generally attendant on such sad occa-

FIRE LOSS WAS **EXCEPTIONAL**

WORK OF INCENDIARY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS

Report of Brigade Chief for 1908-Improved Equipment.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

As a result of the series of incendiary fires which took place in the city last summer the fire losses of the year were a successful year to come.

THOS. WATSON,
Chief of Fire Frigade. Watson's report, was \$171,265, of which \$120,000 was contributed by four fires of NAVIGATION ON THE the series which created so much anxiety.

Leaving these cases on the one side, the loss from ordinary fires was \$51,265 for 163

the great improvement in the equipment of the brigade. The chief's report to the fire wardens is as follows:

Gentlemen:—I beg herewith to submit annual report of the fire department for year 1908. The number of fires and alarms responded to during the year was one hundred and sixty-seven, as compared to one hundred and ninety-seven for the previous year. The loss for the year ag-gregated \$171,265, being the highest fire loss on record, due in a great measure tied up navigation of every kind on the to a series of incendiary fires. Fires in four instances have been attributed to water limit. Late arrivals from the upthis cause, from which the loss amount-

Burning rubbish False alarms ... Intoxication ... Grass Cupola Cigar stubs Wood pile Automobile Blacksmith forge Chemical explosion ... Charcoal stove as

two new stations are nearly ready for

The fire alarm equipment is being in stalled in a permanent central station and in order to complete this system an appropriation is required for rebuilding the outside lines. With the completion of the new stations a number of men will have to be added to the force, also more horses required to be purchased, as well as to replace some of those now in statics. service which are past the useful stage.
A great many of the old pieces of apparatus are much in need of repainting, the old wagons. As to the horses, it will be necessary to purchase at least eight new animals and dispose of six. By the time the high pressure plant is completed it will be advisable to arrange for a wag-en with a stationary turret pipe. In this connection the wagon previously in the James Bay station would answer the purpose admirably with some slight overhauling. There is on hand at the present time a set of tubes purchased for the stalled at an early date.

I feel more and more the absolute necessity of more rapid transportation of men to fires in the neighborhood of the done with present apparatus.

Protection for Eastern Section. One of the most important propositions

The corporation has valuable property in this locality, notably the fair buildings and the Old Men's Home. I believe, if some arrangement could be entered into whereby the Oak Bay municipality would contribute a reasonable of the contribute as th contribute a reasonable amount to equip domestic water supply the people in that suburb will be face to face with the in-stallation of hydrants and other methods of protection, and I feel that some sort arrangement as that I mention would be of mutual advantage.

The purchase at an early date of suf-

ficient hose to keep pace with augm apparatus is a matter requiring consi Present Apparatus.

Following is the list of apparatus,

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CYRUS H. BOWES

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equipment, etc.: Three steam fire engines, one ladder truck, four combinations, one ladder truck, four combinations of the state of the tion wagons, one Dougle sixty champion chemical, one hose wagon, one supply wagon, one chief's wagon, two hand reels at Oaklands, seventeen horses, forty-six fire alarm boxes, together with equipment and wire, sundry furniture, ropes, tackles and sundry equipment for apparatus, 6,000 feet of 23-inch fire hose. Also a large quantity of old material, such as condemned fire hose, old battery jars, copper, broken buggy, etc., which should be sold to get it out of the way. It is my intention to inaugurate at an early date, classes among the membership for the numbers of educating the de-

mestic supply and any other items of interest. This will, I think, be the means of making the men thoroughly posted in all the details of both plants, so that they will be able to use them intelligently when they are ready for use.

In conclusion, I beg to thank His Worship the Mayor and aldermen for past

SKEENA RIVER TIED UP

and Driven

Ashore.

Prince Rupert, Jan. 6.-The cold weathdown stream with the tide; On the Coast ties to the suit, zero weather has prevailed for some days and everything has frozen solid.

The tug Lottle N., while moored at her anchorage opposite Port Essington wharf, was caught by the ice floes on therefore the province had no power friday and driven ashore on the rocky to take away any part of the considerpoint above the town. A hole was stove ation which it received, Mr. McPhilin her side and she sank to the bottom.
At low tide part of her deck was above water, and the owners have hopes of sav-

The tug Topaz owned by the Georgetown Sawmill Company, was caught in Dominion creation the province did not the ice further up the river and driven lose all rights over the land in any land ashore, where she keeled over on her beam ends, but being built of iron she withstood the force of the ice and was floated off at high tide, successfully little

Additions to Equipment.

