

ROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

The Ladysmith city council is pas-sing a bylaw for the borrowing of money for sewer purposes. Frederick Villiers, the world famous artist, is lecturing in Fernie

Ald. Ramsay is to be acting mayor of Vancouver during the absence in the East of Mayor Taylor.

Last Saturday the Crows Nest Coal company distributed \$203,000 in wages to its employees. Creston on Sunday last celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of its es-tablishment

Rev. C. C. Hoyle, M. A., has taker permanent charge of the parish o St. Alban's, at Ashcroft.

This week the members of Green-wood Miners' Union will decide by vote whether or not a strike shall be declared against the B. C. Copper Co.

Government Agent Christie of Ash-croft has suffered a relepse from his recent operation and is in a schools condition.

Fire on Sunday last destroyed the Rogers sawmill at Creston, with loss of \$10,000. The mill will be immediately

J. W. Brandrith, who has inspected nursery stock and orchards at Pentic-ten, reports that he found little to complain of.

The various saw mills in and around Fernie have all commenced operations, and a phenomenal cut is looked for this season.

After paying his \$500 capita tax and obtaining his landing papers, Lun Chow, a new arrival from the Orient, tumbled into the harbor at Vancouver and was drowned.

The death has occurred at Barker-ville of James Champion, a resident of the district for the past 22 years and for some time manager of the Island Mountain mine.

There is much truancy at Vernon and the local school board has invoked the assistance of the police in enforcing the provisions of the public school attendance art.

The Vernon board of trade is again urging upon the Provincial Government the necessity of establishing a land registry office at Vernon for the Okanagan district.

Dr. Holmes, of New Westminster, has just sold to Kelly; Douglas & Co., two lots which he bought one year ago for \$3,000, the present sale price being \$20.

J. E. Griffiths, Provincial Government engineer, was in Fernie last the innocent cause of much excitement week, attending to the strengthening of the banks of the river Elk, so as to avoid a repetition of the damage caused by the floods of last spring.

A derelict dressmakers' dummy was the innocent cause of much excitement in Nanaimo harbor. Saturday evening of course it was mistaken for a woman's body—and the pursuit was strenuous.

Burglars are operating in the leasant section of Vancouver.

The death has just occurred at Dun-can of George Mark, a pioneer resident of the district, at the age of 74.

The Bank of Montreal has awarded a contract to the Westholme Lumber Co. for the srection of premises to accommodate their branch at Prince Rupert.

Captain Collier of the Salvation Army, is to undertake the duties of probation omeer in connection with Vancouver's new Juvenile court.

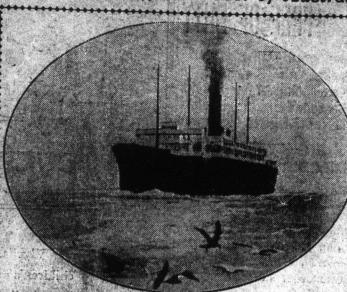
Miss Dunbar again leads in Nanalmo's May Queen contest, with 5439 votes, Miss Lena Hughes having 3322 and Miss McKenzie 3805, with 1921 scattered among seven other candidates.

A report from New Westminster credits the Great Northern and the Credits and Great Northern and the Credits and Great Northern and and Great Northern

A grant has been made the Strath-cona Institute, Vancouver, by the Do-minion government, while Attorney-General Bowser has promised to take up with the premier the matter of Provin-cial assistance.

Mrs. Annie McDonald has been awarded \$3,000 damages from the B. C. E. R. Co. in consequence of the death of her son, Moterman Murdock McDonald, in the Cedar Cottage collision of November 7, 1998.

Liner Pericles Wrecked on Unchartered Reef Off the Coast of Australia



Britain: Battleships, "Nepfune, Colossus, Herchies, Orion, Monarch, Thunderer, Conqueror. Armored Cruisers: "Indefatigable, Lion, Princess Royal. Germany: Battleships—"Rhineland, "Posen, "Heigoland, "Thuringen, "Ostfriesland, Ersatz Frithjof, Ersatz Heimdal, Ersatz Hidebrand, Armored Cruisers—"Von der Tann, G, H.

An asterisk indicates that the ship has been launched.

Great Britain has ten Dreadnoughts completed and Germany two. Under the 1910-11 programme we are laying down five ships (one of which is to be an armored cruiser for service on the East Indies siation), to Germany's four, Germany's ships, having nearly half a million to be spent on them, will be laid down for January or February next at the carliest, unless a supplamentary vote is taken. In this way Germany secures a start of six or seven months.

