INCREASED AID FOR AGRICULTURE

Hon. Martin Burrell Arranges for Greater Dominion Grants for Crop Competitions and Seed Fairs

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.-The fulfillment of pre-election promises is already being commenced by Hon. Martin Burrell, by means of steps to assist field crop competitions, seed fairs and provincial seed which are to receive increased aid. Hitherto the Dominion assistance was rendered by assistance in organizing and advertising competitions and fairs, securing and paying the expenses of expert judges and printing reports. Prize money had to be provided by agricultural societies through grants from the provinces. This worked well for some provinces, but badly for others. The government will put each province on the same footing on a basis of a refund of two thirds of the amount awarded in prizes under certain limitations. Organization work, selection and pay ment of judges, etc., will be left to the provincial departments of agricul-ture. The provinces will be able this year to earn in this way \$34,500, apportioned according to the areas under cultivation. The increase in the Dominion expenditure for seed improvement will be \$75,000 this year. The provinces spent nearly \$30,000 last year for seed fairs, field crop competitions and seed exhibitions, the Dominion contributing less than \$10,000. Under the proposed scheme the provinces will make no reduction in their expenditures. The amount of subvention must

exceed \$50 for each seed fair, \$50 for each kind of crop, and not more than \$150 for field crop competitions conducted by any one agricultural society and \$400 for provincial seed ehhibitions for 1912. The total for each province must not exceed \$1,000, unless more than 1,000,000 acres are under field crops, but \$1,000 may be given for each additional million acres. The amounts available will be: The Maritime provinces and British Columbia, \$1,000 each; Quebec \$5,000; Ontario \$10,000; Manitoba, \$5,800; Saskatchewan \$8,000; Alberta \$2,000.

Custom House Convenience

"We want the custom houses in Ottawa and other cities run along business lines," said Hon. Dr. Reid today, in reference to recent protests from the merchants against inconveniences suffer-ed because the local customs here would not transact business after 4 o'clock in

"While it has always been the rule that custom houses should close at 4 o'clock for the transactions of outside business said the minister, "I have found, after investigation, many bitter complaints made to me that in many instances persons arriving at the custom uses a few minutes before the clesng hour are unable to have their wants attended to because of the refusal of the clerks and officials to work a few minutes over the appointed hour for closing. I realized that this should not so, and I have given instructions to collectors that when a person arrived at the custom house in time to gain admission before closing time his business must be attended to, regardless of the time it may take. This, I believe, is the business principle of banks and other houses, and I want it applied to

SESSION FULL OF INTEREST

(Continued From Page One.)

erially epocnal event, as well as the fact that British Columbia was officially represented in London at the great cere monies of June last. The marked gratification experienced by British Co blans at the appointment of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught as Governor General of Canada will no doubt be emphasized, and the house in all probability asked to adopt a loyal address of welcome, at the same time compliment ing the retiring representative of His Majesty in this Dominion the Earl Grey, whose active interest in this western province has been a matter of the very greatest satisfaction to its people, upon the recent completion of his most successful term of office at Rideau hall.

The speech may also naturally be expected to contain suitable reference to unexampled prosperity and progress of the province during the past year, and the very gratifying expansi the revenues noted during the just completed twelvemonth. A further expres sion of satisfaction will be thoroughly in order in reference to the transfer of the Songhass Indian reserve to the pro vince and the very ample and suitable provision made for the removal of the Indians to another and infinitely more appropriate reserve for their future oc

Forestry Legislation

Reference may be expected in the speech also to the facts that the report of the taxation commission has recently been completed and will shortly be presented to the legislature: to the empletion of the important work of the revision and consolidation of the provincial statutes, and that as a resulof the investigations of the forestry commission of 1909-10 a department of forests is to be constituted by provincial legislation, and a bill presented dealing with the adequate conservation and administration of the vast timber wealth of British Columbia.