A noticeable improvement has been made during the year by the purchase of much needed equipment and the construction of the line.

Welch & Stewart, was sheeted with from any has made—regular trips to tide—as to a second crown grant taking water camps since the Hudson's Bay company's beats were taken, off—welch the company's beats were taken. tion of new stations, but which requires still further augmentation to keep pace with the rapid growth of the city. The slough near McLeod's camp on Thursday two new stations are nearly nearly the country of the city. The slough near McLeod's camp on Thursday two new stations are nearly nearly the country of the city. The slough near McLeod's camp on Thursday two new stations are nearly nearly the country of the city. The slough near McLeod's camp on Thursday the first, but Mr. McPhillips went to the extent of arguing that the crown, if it saw fit, could make a second grant the country of the city. The slough near McLeod's camp of the city of the city of the city of the city. trip battling with the running ice she reached Prince Rupert on Saturday and was hauled out on the new ways prepared for her at Hay's Creek, where she will Mr. McPhilips, sumpaine up held that remain for the balance of the winter:

FAST TRIP MADE

BY STEAMER TEES

Reported by Pas-

sengers

(From Thursday's Daily.)

After making an exceedingly fast nich should be in-ite. 6 o'clock with a number of passengers from the West Coast. The Tees started out a day late and made an extra long trip, having a special charter to go as ahead of time.

and Mrs. Bethune, who have been up to sechart looking at the Cinnabar property, but it is not known yet whether he will close the deal or not. From Alberni J. A. Duncan, and Messrs. Waterhouse, Paterson and Fritz came down, and Mrs. Oleson from Clayoquot. A. W. Neil, the Indian and maintain it, a station should be estab- agent at Alberni, made a trip from Port Renfrew for the purpose of settling some difficulty among the Indians at that point. H. C. Brewster, M. P. P.,

made the trip from Clayoquot to Alberni. News was brought by the passengers of the Tees of a new strike at the Sidney Inlet copper mine. The ore is said to be very rich and a large body is in sight. The Sidney Inlet mine is under lease to the Tyee Copper Company, and a good deal of ore is being taken out

by the company. Coming up the straits last night the Tees had rather a rough time, and the

-The Chinese board of trade at Vancouver is offering a reward for the apprehension of the murderers of Kung Bow and Jung Leon, who were killed in a brutal manner in a Winnipeg laundry on the evening of December 19th. This is an addition to a reward of \$2,000 offered by the Chinese residents of Winnipeg. Jung Leon was a prominent Chinese resident of Vancouver until a few months ago, and is well-known on the coast. The tragedy is the second double murder under similar circumstances in Winnipeg within little over a year, and the Chinese colony is naturally aroused.

-The final meeting of the present public parks board will be held on Friday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock. A full attendance of members is requested as the business of the past year will be wound up and a final report of work done under the supervision of the board will be presented and considered.

WARSHIPS AT PORT SAID.

Port Said, Jan. 7 .- The American battle- | confirmed. ships Georgia, New Jersey and Nebraska have arrived here. The Virginia and Louisiana have proceeded to Beyrut. abounds in Canada. It is particularly Svria. The battleships Rhode Island and Wisionsin and Kearsarge arrived this is not much injured by damp, or by acids,

FRENCH LINER CORSE ARRIVES ITS JUDGMENT

ARGUMENTS FINISHED IN STEAMER HAD VERY SETTLERS' RIGHTS CASE UNPLEASANT TRIP

ship for the purpose of educating the department in the principles of the high pressure system as well as the new dotto. Suit Not Received to Suit Not Recei of Alberta Wheat to United ognized. Kingdom From Coast.

> (From Thursday's Daily.) Argument was concluded in the supreme court before Justices Irving, Morrison and Clement yesterday after-Nanaimo Railway vs. Fiddick.

fendant-respondent, concluded his ar- as these waters, the larger ones go- Oregon are excepted. guments after luncheon. He contending direct to San Francisco from the
difference of the crown having once made.

Orient. The Corse is a new steamer, fires, which compares most favorably with a loss of \$91,400 for 196 fires in 1907. This showing is attributable in part to the great improvement in the equipment.

