT

Rebels in the Philippines No Longer Respect the Rights of Foreigners.

The Insurgents, Under German Officers, at Present Masters of the Situation.

A letter bearing half a dozen or more unfamiliar postmarks, and which, although addressed "per steamer Braemer," did not reach Victoria until yesterday, brings a strange but undoubtedly true story from Cavite, the centre of headquarters of the rebellion in the Philippines. It is not this time a recital of fresh cruelties contrived and practiced by the crafty Spaniards upon the oppressed inhabitants of the islands, but on the other hand shows that the rebels are in some cases entitled to neither sympathy nor support.

The writer is a well-known resident of Shanghai, and her story is a repitition of the hardships and indignities endured by her sister, Mrs. Hobson, wife of the English manager of the docks at Cavite—herself an Englishwoman, born in Hongkong.

These docks employ a large number of westises and other native Philippians, who from the first have been active sympathizers with the "sons of freedom" as the insurgents have styled themselves. The dock men have, however, failed to grasp the lofty purpose of the rebel leaders, and have interpreted their declaration of hostilities as a signal to resist all constituted authorities, and to disregard all private rights. They accordingly took possession of the property of the dock companies early in November, and with the hope of extorting money apparently, made prisoners of their employers, threatening to murder even the English among them—this being a new and unlooked for proceeding, as native hostility had heretofore been directed solely against the Spaniards.

Nine English residents were carried off to the mountains while Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson and their little child found temporary safety from the rifle bullets and the equally cruel men in an old steamship boiler crowning a heap of scrap iron on the wharf. From this unique place of refuge they sent by the hand of a faithful servant, hastily scrawled letters to friends in Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokonama, including one to Capt. Chichester of H.M.S. Immortalite and one to the Admiral. These communications, pointing out the indignities, loss and peril to which they had been subjected by the natives, of course found no difficulty in passing the censorship of the Spaniards, even although they implored the British authorities to land troops from the gunboats at Manila to effect a rescue.

This action was seriously contemplated when the letter just received here was mailed from Shanghai—on November 25. The story told by Mrs. Hodson puts a new complexion upon the disturbances in the Philippines and makes it clear that the immunity all other foreigners than Spaniards have hitherto enjoyed is now at an end.

Up to very latest advices the rebels remain masters of the situation, having—while the Spanish awaited reinforcements—strongly fortified their naturally strong position, under the capable direction of several expert military strategists, reported to be officers of the Imperial German army. As yet they have no heavy ordnance, but they are well supplied with Nordenfeldts and other machine guns, of which they make admirable use in repelling each successive attack upon their position. The most near to success of any of these was made on November 8, the Spanish troops numbering 3,800 under the personal command of General Rios, and operating in concert with six gunboats and cruisers, who poured shell into the rebel intrenchments from early morning. The insurgents could make no reply to the attack by the ships, from either Noveletta or Viejo, and it undoubtedly did them considerable damage; they practically held their own, however, with the soldiery, better armed than they perhaps but whom they outnumbered two to one. The object of the attack was to cut off the only avenue of communication had by the rebels with Imus, their base of supplies, and for a time the Spaniards had possession of this important road. They were, however, forced to retire during the night, after blowing up captured outer works of rebels. The latter made a most desperate resistance, fighting to the death and proving themselves magnificent riflemen; in testimony of their skill the steamers Isabel and Filipino landed more than a hundred dead and over 400 wounded Spanish officers and men at Manila on the 9th, including two prominent superior officers. The Spanish estimate the rebel loss to have equalled their own, but owing to the nature of the position they occupied this is altogether unlikely.

The next step contemplated by the Spanish is a grand assault upon Imus; it will not, however, be attempted until further reinforcements arrive and the raw levies are transformed into serviceable soldiers.

DR. MARSHALL, of San Francisco, has been appointed by the Examiner as timekeeper for the Victoria Chess Club in to-night's international match by wire between San Francisco and this city, and has been formally accepted by Major Williams as satisfactory to Victoria. All arrangements for the important event are now complete, and the first move in the game will be made at 7 sharp. Mr. Thomas Piper will of course be the Victoria champion, with Messrs. Chapman and Marchant to advise. San Francisco's foremost player will be the schoolboy Kendrick, a born and bred San Franciscan, who, though not yet twenty years old, has already won the big open tournament at his home and defeated Thomson, the famous Irish player. He will have Messrs. Lovegrove, Samuels and Coles as a consulting staff.

