## SPENT THREE MONTHS

#### Mr. and Mrs F. B. Pemberton Have Returned -- Thousands Contemplate Settling in Canada.

After an absence of three months, F. B. Pemberton and Mrs. Pemberton have returned from the Old Country. They visited almost every point of importance, from a commercial or tourist standpoint, in England or Scotland. Their sojourn ber piles. in London, however, was lengthier than at any other place, and while in that metropolis they had the pleasure of seeing two erstwhile Victoria belles, the Misses Pinder, participating successfully in two of the finest dramatic performances being played there, namely, the "Little Cherub" and "Little Michus." According to Mr. Pemberton, they appear to be attracting the almost undivided attention of the play-going public, their pictures appearing in all the leading journals at regular intervals.

During Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton's stay in London the election which resulted in defeat of the Balfour government and the return of the Campbell-Banner man administration took place. It was an experience Mr. Pemberton will never forget, being replete with interesting and exciting incidents. The feature of the campaign, he says, was the policy initiated by A. J. Balfour with respect to the South African labor problem. Through-out the contest many of the newspapers opposed to the late Premier had effigies of Chinamen in irons placed before their offices as illustrations of the contention that it was proposed to enslave the yellow-skinned natives of the Flowery Kingdom. But recently, Mr. Pemberton states Campbell-Bannerman government has gone out of favor to a material excipally as a result of their interference in South Africa and the disastrous re-

sults which ensued. The reception tendered the six hundred Japanese who visited Great Britain a two new battleships constructed for the navy of Japan to the Orient is another thing that will not soon be forgotten by the returned Victorian. The Japs were greeted enthusiastically, and during their stay treated to one continual series of entertainments and fetes, the Lord Mayor on one occasion giving them a dinner, served in an elaborate manner. In this way the friendly sentiment existing between Great Britain and her allies was strikingly demonstrated.

Mr. Pemberton also announces that Canada's stock has risen away above Everyone, he says, seems to be talking of the prosperity of the Dominion of Canada. Agent-General Turner is kept busy issuing information on British ber of applications. The tide of emigranest. Mr. Pemberton says thousands intend settling in Canada within the next year. Everyone who wishes to go to a colony has Canada in mind. These include not only the laboring classes, but people of means ambitious to go in for agricultural pursuits on a large scale. The inflow has already started. Mr. Pember-This is shown by the fact that the C. P. R. have difficulty in handling the passenger traffic from the Northwest to Manitoba. Every day trains are split up into several sections, and when Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton left for Victoria they were on one of seven separate trains which left the same day bound over the No more convincing argument, in Mr. Pemberton's opinion, could be advanced in support of the contention that Canada is advancing by leaps and

On the way to England the Victorians booked passage by the new Cunard line steamer Carmania. It was the second trip of that vessel, which is one of the turbine fleet, and Mr. Pemberton praises it in unqualified terms. He says the Carmania is a wonderful ship. When she is under way, even if the sea is comparatively rough, there is absolutely no vibration. It would be difficult to realize that

it was travelling at a high rate of speed. Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton enjoyed their trip immensely. They noticed a marked improvement in the appearance of London, the new highways being very creditable. They also had the pleasure of meeting many former Victorians.

#### PERSONAL.

Wm, Hunter, the well known mining man, left Tuesday on the Camosun en route to Bulkley Valley. He will visit his pany with a mining expert from Chicago. J. R. Potter, clerk of construction at the Empress hotel, arrived in the city on Francisco ..... Sunday night with his bride. They are registered at the King Edward.

Lieut, the Hon. F. R. E. Hood and Mrs Hood will make the Balmoral their headquarters until they leave for England.

At the annual meeting of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Com pany in London on Wednesday the chairan announced that the catastrophe at San Francisco had swept away half the fund which a week ago stood at \$10,788,675. He counselled the shareholders to accept the situation with calmness.

#### MOOSE JAW'S ASSESSMENT.

Moose Jaw, Sask., April 26 .-- Moos Jaw's assessment this year totals \$4,100,-000. This is an increase of \$1,250,000 over last year.

After being closed for a week. Oak-Wednesday in accordance with directions money being deposited than withdrawn.

