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LAND ACT.

to lease the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted at the S.E. corner of the land, it being also the N.E. corner of Surveyed Lot No. 34%, and being situated on the left Limit of Stafford River, at its junction with Loughborough Inlet, B.C., thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of beginning, containing 40 acres. more or less.

ALFRED JOHNSON. Date, Sept. 24th, 1908. Witness to posting notice: J. M. David-

FREDERICK L. WARD,

By James McDermit Davidson, Agent. Date, Oct. 17th, 1908.

LAND ACT

Thirty days from date I shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated in the Renfrew district Work Coast Vicense. rict, West Coast Vancouver Island, commencing at the S. E. corner lot 189, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains more or less to coast, thence west following coast line to point of commencement, lives along the northern shore living containing 640 acres more or less. W. H. KIRKBRIDE,

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises to be known as the Sooke Hotel, situated at the junction of Ot-ter Point and Sooke roads.

EUSTACE ARDEN.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., Nov. 17, 1908. PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

STANDARD Bred S. C. White Leghorns, pullets and hens, for sale, from \$1.00 up, from Captain Mitchell's famous laying strain, Santa Barbara, Cal. Ernest T Hanson, Cowichan Station, V. I. WANTED TO PURCHASE

WANTED—Good clear photos illustrating sport on Vancouver Island, and the Coast in particular and British Columbia in general. Address Box 983 Colonist Office.

LEFFINGWELL WILL

Explorer Now in the City Tells of His Explorations in the Arctic Regions

(From Wednesday's Daily) After spending two years engaged in exploratory work in the Arctic, Ernest de K. Leffingwell, the well known geologist, who shared with Capt. Mikkelson in the leadership of the Anglo-American Arctic exploration expedi-tion which left here on May 21 in the

American Arctic exploration expeditions which left here on May 31 in the schooner Duchess of Bedford, ex the schooner Duchess of Bedford, ex the schooner Duchess of Bedford, ex the schooner Bedford of the whalers. Several times the schooner struck ice so hard that those on board were knocked from their feet, but the impact never hurt her.

Form of Notice

Victoria Land District, District of Coast Division

TAKE NOTICE that Frederick L. Ward, of Pontiac, Michigan, occupation Lumberman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the north limit of Mink River, one chain distant from the north bank thereof, and

taken from the foc'sle and made mate of the vessel, made an arduous trip out over the ice in the unknown sea of the Arctic making soundings to test the theory which was the main feature of the expedition—that laind existed in the Beaufort sea, north of Alaska. There were many indications pointing to this, but the soundings made by the explorers showed that they passed the edge of the continental shelf and were unable to get any bottom, indicating TAKE NOTICE that James McDermit Davidson, of Seattle, Washington, occupation Lumberman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following at a post planted on the north limit of Mink River, one chain distant from the north bank thereof, and about ½ mile easterly from where it joins Apple River, B.C., said stake being the S.W. corner of this location, thence extending north following the east line of Fred. L. Ward's location, chains, thence east 40 chains, thence extending north following the east line of Fred. L. Ward's location, chains, thence east 40 chains, thence extending north following the east line of Fred. L. Ward's location, chains, thence east 40 chains, thence extending north following the east line of Fred. L. Ward's location, chains, thence east 40 chains the result that for a space the explorers were mourned as dead until Stefanson made his way across Alasks to place of beginning containing 80 acres more or less.

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R. S. GOLLOP,

Nov. 2, 1908.

In serious danger.

