The "Corona" Arrives With Much Treasure From the Gelden North.

Richest Treasure Ship That Has Yet Arrived Here With Dawson Passengers.

A Woman Crosses the Mountains-The "Big Swede" and His Big Nugget.

Nineteen men and one courageous young woman arriving here from Daw-

catch the Corona at Dyea or Skagway is given as below: J. J. Baker, buyer for the Alaska Commercial Com-Joseph Fox, Andrew Olson, Campbell, Leonard Sedgwick, Charles Brosino, William Kaufman, H.
L. Burt, H. L. McCready, Judge Minrat
Matterson, L. T. Grady, Henry Willett,
W. H. Welch, H. T. Coffin, J. E. Currier, William Kerr, Gus Johnston, Nels Johnston, S. Mallette—and Miss Lou Keller, who paid the A. C. Co. \$1,200 in

any of the passengers named brought through was \$5,000; while Olson, with from \$250,000 to \$300,000, was probably the wealthiest man in the wealthy little company. The news brought by these men is important chiefly in that it is american city, and in addition I am confirmatory of the discourage of the dis confirmatory of the discovery of the great mother lode as reported by W. J. Jones, but subsequently discredited by more recent arrivals who had not heard

This denial was given chiefly by James
Macaulay of this city, who left Dawson
on the 12th December; W. H. Welch,
H. T. Coffin and L. Burt, who left Dawson the same day as the returned Victorian, had heard of the discovery, how ever, and were informed that the original inal strike was made at the upper end o claim 30 El Dorado, while two stringers, one at No. 27 and another yet lower down, were subsequently located Throughout the district the discovery of located this immense ledge is accepted as assur-ance of the permanency of the district as a rich gold mining field.

As to the placer diggings, they continue rich as dreams have painted them. Powder creek, an affluent of Quartz creek, has been having a boom ever since pans of \$3.75 and \$4 became a common thing. Of course the stream was located from source to mouth as soon as the first important discovery was made. All Gold creek is showing pans of \$10 to \$100, while the miners on Hunker, Henderson, Dominion, the Big Salmon and the Stewart all declare themselves abundantly satisfied with the

L. T. Grady, one of the Corona's pas sengers, is a claim-owner on Hunker creek, and comes down to interest scien tific men in the question of ground thawing, being satisfied that some pro-cess can be adopted that will materially lessen the labor necessary as well as save time in the operation of preparing the ground for working. He will return with a party in March or early April, and would be glad in the meantime to hear from anyone having inventions calculated to suit his purposes. As to the worth of Hunker creek, Mr. W. H. Welch appeared to share the sentiments of the entire party when he said vester

day:
"There is no use in telling people the sober truth about it, for if you do they will set you down a liar. For instance, what would you think if I were to tell you that the paystreak on Hunker is two hundred feet wide and six feet deep And yet that is absolute truth. That creek is the greatest treasure bearer ever discovered in that or any other country. Claims are not to be had for any money -in fact the entire district contains scarcely one unsaleable claim. Would be buyers are infinitely more plentiful than owners who can be tempted into

selling."

E.J. Livernash, of the Journal-Examiner, who is bound for Ottawa as a miners' delegate, was passed by the Olson party at Little Salmon, having been lost in the mountains for eight days through the incompetency of his guide, French on and others of the Con company think it very probable that Livernash and his fellow delegates will turn back when they meet Major Walsh—who is still at Big Salmon—and learn how elastic his powers are with reference to the mining regulations. Joaquin Miller is reported by the just-arrived Dawsonians as recovering rapidly from his recent terrible journey—a journey which, considering the poet's age and consequent infirmities, goes down on record as one of the most remarkable in the history of the golden North.

J. McCrady and Joe Fox, two of those who returned yesterday by the Corona, remained in Victoria, and are now regis-tered at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Mc-Crady hails from St. Louis, and has bee in the Yukon country several months. His trip from Dawson to the coast took thirty-four days, as he travelled in company with Mr. Brady, an ex-banker of Fairfax, Minnesota, who was ill, and had to go slowly. Mr. McCrady was in time to made a good location on Hunker creek

means hard, although the weather was very cold. He is on his way to Chicago, and intended going through to Seattle on the Corona yesterday. His object in the Corona yesterday. His object in the Corona yesterday. His object in the couple are now on their way to Sedgwick's home in Cheyenne, Wyo., on the Corona yesterday. Dawsonites who came down on the corona only one expressed the intention of remaining in civilization in the spring.

