aed with a sweeping majority. The verument is doing its level best to catch tes by expending sums of money in ery corner of this district, but this will to change our principles. To win we ust not be enticed by any side issues such this. Let all who are opposed to this esent government rally around one indard bearer, let this standard bearer a popular man; one who can gain the effective of the electors; and let the peo-e be satisfied in having him as their can-date, and I feel sure if this is carried out dictaration at the poll on election day. If be a surprise to the government party. Sidney, April 30th, 1898.

ETTLERS' COAL CLAIMS AND MR. M'INNIS, M.P.

TLERS' COAL CLAIMS AND MR. M'INNIS, M.P. the Editor:-Among the telegraph s from Ottawa the Times of April 20th es: "The report of Commissioner Roth-is on the claims of settlers within the way belt of the E. & N railway was sented to parliament yesterday." The ment and evidence covers a return of pages. The report itself is strong of the of the settlers. It says they have ered a grevance and that their claims e been neither carefully nor fairly con-red, and that the settlers had strong ands for believing and expecting that y would ultimately receive the same e settlers on lands outside of the re-red tract obtained by provincial crown nt. Mr. Bothwell refers to "studed itch, the commissioner." and says the erment of the province was responsi-for the legislation under which the ters suffered and "it is to the mesant terment of the province data those who-rederss." After looking into the griev-is do the land and ynamissioner the Mr. David Hogan, of Nazaimo, on ters above referred to W. W. B. Me-as, M.P., concluded as commissioner the data referes to and promised to ag the matter before the hores at Otta-. After the election Mr. Hogan had fred on his ground, and on pressing for ultiment of nervises the member from naimo accused Hogan of only desiring exposure, and refused to have anythiers I be coming before the provincial gov-valuable to have such an attorney-gen-d that will endorse the actions of bis iment seeking redress it will be extreme-valuable to have such an attorney-gen-il that will endorse the actions of his edecessors as against the long-suffering-titers of Nanaimo, but Mr. McInnis will we no reason for complaint if when king election as a candidate for the local 'slature he shall find no greater change-front on the part of the people Nanaimo than he himself has albited towards the settlers. The people Nanaimo should remember, that while Bostock was laboring in the interests the province and his constituency for he province and his constituency for Kettle River railway, Mr. McInnis was enthusiastically again worth husiastically again working people and for the C. P. R. make those matters public, so at the member can openly square him-if, which if he cannot so do, the pro-ce at this time cannot afford to be bur-ned with any such men. BRITISH COLUMBIAN.

RITISH COMMERCE AND THE RIGHT OF SEARCH.

The Law Journal. of London, publishes e following: "In the event of a war tween the United States and Spain the upon British Commerce is a matter hich has excited some attention. 'One result of the outbreak of war would

that either belligerent would have the ght to search any vessel upon the high a to ascertain its nationality and the naright of search, according to the rule hich has been emphatically affirmed in e British Prize courts, renders the ship

The United States and Spain are not ties to the Declaration of Par's. Con-uently they are not bound by the rule t the neutral flag covers the cargo. Prefore a British snip carrying a cargo onging to either belligerent could be

ON TO HAVANA! The U. S. Squadron Sails From Key West-Thought To Have Gone To Havana. No Further News From Manila-Troops To Go To Dewey's

Assistance.

Hongkong, May 4.-The United States boat McCullough has arrived Bay. It is said she left Manila at Mirs Day. It is said she left Manha before the battle. Washington, May 4.—Nothing official is yet known of the arrival of the des-patch boat McCullough at Hongkong. Virs Bay.

A Huge Deficit. Washington, May 4.-The secretary of

the navy sent to the house to-day the deficiency estimates of \$20,975,000 for the remainder of the present fiscal year and on account of the fiscal year of 1809. To Strike In Force.

Lisbon, May 4 .- News has been received here that the Spanish Cape Verde ceived here that the optimized to the Spanish squadron has returned to the Spanish fleet near Cadiz, which is nearly ready for sea. The combined fleet will shortly

start for American waters. Troops for Manila.