DAVIDSON BROS. having closed out their jewelery business in this city, have left with Challoner, Mitchell & Co. all watches and jewelery left for repair with them that have not yet been called for. Customers may obtain the same by calling at Challoner, Mitchell & Co.'s, 47 Government street.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Where People Will Meet To-Day and Wish Each Other "Many of Them."

New Year's day has come again and though the kindly old custom of visiting all one's friends for the purpose of exchanging the season's greetings, has fallen rather into disuse in the Dominion, with the exception of the French Canadians of Quebec province, still the custom of New Year's receptions to some extent remains.

At Government House to-day, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney will be at home to receive those who wish to pay their respects, from 1 o'clock to 6:30, and no doubt there will be many callers.

The Y. M. C. A. keep open house this afternoon, and have made great preparations for entertaining their guests, being assisted in dispensing hospitality by the Y.W.C.A. The rooms will be open to the public from 2 to 6 p.m., and a hearty New Year's welcome will be extended to all who choose to participate. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Y.W.C.A.; during the afternoon addresses will be delivered by several gentlemen and the boys of the V.A.C. and the Y.M.C.A. will give a gymnastic exhibition with music interspersed. At 8 p.m., an exceptionally good concert by some of the best local talent will be presented, under the management of Mr. Clement Rowlands.

The united temperance societies of the city receive at the Temperance hall, from noon to five o'clock, everybody being welcome, and a concert being given in the evening.

The James Bays had their jollification at midnight, the club and their friends gathering at the association club rooms to welcome the New Year in.

EXPORTS OF COAL.

Total Shipments From the Vancouver Island Collieries During the Month of December.

The following is the list of coal cargoes exported from Vancouver Island during the month of December:

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.

Date.	Name and Destination.	Tons.
1	Ship Elwell, San Francisco	2,200
3	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	12
5	Str City of Everett, San Francisco	3,819
5	Str Pioneer, Port Townsend	16
6	Str Tyee, Port Townsend	41
6	Bark Wilna, San Francisco	2,312
10	Str Holyoke, Port Townsend	17
10	Str Willapa, Port Townsend	60
10	Ship J. B. Brown, San Francisco	2,236
14	Str Al-Ki, Juneau, Alaska	244
14	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	8
14	Str Edith, Tacoma	8
16	Str Pioneer, Port Townsend	53
18	Str Peter Jebsen, San Francisco	4,642
19	Str City of Everett, San Francisco	3,840
22	Str Tyee, Port Townsend	50
22	Str Willapa, Port Townend	49
22	Bark Carrollton, San Francisco	2,267
23	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	32
24	Str Eva, San Francisco	4,025
26	Bark Colusa, San Francisco	1,200
27	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	48
27	Str Willapa, Juneau Alaska	20
31	Str Peter Jebsen, San Francisco	4,662

Total, December	31,938
Total, November	19,032
Increase, December	12,906

WELLINGTON COLLIERY CO.

1	Str Glory of the Seas, 'Frisco	3,300
4	Sp Two Brothers, 'Frisco	2,000
6	Str City of Topeka, Sitka	100
7	Str Costa Rica, 'Frisco	2,400
11	Sp America, Frisco	3,062
14	Sp Columbia, 'Frisco	2,245
14	Str Alki, Pt. Townsend	226
14	Str Wellington, 'Frisco	2,600
17	Str Astoria, Pt. Townsend	15
19	Str City of Topeka, Victoria	350
21	Str Astoria, Pt. Angeles	28
22	Sp Oriental, 'Frisco	2,470
22	Str Costa Rica, 'Frisco	2,500
23	Str Jeanie, Juneau	1,230
28	Str Wellington	2,600

Total December	25,093
Total November	28,068
Decrease December	2,975

UNION COLLIERY CO.

3	Bk Minneola, Los Angeles	3,050
3	Bk Richard III, 'Frisco	1,600
10	Str—Minneola, 'Frisco	3,050
24	Str Altmore, Yokohama	410
22	Str Minneola, Los Angeles	3,050
26	Str Mackinaw, 'Frisco	3,645
	Total	14,805

THE MERCHANT MARINE.

An Extended Cruise for the "Quadra"—The Steamer "Barbara Boscowitz" Returns.