The natives could not be induced in the natives and adopting their way of living among the natives and adopting their w with regard to making fur clothing. They all used native clething and adopted the native manner of living as

far as possible. Lack of Teachers.

in sod huts in winter and another class which follows the game inland, living in skin tents. Since the whalers came Liquor License Act 1900 these hunters usually get boat drill from the traders and coat their fur tents with the drill. They speak a slightly different language. Near the trading stations and the mission stations the younger generation of the Eskimos have forgotten how to hunt and if the white men went from the district these would probably The majority of the natives from the trading stations, while they are fond of the foodstuffs used by the white man, such as sugar, etc., can get along without these things. They live mostly on seal meat, caribou, mountain sheep and other game. The natives are not numerous, although the indications, to judge from the remnants of long deserted villages found at different places, are that they were or ce strong in number. There are two big stations where the whalers come, one at Point Barrow, the other at Herschel island, and in the five hundred miles of the shore between these stations there are few natives, not more than three or four families. There is also a settlement at the trad-ing station of the Hudson's Bay com-

There are many legends told by the tribal story-tellers, and many pecullar ethnological features. The natives GO NORTH AGAIN have no religion, but they believe in devils, and fear nature. For instance, it is believed that demons exist in the mountains and on far-away icepeaks

Fertile for Missionaries Fertile for Missionaries

It is a fertile ground for missionaries, but some of those who are on the ground pay too much attention to the little things of life. The natives have no conception of the great features of Christianity. They believe that not working on Sunday is like taking advantage of a charm of amulet, and say prayers in the same way. One of the best men living in the district with whom Mr. Leffingwell came into contact came to him one day and said: which Mr. Lennigweil came into contact came to him one day and said:
"Will I go to hell if I wear labrets?"
The natives often wear labrets dangling from their lips, and this natives.

cient village of about forty or fifty families was found and some stone implements of the days before the iron While being towed by a whaling steam-er through the ice from Port Narrow the schooner struck a piece of floating of various kinds made of bone. The ice with such a shock that the towline was broken, but the schooner was not hurt.

The schooner was really not a wreck at Flaxman island. She is there yet, and all that she needs is caulking, but no one can caulk her there. She was

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EREPERICK I. WARD.

him on the exploratory expedition and returned from the Arctic about a year ago, is engaged in writing a book which will be published shortly by Heinneman & Co., of London. Mr. Steffannsen, who went back by way of the Mackenzie river this last summer is engaged in ethnological work among the natives for a New York museum.

Business Change

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The firm of Drury & Macgurn has been dissolved. The business will be carried on by R. L. Drury at the same offices, 918 Government street. Mr. Drury has been for many years the general agent for the Mutual Life of Canada, and in addition will now have the agencies of the St. Paul Fire Insurance company, and the General Accident Assurance Company, of Canada.

Demand for Permits. The demand for building permits which was quite active during the past two weeks has shown a falling off the past day or two. Yesterday with the exception of a permit issued to James McIntyre for additions to his dwelling on Acton street to cost \$300 no permits were issued. So far this month

mits were issued. So far this month permits for buildings aggregating \$49.370 in value have been issued. The permit for the new building to be erected by the B. Wilson Company on Chatham street to cost \$25,000 will be

Faces Murder Charge

Following the testimony given by his wife against him in her appeal to the court for protection, Alfred FOR SALE—10 Acres, house, out-buildings fruit trees, plenty of water. F. Morley, near pumping station. no of the Mackenzie river.

Honest in Dealings

The DUCREST STUMP PULLER—It was a radius of 340 feet without moving. Moved easily in 30 minutes. Apply J. Ducrest, 466 Burnside Road, Victoria, B. C. 117—John Dillon, alias James Smith, book agent, accused of the murder of Constable O'Shea and the wounding of Chief Carpenter and Constable Focault last April, was declared sane by the jury in the court of King's Bench today.

In Mackenzie river.

Honest in Dealings

The natives were found to be absolutely honest as regard the goods of the white man. They have some odd customs. As far as Mr. Leffingwell could ascertain there were no marriage customs. If a man wanted a wife he went and took her. One method was for the groom to go to work with the parents. In one case which came under observation the man worked for the parent of the girl for a year, the father taking all the furs secured by the young mfan. The missionaries and constable Focault last April, was declared sane by the jury in the court of King's Bench today.