Washington, D. C., May 4.-The gov Washington of the ernment has obtained possession of the Pacific Mail steamship City of Pekin, now at San Francisco. She is to sail for Manila. Key West Squadron' Sails. 1

is again empty. Admiral Sampson's fleet has sailed, and the situation is one renewed expectancy.

Washington, May 4 .- The president annnced to-day that he would shortly pardon Capt. John D. Hart, of the filibustering steamer Laumada, now serving a two Cuban filibustering operations.

Hawaii as a Gift.

May 4.-President Dole has sent a long communication to President McKinley offering to transfer the Hawailan Islands to the United States for the purpose of war with Spain, and to furnish American ships during the war in Pacific waters with large quantities of coal, supplies and ammunition.

London May 4.—At noon, London time, the Hongkong-Manila cable was still interrupted. The reported surrender of Manila is as yet only conjecture. Congratulations to Dewey.

from Hongkong, says: "Congratulations from Americans to Com-

modore Dewey in the shape of a large number of cable despatches were forwarded to the commander to-day by the English cruiser Immortalite, which has left for Manila. The cable is still interrupted. No definite news of the engagement on Sunday or reported bombardment of Manila

OFF TO JOIN THE CUBANS. Wealthy Men of New York Have Gone

ants will, by order, stand up again and the captain general will leave the hall with the same escort he had when he en-tered 'The escort will go with him as far as the outer door and when 15 more cannon shots have been fired they will leave him. His arrival at the palace will be recognized by another salvo. General Bianco has ordered troops to line the streets through which he will puss and has directed that the Spanish flag be run on the palace and through-

out the city. According to officials at the palace, no

shots fired by the United States ships at Cienfuegos, April 29th, fell in the city. It is stated that three war vessels fired at Jagua eastle in the afternoon and that their missiles fell five kilometres from the wharves. Firing was kept up for an hour. Three small gunboats followed the American

orders me to declare the insular cabinets

legally opened." 'This act being finished, the attend

hsips out of the bay when they withdrew The captain of the Cienfuegos garrison arrested three men who left the city and went down the bay to witness the bom-bardment, because they violated orders

by leaving their posts. During the bombardment several wo-men asked Blanco by telegraph for authority to form a company of volunteers From Cardenas comes the report that American warships have been there. Committees have been formed to organize volunteers.

the foreign office:

SPAIN'S TRADE DEPRESSED. The Commercial Conditions Being Mo and More Restricted .

15th with coal, stores and troops

Key West, Fla., May 4 .- This harbor

Filibuster to Be Pardoned.

rs' sentence in the penitentiary for his

Honolulu, April 27, via San Francisco,

ports and tend to limit them to absolute necessities, articles that cannot be pro-

Only a Conjecture.

New York, May 4 .- A World despatch

sist chiefly of lumber and raw cotton.'

has been received.

ling Experience on the C.P.R. Vancouver, May 4.-It is reported here

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER.

Amicable Feeling Between Canada and the United States Will Benefit Both Countries.

> The Plebiscite Bill and Its Provisions-Statistics Regarding the Mounted Police Force.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

British Columbia Sugar Refinery Complains About the Preference Shown

West Indian Planters.

Ottawa, April 25.-The preparations for war going on now in the United States and the kindly teeling being extended towards the American people by the government of the United Kingdom and the British race generally are having a good effect between the governments at Washington and Ottawa, 'This is shown by the American authornees agreeing to a conference to be held at Ottawa or Washington this summer when all the differences between the two countries can be discussed and it possible amicably settled. Some months ago this request, which was made by the premier

of Canada, was refused by the United States. A few days ago the Lanadian New York, May 3 .- A dispatch from London says: H. W. Harrison, commercial attache of thority to the Mounted Police at the Dyea passes to issue free miners' cer-tificates to the American citizens enterthe British embassy at Madrid, reports to ing to the Klondike gold fields.' This re-quest was refused to the United States "Statistics of the trade of Spain show that the year 1897 has been no more forgovernment previously, notwithstanding tunate than the preceding one. The trade is depressed by present difficulties and dread of the future. Manufacturers, merthat a strong appeal was made to Ottawa for it and several delegations having visited the city to press the matter upon the chants, workmen, all suffer directly from the troubles of their own and the accuattention of the administration. But for the war, which is uniting the great Eng-