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son on the steamer Corona yesterday, had among them in gold-dust and drafts a million dollars, or thereabouts—the largest amount of treasure for the number of owners that has ever come out of any mining camp to this city in the memory of Victorians. Practically son on the steamer Corona yesterday, mer and located and purchased several dyke pattern to her stylish English

leave Dawson for the Coast this month

Speaking of the claims on Bonanza and El Dorado creeks, Mr. Fox says that owners are holding them at prices ranging from \$500,000 to \$700,000. "Some of these claims," he said, "are too rich to talk about almost. They literally pick up the pure gold in some cases when they reach bedrock."

Mr. Fox will return to Dawson about

March 1. He thinks the present time of the year the most favorable to start in, especially if a man is taking in a big outfit. Mr. Fox will purchase his outfit in Victoria in March. His principal object in remaining here any of the present amount that all his purchases for the north in Victoria.

> saving the duty of 30 per cent. Your merchants are thoroughly acquainted with outfitting, and a miner can get everything he requires here, and the best quality too. I understand that it does not seem to be necessary to take an inspector over the Chillect to take an inspector over the Chilkon pass at a cost of \$6 a day, and if this is the case a tremendous outfitting trade is assured your merchants. Just before left Skagway I received my information will come to Victoria to outfit.

A PIONEER OF EL DORADO. Andrew Olson, "The Big Swede," of the Record Nugget Fame.

One of the first men to stake ground on the El Dorado and the very last man out of the Klondyke country, is Andrew Olson, known even among those who came down with him on the Corona by no other title than his nickname of "The Big Swede." He is notable, too, as being owner of the claim on which the biggest Klondyke nugget has yet been found—valued at \$586—and as being the wealthiest of the just-returned gold diggers. Although he is going back to the far North before summer, it is because he has multifarious interests there demanding his presence, not because he has his fortune yet to make.

His present mission is to revisit familiar scenes in California and renew part of Se

old acquaintanceships there. He has afford to enjoy his rest and recreation.

It was on the 14th of December that The Big Swede left Dawson accompanied by William Kaufmann and a third miner who remained at Dyea. They had two dog teams and were able to bring through a large quantity of dust—about \$125,000 according to the testimony of other Corona passengers, one of whom declares that Olson's contribution to the ship's treasure weighed a quarter of a ton

voirdupois. The money is in great part the pro-seeds of a sale of claim 37 El Dorado, on which the great nugget was found, to the Alaska Commercial Company, \$175, 000 is said to have been the price paid, while the Swede still holds claim 36, although Baker has offered a similar sum to become possessed of it also. sum to become possessed of it also.
Commenting on "P.-I. Jones" report

of the discovery of the mother lode, Olson says that it is perhaps premature to ronounce the ore body in question the mother lode," but it is certain that an apparently continuous ledge of good quartz has been uncovered, cutting El Dorado at claim 31 or thereabouts, as stated by Jones, and following the gen-

eral trend outlined by him.
"Mother lode" is only a relative term at best, and it remains for the future to disclose whether or not the quartz ledge in question is the most valuable body of and deetion is the most valuable body of gold-impregnated rock yet discovered, or contains only stringers that it would not pay to work. Olson is inclined to believe it will prove of incalculable value, for he has every confidence in the country, and has interests on almost every creek, not excluding Henderson, whic he speaks of as one of the most promis

ONE WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE. ou Keller Discounts Her Honeymoon ar Goes to Wyoming to Be Married.

There is a little romance in connection with the home-coming of Leonard Sedg-wick and Lou Kellar that is worth a chapter to itself. Sedgwick is more gen-erally known in the North as "Dutch," to go slowly. Mr. McCrady was in time to made a good location on Hunker creek, and he thinks that the recent discovery will prove in time as rich as either Bonanza or Eldorado. At the point where Major Walsh is now camped, Big Salmon, McCrady remained a day in order to give his charge a rest. The Major upon learning that he might pos-

sibly return to the Yukon country by way of the Stickeen, gave him a letter to Mr. Duchesnay, chief engineer of the C.P.R., who has gone over the route, and who will give Mr. McCredy certain information he requires remainder that it was to be reported in the standing that it was to

getting off at Victoria was, he says, to cook into the prices of outfits here. This pective Mrs. Sedgwick declares, conhe did during the day, and when he returns here in March he will buy all of his provisions etc. here. He informed a Colonist reporter that of the nineteen provisions when he can adventure in the Colonist reporter that of the nineteen adventures, she says, and has no especicerning the rough journey over the snowy trail with the mercury almost a Colonist reporter that of the nineteen Dawsonites who came down on the Corona only one expressed the intention of

Most of those who will return will, they say, come over to Victoria to outfit, although nearly all are Americans.