In the past time mounts to the court for protection, Alfred to the mount of the woman at the mounts of the devidence of the woman. At the police court yester-day morning Taylor was arraigned and charged by Superintendent of Provincial Police F. S. Hussey with the murder on August 10, 1899, of a living wound in which had just been given brite to woman. At the police court yester-day morning Taylor was arraigned and charged by Superintendent of Police F. S. Hussey with the wounding worning Taylor was arraigned and

AMUSEMENT RESORT IN HEART OF CITY

Capitalists Plan Big Enterprise
If the City Will Grant Concessions

(From Tuesday's Daily)

If plans now under consideration are perfected and the parties interested can come to satisfactory arrangements with the city for the lease of the property. Victoria will in all likelihood have an up-to-date amusement resort located right in its heart, an institution combining all the features of athletic and indoor amusements, which, summer and winter, will afford entertainment to Victorians and visitors. The scheme ras been under consideration for some time and already the city council has been approached by representatives of two different moneyed interests with a view of securing the lease of the city's (From Tuesday's Daily)

Offer Made City

Messrs. Bond & Clark, real estate agents, representing local and outside capital, have made an offer to the city. Should the city consent to lease the property for a term of years at a reasonable figure the parties represented by the above firm are prepared to spend a large amount of money in erecting a modern, up-to-date amusement resort. The plans for such have not been as yet prepared but the idea is to erect handsome buildings in which will be located a large concert hall, ice skating rink, salt water baths, a dancing pavilion, aquarium, and in fact every arrangement will be made to make the place an amusement resort in the best aquarium, and in fact every arrangement will be made to make the place an amusement resort in the best sense of the word. The grounds will be attractively laid out in lawns and shrubbery and it is believed that there will be ample room for an athletic field. The buildings will be so arranged that there will be accommodation for stores along the Douglas street and Belleville street frontages. Should the idea be carried out in its entirety the amount of money to be invested will probably exceed \$300,000.

Mr. Clark, of Bond & Clark, stated yesterday that if the city would grant a long lease of the property at reasonable terms there would be no trouble in interesting capitalists in the project. In fact the enterprise should be a paying one and would prove a boom to Victoria, supplying, as it would, ample entertainment not only for the Victorians but also for visitors and would doubtless be a powerful factor in attracting visitors to this city during the winter months.

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Ian St. Claff, acting on behalf of other parties, has also made a proposition to the city along lines similar to the above, and if the desired lease of the property can be secured, it is proposed to invest something like \$200,000, in creeting an up-to-date amusement resonts.

These two propositions have been considered by the committee appointed by the council and it is probable that the question of whether the city should lease the ground for the purposes suggested will be referred to the rate-payers at the date of the civic elections in January when a bylaw may be submitted to be voted upon.

The committee of the council has suggested that in complete the street of the council has

the street to the city and consequently should the street now be closed for any purpose, the land comprised therein stages that in consideration of the granting of a lease for fifty years the lesees shall pay a rental of five per cent on the present assessed value of the property, \$25,000, being an annual rental of \$1,250, the question of valuation to be adjusted every ten years. In addition a percentage of the gross earnings of the enterprise will be asked by the city, one per cent on earnings up to \$100,000; three-quarters of one per cent on gross earnings between \$100,000 and \$200,000; and one-half of one per cent on earnings over that amount. The promoters of the enterprise of the enterprise of the enterprise of the enterprise will be asked by the city, one per cent on earnings between \$100,000 and \$200,000; and one-half of one per cent on earnings over that amount. The promoters of the enterprise of the enterprise will be asked by the city, one per cent on earnings between \$100,000 and \$200,000; and one-half of one per cent on earnings over that amount. The promoters of the enterprise will be asked by the city, one per cent on earnings between \$100,000 and \$200,000; and one-half of one per cent on earnings over that amount. The promoters of the enterprise will be asked by the city, one per cent on earnings between \$100,000 and \$200,000; and one-half of one per cent on earnings over that side would accept it at that valuation. Otherwise it could be allowed to remain waste property or could be tween \$100,000 and \$200,000; and one-half of one per cent on earnings over that amount. The promoters of the en-terprise expect that they will be ex-empted from water rates and taxes on the land and improvements as well as local improvement taxes.