Some reference may also be looked for to the development that has taken place during the just past year at Stretheons, park, by the department of public works, in connection with which a sum will probably be asked for in the estimates for the further prosecu tion of the desirable development of this great provincial playground for the delight of the people of British Columbia and the attraction and entertainment of tourists from all parts of the world,

The visit of the Hon, Premier, the tterney-General, and the Minister of Public Lands to Ottawa, to discuss out standing provincial matters with the

federal authorities will no doubt obtain attention in the speech from the threne and some approuncement be made pre-liminary to the presentation of papers to the house having reference to negoti-ations conducted at the federal capital by the representatives of British Co imbia in their several conferences with Premier Borden and his colleagues. In this connection mention has already been made of the fact that the admin istration of waters in the railway held has been transferred by amicable arrangement to the water branch of the revincial lands department, and a bill to give effect to this most desirable outcome of the recent negotiations will probably be offered for corsideration

Growth in Public Works Mention may also be looked for in His Honor's speech of the marked growth of public works in sympathy with the settlement and growth of British Columbia, and of the fact that a contract has recently been let for the much needed enlargement of the provincial buildings, and that this work is now proceeding most satisfactorily.

Guring the course of the session

Measures for the further encourage ent of railway construction for the opening up of various sections of the province and the promotion of the de-selpment of their latent resources will ery probably be foreshadowed, and congratulatory reference made to progress that has been achieved with he preliminary work of university establishment, that the clearing of the site is now proceeding, and that a grant will be necessary to provide fo formal opening of fall term classes during 1913.

ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR

(Continued From Page One.) ments, \$40,000; Fraser and Thompso river wharves, \$30,000; harbors, rivers and bridges, general repairs and provements, \$15,000; Hardy Bay wharf, renewelas, \$1500; Harrison river improvements to pay the Brook-Scanlo Lumber company for outlay and to complete the work, \$8000; Hollyburn, North Vancouver, wharf for the north side of English bay, \$6000; Lasqueti bay, wharf, \$3500; Lockport. Charlotte Island, wharf, \$5000; Massett, Queen Charlotte Island, wharf, \$1200; Mill bay wharf, \$3500; Naas river, removal of rocks, \$2000; Needles wharf, \$7500; Okanagan river, protecting and improving navigable channel. \$7500. Prince Rupert quarantine wharf, \$60,-000; Sidney island repairs and renewals to wharf, \$3500; Stewart, head of Portland canal, wharf, \$8000; Upper Fraser river and tributaries, improvement of navigable channel, \$20,000; Upper Lillooet river, removal of obstructions, \$3000; William Head quarantine station improvements, \$10,000.

Telegraphs, etc.: Golden-Windermere line, \$800; Kamloops to Wallachin tel-ephone line, \$3,600; Okanagan Valley telephone system, \$4.750; telephone lin between Kuper and Thetis Islands and Chemainus, Vancouver Island, \$1,000; Vancouver island telegraphs \$5,500; telegraph lines generally, \$7,000.

Two new vessels for fisheries protection, British Columbia coast, \$275,000. Unnamed sum for improving the west coast trail, Vancouver island. To pro-vide for lighthouse and buoy steamer, Pacific coast, \$135,000.

The B. C provincial subsidy rises to \$713,780. Protection of timber on prairies and the railway belt, \$355,000; water power investigation on prairies and railway belt, \$110,000; Canadian nationa

Among the important general appropriations are: Public works, \$14,530,380; militia, \$8,334,450; subsidies to provnces, \$10,281,042; rallways and canals \$11,858,015; arts, agriculture and statis tics, \$1,945,500; immigration, \$1,215,250; mail subsidies, \$12,082,600; naval sev vice, \$3,091,500; ocean and river service \$1,265,400; lighthouse and coast service, \$2,770,300; fisheries, \$1,015,200; Indians \$1,013,362; Dominion lands and parks, \$2,446,109; post offices \$9,665,169 transcontinental railway \$25,000,000; Quebec bridge \$3,000,000.

HOUSE RESUMES ITS SITTING

(Continued From Page One.)

government would be to take over suc lines as would prove feeders and not nilkere. Hon. William Fugsley attacked Mr

Cochrane for this attitude. He was sorry the government intended to consider the greater facilities purely from a standpoint of revenue. Mr. Cochrane replied that the resolution stipulated that feeders must be profitable. Mr. Pugsley insisted that the government's attitude was one of limiting the acquisition of branch lines.

Premier Borden said Mr. Emmerson's resolution had been accepted by Mr. Cochrane in the very terms used by him. and the government was perfectly willing to accept Mr. Emmerson's resolution. Hon. Mr. Pelletier drew attention to the discrepancy between the attitude taken by Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Pugsley.

After the speech by Mr. Emmerso the resolution carried and the house adjourned at 5:30 o'clock.

FOLLOW TRAIL OF SUSPECTS

(Continued From Page One.) rest here for connection with the rob bery, and with whom he had traveled all over the country, eluding the officers since the robbery occurred.