Mr. Fox, the other Dawsonite who remained over in this city, is from California. He went North early last summer and located and nurchased severel.

CLAIMS DISCOVERER'S HONORS. S. Berlinger Tells All About the Mother

Lode and How He Found It. S. Berlinger, who arrived down from Dawson City about ten days ago, and is now in San Francisco, claims the honor plainest of terms that Victoria is the

is: 'Quartz mines are of no good, as we can get no machinery to work them.'

"The ledge I discovered looks like a bare wall of brilliant white granite. It extends for miles in either direction, and I do not know where it begins or ends. It is practically the footbills of the It is practically the footbills of the this city to get an outfit for himself and mountains, commonly called glaciers. partner, and he says without taking the mountains, commonly called glaciers. Partner, and he says without taking the No one has ever been over the hill, and duty into into consideration he saved at we do not know how far back it ex-least 15 per cent. On the transportation tends.

left Skagway I received my information regarding the doing away with the inspector business. Narly all the people who came down on the Corona with me will come to Victoria to outfit.

Letters of inquiry are being received daily by city hotel-keepers from parties living on the other side as to the cost of outfit was a mass of leaf gold. From my contist here, whether the duty of 30 per contist here. knowledge of mining I should say it cent., is still in force, and other matters would assay \$50,000 per ton. My claim of interest and importance to prospectis number 42 on the El Dorado and is ive gold hunters. between Dawson City and Fort Reliance, twenty-one miles north of the former place. I located and put in a claim for both ends of the claim about October 1. This gives me forty feet front and clear through the ledge to the farther end,

whatever distance that may be. "My cabin where I have been placer mining is about ten feet from the Klon-dyke river. Back of the cabin is a clear space of about fifty feet, after which this great ledge of granite commences to rise in a glacier formation. Our work set a decent outfit at a reasonable figure has been all placer mining. I do not think the quartz mine can be worked for experiences in Seattle were not of a second set of the second set of the second set of the second sec a year yet, as the machinery cannot be sent in, and even after a railroad is built it will take some time. Under the best of conditions, a mill would cost over

was the mother lode of the Klondyke. siderable money will be left with the It is twenty-one miles to Dawson City Yukon country earning this holiday; now, with about a quarter of a million in ready cash with him, he can well to the place where the discovery was made. I kept it fairly quiet, and it was not generally known at Dawson "The wall of granite containing the

lode is on the opposite side of El Dorado reek to that on which Dawson stands. It runs to the northward away from Dawson, working over toward the Copper river district."

LONDON FUR SALE. Seal Skins Bring December Prices-Reduc tion in Beaver and Musk Ox Quotations.

Just before closing time last evening, Manager W. Thompson, of the Hudson's Bay Company, received a cablegram from London, Eng., containing the only news yet to hand about yesterday's big fur sales, for news of which local sealers had waited with not a little anxiety. schooners Dora Sieward and

but it appears that the sealskins sold for about the same as was obtained for them in the December sales, the quotations running from \$10 to \$11. There were 18,000 to \$11. There were 18,000 to \$12. There were 18,000 to \$13. There were 18,000 to \$13. There were 18,000 to \$14. There were 18,000 to \$15. The same as was obtained for them. skins on the market all told and that they did not bring what it was expected they would, is evidenced by the fact that be tween five and six hundred were with-

drawn. Though the sale was one of seal skins alone, the cablegram announces musk ox of 21/2 per cent.

THE funeral of the late William Page of North Saanich, takes place this Tuesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, from Hayward's undertaking parlors.

Leather coats with sheep Williams & Co.

Further Testimony by Men Who Have Compared Prices Here and on the Sound.

Canny American Citizens Send Authoritative Advice to Eastern Friends.

It is a matter of daily occurrence now to meet parties in Victoria who in purchasing their outfits for the northern chasing their outfits for the northern cided to get the greater portion of my gold fields, have first visited Seattle and dry goods here." other American cities, carefully looked into prices, and finally decided to outfit

Many of these parties are composed of Americans, who stated in very plain terms that if they could have outfitted advantageously in Seattle they would have done so. They bought in Victoria, out of any mining camp to this city in the memory of Victorians. Practically all the new arrivals have become wealthy during their brief residence in the North, and probably half were among the original claim owners on Bonanza and El Dorado, who have recently sold out their claims at six figure prices.

