will not. Those who do will have to prepare for a reckoning with an electorprepare for a reckoning with an electorate, to which a reputation for honest dealing means continued mining development and increased trade, and that right to pride in their province without whole its probably the explanation of the whole i right to pride in their province without ight to pride in their province without which the dollars are not worth having. Very marked amongst the government anks were the figures of Mr. Aulay dorrison, Mr. Bostock and Mr. Mc-party, a barrister in Victoria, had third. The ness, marked by the red tie, which I Innes, marked by the red tie, which I used to think was the badge of old Sir John's followers. Do they want to adopt his colors as well as a part of his

programme, or was it only the to perform the impossible. I almost mond glittering in the funny little beau which he wears, he came to the scratch with real or assumed confidence and all

sible for exercising "reasonable judg-ment, reasonable discretion, reasonable t, reasonable discretum, the said thety were not equalities. He said thety were not equalities. He said thet were propose to use arguments based upon recrimination; that he did not propose to use at the did not propose to use a sufficient and the s

cause he was able, by telegram and let-ter, to obtain from the minister of the interior a permit for his client to send liquor into the Yukon, but Sir Charles refused to disclose the name of the said lucky barrister, until he had with the damning admissions he must make. Again he was compelled to answer, with downcast face, "Hurdman."

"What was the consideration?" asked The minister of the interior, the man upon whom all eyes were fixed, rose in his place with just such a smile as the courtly conjured accountly conjured as the solutely untrue." The name of the said lucky barrister, until he had written to the unrelenting Bard. Murdoch hesitated and the statement that the charge was "aboutely untrue." ce with just such a smile as the conjurer assumes, when about ing about this, but unfortunately the to perform the impossible. I almost expected to see him shake his pocket handkerchief in the air and send all Sir Charles' refuted charges rolling to our feet. A spruce man of middle age, with a diamond glittering in the funny little beau times and came up, and it had to be admitted that Mr. Archer Martin, now for his distinguished merits (as a barrister?) the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, had applied on behalf of his clients, walter man of middle age, with a diamond glittering in the funny little beau tion by the minister of the intrinsic tion by the minister of the interior of a permit granted to them by the North west Territories, that such permit would the fluency necessary for his position. not have been valid without the aforemust always be, but his voice said minister's sanction, that the liquor Fluent he must always be, but his voice is weak and breaks frequently and unfortunately, and though to those used to his idiom and accent his oratory may possibly be pleasing, it can hardly ever be convincing.

Said minister's sanction, that the liquor, without his sanction, would not have been admitted by his officials, and therefore he did send such sanction, and such liquor went in. No blame to Messrs. Pither & Leiser, but will any honest had given a third to Hurdman some ten. Those who have read my first letter will

The impression he conveyed to me man point out the practical difference Those who have read my first letter will be satisfied that Sir Charles

Cut, carrying on it one idea whole, like Carlyle's sentences, and every charge is driven home like a nail into a coffin. To me, Mr. Borden's style of oratory was peculiarly fascinating. He is such a clean-hitting, dogged fighter that I could hardly help cheering him, but the effect of his style is different upon different that he was addressing his remarks, but the Hon. Mr. Sifton was suffering from a peculiarly fascinating. The land in question was on the river bank, was 1,500 feet in length, and from 50 feet down to a point in breadth, and that was addressing his remarks, but the Hon. Mr. Sifton, who was within a newspaper, and seemed too bored to attend. If it were possible for a minister to be guilty of bad manners, one would have said that Mr. Sifton was guilty, but when Mr. Borden had insisted many times upon an answer to a civil put when Mr. Borden had insisted in the seemed too the seemed too the detail of the country, it will probably be compelled to disclose what they know, upon oath.

But as far as this lease goes, I am content with what is admitted, and that is as follows:

The land in question was on the river bank, was 1,500 feet in length, and from 50 feet down to a point in breadth, and was appropriated as a government reservation and leased by the officials of the government for \$30,000. The entire tract that the sum of the seminater of the whole states official, Mr. C. Dunham, the protably be two or three years before any substantial results will be attained or the extent and richness of the oil fields definited vast coal deposits on the lands.

Development Company are Seattle people, and will reap the benefit should the deposits of oil and coal prove to be of the extent and richness of the deposits on the lands.

A USEFUL LIFE ENDED.

What became of the other two

"I control them," Murdoch answered. "Have you got that two-thirds yet?"
The witness did not want to answer, and replied that he had sold another

"Who to?" asked the inexorable Bard. The witness again did not want to answer, and Joy, his attorney, tried to shield him from the damning admissions

Murdoch hesitated and replied "I don't think I have to answer that.' "No, you don't," interjected his atney, appealing to the gold commis-ner. But he had to answer nevertheornev.