At Peterboro, Ont., on Tuesday, Patrick McAuliffe, of Emily township, was found endation to mercy. McAuliffe was charged with striking Fred. Hudson, pro- | tee would be appointed to-day." prietor of the Royal hotel, a blow on the head which resulted in the latter's death ten days later. The assault was made in the Royal hotel on Thursday, June 1st, 1904, and was the result of a quarrel.

-The report of the department of mines for 1905 is in the press and will be issued | Canadian West. He was first stationed siderably earlier than previous issues, and | Fort Erie in the Fenian raid of '66. He work on the part of the provincial min-

FIRE AT KELOWNA.

IN GREAT BRITAIN Sawmill Destroyed and There Is Danger of Flames Spreading to Town.

Kelowna, B. C., April 26.-Kelowna night. The loss is about \$17,000, insurance

The night watchman had a narrow escape from being burned to death. If the wind starts up now from the north it might yet endanger the town. A lot of glass was destroyed in business blocks from the explosions of dynamite used in blowing up the dry kiln and lum-

# DOMINIEN AID TO ARCTIC EXPLORER

**GOVERNMENT GRANTS** A THOUSAND DOLLARS

Schooner Will Be Christened on Monday by Mrs Nanton, Daughter of Sir Henri Joly.

Capt. Mikkelsen, the Arctic explorer expects to have everything in shape for a start for the north about the middle of May. A very acceptable grant of \$1,000 to be devoted to the enterprise was received by him yesterday from the Dominion government. tent. They are criticised, it seems, prin- While there has been a generous response to his appeal for the funds necessary to carry out what is essentially a scientific expedition, there yet remains, he says, a deficiency which short time ago for the purpose of taking he is in the hopes of having made up before the time for leaving arrives.

The Duchess of Bedford, who has been a ready helper from time to time in this enterprise which Capt. Mikkelsen has planned, has had her donation's supplemented by those of the Royal Geographical Society, by other private individuals, and now the Dominion government has made a grant. There is still required for the work, the organizer says, about \$1,000.

His Honor the Lieut .- Governor has taken a deep interest in the expedition, and has been ready in extending courtesies to Capt. Mikkelsen since he ar-Columbia, while other representatives of rived here. It is likely, therefore, that this colony are receiving an equal num- the christening of the schooner, which is to carry the explorers north, will be tion has turned in this direction in ear- by Mrs. Nanton, daughter of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere. This interesting event will, it is now expected, place on Monday. The schooner, as has been before mentioned, will be called the Duchess of Bedford in honor of the services which have been rendered by this distinguished lady.

The crew of the schooner has been practically completed. Capt. Mikkelsen still requires a navigating officer, but is at present making a careful se lection for this important position. The scientific party, as previously alluded to, has all been provided for, and experienced and tried men have been selected to make the trip. In this connection it is worthy of note that the officers of the British navy were not lacking in the desire to have a part undertaken. Application was made by two from the naval vessels at Esquimalt to go on the trip. One was from the Egeria and another from the Shearwater. Both these young officers applied for leave of absence to the proper authorities. The request for this the advantages of the company of these

#### AMERICANS REMOVE DUTY ON LUMBER

Vancouver. April 26.-A telegram to a local sawmill to-day, which is obsolutely authentic, says it has been de- abiding man and woman in Calicided at Washington, D. C., to remove copper claims in that vicinity in com- the duty on Canadian lumber entering tains between Oregon and California the Un tes in view of the San Mr. Harrison felt the only earthquake at the machine shops at Protection, the

FIRE INSURANICE RATES.

General Advance Will Be Made in Cities in United States.

Chicago, April 26.-The Tribune says: There will be a general advance in fire insurance rates in cities of the United States in the near future to enable companies to recoup in a measure their San Francisco losses. A meeting their San Francisco losses. A meeting their San Francisco losses. of all western managers was held in Chicago yesterday to discuss the situation. The governing committee of the Wing At 218 Yates street, on April Western Union, the large executive 22nd, the wife of John Ewing, of a son. body of the west, decided that in the face of the present conditions, an advance must be made. Eastern officials have advised their western men to prepare for the increase and the meeting approved the plan. Officials meeting in and's eleven banks resumed business on the east decided that the advance should go into effect simultaneously all from the commissioner. The day's ousi- over the country. To that end they ness was decidedly encouraging, more asked the Western Union to send a committee of five to New York to attend a general meeting to determine the nature and plan of action with a similar committee from the guilty of manslaughter with a recom- President J. W. Cofran, of the Western Union, said that the western commit-