mulation of misfortunes exercises its natural influence on commerce. lish-speaking races on this continent and elsewhere more closely together, it is safe "In spite of the change of government to be said that these little concessions would never have been given so quickly. during last autumn, financial and trade questions remained unaltered, and the position has been agrivated daily by the No matter how strong a country is 'it tries, the crisis in agriculture, the heavy taxes and high duties imposed by the tariff now in force, have decreased im-

tion of Great Britain's fleet. Another proof that the United States initial City sport-loving fraternity duced cheaply at home. "Exports, although they have recovere may be seen in the fact that the garri-sons on the Canadian frontier have pracduring recent years from the loss suffered after the renunciation of the commercial tically all been withdrawn. It was the fashion in the past for Americans to treaties, are not really beneficial to the dwell on the importance of these garri-sons as a defence against Canadian agproducer, as they appear. The want of capital and the consequent necessity to sell at once makes the manufacturer a gression, and on the strength of such representations they have been added to ready prey to the speculator, who thus gains the greater share of the profits. of late years. The fact that in a crisis the United States government leaves the "Great Britain and France hold nearly half of the entire commerce of Spain. Of Canadian line forts empty of soldiers shows how little real feeling there was the Spanish colonies, Cuba has 10 per cnet., Porto Rico, 4 per cent. and the Philippine islands 3.9 per cent. The large imports from the United States conbehind the reasons given for their enlargement. The plebiscite bill was presented to

parliament this week. It contains only three important clauses. The first prothree important clauses. The first pro-vides that only the one question, that is as to whether the voter is in favor of prohibition or not, will be placed on the ballot paper. This meets with the gen-eral approval of the temperance people. On the other hand the liquor men main-tain that the result of the prohibition are taken on the will be terminated for Japan Proclaims Strict Neutrality-Thril-

SEALERS RETURN How the Arrangements for Victoria's

Port This Morning-Small

Catches.

port of R. P. Rithet & Co-The

Seattle Arrives.

Another trio of sealing schooners have

returned from the sealing grounds, the Ocean Rover, Capt. Ryan; the Zillah

Ocean Rover, Capt. Ryan; the Zillah May, Capt. Balcom, and the Mermaid,

Gala Time Are Progressing. The Fifth Regiment will add considerably to the attractiveness of the pro-gramme now being arranged for May 23rd and 24th by furnishing two evening Another Trio of Schooners Arrive in entertainments in the drill hall. An as-sault-at-arms will be given each evensaturatearms will be given each even-ing, consisting of physical drill, sword and bayonet exercises, dumb-bell exer-cise by the boys of the public schools, field gun drill, boxing contests, a camp scine, in which the boys will sing in imi-tation of the practice associated in the average minds with the idea of an army or birder the school and the Monthly Freight and Shipping Reen bivouac, the whole to conclude with a representation of the taking of Dargai heights. Drill will be held every evening for those taking part in this novel per-formance, and the officers in charge de-Capt.' Anderson. 'The former has 148 skins, the Zillah May 181, and the Mer-

CELEBRATION NOTES.

THE VICIOLEA TIMES, THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1898

sire a large turn out. In addition to be-ing a welcome addition to the celebration exercises, the special object to which the proceeds will be devoted is sufficient to spur the members of the regiment to taking an active interest in it. A big gun team of twenty men will be sent east to take part in the Dominion Artillery As-sociation tournament in August, and it is to assist in raising the necessary funds that the proceeds of the two evening's entertainments will be applied.