"I sold it to him for \$25." "So you sold him a third interest in a valuable claim for \$25?" repeated Bard. No answer. 'Did you get the money?"

Joy broke in with "I don't think the vitness should be made to answer this. This is not an investigation into the acts This is not an investigation into the according of officials." Again the witness was forced to reply.

"No. I did not receive any money and "The

that Mr. Wade was a "brilliant editorial writer," as justification for appointing that gentleman as Dominion land commissioner, recorder, crown counsel and general Poobah of the Yukon, with least of the house rose, as the lease!!

But it appeared next morning that it appeared

fore August 25th. The charges made before this commission by these men referred to matters prior to that date. Therefore they withdrew their charges, as they would have been ruled out in any case, and came to Ottawa to submit (if allowed to) a sworn statement to a properly constituted commission. This seems fair.

On objection to them on the part of the government is that they have withdrawn

Mr. Sifton's

Sorry Defence:

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\*\*It Wasn't My Fault' '' His Reply t doubt if even all our Grit members will manage to forget their country for the sake of their party. Col. Prior certainly wanted to know where the rest came to know where the rest came to forget their country for the sake of their party. Col. Prior certainly wanted to know where the rest came to forget their country for the sake of their party. Col. Prior certainly wanted to know where the rest came to forget their country for the sake of their party. Col. Prior certainly wanted to know where the rest came in office when we left Dawson City on the control of the sake of their party. Those who do will have to form the sake of their party. The sake of their party is the sake of the sake of their party. The sake of the s the 29th of January last.
"Dr. J. L. Gibitz can give evidence of

having paid money directly to Mr. Boul-ton for admission through the side door record a claim. In addition to these statements, these nen, Semple and Allen, stated that they had here in their possession and ready to produce: (1) A copy of an abstract of title, showing that J. F. Riley, clerk for inspector of mines Madden staked and recorded centain proporty: "in direct rice." recorded certain property "in direct vio-lation of the regulations," and ((2) passes in use in the gold commissioner's ffice, for admission to the side doors. They are stamped with the office stamp, "Interior Department, Yukon Territory," and are initialled by the officials.

Is this sufficiently specific? Have our en made out a case strong enough to be submitted to a properly constituted and powerful tribunal, or does the public believe that we must produce an official with his hand still actually in the public

rse before we venture to complain?
CLIVE PHILLIPPS WOLLEY. COPPER RIVER OIL FIELDS. Seattle Owners Arranging for Their Development by London Capital.

Arrangements by which English capi lists will take hold of and develop the petroleum fields of Alaska near the

## Overcrowded.

School Trustees Will Endeavor to Secure a Site on the Indian Reserve.

Principals Ask That They Be Accorded the Same Treatment as Principal McNeill.

At a special meeting of the board of school trustees held last evening the proposed erection of a new school for Victoria West was discussed. The present building is inadequate for the lemands made upon it, and it is not only oo small, but the grounds on which it is built are not considered suitable as a site for a new building.

Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Marchant, moved that "whereas the Victoria West school building is too small for the accommodation of the pupils at the present time, and whereas the grounds are both too small and unsuitable for a new building; therefore be it resolved that the building and ground committee be instructed to open negotiations with the Dominion and Provincial governments for the purpose Provincial governments for the purpose of securing a suitable site on the Indian

eserve for school purposes."
The motion was carried.
J. H. Lawson wrote offering the adjoining the Kingston street shool for a playground on condition that he be exempted from taxes. The offer was accepted with thanks. The Y. W. C. A. also wrote, asking the use of the Pemberton gymnasium, which was refused on the ground that the board considered that the building was never given to the city with the understanding that it be used for any other purposes than the one to which it is at present applied. When the gymnasium subject was brought up, a suggestion was made that the condition of the uilding be at once looked into, and a notion to this effect having been made, le matter was left in the hands of the uildings and grounds committee to re-ort. There is but one exit from the