### MAJOR STREET DEAD.

Winnipeg, April 26 .- Major Street, who ame to the West in the first Riel ex- JOSLYN-At Nelson, on April 13th, R. G. pedition, died this morning. He had been canadian West. He was first stationed CAMERON—At Vancouver, on April 23rd, A. W. Cameron, aged 62 years. in about a fortnight. This will be considerably earlier than previous issues, and Fort Erie in the Fenian raid of '86. He

NORRIS—At Vancouver, on April 22nd, Owen Norris, jr., aged 30 years. has entailed a large amount of extra held a commission in Her Majesty's 16th foot, Bedfordshire regiment, for many chapters, stationed at Gibraltar.

Mrs. R. Strain, aged 55 years, 17th, Joseph H. Chapman, aged 55 years. I years, stationed at Gibraltar.

TRAINS LEAVING

OAKLND REGULARLY

sawmill was totally destroyed by fire last Sc Says C. A. Harrison Proprietor of the Driard Hotel Who Has Returned From South-

> (From Tursday's Daily.) regularly and with greater frequency than under normal conditions. was the statement made to-day to a Times representative by C. A. Harrison, proprietor of the Driard hotel, who day from Los Angeles, where they went some time ago with the remains brother of the girl buried in the same ity three years ago.

but came north on a train on which fare had been paid for them. He made a detour from the direct route north, going down as far as Tracy, a divisional point, and in this way came in contact with many who were leaving the devasted city of San Francisco. It only the coast lines that have been effected by the earthquake, said Mr. Harrison. The Southern Pacific and Union Pacific roads are all right.

All trains leaving and entering Oak-Lake, Ogden, Denver and all western points arrive and depart at Oakland on schedule time with ample train service, perfect dining car and sleeping car service and plenty of food properly served on all dining cars.

The Coast line branch of the Southern Pacific, which starts from Third and Townsend streets, San Francisco, running through Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mayfield, Santa Clara, San Jose, Gilroy, Salinas and all towns on coast division is entirely out of commission, wing to the sinking of the tracks and bridges, and it will be some time before repairs can be made and travel resumed. Sacramento, Los Angeles, Fresno and Bakersfield were not damaged by the shock. Trains going from Sacravia the San Jouquin Valley route, Bakersfield and Mojave, they enter Los Angeles through the Sagus tunnel. Going East from Los Angeles via Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Salt Lake, Rock Island and all other roads, trains and few delays are reported to any

trains. Rafael, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Healds-Nearly every town on this line was affected by the quake.

Any idle man in California who trip. wants work can get it by going after it. The things most needed at Oakland and San Francisco are food, shoes and clothing for men and boys. squares and general carpenter tools, cook stoves, blankets, hats and caps, lumber, such as studding, flooring and lumber to put up quick, temporary buildings, large tents and cots. enterprise which is to be Articles for women and young babies of this city. She is built of yellow cedar, and for general hospital use are urgently required.

leave California," said Mr. Harrison. leave was not granted however, and and winter are no good anywhere, and Capt. Mikkelsen was obliged to forego are getting free railway fares and food converted into a screw steamer. by putting up a good talk to charitable people. This class will quickly accept invitations from new places, and become a nuisance in the towns and communities, which may get them. At least this is my view of the situation. General Funston and Chief Dinnan are most admirable way. They are being

> fornia. At a point just beyond the mounshock of his whole journeying. It was about 1 o'clock on Monday morning when a severe shock was felt, which badly alarmed a number of the pas- Free Press. sengers. One lady in a delicate state of health died as a result of the fright. The train was stopped, but so far as known no damage was done to the

THURMAN—At Nelson, on April 14th, the wife of W. A. Thurman, of a daughter.

SHORE—At Vancouver, on April 23rd, the wife of F. A. Shore, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

BROWN-BARRETT—At Vancouver, on April 24th, by Rev. Newton Powell, Edward Brown and Miss Maud Bar-SALSBURY-LAWSON-At Vancouver April 24th, F. T. Salsbury and Miss Bessie Lawson. FRANKS-MACKINNON-At Vancouver

on April 24th, William A. Franks and Miss Georgia MacKinnon. BROWN-WELDON-At Kamloops, of April 14th, by Rev. Akelhurst, J. I Brown and Miss Aizeela E. Weldon. GRIBBLE-STILLWELL—At the residence of the bride's mother, on the 18th instant, by the Rev. G. K. R. Adams, John E. Gribble to Ruth M., daughter of Mrs. E. A. Stillweil.