Two Tugs Are Caught in Ice ed that the crown, having once made a grant of these lands, was the only power which could set it aside, unless the result of the fall of snow continues. The Columbia great improvement in the equipment of the result of the fall of snow continues. The Columbia great improvement in the equipment of the result of the fall of snow continues. The Columbia great improvement in the equipment of the result of the fall of snow continues. The Columbia great improvement in the equipment of the result of the fall of snow continues.

> Mr. Justice Irving, in reply to a casucrown having taken the responsibility early on Christmas morning. The coffin about a foot of snow fallen in Portland and from six to eight inches altogether on levered and from six to eight inches altogether er of the past few days has completely of defending the cases which might tied up navigation of every kind on the arise by the passage of the Settlers' in Skeena river, both above and below tide- Rights Act-said he did not see how the crown could have any part in the per Skeena report 30 below zero and the case. The court must settle it, withriver frozen over and full of floating ice out reference to what might be called the favoritism of the crown for one on the lower reach, which drifts up and out reference to what might be called of the parties, as between the two parfairly large Christmas party.
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> The Corse carries no third class pas-

In reply to the point raised by A. P. Luxton, K. C., who was with Mr. Bodwell for the company, that the railway Mrs. Cotton and family and governess, was a Dominion corporation and that lips held that the company had been lied army left there after the boxer incorporated by the province and was troubles. The lieutenant is now on not in any sense a portion of the C. P. R.'s continental line. Putting a barge on from Vancouver to Nanaimo could not make it so. But even if it were a

and narrowly escaped being frozen in. of an area of crown lands which would bloated at high tide and after a rough wipe out the rights of a former grantee.

Mr. McPhilips, summing up, held that the act of 1904 was retroactive and covered the rights conveyed under the act of 1875, and that the Esquimalt & Na-naimo railway never had any rights had been given.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for the com costs he considered the crown as it would pay costs if it lost, was not entitled to any where it won. Judgment was reserved by the full

WAGES REDUCED.

Quit Work at Prince Rupert.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Prince Rupert, Jan. 6 .- Owing to a eduction in wages paid by the G. T. outside stations, and beg to recommend far as Nootka with some timber cruis- P. the work of surveying the townsite ers for the Hillis Bros. In spite of this has been brought to a standstill Tranthe purchase of some sort of motor appliance capable of placing men at outside the weather was so fine that she has fires more expeditiously than can be been able to get back a day or two men \$45 per month with board. Two out calling at quarantine and had to The wind is blowing a gale from the weeks ago notice was sent out by the Among the passengers down were Mr. officials of the company that the wages of the firm of Greer, Courtney would be cut to \$75 for transitmen and Skene, finally straightened out all the gale and cold. Vessels are coming with to sechart looking at the Cinnabar property of Capt. Anderson. Mr. Beproperty of Capt. Mr. Bepropert the condition existing in the eastern section of the city and its suburbs, the Oak thune has some idea of buying the quit work with the exception of half a

kept on at the old rate of pay. Considerable dissatisfaction is felt, tion of the agreement made between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the prothe townsite; and they also maintain that the former rate is the current wage paid for this class of work in the Liverpool. district.

BOATS SUNK BY ICE. IN FRASER RIVER

Steamers Favorite and Snohomah Both Cut in Two.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Captain Parsons, of the steamer Trader, which arrived from the Fraser. River last evening, brought word of the sinking of two steamers in the river, both having been cut through by the ice which has formed on the river. The Snohomah sank in Canoe Pass. This boat is the property of Brewster's cannery at Ladners. The other was the stern wheeler Favorite. which sank in the river further up. The Trader went as far as Woodward's slough, but as the captain found some ice there he turned back and tried to get to Ladners. There also he was stopped by ice so went to Port Guichon and landed a small part of the cargo, bringing the rest back. The Trader had to cut her way through a few yards of ice with the result that the planking of the boat is badly scored. A rumor is current that the towboat Fearless has been sunk in a similar manner to the others, but it is not

Nickel is found in many countries, but

COLD SPELL IS TO CONTINUE

SEVERAL DAYS MORE OF SEVERE WEATHER

Blizzards Prevail Throughout Pacific Northwest-lce in Columbia River.