Mrs. Mina Griffin, the woman wh was with Dean when he was arrested Saturday, has disappeared and is believed to be in San Diego.

San Francisco Street Orators

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 .- More han 2000 persons who gathered down town tonight to see street fighting between the police and men who had announced their intention of violatig the new ordinance prohibiting street speaking in the business section met disappointment when the city authorities drew in their horns and declined to arrest anybody. Many speeches were held, but the spice of the occasion had vanished and the crowd went home.

NEW BRUNSWICI HAS WILD STORM

Fiercest Known Since Great Saxby Gale of 1863-New Breakwater at Dipper Harbor Breaking Up

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 9.-Today's storm was by far the wildest this province has known since the great Saxby gale in 1863, and from all over the province reports are coming in of damage by wind and storm. At Point Lepreaux early today the gale was blowing from the southeast at the rate of 84 miles an hour, and after falling away during the day increased in velocity to 72 miles an hour. Tonight it was feared there would be a total destruction of the new breakwater at Dipper harbor, which broke away from adations and shifted out some distance. The sea was running high all day, and no attempt was made to examine the damaged structure, but it is said tonight that if the gale con tinues till morning all of it will be carried away. The breakwater was being constructed by an Ottawa contrac tor, and was nearly completed.

Storm on Lakes

SAULT STE MARIE, Jan. 9 .- The Soo is in the throes of a blizzard, and although the temperature is only five below zero, the northwest wind, accom panied by unprecedented snowstorms. has tied up all business, and those who venture on the streets do so at great risk All trains are blocked and the street car service is at a standstill. The ferry service is tied up and all traffic suspended. It is estimated that two feet of snow has fallen since midhigh last night. The storm is gradually grow ing worse, and the temperature is falling. It is reported that a man in the west end lost the sidewalk and wandering on the road was struck by a rig which was also lost, and killed. Other fatalities are likely to result, as a party of men left here this morning on foot for the lumber camps, and unless they reached shelter they cannot outlive the

Ontario Hydro-Electric

TORONTO Jan. 10 .- The Ontario gov ennment has decided not to place the nydro-electric system under a cabinet minister, as proposed, but to leave the conduct of the affairs in hands of a commission, as at present.

Naval Documents Stolen

KIEL, Germany, Jan. 8 .- A case con aining secret naval documents was broken open and robbed in the cabin of the first officer on the protected cruiser Stettin Saturday. Naval officers declare that the stolen documents did not comprise any important military information.

BERLIN, Jan. 8 .- The first real snow storm of the winter occurred yesterday and was general throughout the Empire The trees in South Germany had begun te show indications of budding.

SOLVES MYSTERY

of the neighboring woods and the drag-ging of the bottom of the bay failed to disclose any traces of the body.

The late Mrs. Bittancourt was nearly 86 years of age, and for some time prior to her disappearance was not in her usual state of health. It is probable that an inquest will be held.

C. P. R. AND NANAIMO

Board of Trade Discusses Report That Manoose Bay Will Become

Shipping Centre NANAIMO, Jan. 10 .-- The Nanaimo oard of trade met in general session last night, there being a large attendance, and a discussion of many matters of civic importance. A report was received from the harbor committee recommending that a wireless station be crected immediately on Nob Hill in this city in the interests of safeguarding shipping of the cast coast of the island. A petition was presented, and will be forwarded to the minister of public vorks at Ottawa. A motion approving of the same was adopted by the meeting. A clipping from the Pioneer News of Alberni regarding the opening of railway traffic to the west coast, which concluded by saying that Nanoose Bay would be the shipping centre for Vancouver island, was read to the meeting, the clipping causing considerable discussion. Ald, Shepherd was of opinion that Nanoose Bay was to be used as a shipping port for goods, and not for day to day.

passenger traffic, and the C. P. R. intended putting on another steamer, which would mean a double service between Nanaimo and Vancouver. Mayor Flanta remarked that he would like to see the C. P. R. have some interest in Nanaimo, that it might take a deeper concern in the welfare of the town. Otherwise he felt it would be better if some other company opened out com-munication between the island and the mainland. After appointing various committees the meeting adjourned.