Germany's Redistribution
The redistribution of the German
fleet took place last week, when the
First Squadron of the High Sea Fleet,
commanded by Vive-Admiral Pohl, will
be moved permanently into the North
Sea and based for all purposes upon
Wilhelmshafen.
The composition of the squadron is
as follows:

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Contract for First Twenty Miles of Mackenzie & Mann Road to Be Awarded Soon-Work on Mainland

VANCOUVER. April 18 .- That Macenzie & Mann intend to begin construction work on Vancouver Island, as well as on the mainland, even before the time allotted under their agreement with the Provincial government is indicated by the report today that the contract for the first 20 miles of line from Victoria to Barkley Sound will be awarded within the next six weeks. This 20 mile section is from the capital to Sooke. Representatives of Mackenzie & Mann are now revising the survey made by the Barkley Sound Railway company, whose charter the Canadian Northern took over. Within the next two weeks a contract will be awarded for the clearing of the Canadian Northern townsite, Port Mann, on the Fraser, while it is expected that construction will be commenced on its mainland line from New Westminster about June 1. struction work on Vancouver Island, as

THE LOCAL MARKETS

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Measure Is Passed

Is Sat Down for Third ing at Today's Sitting

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FOR NAVY

ANOTHER STAGE

Opposition Offers Stron jection to Provisions Control Over Fleet in T War-Amendments M

OTTAWA, April 19.—The made a great stride towards I tion by putting the naval bill the committee stage in as mar as it took weeks to pass the stage in a stage of the stage of as it took weeks to pass the reading. Incidentally by far t exhibition of the new parliame given, the cross-firing, ear over the contentious clause rethe participation of Canada in wars, being of a high standment

merit.
Several minor amendments made to the bill at the instance premier, wno piloted the n through the committee per with Sir Frederick Borden at hi and Admiral Kingsmill on the The most important change m the measure as originally and The most important change in the measure as originally draft forced by the opposition, the mander-in-chief of the naval being declared to continue to be ed in his majesty.

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The finance minister took the posite view to that laid down by premier, by declaring that wheth war was just or not, if it imper the British Empire, Canada must

one important amendment inse in the bill, which now stands for t reading, which will be given ton row, provides for pensions to the files of officers and men killed won duty. It gives power to the generous senseral in council to take.

for some criticism. Major C pointed out that it was a sple sale for the Admiralty to have el

075,000.

The excellent progress made withis chief piece of the session's legilation today was especially gratifing, in view of the fact that the highest than 53 clauses. Wi contains no less than 53 clauses. We the disposal tomorrow of the bill, tend of the session will be well sight.

After the reporting of the bill, thouse settled down late tonight for session with Hon. Mr. Pugsley on houblic works estimates.

The Purchased Cruisers The purchase of the two cruises the Niobe and the Rainbow, was dicussed at considerable length. Swiffrid in reply to numerous que tions, said that the Niobe would stationed on the St .Lawrence stationed on the St Lawrence ar Gulf Coast as a training ship. I described the Niobe as a vessel 11,000 tons displacement, carryin six hundred men and armed with i 6-inch guns and two submerged to pedo tubes. She was built in 188 and commissioned in 1902. Sir Wil and commissioned in 1902. Sir Wil frid said she had cost the British gov ernment £654,661, and in getting he for \$1,075,000 from the Admirait Canada had obtained a good bargair Answering a question by Mr. Borde was to the effect that the cost of th was to the effect that the cost of the keeping up of the Niobe for the first year would be \$140,000, for the second year \$145,000, for the third yea \$150,000, and a similar amount for the fourth year. The upkeep of the Rain bow would cost for the first and second years \$110,000 each and for the third and fourth years \$110,000 each and for the third and fourth years \$115,000.

third and fourth years \$115,000. Major Currie evinced some curiosity regarding the Niobe. She was obselete, and unless the government had bought her she would speedily have been dismantled and sold for junk. He also criticized her Belleville boilers, stating that it was difficult to get stokers to work with these bollers on account of the danger of oilers on account of the danger of

scalding.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that
Mejor Currie was more of a warrior on land than on sea.
"The same as you," retorted the "The same as you," retorted the Major.

Commenting, the Premier said the Niobe was well fitted for the purpose for, which she was bought, viz., a training ship. He also thought she was cheap at the price. Admiral Kingsmill had made favorable remarks on her and on his advice the

purchase was made.
Mr. Borden: "Will she be a fighting or training ship?"
Sir Wilfrid (laughing): "A training ship,"
The Premier added that the Niobe and the Rainbow could train 425 men and 450 officers at a time. That was

their capacity.

The Dominion government has provided in the estimates for a new telephone exchange at Merritt.

Another pioneer of the Cumberland district has passed away in the person of Samuel F. Crawford.

The members of Moyle's Miners' Union are arranging for a grand May Day celebration.

Fire did \$1,000 damage to Captain Swayne's home at Grenwood last Sat-urday.

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