Whether the city has the legal right to enter into a lease for fifty years is a question to be decided but in any event nothing will be done until the ratepayers have been given an opportunity of expressing their opinion on the matter at the civic elections when a bylaw will neather the control of the con when a bylaw will probably be sub

PARTRIDGE RELEASED

Hunters Requested to Exercise Caution When Engaged in the Chase

Sportsmen are requested to exercise care while shooting as there are a number of new varieties of birds, imported but a short time ago, which might come within tempting range, the killing of which would not only be a serious infraction of the regulations, but would go far towards destroying the ambition of those entitusiasts who are desirous of seeing the southern end of Vancouver island well stocked with feathered game of many different species. This appeal to hunters is made by a number of veteran disciples of the chase who have assisted in the bringing of capercalizie and black game to this country and whose latest venture is the importation of the Hungarian partridge.

Pelts

The sealing schooner Umbrina, Capt. Delouchrey, returned to port yesterday from Bering sea with 450 the sealskins. The schooner has been becamed in the straits almost within sight of port for severals days past. Twice she came up to, Race Rocks and Capt. The schooner encountered a heavy gale and heavy wind was encountered when off the entrance to the straits. The Umbrina, which is owned by Capt. J. W. Peppett, was moored at the Hudson's Bay wharf, near the Pescawha, of the same owner, and she will discharge her catch today for shipment to England. The schooner to port yesterday from Bering sea with 450 the saleskins. The schooner has been becamed in the straits almost within sight of port for severals days past. Twice she came up to, Race Rocks and Capt. The schooner encountered a heavy gale and heavy wind was encountered when off the entrance to the straits. The Umbrina, which is owned by Capt. J. W. Peppett, was moored at the Hudson's Bay wharf, near the Pescawha, of the same owner, and she will discharge her catch today for shipment to England. The schooner to counter when the schooner of the capt. The schooner is possible to port for severals days past. The schooner has been becaled in the straits almost within sight of port for severals days past. The schooner has been becales in the straits almost within sight of port for several

In conversation recently, A. E. Todd, who is one of the prime movers in the introduction of partridge, stated that there were grounds for believing that some of the birds released last spring had been shot through ignorance. As he and Dr. I. I. Todd had recently resome of the birds released last spring had been shot through ignorance. As he and Dr. J. L. Todd had recently released some more and wished to have them protected as well as possible, he wanted to make the fact known to the public generally in order that those who are in the habit of indulging in the nonular outdoor pastime might be

the popular outdoor pastime might be on their guard. on their guard.

Mr. Todd explained that Hungarian partridge were released last spring at common lake, near Duncans, and the creation of also in Saanich, near the cement works at Tod Iniet. It was not devision in the princess May is all again tonight for the north, initely known whether any of these reported that they had seen broods of ported that they had seen broods of the ported that they had seen broods to be correct. The setumed from Skagway yesters a stormy trip. She that opinion has proven to be correct. The service between Vancouver and the Orient has gradually been winning the trade from the rival lines, and now the British ships will only have been disciplined by Capt. He. The service between Vancouver and the Orient has gradually been winning the trade from the From the rival lines, and now the British ships will only have been disciplined by Capt. He. The service between Vancouver and the Orient has gradually been winning the trade from the rival lines, and now the British ships will only have Japanese to compete with.