The twelfth angual exhibition of the

Vanaimo Pouitry Society was opened to the public yesterday morning by Mayor Planta. It is from an exhibition standpoint the best in the history of the society. The entry list, some 700 is the largest on record. The outside entries, which include Victoria Vancouver, Wellington and Ladysmith, are unusually numerous and the quality of the birds is fully up to the high standard set by Nanaimo shows in the past. The judges have also expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the high order of the quality of birds shown, and judging of the feathered flock will com-

nence this morning. At four minutes past 11 last night nany residents of this city were startled by a disturbance which gave every indication of an earthquake. In many homes dishes rattled and buildings were shaken, the disturbance lasting for sev-

BOARD OF TRADE VOTES NEGATIVE

Vancouver's Voice is Against Admission of Wives and Families of Hindus—Talk with Commissioner

VANCOUVER, B.C. Jan. 9.—So far as the Vancouver board of trade is concerned the Hindus in Vancouver and British Columbia need not look for support in that quarter in their appeal for admission for their wives, That much was made clear, and very emphatically so, at the regular monthly meeting of the board this evening.

President McCandless reported the council of the board had held an interview with Mr. P. C. Blair, the Dominion government special commis er on the Hindu question, and had told him that the Vancouver board of trade was very much opposed to permitting the entry of Hindu women into this country. "If we give them an opening wedge at all there are enough Hindus in India to swamp the entire country. We cannot afford to let down the barriers that separate us now, and we can-not think of favoring the immigration of a race that can never assimilate with

Charles Tisdall, M.P.P., likewise nounced any idea of permitting Hindus to bring their wives into this country.

ORGANIZING PARTY TO SEEK TREASURE

Capt. Fred Rackett in Victoria in Con otion With Expedition to Go to Cocos Island in Bark

SOLVES MYSTERY

OF DISAPPEARANCE

Capt. Fred Hackett, who is organizing an expedition to leave Seattle shortly in the attendent millions rocess in the purise of the meath is landelide there. In buried to seek the meath is landelide there, is buried to he meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the meath is landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to seek the landelide there. In the landelide there is purised to the same that on this occasion he is seen the proposes for wash away a landelide there. In the proposes for wash away a landelide there is purised to the landelide there is purised to the same the proposes for wash away a landelide there is purised to the proposes for wash away a landelide there is purised to the proposes for wash away a landelide there is purised to the proposes for wash away a landelide there is purised to the proposes for wash away a landelide there is purised to the proposes for wash away a landelide there is the proposes for wash away a landelide there is the proposes for wash away a landelide there is the proposes for wash away a landelide there is the proposes for wash away a landelide there is the proposes for wash away a landelide there is the proposes for wash away as a landelide there is the proposes for wash away a

INQUIRY CONCERNING QUEEN CITY STRANDING

Capt. Gaudin, Commissioner of Wrecks Arranging for Court to Be Held on Thursday Mext

Arrangements are being made to begin the marine court of inquiry regarding the stranding of the steamer Queen City on Dunsmuir point, Alberni canal, on Thursday next. Capit. James Gaudin, commissioner of wreeks will head the court and Capt. C. Eddie, of Vancouver, who has sat as assessor on the several inquiries recently held will sit with him and a third assessor will be appointed. It is anticipated that a coasting master will be sought for the position, as it is considered desirable to have a local navigator acquainted with the coastwise trade on the court.

Fire in Hamilton

HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 6 .- Two stores on Barton street east were entirely gutted by fire as the result of an explosion of a lamp on the premises of George Faulkner. Several thousand dollars damage was done. Mrs. Joseph Herzog was overcome by smoke in one of the tenements above. Several other people had narrow escapes.

Sir Charles Tupper's Condition LONDON, Jan. 8 .- Sir Charles Tupper's condition is about the same. At his advanced age, when his rallying powers are impaired, his weak condi-

tion necessarily causes anxiety from

FOR MORE TRADE

Business Men of Vancouver Seek Construction of Tram Line Through Valley of Lower Fraser

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 9 .- That the urging of early construction of a Peace river railway, as well as a wider sphere of activity on the part of the Canadian Northern railway, will not be the only matters receiving special attention at the hands of the local members of the provincial legislature during the next session, was made clear by Charles Tisdall, M.P.P., at a meeting of the board of trade this evening hen he announced that he and his colleagues would also urge the construction of a tram line through the Fraser river valley. His remarks resulted in the passage of a resolution appointing a special committee to interview the officials of the Western Canada power company with a view of inducing them to operate a tram line along the north arm of the Fraser river for the purpose of bringing Vancouver in closer touch with the adjacent communities, and within the commercial and industrial scope of this city in that

CUTTER WRECKED

U. S. Vessel Guard Strikes Book in San Juan Group and Is Likely to Be Total Loss

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.-The U. S. evenue cutter Guard struck on rock at Charles island, in the San Juan group, today and it is believed she will be a total loss. The life-saving steamer Snohomish has gone to pick up the crew of the Guard.