DIED.

CURRY-At Vancouver, on April 11th Mrs. W. Curry, aged 24 years. Joslyn, aged 25 years. STRAIN-At Vancouver, on April 23rd, Mrs. R. Strain, aged 30 years.

In entering the harbor on Tuesday Union Steamship Company's steamer Camosun touched a mud bank off the Brackman & Ker's wharf, and for upwards of a quarter of an hour was held fast. At the time there was extreme low water in the harbor, and the vessel was drawing 17 feet. In Trains are running out of Oakland rounding into the channel she had touched, but as she was barely creeping along she received no shock and sustained no damage. The steamer comes from Vancouver, where she arrived from northern British Columbia with his wife and son returned yester- ports on Sunday. She will leave for the north again to-night, carrying from Victoria 50 tons of general of their daughter, which were placed freight, including 25 tons of coke and in a grave alongside the body of a cargo for nearly all ports of call. These included Portland canal, where the steamer has been calling regularly Mr. Harrison was not in Oakland, since she inaugurated her northern service. The Camosun will have a travelled one hundred refugees whose large number of passengers from this city, including 30 Chinese and the following in the saloon: J. Club, D. Mc-Culloch, R. K. Liser, G. Mitchell, J. C. Butterfield, W. Newcomb, J. Alton, Mr. Shepster, F. Dockerilwill, G. Hill, H. Parker, J. Wilkinson and William Hunter.

WELL FITT D FOR THE WORK In a letter to Captain J. G. Cox, of this city, Captain Gibbs, marine surveyor for land on the Southern Pacific from the the San Francisco underwriters, who is north and south go in on what is called | now superintending the salvage operathe San Jouquin Valley branch, via tions on the steamer Mariechen in north-Tracy, Lathrop and Stockton. This ern waters, states that the work is being cludes trains to and from Los delayed by unfavorable weather. For Angeles. Trains via the Central and twenty days, he says, a southeasterly Union Pacific roads for Nevada, Salt | wind blew, rendering all operations extremely difficult. The captain speaks very highly of the Salvor for such work as that in which she is employed. It had been thought by many in Victoria that a nuch smaller vessel, after the type of a tugboat, might better answer the purpose, but Captain Gibbs says that the Salvor with her roomy deck, her air and power plants, and generally her very complete outfit, make her specially adapted for the work. In fact a steamer much smaller than the Salvor would be of little service for the salving of the Mariechen

#### SALMON ARE RUNNING.

Spring salmon are being caught in the Naas river. This was the principal news others. Suffice it to say that each brought from the North by the steamer earned a share of the applause and Tees, which arrived on Wednesday. The mento, Oakland and Los Angeles are fish are the forerunners of the season's also being run on schedule time. Going run. It is claimed that the salmon always come from the North, and for this which is via Track, Stockton, Fresno, reason they make their appearance in the northern streams some weeks before they are caught in local waters.

The Tees had fourteen passengers or the southbound trip, four of whom came to Victoria. At the Skeena a great many are on schedule time. No accidents were awaiting the steamer Mount Royal's arrival to go up the river and a full cargo was to be shipped by the vessel to the The California & Northwestern rail- head of that stream. It was on Saturday way runs north from Teburon via San last that those on the Tees learned of the earthquake with its awful effects, the burg, Hopland, Ukiah and on to Wil- news having been contained in papers passed to the ship by the officers of the steamer Cottage City on her northward

THE DUNSMUIR SOLD. A dispatch from New Westminste says: The steamer Dunsmuir, so well Clothing for women, children and known on the Fraser river and nearby babies, also baby foods, condensed Coast points, has been purchased by Hermilk, practical medicines, as well as bert Gilley, who intends to convert her coal, hammers, nails, saws, axes, into a tow boat. Though originally built, in 1883, for Captain J. W. Rogers, the Dunsmuir at the time of her sale was jointly owned by Captain J. W. Rogers, Captain J. Rogers, Captain L. Rogers, Captain O. H. P. Rogers and T. L. Briggs. and having been examined before the "It is a mistake to invite people to her timbers were in excellent condition. She cost \$20,000 when she was built, and "Honest men and boys who are indus- the price realized now is a satisfactory trious should stay. The hobos and crooks who infest California summer one to both parties. When first launched in 1883 the Dunsmuir was a sidewheeler, but she was rebuilt in 1888 when she was