The last party to leave Dawson was that headed by "The Big Swede," Andrew Olson, starting on the evening of December 14; and the list of those who crossed the mountains in time to catch the Corona at Dyea or Skagway is a says, and the mountains in time to linesof provisions were rather scarce. Mine owners who have recently sold owners were then paying \$1 to \$1.50 an hour for help, but were only employing men who had a grub stake. Mr. Fox says, and the miners supplement the declaration in thorous with "we're ready to swear to difficult as it has been described. Several who came down on the Corona left Dawson one day later than he did, and from these men Mr. Fox learned that a very rich quartz discovery, supposed to be the mother lode, had been made a few miles out of Dawson City. About 150 more miners will, Mr. Fox says, leave Dawson for the Coast this month.

Seattle, where she and Sedgwick disembark. She bought it in San Francisco more than a year ago, she says, and the miners supplement the declaration in chorus with "we're ready to swear to difficult as it has been described. Several who came down on the Corona left Dawson on the Corona left Dawson one day later than he did, and from these men Mr. Fox learned that a very rich quartz discovery, supposed to be the mother lode, had been made a few miles out of Dawson City. About 150 more miners will, Mr. Fox says, leave Dawson for the Coast this month. they said, because they could get a better class of goods at lower prices than that an old injunction granted six years about \$900, and taking into consideration the duty of 30 per cent. and transportation charges to Skagway, he saves over \$200. He had made a careful investigation of prices in Scattle vestigation of prices in Seattle prior to coming here, and was prepared to speak with authority.

Two Boston parties bound for the north have also outfitted here recently. now in San Francisco, claims the honor of discovering what is now believed to be the mother lode of the Klondyke. He says:

"Frank Slavin and I are near neighbors on El Dorado creek, and some two months since I showed him where I had previously located the quartz. He was in my cabin on the night of November 23, when I exhibited a piece of the rock I found in the wall of quartz. At the time we paid no particular attention to it, as the common expression in Alaska is: 'Quartz mines are of no good, as' plainest of terms that Victoria is the best place at which to outfit with advantage. One of these parties was headed by Mr. G. C. Bunker, of North Columbus, Mass. He purchased an outfit for six men for two years, and said that he was at least saving twenty per cent. on Seattle prices by purchasing here. The other Boston party composed of Mr. John Dorgan, H. M. Chase and W. J. Griffiths, bought a large outfit here and immediately sent word back to friends in the East that Victoria was the chespest and best place on the coast at

of himself, his partner and two noises to Skagway, he claims to have saved \$30, by about my claim and was thoughtlessly

AND STILL MORE EVIDENCE

That Victoria Is the Best Place on the Coast at Which to Outfit.

Mr. J. C. Bryant, of Hartford, Conn. arrived in this city the other day, on his way to the Yukon country, and is now a guest at the Queen's hotel. Prior to coming here he visited Seattle, having been told in the East that he could not get a decent outfit at a reasonable figure in any other Search air. most pleasant nature. Before he had been many hours in the city he was robbed of \$150, by confidence men. He then arrived at the conclusion that he est of conditions, a min would cost over the arrived at the conclusion that the continued. The buth mines 200.000.

was in a tough town, and came over to near Sandon were located prior to the Victoria where he will get his outfit. It is altogether likely that, as a result of it is claimed, excepted from the grant. part of September, and passed the wall repeatedly without suspecting that it Mr. Bryant's experience in Seattle, conthe Kaslo & Slocan railway grant and were, it is claimed, excepted from the grant. The Kaslo & Slocan railway, after taking purchase outfits for a large party now organizing in the East, which will leave Plaintiffs thereupon secured an injunc here for the North about the first of March.

Mr. Bryant says that just before he reached Scattle, a gentlemanly looking fellow on the train struck up a conversation with him, which was continued until the city was reached. Mr. Bryant told where he was bound for, and on the advice of his new friend went to one of the down-town hotels and registered. After supper the confidence man was joined supper the confidence man was joined by a pal, and Mr. Bryant accepted an invitation to go to their room to see some solicitor in the Northwest Territories. nvitation to go to their room to see some entlemen who were also bound for the Yukon gold fields. A poker game was proposed when the room was reached, but without putting in more study. The and, just to be sociable, Mr. Bryant Law Society rejected the application on "When I held four kings," he said,

Mr. Bryant left the room \$150

other members of the party.

