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The Pioneers Entertain

early days and suffered the hardships and privations incidental to pioneer life were a superior body of men is amply proven by acquaintance with the survivors, who to-day see the great West undergoing the process of rapid development. All men of unblemished reputation, stern integrity and indomitable pluck, the British Columbia pioneers have won the respect of all with whom they have been brought in contact. The annual dinners of the Pioneer Society are always well attended, but annue have been more successful than

none have been more successful than the twenty-ninth annual banquet at the Dominion hotel last evening. The attendance was large, the dinner excellent, the speeches good and the music all that could be desired.

r Jones, of the Dominion, was Proprietor Jones, of the Dominion, was the subject of warm congratulation during the evening for the excellent menu provided and the generally successful manner in which his duties as caterer had been performed. The banquetting hall was tastefully decorated with bunt-ing, potted plants, etc., and the table decked with a profusion of choice flowers. The menu was in every sense excellent and splendidly served.

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Among those present were the following: Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, U. S. Consul Hon. A. E. Smith, Premier Semlin, Mayor Redfern, G. N. Ablett, W. P. Allen, Capt. Bucknam, A. L. Belyea, Q.C., James W. Blane, John Butts, I. Braverman, Jas. Blackburn, J. Baker, J. Clearihule, Chas. W. D. Clifford, M.P.P., J. Christensen, E. Dickson, C. A. Gregg, G. L. Gerow, Col. F. B. Gregory, W. T. Hardaker, Richard Hall, M.P.P., Ald. Hayward, Ald. Humphrey, Charles Haltz, John B. Lovell, C. H. Lugrin, F. Gilchrist, James Muirhead, Ald. MacGregor, Dr. Milne, Neil McArthur, E. Metcalf, R. Mitchell, W. H. Pooley, E. Pearson, E. E. Wootton, A. Graham, Thomas Russell, Andrew A. Graham, Thomas Russell, Andrew Ruster, Gordon Smith, H. I. Shotbolt, J. Stuart Yates, H. R. Young, Andrew Tolmie, N. Shakespeare, Jas. J. Sargi-

M.P.P., occupied the chair. On his right were Lieutenant-Governor McIn-nes, Premier Semlin and Ald. Hayward

on his left, U. S. Consul Abraham B. Smith and Mayor Redfern. The mayor and aldermen who attended

The toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales and royal family were drunk with enthusiasm, after which came "The President of the United States," proposed in a neat speech by President Helmeken, who alluded to the very friendly relations which now exist be-tween the two countries. It was more than a mere sentimental friendship. We have it on the authority of a British statesman that it is an "iron-clad" friendship, (Applause.) He referred to friendship, (Applause.) He referred to the report a few days ago that an alli-ance had been formed between Great Britain, the United States and Ger-many. If this proved to be true the peace of the world would be assured. President Helmcken closed a very in-teresting speech by reciting a verse from one of Kipling's latest poems referring to the grandeur of an Anglo-Saxon al-ligence.

one of Kipling's latest poems retermine to the some magic in the name of William to the control of the control must have been pleased to note therein an allusion to the growing friendliness between the two countries, and also to the desirability of an early settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute. The United States has made great strides among the nations of the world in recent years, as witness recent interference by the United States in affairs in the Far East and the insistence of that country that the "open door" policy must prevail in China. Consul Smith alluded to the pioneers of America. They had secured the liberation of the slaves, and in this Western country the pioneers had blazed the way for capital industry and civilization. (Applause.)

Mr. J. R. Lovell in a neat speech then proposed the toast of "The Lieutenant Governor." He had known many of the lieutenant-governors of the province and they had all been pioneers, and he lieutenant-took they had all been pioneers, and he lieutenant-took they had all been pioneers, and he lieutenant-took they had all been pioneers and he lieutenant-took they control them.

Winners at Oakland.—Telegrams from Mr. F. Turner, who is in charge of the Victoria dogs among the competitors at the California Collie Club's big bench show now being held in Oakland, indicate that the representatives of this city are more than holding their own. Victoria has eight dogs entered, some eleven more fine animals having been sent down for sale. "Capital." owned by Mr. T. B. Macabe, superintendent of the Colonist's laken the highest honors of the show, being ranked in the open class. There are a number of other Victoria dogs among the competitors at the California Collie Club's big bench show now being held in Oakland, indicate that the representatives of this city are more than holding their own. Victoria dogs among the competitors at the California Collie Club's big bench show now being held in Oakland, indicate that the representatives of the California Collie Club's big bench show now being held in Oakland, indicate that the representative of the California Collie Club's big bench show

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on his way into Atlin he ha ducer. On his way into Atlin he had t some American gentlemen representing United States in the joint high comsision, among whom were Senators Fairnks and Foster. He was well received them, and they discussed very pleasanth atters of international importance, after a ds being protographed at the summinder the Union Jack and the Stars and the latter occasion he had

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"The days of old, The days of '49."