Trustee Marchant then moved, second-d by Trustee Hall, "That the board the late secretary, Mr. B. Williams, during his seven and a half years of secretarial relations with the board; and resolved further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the late secre-The motion, needless to say, vent through without dissent. A number of school teachers were

present to petition the board for an increase in salary. Some felt slighted at not receiving the advance given Principal McNeill. The lady members of the board were in favor of increasing the salaries of all the principals, while Trus-tee Marchant took the ground that he did at a previous meeting, and thought a married man with a family should re-ceive first consideration. The petition as read by Miss Cameron was as fol-

possibly be pleasing, it can hardly ever
The improvement be conveyed in the properties of the properti To the Board of School Trustees of Victoria City School District:
Ladies and Gentlemen,—By the daily spers of Thursday last we learn that

reports on our work by these officials from time to time have encouraged us to hope that we are rendering effective and acceptable service. The public by their hearty support of our work have strengthened us in this hope. All schemes for the widening out of the mere routine work of the schools have been well received and loyally supported by those most directly interested, the parents of the children. It is this which has encouraged some of us, with the willing aid of our assistants, to devote no inconsiderable part of our leisure to the promotion of the teaching of music, sewing, literature and nature studies, by the willing aid of our assistants, to devote no inconsiderable part of our leisure to the promotion of the teaching of music, sewing, literature and nature studies, by the acquisition of a piano, the formation of a children's library, the securing of the nucleus of a natural history museum. Incidentally school property to the value of several hundreds of dollars has been acquired, without any grants from nunicipal fruds. This has been done with a view to make the school what it should be, a live organization and a progressive educative centre. Actuated by the highest motives, having done our best to further the cause of true education in this part of the province, we would most respectfully ask the board to consider our claims in this matter of salary. As this is a question which seriously affects our professional status here at home, where our work is done, in the province at large, and in the wider world outside, we would ask respectfully, but with all earnestness, that if our claims to the salary of \$100 per library and offers poor comparison with some mode of the library to the best adapted for concert effects. Others, on the other hand, say that the other hand hard. These criticisms are the with thin and hard. These criticisms are but thin and hard. These criticisms are the out thin and hard. These criticisms are the but thin and hard. These criticisms are the but thin and hard. These criticisms are the out thin and hard. These criticisms are the but thin and hard wider world outside, we would ask respectfully, but with all earnestness, that if our claims to the salary of \$100 per month are not allowed that the board will state in unmistakable terms the reasons for it discrimination.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) AGNES DEANS CAMERON, Principal South Park School.

M. WILLIAMS, The petition was laid on the table discussion. The board went into committee of the whole to draft new rules governing the proceedings of the board.

## In Music's Realm.

The week just past witnessed a fitting climax to the brilliant record made by our shipped one of their grands to England amateurs this season in the realm of music, for concert purposes. Our piano dealers A passing glance at the work accomplished reveals four operas, to wit, Geisha, Pearl of Pekin, Iolanthe and Robin Hood. In addition we have been regaled with the orchestral successes of the Philharmonic Society and the artistic triumphs of the Arion Club. Then we must not forget port. There is but one exit from the building, which might cause a heavy loss of life should a fire occur while it is in choirs respectively, and Mozart's Twelfth Mass, with full orchestra, presented in the Roman Catholic cathedral on Christmas place on record its appreciation of the distinguished ability and faithful service tractions one is apt to lose sight of the many programmes of song, which are by no means unimportant, as they serve to introduce the public to those beginners, who soon surprise us by blossoming forth into full-fledged principals in opera and cantata. This vista of our amateur musical record forms a most gratifying retrospect, and entitles our city to some recogni-Environment has a potent formative in-

fluence in the development of character. and it would be cause for wonder, if, with all our variety of scenic splendor, with such symphonic glories of color in mountain, sky and sea, with such rare and beauther that such symphonic species of color in mountain, sky and sea, with such rare and beauther that such the effect that owing to illness Mr. Greight such symphonic glories of color in moun-tain, sky and sea, with such rare and beau-tiful harmonies in the myriad tints of our forest foliage, our souls should not strive to express some of the chaste and lofty thoughts, dreams and aspirations which these marvels of nature's handlwork inspire. Art has been defined as "the inter-pretation of nature disclosed to the upon what the society has alread

we first fills, bright and least by the control of SEASON of the fills of the state of the control of the contr

frame of the Steinway, though in the latte the wires are strung through the felt behind the bar. Whilst the Heintzman has a fine singing tone, and the treble and bass present a nice balance, each make exhibits distinctive traits, and selection of an instrument is to a great extent dependen man, whilst rich and full, is slightly muf-fied, and therefore that the instrument width must have been designed to be in keeping with some mode of the period-perchance broad-soled boots were the yogue. This plane is badly in need of fifty years back and those of the pre

sent day.