Portland, Ogn., Jan. 7 .- The greater Steamer Corse, one of the large vessels of the Chargeurs Reunis line, part of the Pacific Northwest is to conmade her first and last call at Vic- tinue in the grip of the present cold toria last evening, bringing 127 tons spell for several days to come, accordnoon in the case of the Esquimalt & of freight for this port. It has been ing to District Forecaster E. A. Beals, arranged that in future only the of the weather bureau, Extreme north-L. G. McPhillips, K. C., for the de- smaller vessels shall come as far north western Washington and southwestern

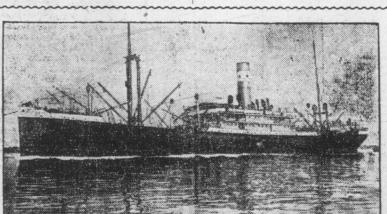
a sister to the Malte, Ceylan and Sound country and in the northwestern three days good weather on the voy- lecks, and large cakes of ice are run-Christmas Day was rendered a sad ning as far down the stream as Kaone on the ship. The cook, Louis lama. River navigation is at a stand-colleague, E. E. Wootton, representing Kaestla, a Frenchman, died on Christ-still above the mouth of the Willamthe crown as well as the settler - the mas eve and his funeral took place ette river. Up to noon to-day there was

into the sea with all the ceremony on lower Puget Sound. In the Willamette valley four inches Christmas dinner was served in old northwestern Washington a foot of

time style and a special souvenir pas- snow has fallen since yesterday. Although trains are running somesenger list printed and distributed on what behind their schedules, no serious the occasion, the sixteen passengers and a dozen of the officers making a delays have been experienced. In this city the street system has discontinued service, and business is seriously interfered with

sengers. In the saloon were Mr. and Temperatures this morning ranged from four below to four above east of on their way to San Francisco, and the Cascades, and stood about 16 above Lieutenant Marechel, just retired from west of the mountains. Along the coast the French force still in the neighborhood of Pekin, the remnant of the al-

Zero Weather in Bellingham. Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 7 .- With the



The Steamship Corse, of the Chargeur's-Reunis Line, Which Made Her Firs Call Here Last Evening.

over the lands on which a pre-emption his way home. The most notable of mercury hovering around the zero dot Saint and in this connection I would recommend that a contract be let at an early
date for the painting of at least six of

Ore Strike at Sidney inlet Mine

around the world in the liner in company with his wife and Mrs. Bouquet.

M. Rondet Saint is the editor of the

Sumas on the border twenty miles unreserved lands. On the question of M. Rondet Saint is the editor of the Sumas on the border twenty miles Paris paper L'Edaire, and holds a northeast of here, ten below was re-number of important offices in his own corded last night. At Anacortes, fifbooks of travel, is a native of Argen-dismissed and lumber and shingle mills tine, but at present on his way from have been compelled to close down. Yokohama to San Francisco gathering John Davis was frozen to death in material for his books. Mrs. D. D. his cabin at Noons, eight miles north Fuller, in company with W. A. Pown- of this city, last night. He was 68 trip to and from Nootka the steamer Number of Transitmen and Chainmen ing, is on her way home from a visit, years old and had been ill.

> the customs regulations of the country knowledge of the England language, it reduced to nil. Water inspectors have took a long time to clear the vessel, enjoined consumers to enforce regulaher papers not being in very good or- tions to shut water off from the thouder. She came into the roads with sands of residences. ver, leaving just before midnight. At dozen, who, it is reported, have been that port she will unload a quantity of freight much of which is iron and will then load up with Alberta wheat, made to the United Kingdom from having made a special rate of 45 cents change. per hundred weight from Calgary to

Canier, who is a new comer to Vic- ence so far. toria, has had a lot of distinguished

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was probably M. Ron- mark Bellingham and Northwest Who is making the trip Washington is shivering in the worst Castillo, a writer of teen miles south, the schools have been

Bellingham is without fire protection The officers, not being informed as to Thousands of water taps have been allowed to run, to prevent freezing and only an imperfect the pressure on the fire mains has been

return. Her agent, George Courtney, southeast but there has been but lit-& tle snow. Shipping is hampered by the

Conditions in Seattle. Seattle, Wn., Jan. 7 .- Seattle is exyears. The temperature shortly after 5 the men claiming the move is a viola- taking the first shipment that has been o'clock this morning was 15 degrees above zero. About two and one-half Vancouver. Five thousand sacks con- inches of snow has fallen, and it is vincial government, who are paying taining ten thousand bushels are being one-fourth of the expense of surveying shipped by that route, the C. P. R. reports no indication of immediate