Applications for programmes are be ing received from the cities of the Sound and in the province, and Secretary Boggs and his assistant are already busy answering the many enquiries which are pouring in regarding the various items

Advertising; as an essential requisite for the success of a celebration is an article of belief with all who have experience in the arrangement of them, and the printing committee have decided to call for tenders for 400 four-color posters and 4,000 envelopes as a commencement. It would be well for every business man in the city to use for his correspondence between this and the 23rd, envelopes carrying advertisements of Victoria's

One of the novelties suggested for the sports is a race for miners around the Beacon Hill park, and none but holders" of mining licenses to be eligible. Another is a rock drilling contest for miners only

creases, industry languishes, affecting all dasses of population. "The rise of exchange on foreign coun-tries, the crisis in agriculture, the heavy taxes and high duties imposed by the cases of duties increased im-takes of good the population. "The rise of exchange on foreign coun-tries, the crisis in agriculture, the heavy taxes and high duties imposed by the cases of population. "The rise of exchange on foreign coun-tries, the crisis in agriculture, the heavy taxes and high duties imposed by the cases of population. "The rise of exchange on foreign coun-tries, the crisis in agriculture, the heavy taxes and high duties imposed by the taxes and high duties taxes and high duties taxes duties and taxes and

fully appreciates that she has in Can-ada a good friend at the present time event pulled off on Burrard Inlet.

Hunters Decide to Take Pass-

Steamer City of Seattle, the flyer of the Alaskan fleet, has again broken her refrom this port at 8 p.m. on Tuesday,

the plaintiffs \$4,041.40 for the machinery removed by the drill company and \$3,500 damages. The jury were out over two hours before bringing in the ver-dict that the defendants, the drill company. were not justified in making the seizure of the plaintiffs' machinery. Judgment was not given by Mr. Justice Walkem, as there are some legal points

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yet to be argued. E. P. Davis, Q.C., and W. E. Oliver for plaintiffs and F. B. Gregory and L. P. Duff for defendants.

Goodacre vs. Victoria the Full Court this morning heard argument on the plaintiff's appeal and judgment was reserved. The plaintiff appeals on the ground that the part of the c.ty by-law giving the city power to remove veran-dahs without giving notice is ultra vires. Gordon Hunter for plaintiff and W. J. Taylor for the city.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

This Evening's Meeting-Programme For To-Morrow

maid 217. The Mermaid, as will be re-membered, lost three of her crew by drowning when lying in Halfmoon Bay, just north of San Francisco, a hunter The Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia opens its session at 8 o'clock this evening in St. Andrew's church. The named Shepherd, and two boatpullers, Edwin Pike, a Newfoundlander, and J. service will be of the asull order, in-cluding the sermon by the retiring mo-Farrington Belairs, a young Englishman, who came to the coast with the intention of going to the Klondike, but who on realizing the inadequacy of his funds to derator, Rev. Dr. Campbell. This will be followed by organization, election of new moderator and other routine busi accomplish his object, sailed on the Mer-maid. The men were attempting to go pess. Mr. Burnett will preside at the

maid. The men were attempting to go ashone, when their boat was caught in the surf and capsized. Both the Mer-maid and the Zillah May have been very unfortunate. The former lost three cances and six Indians on the coast, the Indians having got "sick tum-tums" and deserted. One of the crew of the Zillah May, an old siwash, died while the ves may a super the form port. The met this morning in the vestry of the church to druft the programme of the body was salted and taken back to the residence of the old man on the coast, where it was buried with the usual ceremeetings. There were present: Revs. D. McRae (chairman), W. Leslie Clay, T. Scouler and John A. Logan (secremony and wailings. A number of the crew of the Zillah May, like those of the Mermaid, took French leave while the vessel was hunting on the coast. The weather has been bad throughout the season. From the reports brought

tary). The Synod embraces the Presbyterys of Calgary, Edmonton, Kamloops, Vic-toria, New Westminster and the Klondike mission field. The number of ministers, missionaries and students in each is as follows:

Calgary-Eight ministers, six missionaries.

Edmonton-Eight ministers, six missionaries and a number of students. Kamloops-Fifteen ministers and nine-teen students.