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partridges at the Leasowes, Mr. Todd asserts, is the fact that large flocks of quail are seen in the grounds of various residences in that locality. He expresses regret, however, that considerable shooting is done throughout the district to the south of Rockland and Oak Bay avenues and that there is little doubt that the trapping of quail and pheasants, both by garden Chinamen and their masters is a common to look for a more sheltered snot but men and their masters, is a commo

DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES Inquest Held on Body of Late George Moore

(From Wednesday's Daily)

That death was due to natural causes was the verdict of the coron-ers jury which yesterday afternoon in-vestigated the circumstances surroundvestigated the circumstances surround-ing the death of the late George Morn-go, or as he was known in this city, George Moore, who was found on Sun-day morning last lying dead in bed in his cottage on Cormorant street. Moore, who was well known in this city where he had resided for many years, who was well known in this city where he had resided for many years, was about 60 years of age. He had been living alone in his cottage, and was last seen alive on Friday evening. Neighbors who noticed that during out food for two days. Saturday and the greater part of Sun-day the blinds were kept lowered, became anxious and notified the police Detective O'Leary and Constable Heather visited the cottage, gaining entrance through a rear window. They found Moore lying in bed dead. The evidence submitted yesterday b Dr. Bapty, who performed a post mor tem examination, showed that the de

ceased had died of fatty degeneration of the heart, though all the other organs were in a normal condition. The funeral of deceased will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of the B C. Funeral Furnishing company to Ross Bay cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

STREET IMPROVEMENT Belmont Street Owners Meet City Council—Question of

Cost

A deputation of Belmont street pro perty owners waited upon the city council last night to consider the pro-position of straightening the thoroughfare between Gladstone and Milne streets. In view of the fact that legal difficulties have arisen which will probably result in the work costing con bably result in the work costing considerably more than at first estimated, the city did not desire to proceed with the work until the opinion of the owners affected was first obtained. At last night's meeting it was stated that the city, in securing the necessary property to allow of the straightening of the street will have to deal with some tar. street will have to deal with some ten owners, two of whom are dead, and their heirs will have to be dealt with. These owners, when the subdivision of the property was made, did not deed the street to the city and consequently

to remain waste property or could be made into an attractive grass plot. The matter was thoroughly threshed out last night, after which the owners

withdrew to the mayor's office, where they considered their answer to the city, which was to the effect that the city should secure title to the existing street and secure an agreement with the property owners to purchase the strip which will be left on the east side when the new street is opened, and also that the city engineer prepare. also that the city engineer prepare a report on the cost of grading on the present street, as well as on the proposed street. The owners were unant mous that if the proposed work of straightening and improving the street would not cost too much, it should be

(From Wednesday's Daily) **UMBRINA RETURNS** FROM BERING SEA RUMOR THAT C. P. R.

Was Becalmed For Some Days Near Race Rocks—Brought 450 Pelts

company is expected to arrive within the next day or two, and all the vessels.

BACK FROM SKAGWAY

Brought News of Narrow Escape of Prospectors on West Coast of Queen Charlotte Islands

that those at Duncans were keeping within a few miles of Quamichan lake, while those in Saanlch, apparently, had spread much more, some having been seen on the Butler farm, Keating's crossing, while others had crossed Saanlch inlet and were making their home in the Highlands.

The last lot of partridges to be released, according to Mr. Todd, have been placed at Challoner & Mitchell's farm, the old Le Poer Trench place, Saanlch; at Sidney island, and at "The Leasowes." They are expected to spread from the latter locality to Pemberton woods and through the Oak Bay district. Mr. Todd amnounces that he intends at irregular intervals placing more birds at the various localities mentioned.