Mr. Bryant says that Seattle is full of een buncoed out of \$3,000. The chief of police showed him a list of thirty names of confidence men now resident in the city who were "wanted." The efforts of the police to rid the city of these gentry have been unavailing so far. Mr. Bryant says that a man is cline in beaver of 5 per cent. and in hardly safe carrying money around with him in Seattle, so numerous are the

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Cheaper Here. skin lining, made specially Matthews and Napoleon Dupras, refor the Vuknon country. B. cently returned Dawsonians, for the purpose of purchasing an outfit, if prices suited, is one of the best argu-ments that could be used in favor of have been guests at the Victoria, and have visited a number of outfitters.

Mr. Matthews informed the Colonist resterday that in the matter of dry goods, Victoria prices are considerably ower than those ruling in Seattle at present. As regards groceries and provisions, he had came to no decision yet In certain lines, such as flour, he though Seattle prices were lower than those in Victoria, but, of course, there was the

duty to consider.

"I am taking in a large party," said
Mr. Matthews, "and my total outfit will
cost away up in the thousands; so you can see that it is worth my while to make a careful investigation before purchasing. I will not make any decision or a day or two as to where I will buy my provisions, but have just about de

THE FULL COURT.

Appeals Argued and Decisions Given-To day's Peremptory List.

Yesterday the Full court dismissed shacks on Johnson street, on the ground before had never been rescinded. the part of the city an appeal was taken on the ground that as proceedings under the old injunction had not been taken for a year, a month's notice should have been given of fresh proceedings. Mr. W. J. Taylor appeared for the city; Mr. L. Crease for the plaintiff (respondent). In Milne v. Begg, defendant appealed from an order of the Chief Justice adding the British Northwestern Development Co. as plaintiffs with Messrs.
Milne, Flumerfelt and Dowler. Mr.
Archer Martin for appellant (defendant); Mr. W. J. Taylor for respondents.

The appeal was dismissed with costs in Lippman v. Edwards. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, for plaintiff (appellant); Mr. G. H. Barnard, for defendant (repondent).

udgment was reserved.

Wellburn v. Cowichan brought up a nice little point of interest to municipalities. The plaintiff, as coroner, sent in his bill to the municipality of Cowichan for an inquest held on the Cowichan rancherie, the Indian reserve in the district. The municipality refused to pay on the ground that they were to pay on the ground that they were not responsible for inquests on Indians, and the coroner must look to the Dominion government for payment. The suit was decided in favor of the plaintiff, and the municipality of Cowichan appealed. The Full court dismissed the appeal on the ground that the charge is a part of the administration of justice, and, therefore, under the jurisdiction the province and not the Dominion. Mr. A. G. Smith, for appellants; Mr. A.

Crease, for respondent (plaintiff). The peremptory list for to-day is: Calbon v. Lawry.
Hobbs v. E. & N. Railway. Lowenberg v. Dunsmuir.

## THE CITY.

MAGISTRATE MACRAE yesterday dismissed the charge against Mr. James Angus of refusing to pay wholesale trader's license, holding that no testi-mony had been produced to show the defendant came within the meaning of the level definition of a trader the legal definition of a trader.

THE Presbyterian congregation at Colwood has recently completed a comfortable church edifice, which was dedi-cated to the public worship of God on Sunday last. The church has seating capacity for about one hundred, and on the occasion of the opening service was filled. Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the devotional part of the service, and Rev. W. Leslie Clay preached the dedication sermon, while the choir of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, led the congregation in praise.

In chambers vesterday the injunction to restrain plaintiff in Ruth Mines v. up their grant gave a lease to defendant, Lovatt, to cut timber on land a portion of which was covered by the Ruth mines tion restraining Lovatt from cutting timber on the mines, and this injunction was yesterday continued.

YESTERDAY Mr. Justice Drake gave adgment in favor of plaintiff in the application of Mr. Guillim, of Slocan City compel the Law Society to receive his application to be admitted to practice or the usual six months' residence condiwhere three years' study is compulsors and afterwards was admitted as solicitor in Manitoba by passing the examination the ground that five years' study was "When I held four kings," he said, necessary before admittance to practice in this province. Mr. Justice Drake held that as Mr. Guillim had been adheld that as Mr. Guillim had been ad-Umbrina, which were ready to sail at an early hour in the morning, waited at their moorings for the news. The cable-the morning for the news. The cable-the morning are the control of the police are on the lookout for the lookout for the lookout for the lookout for the look of the right to base his claim for admission on any prior admittance he chooses to select.