#### NEW FOG ALARM.

"The fog alarm at Protection Point was completed Wednesday. The bell is on the top of a square house about twenty feet Mrs. Lester, opened the second act with above high water. The house is on a pretty Spanish dance. They went "Mayor Schmitz, Governor Pardee, strong posts sunk into the ground with a through the exceedingly difficult step flooring weighed down by ballast to guard evel headed, practical men, who are against its being carried away during grace, and were given an enthusiastic handling the terrible situation in a rough weather. The bell is rung by an automatic clock, which on being wound ably assisted by every industrious law | will run for eight hours, ringing the bell every five seconds. The sound can be heard at a distance of two miles during foggy weather, when there is little if any wind. Keys to the house have been left Western Fuel Company kindly offering to see that their men wind the clock and set it in motion when needed."-Nanaimo

THE FIRST SAILING.

According to news received by the steamer Tees from ahe North Wednesday, the river steamer Pheasant has commenced service on the Skeena. She sailed before the Tees left for Victoria with all the freight and passengers she could carry. The sailing of this steamer for the head waters of the Skeena marks the departure of the first contingent destined for the Bulkley Valley and adjacent country. The number of people heading in his direction will, it is expected, be in excess of any that has ever before gone up the Skeena river.

THEMIS CHARTERED. been chartered by Mackenzie Brothers and will arrive at Vancouver about the first of next month. She will be operated on the Vancouver-Skagway run during the summer months.

The Themis is both a passenger and a half knots speed. She has been chartered by Mackenzie Brothers for six months, with the option of purchase. She is in first-class condition and immediately upon arrival will be put in commission on the northern run. She sailed from Kobe on April 10th and is coming across the Pacific in ballast.

OTTER'S ARRIVAL.

A shipment of 245 barrels of whale products was received from Sechart station on the steamer Otter Monday afternoon. The steamer had been as far as Mosquito harbor, where she landed a quantity of pipe and brick tion at that point. Only one sealer was sighted on the voyage.

# ARTISTS ENTERTAIN

AMETUER MINSTRELS PACK THE THEATRE

Last Night's Performance A Pronounced Success--Will Be Repeated Saturday Evening

(From Tursday's Daily.) "Crowded from pit to dome" is so hackneyed a phrase that it has gone somewhat out of vogue, yet it very aptly describes the conditions at the Victoria theatre last evening, the occasion being an amateur minstrel performance under the auspices of the tion. All available accommodation in any part of the house was occupied, and from the rise of the curtain in the first act to the finale the attention of every member of the immense audince was rivetted upon the stage. The setting, which accompanied the

pening scene was very creditable, especially so when the limited facilities at the disposal of the managers are considered. In every instance the costumes were appropriate, the ladies participating in the musical programme being elaborately gowned. The comedians, ladies and gentlemen, appeared in burnt cork. Their attire, from the standpoint of the negro of taste, was faultless and, what is more, there didn't seem to be one who felt at all out of place in the character impersonated. Master Wachtner and little Miss Lester, who occupied stools at the feet of Interlocutor Tyrwhitt Drake, added to the attractiveness of the pic-

In a minstrel show, whether professional or amateur, the centre of intrest is always the star end-men. It would be invidious to take one of last night's fun-provokers and set him or her, as the case might be, above the general appreciation. Those who manipulated the bones and tambouring and told comical stories with apt local applications were Messrs. Harry Earle, Beauchamp, Tye, Percy Richardson, H. A. Goward and Mesdames Lampman. Tye and George L. Courtney and Miss Newling.

'Minstrel King'' was the opening verture, then followed Hurly Burly (Harry Earle) in Rufus Rastus Johnon Brown, in which he demonstrated marked ability as a burnt cork artist.