Last evening, in the spacious diningrom of the Dominion hotel, there assembled the remaining members located in Victoria of the galiant band of pioneers, who in the early days-before the sound of the iron horse had been heard in of the wenturesome traders who bartered with the Indian tribes.

Old Father Time is fast calling across the great divide the old pioneers, and many a familiar face was missing from dast might's festive board, where song amd jest and story enlivened the evening and indicated how in the olden days merry gatherings of a similar character broke the monotony of the miners' lives throughout the province And the early days and suffered the hardships and privations incidental to pioneer life were a superior body of men is amply proven by acquaintance with the sur

py responses, after which Mr. E. E. Wootton sang in excellent voice, "They all

love Jack."

Dr. G. L. Milne, in a neat speech, pro Dr. G. L. Milne, in a near specch, proposed the toast of the "Senate, the Commons and Legislature," defining the power and bounting out the difference bear hody and pointing out the difference bear and pointing out the difference bea of each body and pointing out the culties of legislating for a province of sucl a great area as British Columbia and spars a great area as British Columbia and sparse population. He regretted that Col. Prior, being slightly indisposed, had been compelled to retire early in the evening. Premier Semlin replied, recalling many reminiscences of pioneer days, being himself among the number who had early sought fortune in the wilds of the great West

other toasts, to all of which suitable replies were made, were as follows, and the gathering broke up in the "wee sma' 'oors:

Navy, Army and Volunteers— Secretary

British Columbia Pioneers-J. Clearibu Major and Council—N. Shakespeare. Sister Societies—J. Robertson, ex-presi

Bench and Bar-Ald. Humphrey.

LOCAL NEWS.

Harbor Improvements. — A general meeting of the Sorby scheme investigating committee was held at the city hall yesterday, to which the engineering committee reported making arrangements for securing the requisite plant for proceeding with the test borings. After some discussion it was decided to complete the purchase of the plant at once.

vacant stores in the city, and many long-established firms are undertaking improvements in their premises of a sub

An Aldermanic Candidate.-In addi tion to the present members of the city council for the North ward, all of whom will seek re-election in January, it is quite probable that Mr. William Mar-chant will be a candidate for the suf-

Ance.

Applause greeted United States Consul Smith on rising. He thanked those present for the hearty manner in third.

DULL SEASON IN THE NORTH. Cottage City Brings Upwards of a Hun dred Passengers, but No Reports of Interest.

The P. C. Steamship Company's Cot tage City arrived from the North yes terday morning, with upwards of a hun dred passengers, none of whom, however, came from the interior, and good newsif it be so in all cases that "No news is good news." The trial of the five murder cases was still proceeding at Juneau when her course was shaped southward. I However Bird's case, having ward, J. Homer Bird's case having been given to the jury. It was prac-tically certain that a conviction would be recorded, chiefly on the evidence of Norma Strong, who accompanied the ac-cused North from New Orleans and wit-

nessed the triple killing.

Late arrivals in Skagway from Cape
Nome, via San Francisco, have informed a new creek, some 24 miles distant from Anvil, on which they claim to have secured as high as \$8 in trial pans; they kept the discovery quiet, and returned to Skagway to form a company to work the rich properties.

Col. Dinton, surveyor general for Alaska, was one of the many passangers.

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Salvationists' Revival.—A ten days' revival campaign opens at the Salvation Army barracks to night. Mr. Isaac Naylor, a well known English evangelist, and a very eloquent speaker, will conduct the services. It is expected that the meetings will be largely attended. Mr. and Mrs. Naylor are both beautiful singers.

Few Vacant Stores.—That Victoria has passed the dark and gloomy days of adversity and is an line with the rest of the province on the march to prosperity is shown by the demand for business premises. There are now few memorial stores in the stores in the stores in the stores in the many passengers and freight.

Col. Dinton, surveyor general for Alass. Col. Dinton, surveyor general for Alass and conventions between them should be, as they have been, made with that object in view. Russia must not, however, this for the received three suspect cases on the who have been, made with that object in view. Russia must not, however, the with set was decided to complete the many passengers and so received three suspect cases on the step have been, made with that object in view. Russia must not, however, the with set was advantage of this country's pacific intentions. What reason had she, for example, to take umbrage at the sale and purchase between Japanese of private ground at Masanpo Has she not openly to trade in Kopea? Of all the powers, Russia alone has done things tending to this country to trade in Kopea? Of all the powers, Russia passed the dark and gloomy days of adversity and is an line with the rest of adversity and is an line with the rest of the province on the march to processing. Unskilled workers are being made yet and a daynanced, while the camps will be largely attended. The grading of the rocky front of Lake Bennett is already well advanced, while the camps will be largely attended. Bennett is already w

ORIENTAL STEAMERS

Two New Vessels of the Northern Pacific Fleet Meet at Victoria.