THE following letter, one of many similar received by Mr. S. Jones of the Dominion hotel during the past fortnight, shows most conclusively that the spirit of enquiry is abroad amongst prospectors, gold hunters, etc. in the States:

" PORTLAND, Jan. 14, 1898. S. Jones, Esq., Victoria, B. C. "DEAR SIR:—Could you give me any information in regard to steamers sail-

ing from your town to Alaska, and how are your prices for outfitting. Do things leaving Victoria go through without paying duty? You will greatly oblige me by sending me the above information as soon as possible, as I have several men here who are thinking of coming to your city to outfit. A. J. Morris."

The necessary information has been views with Americans wno are outputs, here. Mr. Jones thinks that the perusal of these interviews by Americans and for the past few years has lived in Victoria, a poor working man but one DYSPEPSIA INDIGESTION,
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How Unsuspecting Eastern Folk Are Induced to Contribute to Seattle Profits.

Railway Company's Good Name Used to Give Tone to False Statements.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 17 .- Comment is being made by the merchants of Vancou- by L. ver as well as by those of Victoria on the learing of this sought safety in flight. distribution of United States pamphlets He departed without a word to any detrimental to the Canadian outfitting one. trade, particularly one recently issued by the Northern Pacific railway entitled 'Key to Klondyke." The local press ing man and woman, one being from has commented on the matter and it is Mrs. Burnham, who at the time was the appeal of the city in McCormack v. City of Victoria. The Chief Justice granted an injunction to restrain the city from tearing down some condemned ferred to contains the following paragraphs chiefly complained of as being as far as Portland but here, for a time, untrue and misleading:

"Customs Duties. etc.-A large part of a miner's outfit purchased in the Unithe the time the couple were living not a the time the couple were living not a ted States territory is admitted to Canada free of duty. This includes a miner's blankets, personal clothing in use, brok-en packages of provisions being used, cooking utensils in use, and 100 lbs. of cooking utensils in use, and 100 lbs. of food for the journey across the passes. All excess is charged a duty. One important fact should be borne in mind:

Seventy per cent. of all articles needed by a miner in Violente and state of the for some time, and that official, meanwhile, was corresponding with Mrs. Burnham as to their arrest and extradition. Nothing responsing Violente and state has sulted, however, and the matter has Seventy per cent. of all articles needed by a miner in Klondyke and Alaska are produced in the United States and must be imported by Canadian tradesmen. These importers necessarily pay a duty and in selling the articles add that, and also all charges for handling, freight, etc., to the cost of the goods; these the purchasing miner must pay. The Canadian authorities in the Klondyke region seem to be disposed to cause the miner as little trouble as possible in this connection.
"Routes to Alaska and Klondyke.

Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, whence the Alaskan steamers sail, there is but one change of cars; at St. Paul. From Chicago the three Pacific coast cities are from eighty to eighty-five hours' ride, from St. Louis ninety-three to ninetynine hours." The inference that, notwithstanding

the Canadian duty, intending Klon-dykers can more advantageously outfit in the States than in Canada, is utterly false, as can be seen by comparing the prices in British Columbia with those Puget Sound.

Though in some few articles of hardware the cost is the same in the United States, the saving on an entire outfit if purchased in Canada is in the neighborhood of 12 per cent. And, when the miner counts the Canadian duty of 30, per cent., he will find that the saving hrough purchasing in Canada amounts o over 40 per cent. The very marked absence of any reference to Victoria and Vancouver,

the chief points of departure for the Canadian gold fields, is strongly commented upon, and it is thought that in view of the wide distribution of this misleading Northern Pacific publication the boards of trade of the two Canadian coast cities should take joint action in calling attention, not only to the saving to be made by purchasing in Canada, but to the advantages of starting from Vancouver or Victoria, from which the best steamers sail regularly, and where accurate information can be obtained from government officials as to the regulations under which the Canadian gold fields are administered. Such information can only be correctly and fully obtained in Canada, and a gold seeker so posted need have no fear of detention and annoyance on reaching the confines of the Canadian Yukon by reason of his

running counter to some regulation. CUT TO PIECES. Former Member of the Local Legislate Killed by a Victoria & Sidney

Charles Gallagher, a well known old timer and once member of the provincial legislature for Kootenay, was run over and instantly killed by a Victoria & Sid-

Train.