What led up to the releasing of partridges at the Leasowes, Mr. Todd asserts, is the fact that large flocks of qualifier seen in the grounds of vertically reached Cartwright sound in

to look for a more sheltered spot, but while at anchor the storm again broke while at anchor the storm again broke, the wind being so strong that it lifted the skiff clean out of the water. The anchors would not hold and the sloop was soon in a worse condition than ever. The pump was kept going while they were getting farther from the shore and in a serious position. It was seen that if they wanted to save that lives the sloop would have It was seen that if they wanted to save their lives the sloop would have to be abandoned. They got into the skiff with five pounds of ham, some hardtack and tea, and managed to reach the shore safely. The last they saw of the Stork she was drifting toward the open sea. They were a week there, making several attempts to get overland, and living principally on clams and hardtack. They finally struck a trail which took them to

FLEET OF FREIGHTERS OFF OUTER WHARF

British colliers engaged in carrying coal for the United States navy, arcoal for the United States navy, arrived from Magdalena Bay and proceeded to Nanaimo to load bunker coal, having been chartered at the low rate of 24 shillings to carry wheat to the United Kingdom. The steamer Beechley arrived from San Francisco and proceeded to Nanaimo for coal. The Norwegian steamer Admiral Borgary The Norwegian steamer Admiral Bor-resen, with a cargo of wheat for the United Kingdom, passed out at 2 a.m. yesterday. The steamer Bankfields, with a cargo of wheat for St. Vincent for orders, also passed out yesterday morning after loading bunker coal at Comov.

PRINCESS VICTORIA BEATS THE IROQUOIS

Runs Away From the Oil Burner Just to Show How Easy She Can Pass Rival The steamer Princess Victoria ran away from the steamer Iroquois yesterday on the run from Vancouver to Scattle. It seems that the Princess Victoria, which is running under four of her six boilers, has been on a leisurely schedule between Vancouver and Scattle and the Iroquois has been speeded each day. The crew of the oil-burner have been claiming all kinds of records in consequence, and yesterday the crew of the fast C.P.R.

to Carry Mails and Passengers From Wellington Sir Joseph Ward, premier of New

Sir Joseph ward, premier of New Zealand, in an interview at Welling-ton, announced himself in favor of a fast steamship service to run direct between the New Zealand port and Victoria and Vancouver. Interviewed concerning the suggestion that arrangements should be made for the Suez mail to be forwarded to Wellington immediately on its arrival at Sydney, Sir-Joseph Ward stated that such an arrangement would practi-cally necessitate the employment of a special steamer and the granting of a subsidy sufficient to provide a first class service of the country's own. It would be incomparatively better, he said, to spend the money on the Vancouver route.

WILL BUY MINNESOTA Statement Going Rounds That Big Hill Liner May Be Purchased By Canadian Line

A rumor was current yesterday that the C.P.R. was negotiating for the purchase of the big Hill liner Minne-sota for use under the C.P.R. flag in the trans-Pacific trade. The report the trans-Pacific trade. The report came from a recent arrival from Seattle who is stated to have been informed to that effect from officials of the Great Northern Steamship company. Nothing could be learned here with regard to the rumor. It will be remembered that a despatch from Vancouver stated that J. J. Hill said on his arrival there that the question of operating the steamer under the British flag from Vancouver to avoid the workings of the interstate commerce commission's ruling which has proved so great a handicap to United States shipping was being considered.

proved so great a handicap to United States shipping was being considered. A Vancouver despatch says that the ruling of the interstate commerce commission is having the effect of driving the Pacific carrying trade to the British steamship lines is evidenced by the cargo on the Canadian Pacific railway liner Empress of Japan which left Yokohama for Vancouver this afternoon. American shipping which left Yokonama for Vancouver this afternoon. American shipping firms prophesied that their lines would be out of the running if the through freight rates had to be published, and that opinion has proven to be correct.

ARE FORTUNATE

Over Twenty Brought to City From Different Districts Sunday

BIRDS PROVE VERY SCARCE

General Opinion That Some Enthusiasts Are Guilty of Illegal Shooting

Between eighteen and twenty deer were brought from different points along the E. & N. line to Victoria on Sunday evening. There were a large number of hunters out and the majority, contrary to the rule, carried rifles. There were few with shotguns, the scarcity of feathered game apparently influencing local disciples of Nimrod to take a chance at the four-footed deni-