Leaving port on Monday morning next, the Dominion steamer Quadra goes North on a cruise of probably three weeks' duration. It is only a few days since the Quadra went out of commission, and she is now being called into service in consequence of special orders from Ottawa despatching her in quest of some of the smugglers and violaters of the fishing regulations, who are reported to be carrying on high-handed business in northern waters. She will go as far north as Hecate strait, and may possibly be longer away than the three weeks counted upon.

AWAITING GRAIN CARGOES.

Unless there is an unexpected and unparalleled demand for sailing tonnage in some other quarter of the globe, for which it will pay vessels to leave the Northwest in ballast, it is altogether probable, says the Oregonian, that when next season's wheat crop begins to move, it will find a good-sized fleet of vessels waiting for it. There are at the present time, nineteen disengaged grain vessels on the Columbia river and at Puget Sound ports. These vessels are the finest of their class, not a lumber carrier or a wooden vessel being included in the list.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz, just down from the North, reports having had a very stormy passage. She brought as passengers Miss Watson, Geo. Cunningham, W. Oppenhoff, O. Garrish, Victor Hinkermann, Miss Dolly, Miss Charleton and Mrs. S. A. Spencer. The steamer leaves for the north again on Monday evening.

The Canadian-Australian royal mail steamship Aorangi is almost finished, says a San Francisco dispatch, and will sail from London and Plymouth on March 17, when she will carry passengers in an around-the-world trip in 115 days. The Aorangi is expected to reach Vancouver about June 16.

In going to sea on Wednesday night the schooner Sapphire grounded and was held fast for a short time.

Steamer Tees leaves for Quatsino and way ports to-morrow evening.

[From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 3.]

A DRAWN BATTLE.

The International Chess Match Results in Victory for Neither Victoria nor San Francisco.

Undoubtedly the Best Contest Yet Witnessed On the Pacific Coast.

No one in Victoria ever guessed how deep an interest the city felt in Friday night's international chess match between the San Francisco and Victoria clubs, for the Coast supremacy, until the players were ready and the great event commenced. Then, singly and in groups, the chess enthusiasts commenced to pour into the Hotel Driard, each with his board and chessmen, until fifty or a hundred players had been provided with seats and tables, and speculation as to the ultimate result of the contest gave way to consideration of the opening, and analysis of the game offered by San Francisco—for the California club won the toss and with it the selection of the battleground. Mr. Thomas Piper, acknowledged to be the strongest player in Canada, was in charge of Victoria's game, his associates being Messrs. W. C. Chapman, B. Williams and Dr. Hands. Mr. C. A. Lombard acted as timekeeper here for the San Francisco club, Mr. Thomas Lawrie filling a similar office for the Victoria Chess Club, and Dr. Marshall—the chess nestor of the Pacific Coast—holding the watch for both parties in the Bay City. Manager W. Christie of the C.P.R. telegraphs, handled the wires in person here; Mr. O. M. Emley looked after the repeaters and the interests of both sides at Vancouver; and Mr. Tom Martin was the operator in charge at the Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco.

The first move having been won by San Francisco they opened with the attack invented by the Bishop of Segovia called Ruy Lopez, in honor of the inventor. Mr. W. S. Franklin, Mr. O. Samuels, Mr. R. Kendricks, and Mr. Valentine Huber, representing the city of St. Francis, handled the opening in a masterly manner, attacking Victoria centre by a rapid advance of pawns and light pieces, gaining space to deploy on Victoria's castled king. The attack was fierce for fully five hours, but was at length repulsed by the home team, who assumed the offensive on the 19th move: San Francisco, hard pressed for time on the 18th, 19th and 20th moves, offered a draw on the 25th move, which was accepted by Victoria after six more moves on each side.

Great credit is due to the San Francisco team for the ability with which the attack was managed and it was pretty evident it was based on a strategical conception of a high order and that later information of the theory of the opening was in possession of the attacking party, due possibly to the fact that Mr. Steinitz is under contract to send in cypher, by wire from Moscow (where he is now playing a match for the championship of the world), all the games of the match for publication in American papers.