ney railway train on Sunday. Gallagher, who lived near Beaver lake was in town on Sunday and after pass ing some time with a number of acquaintances started for home. He went as far as the Royal Oak on the two Sidney train and with a friend proceeded to his cabin afterwards. Evi dently he had made up his mind to go somewhere later on, probably to Steves' hotel, as he had mentioned his desire to go there about three o'clock. It is thought that he lay down on the track for when the train from Sidney reacher he cut near Beaver lake at 6 o'clock the engineer saw an object on the track a couple of lengths ahead as he rounded the curve, and though the air orakes were on and the engine reversed immediately, it was impossible to stop the train quickly enough to save Gal-

The unfortunate man must have been at once killed for the wheels passed over his legs and the lower part of the body, crushing it terribly. An inquest was held yesterday afternoon and a verdict of accidental death brought in, as it was

Charles Gallagher was an Irishman who are to British Columbia in the ewsixties, and after mining for a ime in Caribo moved to tenay country. Here in 1875 he welected at the same time as Mr.

A. W. Vowell as member for the district in the local her was a limited as a most disagreeable thoroughfare in the local her was a limited as member for the district in the local here. in the local house. He was a strong sup-porter of the Walkem-Beaven administration which next year went into oppo-sition when Premier Elliott came into power. In 1878 at the general elections Mr. Gallagher and Mr. R. T. Galbraith were returned from Kootenay when the Wa kem administration again came in forwarded, together with several recent and a couple of years later Mr. Gallagher copies of the Colonist containing interviews with Americans who are outfitting while the C.P.R. was building.

LOCATED IN VICTORIA.

A Runaway Californian Turns Up in This City With the Companion of His Flight.

The San Francisco Examiner, of a recent date, published a story about Charles F. Burnham, a defaulting secretary, who disappeared from Oakland, Cal., some time ago, and who was subsequently located in Victoria with his companion, Mrs. Mary E. King. The story of the flight is given in brief as ollows:
"Burnham's conduct in his winning

ventures in partnership with Mrs. King, a fascinating widow, was so unsatis-factory, that charges of fraud were made Solomon, of Stockton, who de-

This all happened in November last, and soon after Chief Sheppard received several letters inquiring about the misslost track of them, and were in ignorar of their movements until Chief Sheppard stone's throw from the city hall, and with them was Burnham's twelve-yearold son who was also sought. They were in this way under the surveillance of the says:
"So far as the Masonic order is con-

"Routes to Alaska and Klondyke.
From Chicago and St. Louis to St. Paul and via the Northern Pacific railway to Portland. Technology and State of the were trifling. More careful examination of the records he kept led to the dis-closure that his books were in a badly muddled condition. When matters were straightened out the large shortage that t was believed existed dwindled into an insignificant figure, not more than a few hundred dollars."

THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

low the Natural History Society Will Assist at the Inauguration of the New Par-liament Buildings.

At the meeting of the Natural History

Society last evening the report of the committee on the ceremonies connected with the opening of the House of Assembly was read and adopted. As has been announced, the society, with the consent of the government, had intended making a special exhibition, scientific and historical in the new museum building; but owing to the unfinished condition of the rooms it was decided not to go on with it as a society, but in-dividually to assist the several departmente in making interesting displays. It being understood that the museum under the management of Mr. Fannin will be open, and that the departments of agriculture and mines and the provin-cial library would probably each make exhibits of its own, the members ex-pressed their willingness to assist to their utmost. From the fact that the opening of the house is an event of unusual importance, marking a stage in the history of the province, it was conceived to be appropriate that there should be a historical display illustrating as far as possible the various phases of the province, and this will naturally take place under the auspices of the library, to which every person interested will be invited to contribute, by loan or other-

A curious Indian implement was exlast evening, and was stated by him to be a donation from Mr. Lomas, Indian agent, Cowichan, to the museum, where it may be examined. It may have been an instrument of warfare, the materia being probably fossil ivory, and would have made an effective policeman's baton. There is an interesting tradi tion connected with it, and as a relic is

very rare, and was evidently highly valued by the Indians.

The society decided to undertake a properly classified check list of the plants of British Columbia, making it as complete as possible from available data. Captain Walbran continued his series of papers on the early navigators of the Northwest coast, giving further details of Vancouver's explorations. more papers of this valuable series are still in prospect.

ST. CHARLES STREET.

To THE EDITOR:-Will you kindly allow me a small space in the columns of your valuable paper in which to draw the attention of the corporation of the city of Victoria to the deplorable state of the lower end of St. Charles street, between Belcher street and Fernwood road.
About seven years ago this street was

thrown open to the public, but it was not then and has never since been put in a proper condition for traffic. Last year the corporation laid a good substantial pavement down the street

it a most disagreeable thoroughfare.