Two of the specially chartered ships of the Northern Pacific Oriental fleet arwill seek re-election in the formal probable that Mr. William Marquities probable that Mr. William Marquities probable that Mr. William Mr the Northern Pacific Oriental fleet arrived at the ocean dock simultaneously yesterday—the incoming Energia, Capt. Chaplin, standing high as a house out of the water; and the outbound Breconshire, with more than 4,300 tons of cotton, flour, fish, etc., under decks, and lumber above to the level of the rail. The Energia brought no passengers; the Breconshire had an unusually noticeable list. To be more explicit and incident.

For Esquimalt

Hard Feeling.

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Two Oriental and One Northern Ship Arrive—Ship Corlolanus Loading.

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The impression that H. M. S. Arethus would replace her sister ship, the Amphilon, on the North Pacific steamship Energing hino, not he North P been confirmed by the receipt of news that she was duly commissioned at Chathat she was suly commissioned at Chathat she was a prisoner of the second class, of 4,300 tons and 5,000 N.D. indicated shore power. She is a sister ship to the Amphion, Leander and Phaeton, being, however, the only member of the quartette that is sheathed. Her new commander is Captain James Startin, while she officer list is as follows:

It will be recipt to the second dass, of 4,300 tons and 5,000 N.D. indicated shore minister, urging the resignation of the cabinet in a body, and justifying the c of the news that Russia data added tentorpedo boat destroyers to her Eastern squadron and Japan ordered work hastened on her new ironclades, a leading paper says; "Japan's long since announced policy in the East is, as everyone is aware, the extension of civilization and the maintenance of pages. She perfect concord again exists between Admiral Courrejolles and Marshal Sou, the imperial Chinese commissioner. The governor-general adds that the final act of delimitation of the Franco-Chinese elimitation of the Franco-Chinese oundary was signed on the 15th of No tion and the maintenance of peace. She has endeavored to preserve friendly rela-tions with all the powers, and particutions with all the powers, and particularly with Russia. It cannot, however, be denied that the latter nation has failed to reciprocate; that she has pursued a most selfish course, both in the Peninsula and other parts of the Orient, and that Japan has been over lenient in negotiations with her. This mild and gentle attitude on Japan's part has not escaped the notice of the powers. It has been observed how, by confining its king in her legation in Korea, Russia refused to recognize the independence of

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, of New York, after having been the recipient of the most graceful attentions and distinctions from the most eminent men and church dignitaries of Japan, has cut short his stay in that country, having determined to make an extended visit to the Philippings in the course of his the Philippines in the course of his round-the-world tour, visiting not only Manila, but penetrating, if possible, the heart of the islands. Bishop Potter eypected to reach Manila on December 1, refused to recognize the independence of that land; how, too, on the plea of pre-cerving the peace, she persuaded this and purposed remaining in the islands for at least a month, making a close serving the peace, she persuaded this country to give up to her the Laio Tung peninsula, which she still holds on to. study in the situation from all stand in regard to Russia's actions in Korea the Japanese government has been too feady to make allowances—to assume The danger from the plague in Kobe that they were the work of too zealous officials acting on their own responsibil

is believed to be past, thanks to the en-ergetic and intelligent preventive meas-ures adopted, and the willing assistance rendered by the people an their carrying out. No fresh cases had been reported during sir days when the Energia left, and it was announced that all the suspects were in good health. Yokohams

decisive and final step.

It is owing to the Masanpo affair that M. Pabloff, Russian minister to Korea, who has been home on leave, left St. Petersburg on the 22nd October to return to his home in Seoul, via the United States. He will make several days' stays at Tolynon route to confer with

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ONTARIO NICKEL ORE.

upon the industries of the province of On-tarlo, and which may result in the estab-lishment in Ontarlo of extensive works for the production of nickel to be used in the building of warships for the British navy. It is the intention of the government to re-open negotiations with the Imperial nuthorities under which the lords commissioners of the Admiralty may obtain an sioners of the Admiralty may obtain an interest in the still unpatented nickel lands of the province, and by means of their unlimited supply of nickel, for the manufacture of armor plate, and other materials for the equipment and protection of war vessels. It will be news to the people of Ontario to learn that a similar offer was made by the government of this province in the year 1891; but as the merits of nickel in connection with the manufacture of montreal Heraid.

armor-plate had not been made apparent, the lords of the admiralty did not deem it Tcronto, Nov. 25.-The Lieutenant-Gov- wise to avail themselves of the privilege ernor yesterday signed an order-in-council then tendered. The order-in-council also provides for the refining in Ontario of which will have a most far-reaching effect inches of one inches or produced from lands that may hereafter be patented, and if necessary to the development of the industry, prohibits the export from the province of nickel ores

> Not only Victoria, but the whole province will be glad to see prosperity wait upon the mining industry of the Island. It is em-phatically a case of the "more the merrier."