The Guard, in command of Captain J. N. Woolford, was en route from Friday Harbor to Richardson, and was carried on the rock by the tide. She was held fast on the rock and a large hole was torn in her side. When the tide went out the little vessel turned over and is filling with the incoming tide. Capt. Woolford reports that his vessel will probably be a total loss, al-

though her machinery may be saved. The Guard was built at Port Townsend in 1896 and was used to patrol the lower sound. She was of 30 tons register, was 60 feet long, 10 feet beam and five feet draft.

Advices are received by wire from Prince Rupert that a strike has been declared among the bridge builders engaged at Skeena River crossing under tractors Foley, Welch and Stewart. No details as to the subject matter of disagreement are as yet available, but it is understood that the dispute is a revival of the old grievance over wages. The bridge is an extra-important one, being required complete at the earliest possible date in order to permit of the novement forward of construction sup-

PRISONERS THANK

possible for them the thanks they owe him for their escape. The testimonial is as follows:

"Major Mutter, Warden, Provincial Gaol, Sir,-We, the undersigned prisoners, at present confined in the provincial gaol, beg, through you, to convey to Mr. Mason, our heartfelt appreciation of the prompt action taken by him in rescuing us from the grave danger that threatened us during the late conflagration at the jail. We sincerely hope that this mark of appreciation will be brought to the attention of the proper authorities, no one being more cognizant of the fact of how, by his promptness, calmness and presence of mind under great difficulties and at his own personal risk, he rescued everyone of the prisoners and conveyed them to a place of safety. Also we would like to couple with this testimonial the name of our fellow prisoner, E. Weyleheimer, who as "head trusty," Chinese Immigration

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- Representative Humphrey of Washington introduced a bill today providing that Chines shall enter the United States only through Pacific coast ports. He said the government discriminated against American railroads in favor of the Canadian Pacific railroad by maintaining an immigrant station at Vancouver, B. C. The bill, Mr. Humphrey said, would abolish immigrant stations on the Canadian and Mexican borders, maintained ost exclusively for the examination

Democratic Convention

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- The Democrat national committee completed its work today with the selection of Baiimore as the convention city. June 25 was fixed as the date of the nationa gathering, when candidates for presid ent and vice-president will be elected. The Republican national convention is to be held in Chicago on June 18.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 9 .- Alfred Ewit, of

Vicar Ryan Dead DUBUQUE, Ia., Jan. 9.-Mgr. Roger Ryan, aged 79, vicar of the Catholic archdiocese of Dubuque, died here today from injuries received by falling on an icy pavement several weeks ago

Gretna, Man., has been appointed

Rhodes scholar for Manitoba.

Toronto Suffragettes

TORONTO, Jan. 9 .- A branch of the ilitant suffragettes is to be organized in Toronto by the seceders from the regular association, who think the present methods too tame, and a meeting has been called to choose officers.

Western Grain Blockade

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.-Hon. G. E. Foster, inister of trade and commerce, Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior, this morning discussed with a deputation of railway men means to re lieve the serious blockade which exists in the prairie provinces owing to the shortage of cars. Complaints have been pouring in on the government since early in December, and while representations have been made to the railways not much has been accomplished in the way of improving conditions. It is hoped that as a result of today's conference means may be devised of lifting the

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Rev. Clarence V. T. Bicheson in Court Acknowledges Himself Murderer of Avis Linnell

BOSTON, Jan. 9.-With the appear ance of a man who had abandoned all hope of life, Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson stood today at the bar of justice, declared his guilt of the premeditated murder of his former sweetheart. Miss Avis Linnell, and without a tremor, heard Judge Sanderson sentence him to death in the electric chair in the week beginning May 19. While displaying remarkable stoicism, the young Virginian appeared to those who crowded the little court room as if he were conducting his own funeral. Yet as he walked out of the court room there was a trace of the old time jauntiness that seemed to indicate that his fight was not yet finished.