Now I am not going to discuss the vexed question of draining this part of the city, but I am going to suggest that the new corporation give the matter their early and careful consideration.

THERE was an enjoyable and social time spent in the St. Andrew's Presby-terian school room last night, games, music and refreshments making the evening pass very pleasantly.

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**NEW COUNCIL SW** 

Mayor and Aldermen Tak

of Office Before Mr. J Walkem. His Worship Makes His

Speech—No Chinese Fi This Year—New Comm

The members of Victoria' council were yesterday sworn Justice Walkem in the Full c Mr. W. J. Dowler, city clerk master of ceremonies, and one mayor and aldermen, came fo took the oath of office. M Walkem then handed the cit the Mayor's hands and con him and the aldermen on the to the important office of look the interests of the city for the At eight o'clock last evening cil held their first meeting at hall, and in a very few minutes preliminary reading of the eleturns things were proceeding as as possible. Ald. Wilson has seat at the left horn of the cr desks. Next to him is Ald. Ketham Ald. McCardlass Hall then Ald. McCandless, Hall, Humphrey, Phillips, Williams Gregor in the order named. Before attacking the little bu an opening night, Mayor Red dressed the aldermen as follows

"GENTLEMEN,—It is very de the commencement of the year general review of the present of, and the probable needs and the various municipal instituti it is with that object, and also may be acquainted somewhat own views on the subject, that for your consideration the follomarks and suggestions. One of important questions the coun have to deal with, is the Poin bridge suits, and while not ac any hability on the part of the c without going into details on ject, I think it would be advis the council to consider whather the council to consider whether rangement can be arrived at prejudice to the city's rights, the whole of this question can be without any further resort to le ceedings.
"Water Works.—The contrac

the construction of the works failed to complete the same, the last July determined the contra placed it in the hands of the e for completion, in accordance we conditions laid down in the which constitute the engineer th which constitute the engineer the
as to what work is necessary to b
In his report he states that th
will be completed about the
March, but before filtered water
supplied to the city it will be nee
that the receiver or reservoir h pleted, which will cost about \$
As the water works loan is all exp
it will be for the council to censid hat sum is to be provided. "STREET WORK AND IMPROVEM

The need of street improvemen

urgent now as it was a year ago, the ratepayers have expressed a dobjection to any further loans to purpose, it would be well for the c to consider whether a system of p the business streets can be intro on the local improvement plan fore Government street can paved, a larger water main have to be laid; but a great provement in that street coul effected if the property owners wou down permanent sidewalks, the cidertaking to lay the curb stone grant the allowance usual for such while on Broad, Yates, Johnson Fort streets a system of paving commenced at once, if the property ers are willing to pay the cost same, which would be quickly rep them through the increased rental two pays to the cost to the cost same. it would give to their property. ordinary street work as large an as possible should be appropria revenue after providing in a fixed charges of the corpo which appropriation in order to a more systematic method of cond street work should in my opin divided into two parts—one to i the amount necessary for street ing, sprinkling and ordinary rep streets and sidewalks for which t gineer could give an estimate be last year's expenditure, and which be called the ordinary street a The other part might be called co tion account, and before any is expended on that account would recommend that the en and street superintendent be inst to prepare a report to the council ing the streets of the city that are greatest need of improvement, vestimate of the cost of the work i street; that report could be refer the street committee for their con street; that report could be ation, who would recommend council the order in which th should be undertaken, with any s the subject. Upon the adopt the street committee's report i

tions would go to the engineer's of the work to be carried out as far funds available will permit. A amount of the appropriation woul to be reserved to meet any possi foreseen contingencies that may If some such plan be adopted, I a fident that the street work can ried on more satisfactorily and mo nomically than it is at present. SEWER EXTENSION.—In order vide for the extension of the se system without adding to the the city, I would recommend council the introduction of a byposing a small frontage tax on p abutting on the sewers, as a rent
of sewer; all money received
that source to be applie
sewer extension only. The at present about thirteen misewers, and a tax of 10 cents p per annum would give a reversewerage purposes of about \$12,0 as that amount would increase

vear on account of the additional laid down, in a very few yes whole city would be sewered vany addition to the city debt.

\*\* CEMETERY.—As the present ce ground is fast filling up and more

will have to be provided before will be for the council to consi advisability of acquiring a new the old men's home and utilizing