The charm of Mr. Earle's work throughout the entire entertainment o have mastered the dialect and his tually in London removed to the pronaturalness. His efforts to be funny are not forced, and it is that fact which won the reception tendered him in his every selection. Percy Richardwas Mrs. Beauchamp Tye and Miss Newlings, after all, who made the most recalled repeatedly, while Miss Newl-Bride's trip to Saanich, over the Victoria & Sidney railway to attend a political meeting, was a feature well to the centre of the city, says the Lonworth mentioning. A topical ditty en- don Express. In Bond street land has titled "Fairy Tales," by the quartette | sold at the rate of £35 per square foot, Serena Oldings (Miss Newlings) Mr. sale was completed, it was found that Pretty Rich'un (Percy Richardson) and Miss L. Corkscrew (Mrs. Courtney) brought down the house. It was made up of a series of local hits, put together in a swinging style, and sung to a catchy tune. Miss Burnett sang "Ma Curly-Headed Baby" in delightful style. After Master Roy Wachter's rendition of "Bright Eyes, Boodbye" the act concluded with Fred Richardson in "Polly McGilligen's Band."

Misses Sargison and Smith, pupils of with unerring precision, and marked encore. A tumbling exhibition was given by Messrs. L. Oliver. H. Petticrew and C. Hill. Then followed the Magpie quartette-Mrs. D. E. Campbell, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Miss Sehl and Miss Lugrin-whose rendering of "Annie Laurie" was especially acceptable. Hon. Mrs. Hood in the Goblin dance was particularly good, the effect of the chorus, composed of Misses Dolly Smith, Grace Cameron, Madge Innes, Ena Norton, Frances Briggs and Swenyd Richardson, pupils of Mrs. Simpson, being very pretty, and provoking much enthusiasm. The grand finale was preceded by the singing of the "Land of Hope and Glory," by Herbert Kent. It consisted of a chorus in which the familiar uniform of the Fifth Regiment figured very promin-

During the intermission Dr. Fagan made a brief address. He spoke of the objects of the fund to which the proceeds of the entertainment would be devoted. It would go towards the establishment of a sanitarium somewhere in British Columbia. He referred to the advantages of the institution, and drew attention to the fact The Norwegian steamer Themis has that there were facilities for the treatment of consumptives in the East, and almost everywhere else but in this province. It had been said that as it could be accomplished. This was not the world. cargo carrier, and is capable of ten and true, proper food and carefully regulatperative. There was now \$10,000 on hand for the proposed sanitarium. It he hoped the response would be generpresent, also the management of the thing.' theatre, the B. C. Electric Light Co., affair a signal financial success.

Afterwards Dr. Fagan announced Victoria theatre in aid of the destitute of San Francisco.

LOCAL NEWS

-A. J. Brewer Wednesday success fully passed his examination for mate's ertificate on foreign going ships.

-The employees of the provincial government here have subscribed about \$120 to the San Francisco relief fund, which sum is in the hands of Surveyor-General McKay. It will be handed over if a decision is arrived at that the authorities there are willing to accept further outside help.

-H. A. MacLean, deputy attorneygeneral, returned Wednesday from Vancouver, where he appeared on behalf of the province on the appeal of the Bank of Hamilton against last year's assessment of its business. L. G. McPhillips, K. C. and Oshorne Plunkett appeared for the bank. Judgment was reserved and is awaited with great interest. ----

-The Pacific Freighting Company, of this city, is negotiating with the Pacific Coast Gypsum Company, of Tacoma, for the carrying of 2,500 tons of gypsum rock monthly from the Chicagoff quarries in north to Tacoma. Victoria Anti-Tuberculosis Associa- If the contract is secured the barges will be towed south by the steamer Leelenaw, Capt. Meyers, which has been taking coal north and bringing oncentrates south.

----The provincial library has received. through the courtesy of Sir Edward Maunde Thompson, director and principal librarian of the British museum, the first five parts of the most important nulsmatic and historical work of recent years It is called "Medallic Illustrations of the History of Great Britain and Ireland," and contains steel plate engravings, both obverse and reverse, of all medals issued in the British Isles from earliest times to the present day.

-Word was received from Monterey California, Wednesday of the death o Mrs. Few. The deceased was a resident of this city, having resided at "Cherry- river district, east of the mountains a bank" for five years. She had been to receives a large amount of attention San Francisco to pay a visit, but had There is a drawback in regard to left just before the earthquake threw section, which is now, however, in that city into ruins. Death resulted from way to settlement. At the time an attack of scarlet fever. The late Mrs. passage of the Island Railway A Few was a widow. She was 35 years of 1884, a grant covering 3,500,000 acres age and leaves three children, one of Peace river valley was given the whom attends school in this city. A second is in Port Hope, and a third, the eld- the building of the road; but this est, was with her at the time of her has not, as yet, been selected. death.