The time limit of the Victoria-San Francisco game was ten moves per hour. Messrs. R. H. Johnston and B. J. Perry were the floor managers; their arrangements working as perfectly as on the occasion of the former contest, while the telegraph arrangements were without a hitch, Manager Christie again earning thereby the thanks of the chess community. The following is the full score;

SAN FRANCISCO.	VICTORIA.
1—P to K4	P to K4
2—Kt to K B3	Kt to Q B3
3—B to Kt 5	Kt to B3
4—Castles	Kt takes Pawn
5—P to Q4	B to K2
6—P to Q5	Kt to Q3
7—B to K2	P to K5
8—P takes Kt	P takes Kt
9—P takes P check	B takes P
10—B takes P	Castles
11—B to B4	B to K3
12—Kt to Q B3	P to Q B3
13—R to K square.	R to K square.
14—B to Kt 4.	Kt to B4.
15—Q to B3.	Kt to Q5.
16—Q to R3.	B takes B.
17—Q takes B,	Q to B square.
18—Q takes Q.	Q R takes Q.
19—Q R to Q square.	Kt to K3.
20—B to Kt 3.	B to Kt 5.
21—R to K3.	Q R to Q square.
22—K to B square	R takes R check.
23—Kt takes R.	R to Q square.
24—R to Q3	R takes R.
25—P takes R.	P to K B3.
26—P to K B3.	K to B2.
27—P to Q R3.	B to B4.
28—B to B2.	K to K2.
29—B takes B.	Kt takes B.
30—K to K2.	K to K3.
31—K to K3.	

Kt. to Kt.6 was recorded by Victoria and the offer from San Francisco to draw was accepted.

GOLF.

MONTHLY MEDAL HANDICAP.

The monthly medal competion of the U. S. Golf club took place on Macaulay links yesterday, with the following results:

GENTLEMEN.

	Gross Score.	Hcp.	Net Sc'e.
Mr. G. C. Fox	117	24	93
Dr. Bell, R.N.	101	7	94
Capt. Poole, R.M.A.	102	3	99
Mr. Lobb	131	24	107
Capt. Napier, R.N.	130	20	110
Mr. Justice Drake	No returns.		
Mr. B. Drake			
Mr. Bullen			

LADIES.

Miss Pooley	75	16	59
Miss Drake	67	8	59
Mrs. Rawstorne	No return.		

The Tacoma Ledger of yesterday says: "The Tacoma and Victoria golf clubs met on the South Tacoma links yesterday in championship contest. A large number of interested spectators were present. The games began about noon, and lasted several hours, at the end of which time the visitors led by about 30 points."

A PARTY of youths somewhat short on common sense but disproportionately long on giant firecrackers partially wrecked a residence on Broughton street early New Year's morning by throwing bombs in the front porch. The majority of the windows were broken; the inmates of the house received a bad scare; and the merry little men were satisfied. With their peculiar ideas of humor they have possibly concluded ere this that only one thing funnier still is required to complete the circuit—an appearance in the police court.

THE CITY

THE Collegiate school, Esquimalt, reopens on the 11th instant.

MEMBERS of the Scandinavian Valhalla danced the dirge of '96 and the merry measure of welcome to '97 at a masquerade in Oliver's hall.

JOHN MCDONALD, of Colwood, was the last hero of a panther killing. He bagged a beautiful big brute on New Year's Day and Yesterday collected the bounty.

THE inmates of the Old Men's home were made very happy on New Year's eve with a social given by Mr. and Mrs. Bolden, Mr. and Mrs. Wenler, Mr. and Mrs. Dow, Mr. Green and Mr. Eli.

THE Victoria District Fruit Growers Association have not yet fixed a date for their forthcoming annual meeting. An effort will be made to have it coincident with the contemplated early spring exhibition.

YESTERDAY the Behring Sea Claims Commission held morning and afternoon sittings, the commissioners and consul being alike anxious to get through their work as soon as possible. The evidence of a number of witnesses was taken, mostly of the Anna Beck, Dolphin and Sayward claims. There was nothing in the testimony of very general interest.

THE city engineer and city assessor are shortly to be requested—provided a resolution of which Ald. Cameron has given notice passes the council to-morrow night—to furnish the board of aldermen with an estimate of the cost of a map of the city drawn to a scale of 200 feet to the inch, with the assessed value marked in red on each lot—land and improvements.