To the half dozen questions Judge Sanderson put to Richeson, as to whether he realized the full nature and effect of his acknowledgment of guilt, he answered without the slightest emo-

tion always in the affirmative. Richeson's council said after the proceedings that an appeal for executive clemency would be made, and that every effort would be made to obtain life imprisonment instead of death as the punishment. Upon what ground the petition will be based has not been decided.

French Cabinet Troubles

PARIS, Jan. 9 .- M. Deseives, minis ter of foreign affairs in the cabinet of Premier Caillaux, resigned today in consequence of differences with the prem ier. It was rumored that minister of justice Cruppi had given up his port folio. This, however, is not confirmed.

VANCOUVER BURGLARS

Break Into London Pur Stores and Take Much Booty, Despite Lights and Watchman

VANCOUVER, Jan. 9 .- Entering an stablishment brilliantly lit up and charge of a watchman, burglars ransacked the London Fur stores, 763 Robertson street, this morning, making off with goods to the value of \$900. trance was gained through a window at the rear of the stores by an alley running past the rear of the Vancou er hotel.

SPORT OF GALE

U. S. Torpedo Boat Destroyer Terry Has Hard Time Weathering Storm

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 9.-Battered and crippled as the result of her severe experience at sea, the torpedo boat de stroyer Terry limped into port today with one engine working. A thrilling story of their battle with wind was told by her crew, every member which marvelled that he was alive to tell the tale.

For 48 hours the little craft was almost at the mercy of the seas. The wind blew a hurricane, washing clean the decks of the destroyer and carrying away not only every lifeboat, but heavy boxes containing tools, etc. which were fast to the decks.

For two days there was nothing cooked on board the vessel; the 82 members of the crew had to live on canned goods while working incessantly at the pumps. On Sunday night the Terry's steering gear was washed away, and it looked as though the end had come. By heroic effort this was repaired, and the destroyer's commander, Lleut.-Commander John C. Freemont, himself continued to keep little vessel's head to the storm and

kept her afloat. It was 4 o'clock this morning when the Terry met the auxilfary Prairie, which conveyed her into the roads. Commander Freemont upon arrival at Norfolk gave shore liberty to his crew, so that they might have a

A number of applications having been received by the provincial timber inspector for permits to cut wood on the government's lands at Point Grey these were duly referred to the minister, Hon. Mr. Ross, by whom a ruling has been made that on no account will the government permit the cutting of timber upon its lands on or adjacent to the site of the new British Columbia

n in

FROM ANTIPODES

Canadian-Australian Reached Port Yesterday Morning After Good Passage from Sydney

The steamer Zealandia, of the Candian-Australian line, Capt. J. D. 8 Phillips, reached the outer wharf yesterday from the Antipodes, making th third big liner at the docks. The Zealandia brought 95 passengers and about 1100 tons of general cargo, including 400 tons of hides, 260 tons of ran sugar, frozen meats, butter, pineapples, coffee, wool, timber, dates, etc. steamer had a comparatively good age. She left Sydney December Auckland December 22, Suva Dece 26, and Honolulu January 2. the more notable of the passenge Sir John Kirk, founder of the

School Unions, with headquarter

London, England, which has an a of 6000 volunteer workers and h

about 10,000 London children ever

week. Count de Cisneros, a Cuban, an his wife, who has been singing as mezzo-soprano of Madame. Melba grand opera company in Australia, and comes to take an engagement in Chicago, arirved from Sydney. Surgeon Major E. Poleck, of the German government service at Apia, Samoa, was a assenger en route to Berlin. Capt. . J. Logan, a Vancouver man, and wife who have been on a trip covering eight months in the South Seas and Australasia, returned to Vancouver. Mas ter Jack and Miss Heather Phillips children of the commander of the liner came from Sydney to make a round trip on the vessel. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ruffner, came from Auckland to turn to Victoria. The cargo landed here by the steamer was made up as follows: 50 crates meat, 50 bodies veal 150 crates mutton, 43 pieces timber 100 sides veal, 146 pairs legs muttor 15 crates rabbits, 200 boxes butter, 11 crates pineapples.

Visited South Seas

Capt. J. J. Logan, of Vancouver, and wife returned by the steamer Zealandie after spending eight months in the Antipodes, during which time they visited Australian and New Zealand centres and made trips to the New Hebrides and Tahiti. Capt. Logan said there had recently been several island tragedies, the majority of which were due to reprisals for previous wrongs to the natives by unscrupulous traders. The islanders do not distinguish be tween white men, and usually revenge revenge themselves upon the first that comes. The condominium, the joint rule of British and French in the New Hebrides, Cap. Logan said, is a distinct failure. The British residence enforce the laws, but the French officials do not. A great many of the French settlers are ex-convicts from the penal settlements of New Caledonia and the French officials find it policy not to enforce the laws. When one does so there is usually a petition sent to France for his recall.