Victoria-Ten ministers, three (foreign) missionaries and five students. New Westminster-Fourteen ministers

and three students. The clergy in attendance at the Synod from the different Presbyteries are: Calgary-Revs. G. Hamilton, G. S.

Scott. Edmonton-Revs. Peter Nasmith, W.

Edmonton-Revs. Peter Nasmith, W. S. Atkinson. Kamloops-Revs. G. A. Wilson, Robt. Frew, D. McG. Gaudier. Victoria-Revs. Dr. Campbell, D. Mc-Rae, A. Tait, A. B. Winchester, W. L. Clay, W. S. Cumming, J. C. Forster, E. J. Taylor, E. J. Pierre, M. Swartout. New Westminster-Revs. J. McLeod, E. D. McLaren, John A. Logan, Thos. Scouler, J. K. Wright, A. McKce, A. E. Vert, W. Mickle, H. McIntosh. The eldens present are: Messrs. John M. Getter, J. C. Brown, Thornton Fell, A. C. Muir and J. T. Bethune, To-morrow two-day. Sermons of the

To-morrow two-day. sermons of the Synod will be held at 9:30a.m. and 2 p.m. In the evening the vestry will open at 8 o'clock, and will be devoted to home missions and Sunday schools.

WEALTH OF MINES.

cord for the return voyage. She sailed An Address By U. S. Consular Agent at

ing into the market than has been case for some time. The City of Delhi has been taken up at 30s. for salidon, balance of last year's pack, and will begin to load almost at once. For the com-ing season a number of fixtures have been made, mostly at 33s. 9d., but the car-goes for these will, of course, not be ready until September next, or later.

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DEFY COMPETITION

Victoria's, Advantages as an Outitting and Shipping Point Confirmed.

After Thorough Investigation the Gold age From Here.

from the other schooners now on their way inward it seems that the Dora Sieward will be the top liner of the fleet. She was reported to have had ovor 500 skins about a month ago. The C. D. Rand has 230, the Ada 196, and the Mary Ellen 260; the Doris about 400, and the Victoria 330. The catch of the fleet will be much lower than last year.

In their monthly freight and shipping report for April Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co. say: During the past month the situation has undergone somewhat of a change, and the close marks a great improvement. This is almost entirely in the north, hovever, as owing to the drought in California, any demand for export from there has been stypped for the present. The improved grain market has had some influence indirectly on lumber and freights for iron and steel vessels that would otherwise have gone in for such business, are now doing better from the Columbia river. Consequently the rates for lumber remain moderately, firm, though there are more vessels com-

longing to either belligerent could be ken by a ship of the other belligerent to convenient port for the purpose of having a cargo condemned. Under such circum-inces the usage is for the captor to pay aght to the aptured ship. Goods which are contraband of war, stined for the use of the enemy, are ble to confiscation, and freight is not owed in respect of them to the carrier. e carriage of contraband goods does not, wever, acording to the prize law of most intries, render the ship liable to any her penalty in the absence of fraud or ler aggravating circumstances. There aggravating circumstances. re dicta in one or two English cases that hen the shipowner is privy to the car-age of contraband goods his ship is lable condemnation; but there is no English American case in which such a principle is been clearly cetabliched

American case in which such a principle is been clearly established. "A ship which violates an effective block-ie is, together with the cargo intended or the blockaded port, liable to capture. "It is, however, clearly established that y British law trade in contraband goods to a blockaded port is lawful for a Brit-h subject when this country is neutral. herefore, a charter made by a British above for the purpose of running a lockade could not be repudiated by him. In the other hand, performances of a con-ract to carry goods to a port, which be-bre the loading becomes blackaded is ex-used when the charter contains an ex-eption of restraints of Princes. And even eption of restraints of Princes. And even rithout this exception, the shipowner vould, it is thought, not be bound to carry ut his contract, on the ground that the dventure had been frustrated by circum-tances not contemplated when the con-ract was made. nces not co ict was made.