POLICE Constable Alex. Smith, whose life was "all but" terminated by a revolver shot on Thursday morning, is still alive and in a more hopeful condition than on Friday. There is in fact good prospect of his recovery, although his case is a most serious one, no attempt to remove the bullet being possible. The suicidal attempt theory is now generally accepted as the correct version of the shooting.

AT a special meeting of Seghers Council, Y.M.I., held last evening, it was decided to hold an open meeting on the occasion of the visit of Grand President Kavanaugh on Wednesday evening next, and to extend an invitation to all Catholic young men to attend. After the Grand President has addressed the meeting, those present will indulge in a smoking concert, which will be followed by songs, recitations and refreshments.

A.O.U.W. hall, the scene of many social parties of late, was engaged for one under the auspices of the Daughters of England on New Year's night, when a merry gathering of young people tripped the light fantistic until early morning. Wolff's orchestra of five pieces was in attendance and proved a strong drawing card for the occasion. Preceding the dance an excellent musical and literary programme was furnished.

MR. JOHN P. GROPP, formerly of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Minnie E. Bryant, of this city, were joined in marriage New Year's evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. William C. Bryant, Johnson street. Rev. W. Leslie Clay performed the ceremony, Miss Violet Bryant, a sister, attending the bride, and Mr. W. Kurtz supporting the groom. The newly wedded ones will make their home at 22 Farquhar street, this city.

COLUMBIA lodge, No. 2., I.O.O.F., finished the business of the year in a very pleasant manner. After initiating a candidate into the mysteries of the order, the members adjourned to the library, where a sumptuous oyster supper was served, and to which, it is almost unnecessary to add, ample justice was done. Upon reassembling in the lodge room, a pleasant hour was spent in song, etc. Nearly all the lodges will install officers this week.

AN important step in the direction of preventing all interference with voters on election day is contemplated in a resolution of which Ald. Cameron gave notice yesterday and which will be considered at to-morrow's regular meeting of the aldermanic board. It proposes "that the returning officer for the forthcoming municipal elections be requested to so arrange the polling booths that the voter shall be separated from the general public from the time he receives his ballot paper until the same is deposited in the ballot box."

A CORONER'S inquest was held New Year's day in the case of John W. Griffith of Port Townsend, the jury returning a verdict in accordance with the facts as already published. Yesterday morning the funeral took place from the residence of Mr. William Denny, Pandora avenue, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. Solomon Cleaver officiating, while the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Richard Hall, John Partridge, W. H. Ellis, Louis McQuade, D. E. Campbell, T. G. Rayner, F. G. Richards and T. G. Burnes.

THE star of Thomas Q. Seabrooke is again in the ascendant under the management of Duncan B. Harrison, says Goodfriend's "Plays and Players." He completely won Boston's conservative critics in "The Speculator" at the Tremont theatre last week. They not only lauded Seabrooke's ability as a comedian most highly, but also accepted the play with emphatic expressions of favor. The strong scene in the stock broker's office during a panic, at the end of the third act, was followed by a half dozen or more curtain calls at each performance.

A PROGRAMME of nineteen really meritorious numbers has been arranged for the benefit concert to be given at Semple's hall next Tuesday evening, in aid of the widow and children of Murdoch McLaughlan, who was accidentally killed on board the Costa Rica a fortnight ago. Master J. McKenzie is to open the evening's proceedings with a selection on the bagpipes, the subsequent numbers being as hereunder: Piano duet, Miss Nicholson; song, Mr. F. Leroy; recitation, Mr. A. Semple; violin solo, Miss R. Blackie; song, Mr. H. Cave; mandolin, Club R.M.A.; comic song, Mr. Douglas; song, Miss A. McKenzie; piano solo. Miss L. E. Russell; song, Sapper Truscott, R.E.; violin solo, Mr. R. J. Russell, jr.; comic song, Mr. W. Cave; guitar duet, Mr. North and Mr. Ball; song, Mr. A. Cave; song, Mr. Rowlands; comic song, Mr. Douglas; and song, Gunner Ayton, R.M.A.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT.

A School of Instruction for Victoria Authorized to Be Held This Month.

An Ambulance Corps to Be Added Soon to the First Battalion.

The Fifth Regiment is about to affiliate with the Dominion Artillery Association, so that the former will this year enter the usual competitions of the Association.

The season's greetings to Lieut.-Col. Gregory and officers has been received from Col. Egan and officers of 63rd, Halifax, and from Lieut.-Col. Davidson and officers of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto.