Street car traffic has not been delayed, but a force of 100 extra men busy keeping the switches and tracks -In the window of T. N. Hibben & clear. Several rooms in the Salmon Bay Co. on Government street, is exhibited school, Ballard, were closed to-day fine oil painting of Noah Shakes- owing to the inability to keep them peare, the postmaster. It is the work heated. Fuel is plentiful and the cold f J. Canier, 2873 Douglas street. Mr. snap has occasioned small inconveni-

A special to the Times from Portland persons sit for portraits in England says: While no actual ice jams have before coming here. Among them formed yet, the Columbia is full of were The Earl of Halsbury (late Lord floating cakes, which are ten to fifteen Chancellor of England), the Hon. S. feet across at Vancouver, Washington, M. Rice Trevor, Sir Alexander Camp- and bigger than that at Stevenson, bell, Bart.; Sir Duncan Campbell, where they are one to two feet thick.
Eart.; Sir Frederick Howard and son, The Vancouver-Portland ferry is frozen three of the Mayors of Bedford, for in and ice is forming in hollows along the council chamber, besides many the Columbia. At Washougal, Washclergymen, doctors, ladies and chil- ington, the river is frozen fifty feet from the shore. At Stevenson the storm is terrific this afternoon.

Seven Inches of Snow in Tacoma. Tacoma, Wn., Jan. 7.-Seven inches of snow is reported by the local weather bureau as having fallen up to 5 o'clock this morning from the time it began at 4 o'colck yesterday morning. The mercury was 17 degrees above zero this morning, holding about that temperature through the night. It began now again about 10 o'clock to-day. The wind is in the north.

ASPHYXIATED BY COAL GAS.

Vancouver, Jan. 6 .- The first coal gas oisoning case of the winter occurred early to-day, resulting in the asphyxiation of Shoara Iwshima, a Japanese residing on Sixth avenue west, and may result in the death of his wife, who is now in a critical condition in the general hospital. Last night the usband piled an extra amount of coal n the stove which was so left as to permit the deadly fumes to escape. He was found dead in bed this morning,



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not even sit up. I consulted several doctors, but they said nothing could be done for me. Then I started taking PSYCHINE and it has certainly done wonders. I am now as strong as I was before my sickness, and can truly say that PSYCHINE saved my life." Such testimony as this is convincing.

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ARMY OF GHO

Forty Thousar Unburied,

Public ouried victims of warded with the Yesterday at noo food locked in th was taken out stored. He had l of a straight jacke

bris and was una of his wife and Saturday a marri moved from a n live but a few h ment had lasted. On Saturday ni accompanied by causing a numi in the ruined cit; terror among the the people in M under tents and these were destr blinding rain. landing quays in away, carrying horses.

Two soldiers r near Giarre, wher cpened. It was feet wide and 65 been styled by the of Hell." The disinfectin

gressing rapidly, connected by fer established and be transported al Calabrian coasts inland villages. The survivors will meet on Jan ficials to replace Salinas has succ the ruins of the valuable painting mous triptych, by General Mazza. Premier yesterda: covery of valuab ruins was progre

Almost \$3,000,000 uables, besides t safes of the vari ready been reco of the city.
The American stores from the re being distributed. yesterday by a cr

General Mazza, command here, Griscom warmly day, suggesting, tically without an urgent need for t was along the co at Catania and S has proceeded to The American here on Saturday urday night. Adr before leaving was of Mrs. A. J. Ogst ish consul, acros English cemetery

> Rome, Jan. 11.-publishes an inte Gen. Mazza, dea the looting of the general is quoted 'What especial the succession of day of the disast tive and foreign poured into the searching among to despoil or tre off to remove r signs of robbery ered in half-ruin thieves penetrate general disorder.

'The other hig

Ghouls

ants, who wanted with evident mo against three one seriously. state of siege, wh tain vigorously. have distributed to hundreds of theft. All the se regime will be in in whose possess of value, or mo can give no sati "In order to c inals my progra one to enter th whose interests necessary, and escort of sailors against any harr

"The city will as possible of i the vagabonds w of the authorities be ejected, while suade the inhabi villages, or to of the town. "Above all it the danger of 060 corpses, whi under the debris, He health. The

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ber of bodies (Continu