"The question is a more difficult one if n the course of the voyage the port of estination should become blockaded. If the cargo owner requires delivery at a port where the ship has put in, The Teutonia, 1 Law J. Rep. Ad. 4 is an authority for aying that he must pay freight. If the hipowner calls on him to take delivery isewhere than at the port of destination, t has been held that he does not by accept-ng the cargo, become liable to pay any reight (Castel v. Trechman, 1 C. & E., 70). If the cargo owner absolutely refuses to take delivery elsewhere, it seems prob-ble on the scanty authorities dealing with he point, that the ship owner must keep or delivery 'as near thereto as she can afely get,' and it is possible to discharge he cargo at some place near to the block-ded port. "Contracts of insurance made in this "The question is a more difficult one if the course of the voyage the port of estination should become blockaded. If

the cargo at some place near to the block-ded port. "Contracts of insurance made in this sountry would not, from the legal point of view, be much affected by a war between wo foreign States. Insurances on the property of "belligerents would be valid, mless, as was the common practice in maritime wars, a warranty of neutrality were inserted in the policy; but unless the character of the property were disclosed, the policy might be avoided on the ground of concealment. If follows from the fact that trade in contraband goods or to a blockaded port would, by British law, be lawful, that an insurance on such goods on such a voyage would be good. But the nature of the cargo or of the voyage would aggravate the risk, and would therefore have to be disclosed."

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WASTING THE COURT'S TIME.

The Judge-You must stop these inter ruptions! I won't allow you to waste the The Prisoner-But, jedge, yo' know I ne hab got no lawyer to do it fer me-Puck.

Twenty-two business, men, who as the coroner's jury in the investigation of the recent great fire in London and served for fourteen working days received 4 pence (8 cents) each as compensa-

to Assist Gomez. New York, May 3 .-- William Astor Chanier has departed from New York with three companies with the avowed intention of joining the forces of General

Gomez, the Cuban insurgent leader, in Cuba, and to do what fighting he can for the cause of Cuba libre. Mr. Chanler goes by rail for Key West and will leave that place by the first vessel that money can secure to take him to a point on the Cuban coast which will convenient for reaching the camp of

Gomez. The expedition in Cuba will be at the expense of Mr. Chanler. His companions are adventurous, but wealthy men. One of them is a German officer who came to this country soon after the Mane disaster to offer his services against the Spaniards in case of war. Another member of the little party is a man named Galvin, who was with Mr. Chanler in his African expedition. There are two others, but their names are not They are said to be wealthy known. New York men, and for this reason their identity is kept from the public. Mr. Chanler's party will be uniformed in the garb of the insurgent army and will leave Key West with every provision for such a hazardous trip. The failure of his regiment to be accepted prompted Mr. Chanler to get up this expedition. The party left the Waldorf-Astoria and took a night train out of the city. The greatest secrecy was observed by all con-cerned. But a number of prominent guests of the hotel, friends of Mr. Chan-lar heard of it and wished him Goder heard of it, and wished him Godspeed on his departure.

AUTONOMIST CABINET.

New Cuban Officials Assume Duties-Very Ceremonious Affair.

New York. May 3 .- The Cuban autonomist cabinet, chosen a week ago, will be ceremoniously conducted in office Wed-nesday by General Blanco, who has just players and lovers of the national game published his proclamation, says a Havana correspondent. The captain general, accompanied by a

palace through Obispo street, and Cabal-cotisba park, to the building in Ursilnus which is to be occupied by the Square parliament. Fifteen cannon shots will announce that the captain general has left the pal-

He will be met by a committee from the cabinet and when he enters the hall of meeting he will be escorted by the secretary of dispatches-in the command known as the censor, and the secretary e general government. In advance of th will be the Cuban cabinet committee.