Our home players can play on home instruments of recognized merit, and no stronger indication of the intrinsic artistic temperament of Canadians need be pointed to than the excellence attained in the manufacture of our planos. It is certainly a matter of pride that these manufacturers have produced instruments which no other have produced instruments which no other people can say are mere imitations, for the inventive faculties of our people have been attested by the fact that some of the latest improvements applied to Can adian pianos have been adapted by the best

firms in the United States. A striking tribute to the excellence of our planos is furnished in the informa tion that Heintzman & Co. have recently are also gaining the assertiveness coming from confidence, for when De Ko to Montreal to be present at the first per-formance of "The Three Guardsmen," ar enterprising agent waited on him soon after his arrival, with the request that he be allowed to place a piano in his hotel quar-ters. Of course the agent was rewarded by being in a position to publish next morning a flattering eulogy by America's greatest operatic writer on the superior qualities of the instrument installed in

Metronome is pleased to hear that the Canadian manufacturers intend to put forth special efforts at the Paris exposition, and will be interesting to await the verdict of impartial critics on the merits of our planos as compared with other countries "Julian Durham" came over specially from Vancouver to attend the Robin Hood pro duction. She expressed herself as unqual fiedly delighted with the clever way in which our amateurs handled this difficult opera. Julian Durham's latest literary effort, "Hypnotized," has just been issued and is another indication of the literary activities which in recent years have borne fruit in different portions of our Dominion

Metronome is indebted to Mr. H. B. Ecles. effect that owing to illness Mr. Greig has been compelled to relinquish for the remainder of the season his duties as con-ductor. The hon, secretary states that upon what the society has already accom-

**Steamers** The

Vessels Will Forks on the

Confirmation of of Steamer and S

It was late when away for northern pe vessel had a full lo was loaded principall plies and had some Skidegate, Queen There was a large no aboard, among them charge of Mr. W. E. the Lowe Inlet to wo neries. There were steamboat hands fo Company's steamer to commence running the 25th inst. The Strathcona, the secon to ply regularly on the were launched on the are now being made Some freight in trans already been forward carried up to the these two steame Alpha a few days two of this having passenger list of the W. E. Curtis, wife and Kinnon, Mrs. Falkner J. P. Bucy, M. Adam J. T. Williams, Martt ton, J. Noble, A. Post F. Marshall, W. F.

SPRING IS A The Yukon Reported usually Early-

on the I Messrs. R. H. and G. H. Baptil and W. quartette of Dawson trail who came down Victoria. They had o at about the same time kie party, and agree water is already rup kon ice and there car traffic on the river unavigation. Indeed ice is already hazarde report had reached Ska the Amur sailed that headed by a man nam homish had slipped t short distance above been lost with their All save tht leader

-who was on the Amu the Laurada. It consis kie, A. H. Miller, Jam de Land and Dr. J. T. tor, who was formerly tist in San Francisco, interior for eighteen which time he has bee which time he has been both in the Dawson an tricts. He reports good American side on Cl Walker's Fork of Wade creek a discovery was \$300, including a \$32 been taken from one ho a bench claim, where I work may be carried or work may be carried of A great amount of woon the various creeks winter and indication big summer clean-up. very plentiful during

and now are twenty This latter condition ed to put Dawson on as business appearance Dr. Kelly and thos with him are much safety of the many h who are now on the Dawson, many of who along than Cariboo Marsh lake 10 days nches of water on the conditions existed at where it was necessary oanks in order to get Between Big and Littl the water was also sev on the ice. While the I ing Summit lake Satu Land, who was guiding through the ice which him. He held to the five dogs were attached, out after having been in waist. It was a narrow water at that point Owing to the present co trail, both Kelly and De it was now extremely had for Dawson expecting to by the winter route. No will return to the interior ter part of July or first "Big Jim" White, and rival from "the inside, several months been w claim on Skookum gulch says he not unfrequently gets to the value of \$10 brought out two good sa and dust, and discussing condition of Dawson, say "Dawson is decidedly There are too many peohave no work and an equa vould not work if they There is plenty of gold creeks, but not more that of the people who are th it. Those who own claim or bench, and stay right work like niggers, are have nuggets to jingle it Hundreds and hundreds and young, stand around hang around the saloon How they live is more and the only reason they that they are too lazy to
On the coast end of the
arrivals from the interior Gofford and Charles Schu dem bicycle on which

Dawson. Altogether the 75 pounds of baggage on and two small horns to frighten the dogs off cyclometer to measure the tween Bennett and Dawso ried.

make Dawson in four day they took the ice—altho bound pilgrims are agreed never accomplish it. These wheelers went north on the attle and have the wh extra footwear and clot they will need on the trip. to cover their feet with bicycle shoes, and hope rom freezing with hard sides carrying clothing for have two bundles of pri