VALUES OF LONDON LAND.

Competent Authorities Are of the Opinion That They Have Reached Their Limit.

London papers contain some interest ing statements concerning real estate values in the English capital. Compet ent authorities are of the opinion that London's land values have reached their limit. Every year sees more and more of the large manufactories which was the ease with which he appears have been occupying valuable land acvinces or to convenient points on the fringe of the metropolis. It is, indeed, predicted that at a time in the near fu ture London proper will be entirely a son also distinguished himself, but it city of offices. As to the present value of land in London, it is, and always has been, at its maximum around the decided hits. As Miss Nancy Neck-tie, Bank of England, where a freehold Mrs. Tye sang "He's Me Pal," and was site has sold at the rate of £3,250,000 per acre, or £75 per square foot. Yet ing's inimitable story of "Dick" Mc- there are no exceptionally big buildings anywhere in that vicinity.

High land values are not congned sing Mr. Hurly Burly, Miss or more than £1,500,000 per acre, and at Charing Cross plots fronting on Trafalgar Square have a sapital value of grain of 25 per cent, with a corresp £800,000 to £1,000,000 per acre. In the ing increase in the straw. Previous Strand plots of land have sold at prices periments with vegetables have, ranging from £12 to £20 per square foot. or from £500,000 to £870,000 per acre.

Rentals are a sure index to the value

of land, and in the Strand a rm of out-

a Cheapside bootmaker pays £1,200 a year for the ground floor shop and of the experiments. basement. The enormous increase in the value of London's land during the growing crops might certainly have last 30 years provides some almost effect of pushing on the growth of startling figures. During that period and vegetables," he said, "but I the rental value of land has increased see how it would liberate and p by £10,000,000 and the capital value by more nutriment to them, and that £250,000,000. The present value of the all, seems to me to be the chief co whole land in London is about £418,000,- ation. It is, perhaps, a new idea to 000. Thirty years ago it was about the current through the air. £168,000,000. The increase in value is therefore at the rate of 150 per cent. In the same period the rates have in- ripening strawberries by means creased in the same proportion-that is, from £4,000,000 to £10,000,000 per an- ed under the ground. num. A striking feature of this great increase in the value of land is that it of Alnwick wires fixed to posts is common to the whole metropolitan a way as to intercept the electric area. Districts where one might look produced by thunderstorms. last for greatly increased values have seen tremendous advances. In the later than it is in the south of English suburbs of London land values have while round about Aberdeen it shown similar remarkable increases still. Except in cases like these, I

during recent years. In a current magazine the words of growth of fruit in this manner. a New York millionare are quoted, who was giving advise to young men as to year growers do not do so well a the purchase of real estate. The millionaire contended that the ownership of some property by any young man was a sheet anchor, and he made the following instructive and practical re- to the growth of cereals, its cos flections:

"Young man, buy a piece of real estate on credit. Buy a piece of real estate somewhere-a lot, an old homestead that may come into the suburbs in 20 years, a run-down farm. Buy a big again as it is at present. No good piece if you can, but even if your credit isn't sufficient for a promising slice of the earth, buy one that isn't | work tolerably well?" was the repromising. Then go to work to pay for another authority on the subject and by the time you've cleared off cannot see how you can provide long as a consumptive was given the debt-provided it doesn't clear you factory substitute for the red rays plenty of fresh air it was all that off-you'll be a man fit to deal with

"Six months after you start, Tom ed and constant exercise being im- will come to you for a loan. They have is far better to take men to those got him into a tight place, and \$50 or of the earth where fruits can be \$100 will get him out-and you can bet was the intention to ask for subscriptions in the course of a few days, and you say, "Tom, old man, I'd like mighty at a safe distance from the earth, well to help you, but the fact is I've ous. He guaranteed that next year the got this here dang piece of real estate would climb up and put it out just institution would be in full operation. to pay for, and if the payments ain't Dr. Fagan thanked those who were met promptly I'll lose the whole

This is the plan by which the man nection with the Centennial Meth and others, who had assisted by con- who advocates it has become rich him- Sunday school will be held next tribution or otherwise in making the self. A business that brought him in a day. President Sipprell, of Colum comfortable income, the surplus of College, New Westminster, will which he invested in realty, has grown both morning and evening. Rev. Ler that the minstrel show would be re- up to millions. One rule he has al- Dakin and the pastor of the ch for the new sawmill in course of erec- peated on Saturday evening at the ways adhered to with blind persist- will deliver addresses in the aftern ence-never to forsake real estate for The collections of the day will be de another form of investment.