It is ordered that when the governor Several enters the hall, every person present shall stand up. Captain General Blanco will occupy the chair of state. The secretary of dispatches and the secretary of the general government will be on either side. Behind him will be men chosen by him. As soon as the captain general sits own the members of the cabinet will do he same thing in their respective places,

The secretary of disorder says. patches and the secretary of the general government must remain standing. Next the president of the council of cretaries will deliver to General Blanco the address of the opening of the session and will then withdraw to his seat. The governor will read the address and will

and it to the secretary of grace and justice and government, who will send auhorized copies to both insular cabinets. Immediately the president of cabinet will declare the opening of the session in these words: "His excellency, the governor general,

tor fors of run. Last night's public meeting called to dis-cuss arrangements for holding a world's championship sculling race between Jake Gaudaur and R. N. Johnston, on Burrard

Gaudaur and R. N. Johnston, on Burrard Inlet, this summer, proved somewhat of a failure. Nothing was done. Japan has proclaimed strict neutrality in regard to the Spanish-American war. Con-sul Shimizu has received the following

sul Shimiza has received the following cable from his government: "Japanese Consul, Vancouver. "His Imperial Majesty has been pleased to prochaim strict neutrality respecting the war which unfortunately has broken out.

rom igniting.

A Senior Team After All. Very general regret was expressed last

week when the decision of the Capitals to disband was made known, and it was hoped that in spite of such decision the

yould vet succeed in organizing a senior eam: tained hope a number of lacrosse enthusiasts met last evening in the club house, Caledonia grounds, and decided upon the squadron of dragoons, will go from th

ace. An equal number will be fired when he reaches the cabinet building.

life in the city.

At a meeting held at Vancouver on Saturday the following lacrosse schedule was adopted for the coming season: May 14 .-- Vancouver vs. Westminster at

Westminster. Sept. 17.-Vancouver, vs. Westminster at Vancouver.

Salt Spring Island.

The Schedule.

LACROSSE.

As a result of the widely-enter-

Steamer Maude took a cargo of Chinese and Japanese merchandise, ex steamer Columbia, to Vancouver last night.

that an American gunboat has been seen off the coast, its object is supposed to be the capture of a Spanish lumber vessel making for a British Columbla port.¹¹¹ Bev. Christmas, the faith heaten hidds a public baptism in English Bay, on Batur-day afternoon. All Vancouver and his wife will be there, and it is feared that the sacred ceremony may be made the occasion for lots of fun. Last night's public meeting called to disexpressed in the house before the bill passes through its various stages and comes law

The attack which has been made upon weeks, and the progress of the negotia the government for reducing the interest tions which they carried on with the on the government savings bank deposits transportation companies has been made from three to two and a-half per cent, is more having some effect. The finance minister through is now considering a scheme by which took tangible form in the formation of a the smaller depositors, who number in bermanent, organization and in the apall about 150,000 persons, will be able pointment of a committee to conduct the to invest in three per cent. bonds. It is negotiations. The large majority of the

to proclaim strict neutrality respecting the war which unfortunately has broken out between the United States and Spain. "(Signed) Minister for Foreign Affairs." Passengers on Monday's Pacific express had a thrilling experience on Sunday night shortly after leaving Clan William. When a few miles from that point and going at a fair rate of speed the engineer suddenly saw on rounding a curve that the trestle bridge over swampy ground was on fire, and how far burned through it was im possible to say, as the train was then too through at Flying Dutchman speed and in a moment left the danger far behind. Fas-sengers say the incident was thrilling. The sudden plunge into the glare and heat of the flames, many of which swept abore thrain was not hurt in any way, the high rate of speed preventing the woodwork from igniting. Police, which has just been presented to parliament, shows that this fine body of men watch over a territory of 900,000 alter their plans and proceed by the allmen. Their work has been well done, areverything into consideration, the rates as everybody will testify to. They build he which they were quoting were lower all their own small posts, repair their own wagons, do their blacksmithing, harown wagons, do their blacksmithing, har-ness repairing, painting, etc., besides blue existed it does not by any means taking the census when required, collect-ing eustoms, acting as timber, fire and game guardians, issning seed grain and relief to Indian settlers, taking charge of quarantine against man and beast, administering the contariour and integration of the companies be-fore the uniform rate came into exist-

administering the contagious and infec-tions diseases act, and keeping track of the movements of the population, while a large proportion of the work done usually by police magistrates is performed by these officers. That considerable tact is necessary to deal with these sub-jects will be admitted. As a mark of confidence the Indians have in the police they often bring their troubles to the officers for advice. Owing to the reduct officers for advice. Owing to the reduc-tion of the force on account of the num-ber of men and officers being sent to the Klondike, they have been reduced from 1,000 to 600.