W. G. Conley, editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, was a passenger to Honolulu, intending to return the following lowing day en route to Sydney on the Makura.

RATE DISCRIMINATION

Eastern People Pavored in Matter of Telegraph Tolls-Curious Arrangements as to Cables

OTTAWA, Jan. 10 .- That the Eastern people might well congratulate themselves on their telegraph rates as compared with those in force in the west, was brought out at today's session of the inquiry into telegraph tolls before the railway commission.

The Canadian Pacific company's telegraph tariff book occupied practically the whole afternoon's sitting. The question of additional words in messages came up, and it was shown that while the rate was 25 cents for 10 words and one cent for each additional word, in Ontario and sections east, it was 25 cents and two cents for each word over 10 in every other section of the Dominion. The night rate in Ontario and sections east is 25 cents for 25 words, while in sections west it is 25 cents for 10 words and one cent

extra for each additional word. The matter of cable messages was also taken up. A cable to England from anywhere east of the Manitoba boun dary, costs 25 cents per word, of which the Canadian Pacific railway gets four cents and the Commercial Cable company gets 21 cents. When one steps over the Manitoba boundary and sends messages, however, there is an additional charge of nine cents per word bringing the cost to 34 cents per word. Of this the C. P. R. gets nine cents and the Cable company 25 cents, although the latter performs exactly the same service as that for which in the first instance it charges only 21 cents. In Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia an additional rate of 12 cents is charged over Ontario rates. The inquiry will be continued to

BIG HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

(Continued From Page One.)

now in British Columbia investigating the proposed port development at various Pacific Coast ports, and other agents are also making similar investigations, the expectation being that a large number of steamship lines will come to Victoria and other North Pacific ports. Among those lines which have already indicated that they will send steamers to this port are the Harrison and Direct lines, the Maple Leaf line, Compagnie Transatlantique, Swedish-Johnson line, Hamburg-Amerika-in fact the majority of the world's larger shipping concerns, are looking to the trade to the Pacific via Panama canal.

Arrangemen Way to Time of Across P

When the pre the C. P. R. en the service b Hongkong it quicker servic the postal auth to this end. press of Asia with speed of which will allow to or from You instead of 12 1-ing built, and, oose line and er Princess Pa Greenock, in the mainland, son, whither a or Vancouver, tenders to mee Sound and tak gers, similarly Lawrence by th ers, which med Rimouski. The copy of short time ago postmaster-gen extending the a expired last Ap has just been government as

contract is cont sertion at the government of for the free tre trade commiss ferred from on other, with or children, and of their househ their families, respect, whether in, or other ac else, in a way inary passenge The yearly surate of \$225,00 continue until pany will conv veyed once in

ing the summ every four we season in each between Liverp The present very of the ma Liverpool and H Rimouski, and a or Halifax. Sin carrying mails. been an immens Canada, and the of the mails l 340 days. But formerly carried now placed mu Siberian railroa In view of the the necessity o of the transit is making, preprequirements of of Great Britain

is to be made MEDAL PRE

Seattle Men Gir

Studded Med

Capt. Charles toosh, of the Pug been presented w diamonds and an the steam school eight persons on bar during a he of the Columbia need the Columbia need the Atlenand bravery thrown the area of the area and bravery the columbia need to a nee clime, and they deed of the ma We are here to e gratitude of the Scattle to Capt. E for the last twent all of that time vessels plying Pu ocean. Many Instage in the saving lives have come association with of the risks taken men in their daily trative of the cothose who sail of the purpose of exhibit the gratit. Capt. Bailey and which he took his save others, his mirers have asked Permit me to say clation and gratither of that the elements off the "To me, persocialmed any mer that he only did duty not simply flag and to his she believed that quieted the sea ter to rescue the puil-fatted Waship." Capt. Bailey rep in Seattle, she it crew and it gives present with you, lieved was my ano one aboard the left the Washing who will not tak when he thinks tagilor."

LONGE Canadian India London-

TORONTO. boat is "flat" city. He cable "Oh, what a make!"

The last tim Irish Canadia