THE CENTRAL INTERIOR. Inquiries Being Received by Thousand -Resurvey of Part of Bulkley Valley.

When, in the fall of 1891, the late A L. Poudrier, who had conducted an ex ploratory survey of the then unknown central interior, returned to this with news that there was much g farming land available there, his port excited considerable incred But he was so persistent in his state ments that the next season, that 1892, he was commissioned to reand survey some of the most accer sible lands. This he did, and the plot ting of nine townships in the Bulk a valley, south of Moricetown, was the

But time, and probably the fire requirements of wandering Indian have obliterated or removed mos his stakes and a certain amount of fusion has been the result. Some ficulty was met with last year other surveyors endeavored to to his landmarks, and the coming would create further disturbance title if the conditions are not prope met. This has caused the provin government to take steps for a revey of the lands in question, and a others available for settlement in immediate vicinity.

J. H. Gray, C. E., of this city, he commissioned to take the in hand, and will go north early month. Under contract with the pr vincial authorities he will resurve old Poudrier lines, where decipher or run new ones, and clearly defin the limits of the different townships The rush into the central interior ummer will probably be phenom Within the past month the provi bureau of information has received answered over 1,000 communications garding the area in question. Inc have come from all directions and net largely by the recently issued b

tin. "New British Columbia." Not only is the inter-mountain the subject of inquiry, but the Peac minion government in con munications are being exchanged bet the federal and provincial authorities though titles will be safe in any they are anxious to have the bound settled. It is probable the coming s mer will see a joint survey, so that will be no trouble regarding lien lands small pieces taken up before such

This portion of the province is extre y fertile, and the rush from Edmor vestward will be continued here. In f strange to say, many inquiries rece at the information bureau came Edmonton and vicinity.

ARTIFICIAL SUNSHINE. Experiments In the Forcing of Crops B. Electricity.

Some curiosity has been aroused by periments on land in the neighborhood Evesham, where electricity is being to promote the growth of cereals. electricity, which is generated by namo driven by a three horse-power engine, is transformed to a high-tens current and discharged from suspended 16 feet above the earth poles placed 100 vards apart. The ductors being carefully insulated, current goes to earth through the which are growing under the wires. substitute for sunshine will, it is stated, been encouraging.

Dr. Augustus Voelcker, chemist to the Royal Agricultura ciety, in the course of conversation fitters pays a rent of £800 a year, while a Daily News representative, con himself frankly sceptical as to the

"This application of electricity twenty-five years ago Mr. W. A. Si Wallington, made the experimen electric current conveyed by wires

"I have also seen in the neighb thumberland the strawberry seas the practical value of increasing have to bear in mind that in a good prices are obtained in certain fa

"As for the application of ele militate against its practical use The hope that this country coul duce as much wheat as she co could hardly be realized. You have to grow wheat with an car not practical."

"Don't you think that Nature do sun. Plants developed under the tions you describe must be lacki some of their natural qualities. Su under natural conditions. Perhaps just as well that the sun has been wise some of these lovers of expe what would happen.'

-The anniversary services in voted to the Sunday school.

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may have made gr ing their business ing itself "Heir to toria's increase has of no other city. lines into conside the Island, this c itself the premier This has been felt stuffs, dry goods shipping supplies, supplies, farming other branches ha success. Victoria are happy in the business than eve has the local ma sales to outside nomenal increase. The causes for

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sonable price. A representative the wholesale dist every hand by prompt replies t labor of filling i and all united in conditions are a f

times to come. In grocery and following opinion: Hudson's Bay Co biggest spring sin of 1898. Local tr held its own, wh points has largel; central interior ments than usual owing to the nu into that territor and are sending Babine, Manson I Fort McLeod." R. P. Rithet & had a splendid tr Not only has loca but every part been the destin

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Simon Leiser & the Island and ir increased this y shipments to the ticularly noticeabl opening up o try, activity in n tion of sawmills other places. Th traps near the cit what. But the gr beginning to reach cone after the is needed to hold ting there now a do so. The Island ciable disadvanta trade and the inc there has been mo Wilson Bros .- " great expansion spring and shipme er than ever bei is on the increase,