That the Saturday night band concerts at the drill hall are growing in popularity is proved by the receipts of the box office—$75 was the amount Saturday week.

A Royal School of Instruction has been authorized for Victoria and will be organized between the 11th inst. and 1st prox. The classes will be held in the evening alternately at the drill hall and the R.M.A. barracks. The names of all N.C.O.'s who propose to attend this course should be handed in to officers commanding companies by the 7th inst. The school will be governed by G.O. No. 70, 1894.

There will be an inspection of the companies of the First next week in interior economy, etc., by Lieut.-Col. Gregory.

The two band concerts given last week will net something over $100 towards the new instrument fund.

Morris tube practice will be commenced by No. 1 company on Tuesday evening, it being the intention to divide the company into classes according to the ability of the "shots." This will not interfere with the regular drills, and it is important that all hands have as much training in shooting as is possible in view of the probability of big gun practice this year. The number of recruits who have recently joined goes to show that all three companies will soon be up to authorized strength. Not only in numbers but in morale the additions to the ranks is all that could be desired.

Arrangements are about completed for the employment of a competent instructor for the gymnasium, and an ambulance corps is one of the proposed additions to the 1st Battalion in the near future.

Major G. C. Kitson, P.S.C., the King's Royal Rifle corps, has, on appointment as commandant, Royal Military College, Kingston, been promoted to a half pay lieutenant-colonelcy.

Among the recipients of the Distinguished Service order for the recent operations in the Soudan is Lieutenant Edouard Percy Crauwill Girouard, Royal Engineers, a graduate from the Royal Military College at Kingston.

ON New Year's day the police received a telegram from the Tacoma chief of police to look out for a Miss Black, a maiden lady on the shady side of 50, who was supposed to have kidnaped the 12-year-old son of Dr. Meyer, of Tacoma. The lady is a relative of the Doctor and a warrant is out against her for stealing some of his jewelry as well as carrying off the small boy. The woman has not come to Victoria.

THE Sons and Daughters of St. George held one of the most enjoyable socials in the history of the order on Thursday evening last. The worthy president, W. H. Price, presided, and everything went as merry as a marriage bell. Dancing, music and singing were indulged in, the mandolin band from the barracks giving great pleasure. Songs by Mrs. Thos. Bradbury, Mr. Geo. Penketh, Mr. Stocks, and Gunner Lordery, and recitations by the Misses Munn being capitally rendered.

DURING the month of December, 1896, 2,019 books were loaned from the Victoria free public library—984 of these to ladies and 1,035 to gentlemen. The maximum number in one day was 132 and the average issue 78. Thirty-five new members enrolled their names on the register, 14 of these being ladies and 21 gentlemen. Four new books were donated by different friends: "Wonder Book," by N. Hawthorne; "Theory of Wages," by Thompson; "Marine Painting in Water Colors," by Carmichael; and "In the Reign of Terror," by G. A. Henty.

THE YUKON GOLD FIELDS.

TO THE EDITOR:—Referring to the notice you were pleased to give respecting my efforts to open up a route to the gold fields of the Yukon territory, I may say that during the portion of two days I was engaged in calling on the principal merchants and business men of Victoria to ascertain their views on the desirability of opening up a new route to the Yukon, over sixty of the most influential of those called on were unanimous in support of the project to secure a share of the trade of Yukon, and cheerfully signed a memorial to the government asking that a sufficient sum be included in the appropriation for this year's public surveys to cover the expense of making a preliminary survey of that portion of British Columbia which is situated between the Stikeen river and Teslin lake, as the location best suited to open up the country, and become the route of the proposed new road. This will place the government in possession of valuable information, such as they do not at present possess, and which can be used to advantage in opening up that portion of Cassiar generally believed to be rich in gold and other valuable minerals.

ALEXANDER BEGG, C. C.

Victoria, Jan. 2, 1897.

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N. P. SNOWDEN,
no16-9t Agent for F. S. Barnard.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on Quashela Creek, Smith Inlet: Commencing at the south-west corner of Lot 7, Range 2, Coast District; thence easterly along south boundary to the southeast corner of said lot; thence south 80 chains, more or less, to shore line; thence north and west along shore line to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres, more or less.
H. BELL-IRVING.
Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 26, 1896. no66dlt-swzm.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command.

JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

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