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bably the best halibut fisheries im-ord are in the vicinity of Massett, saw an infirm old man bring in a large ones that he had caught in or three hours.

t a change of diet one can get any ber of hair-seaks, which are very food when properly cooked, while he inlet thousands of wild geese re-all the year round, and rear their g on the borders of a lake in the e of the island.

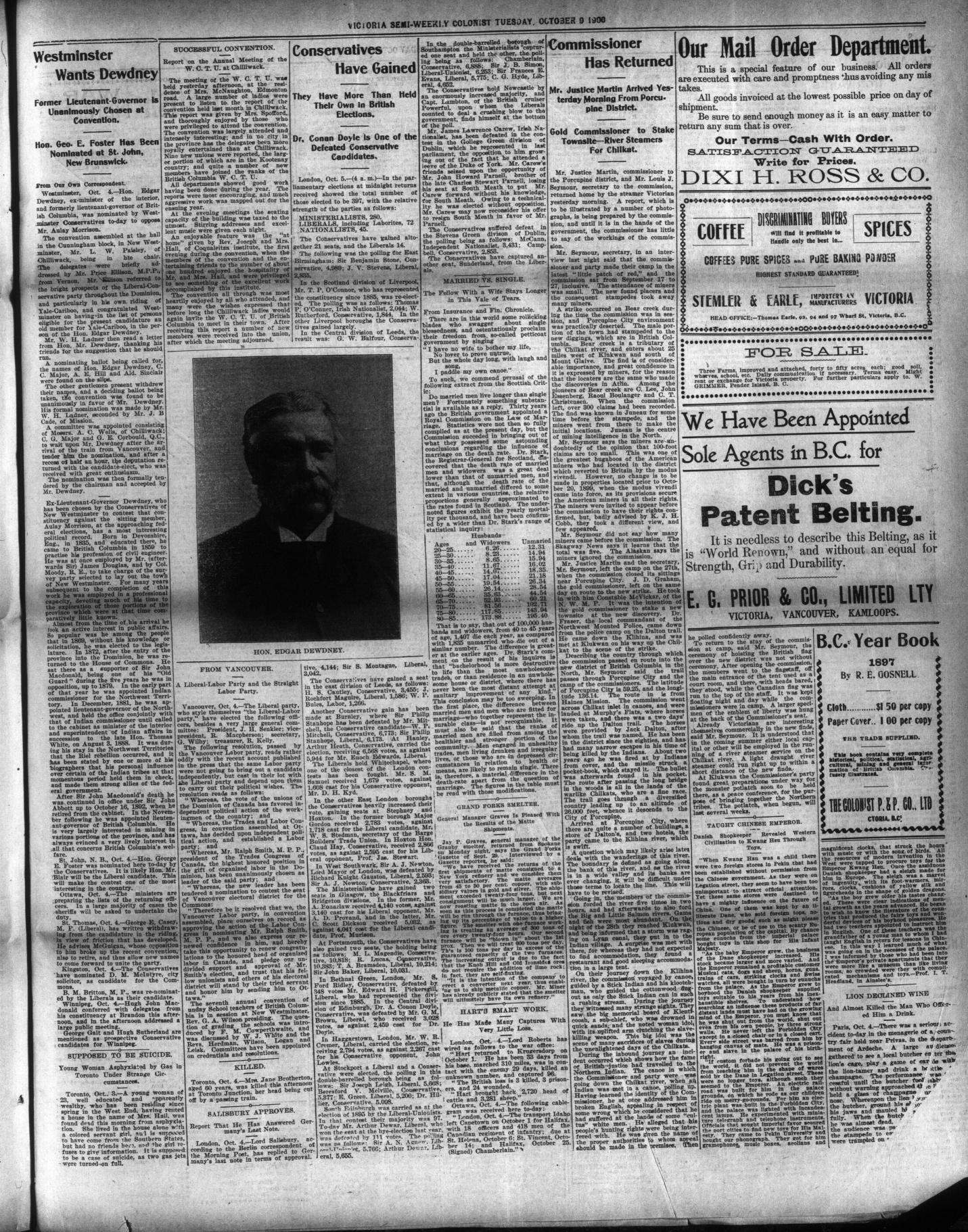
ween Skidegate and Massett there ktensive areas of coal-bearing rocks, are as yet practically undeveloped, solid hydro-carbons found within e solid hydro-carbons found within tract of country embrace lignite, inous coal and anthracite, while is reason to believe that mineral and asphaltune may also exist in nercial quantities. From observa-lately made in that district it is and the limits laid down in existing being that the coal formation extends ind the limits laid down in existing being prospecting company that is a systematic exploration of the dis-

the present time the country very little prospected, chieffy on of the inaccessable nature of

night be wise for the government to in opening good trails connecting egate sound and Massett inlet, while her trail might be cut to the west t from the same inlet. By this is prospectors would be able to trans-their impulse to main the trans-Their supplies to various points their supplies to various points the mineral deposits are likely to exist, me ten years ago about 30,000 acres al lands were prospected in a super-manner by coal experts from Penn-unia. These men expressed the opin-that nothing but systematic explora-below the surface was required to



veal the most extensive coal deposits the Pacific Coast. From samples which are to be seen in e Provincial Mineral Museum, it is ident that coal exists on Graham country where the outcrop of coal first found, is covered with



n's first found, is covered with a dense rest, which is very difficult to pene-ate, an account of thick underbrush d fallen trees. Nothing is to be seen at the old work-gs but pits filled with water and ac-imulated rubbish, while on the dumps re numerous fragments of coal much wathared by exposure to the sumshing red by exposure to the sunsh

It is stated that two seams of anthra-te were found when the district was kamined, one ten feet, the other four-sen feet wide, but as the seams grew rower after a few feet, work was ontinued, and nothing has since been

one. There is abundant evidence that coal xists in more than one locality on Gra-am island, but it is not at all likely hat workable seams will be found unney is spent in systematic pros-

The geological conditions are even more The geological conditions are even more romising for coal on Graham island han on Vancouver island, and it is to, e hoped that ere long some enterprising eople will test the district. In my opinion a diamond drill would nable one to prove the extent of the de-osits with the least expenditure of time and more w

The one of the least expenditure of time nd money. Coal is not the only mineral of econom-c importance that has been found on the pueen Charlotte islands. At Copper Bay, outh of Skidegate, as well as at other places that might be pointed out, some promising copper ore was found. At Gold Harbor, nearly opposite Cop-per Harbor, the Hudson's Bay Company obtained gold-bearing quartz valued at \$60,000.

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Other valuable substances have been und in more or less abundance, and me day may be a source of wealth to

the province. Besides this the extensive timber discts that I met with at various points would indicate that at no distant date the Queen Charlotte islands will furnish a large amount of valuable lumber to the consumers along the Pacific Coast, and other countries.

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## CROSS-EXAMINATION.

"You say your wife threw a plate at.

"Yes, it was a fine china plate. It broke against my head." "Didn't she appear sorry after she

"Didn't she appear sorry after she fhrew it?" "Yes; she appeared very sorry." "Ah, indeed. And what did she say?" "She said she was a fool and not to control her temper." "Good. And what else did she say?" "She said she didn't believe she could match that plate again if she hunted the town through!"-Cleveland (Ohio)-Ploin Dealer

he town the Plain Dealer.