A canvass of those who spent the week-end in the chase proves that there was no district especially good, results being obtained at different points. For instance Mr. Horstall killed a splendid deer in the vicinity of the summit; Mr. Champion, of Smith & Champion, and party, who hunted in the neighborhood of the Silver mine, Shawnigan lake, bagged two fine animals; F. Smith and party got four deer in the 17-mile post district, while Janes and Wilby, who covered the country near the summit of the Sooke hills, got two fine specimens of Van-couver Island deer. This by no means Wheat Carriers Pass Out From the Coal Mines With Cargoes for United Kingdom

Several big freighters were off the outer wharf yesterday. The British steamer Uganda, one of the fleet-of

The hunters who devoted their time to the feathered inhabitants of the wilds were in the minority. For the most part they were not pronouncedly successful. The veterans, those who have indulged in the sport for years and are conversant with every nook and cranny where the birds are accustomed to secret themselves, had some two or three to their credit. The best bags, however, did not go beyond five, which, when the numbers which were brought in throughout last season are taken into consideration is deplorably scant.

Because the grouse and pheasants are hard to get, the enthusiasts have turned in disgust to the deer. The returned in disgust to the deer. The result is that many more of the latter are being slaughtered than in years gone by. That the result will be a dearth of these creatures next season there is little doubt, but few are bothered about the future. As one gentleman, exceedingly fond of sport, but a sportsman in the true sense of the word, remarked yesterday, they don't "give a continental as long as they can get satisfaction now." What the forthcoming years are going to bring forth doesn't trouble them in the slightest degree is the consensus of opinion among those who are in the habit of

degree is the consensus of opinion and the Iroquois has been each day. The crew of the her have been claiming all of records in consequence, and ay the crew of the fast C.P.R. thought they would put on a tra speed and give the Iroshowing up. They did. With ur boilers in use the Princess. passed out from Vancouver he Iroquois, letting her lead the gulf. Then the Princess went by and beat her by hour into Seattle.

WISHIP SERVICE

FROM NEW ZEALAND Sir Joseph Ward Favors Direct Line guilt, it is felt that those who enjoy the sport afforded by the districts in the vicinity of this city should have enough consideration for others who enough consideration for others who take pleasure in the recreation, and those who are attempting to conserve the game of this section by giving it adequate protection, to refrain from over-stepping the limit set down by the regulations in this respect.

On this subject the general feeling is strong, and although there is no outspoken threat that action be taken against any particular person or per-

against any particular person or peragainst any particular person or per-sons, it is not unlikely that certain vaguely suspected individuals will be closely watched and, if found making a illegal depredations, will be accorded a friendly but candid word or two of warning.

There seems to be no satisfactory explanation of the reason why the birds of this locality are so scarce this birds of this locality are so scarce this season. The majority hesitate to believe that the yearly hunting has had such an effect, especially in view of the fact that the season did not open this fall until a month later than is customary. Still the fact remains that it is scarcely possible to find a bird where before coveys could be raised at almost any time. Unquestionably the feathered game is not as plentiful as it was a few years ago. Now those who was a few years ago. Now those who are watching the large numbers of deer being brought to town every week are wondering whether the same thing is wondering whether the same thing is destined to happen in the case of this species. They don't want to reflect on those who are keeping well within the regulations, but they express the hope that all sportsmen will bear in mind the total allowed and cease shooting when that is attained satisfied with when that is attained—satisfied with having had the rare good fortune of an exceedingly successful season.

Reports which have preceded the coming of the revenue cutter Thetis, now in northern waters, where she is delayed by stormy weather, state that several of the members of the official staff of the vessel have been placed under arrest, and that an official investigation will be demanded from Washington, which will evolve a big scandal among officers of the Thetis

in the revenue cutter service.

From reports received, the cruise of the Thetis in northern waters has been marked by friction among the of-ficers of the cutter, and several of them have been disciplined by Capt. Hen-derson. It is stated that Lieut. Miller was placed in irons, and that trouble between the commander of the vessel and Chief Engineer Albert C. Norman

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