Caledonia grounds, and decided upon the organization of a senior lacrosse club, with the following officers: Executive committee, C. Blaine, A. Smith, F. Cul-lin, R. L. Drury, and W. Snider; secre-tary, R. Jesse; club captain, F. Smith, Application will be made for admission of the D C Lacrosse Association and it A Pacific coast grievance has been re-ceived by the minister of finance from those engaged in the refining of sugar. The preference extended to the West In-dies is a benefit to the Canadian Atlan-tic sugar refiners, but as no preference to the B. C. Lacrosse Association, and it is now probable that the new league made on the mainland will be strength-ened by the addition of the Victoria team. It is to be hoped that senior fa-crosse has now taken a renewed lease of has been extended to sugar producing colonies in Australasia, from which British Columbia gets its raw sugars, the Pacific coast refiners are placed at a great disadvantage as compared with the Atlantic coast refiners. The British Col-

umbia refiners say that as the preference was being entended to the Indies, despite the fact that they have their tariff, was not sufficiently favorable to Canada to entitle them to it under ordinary circumancouver May 24.—Vancouver vs. Westminster at June 11.—Vancouver vs. Westminster at June 11.—Vancouver vs. Westminster at British Columbia? The minister of Vestminster. July 1.—Vancouver vs. Westminster at July 1.—Vancouver vs. Westminster at finance has pointed out to them that the July 1.-Vancouver vs. Westminster at dies on account of the special conditions

Westminster. Aug. 6.-Vancouver vs. Westminster at existing there, and also said that Pacific coast refiners would not suffer from Vancouver. Aug. 27.-Vancouver vs. Westminster at Columbia was so far away. However,

The American schooner Sequoia, Capt. Peosley, sailed for Santa Rosalia last evening with 86,000 feet of props from Sale Spring Land The R.M.S. Empress of Japan left

Hongkong en route to this port yesterday.

R.M.S. Empress of China will sail for China and Japan on Monday next.

for taking the vote, and the third clause divictoria. The superiority of this port says the date of taking the vote shall be fixed by the Governor-General in coun-some time been reluctantly conceded; its cil. As to the time when the vote will corresponding advantages over nival be taken no decision has been reached, ¹ports as a shipping point must now be but much will depend upon the views ojust as fully admitted.

The agitation which led to the forma-tion of the Gold Miners' Association has fonly been in progress for two or three

or less familiar to the public gh the daily press. The agitation through the daily press. miners in the city who intend going in by the Stikine route enrolled themselves as members of the association, and a number who originally intended to go i

Canadian route. From the beginning the shippers here have contended that taking son.

Throughout the trouble there those who confended that much lower rates could be secured in Vancouver, Seattle and other coast cities, and finally definite offers were tabled by firms in some of those cities to carry the members of the association at a lower rate than they could secure here. Before closing the bargain the members wisely decided to send a representative to examine the

that the accommodation provided was "hoggish," and such as they could not accept (At the same time an offer was laid before the meeting from a Victoria firm much lower than any previously reeived by the association.

"The committee were at once empower ed to close the contract," said Mr. Zan-azzi, this morning, "and by this time it is, in all probability, signed. We are not at liberty to divulge the name of the will, on the understanding that they should maintain and educate her. In company until the bargain is completed. It is known only to the members of the should maintain and educate her. In 1897 Field died. By his will plaintiffs

"You think, however, that the accom-

outfitting of almost the entire party will odne in Victoria, and as there are onsiderable revenue for the merchants.

C.P.R. steamer Athenian is scheduled Wrangel, Juneau, Skagway sail for and Dyea to-morrow,

Tug Lorne left for Vancouver yester, day, to tow the collier Robert Ker to Departure Bay.

ril 26, and arrived about O CLOCK Rossland, B. C., April 25 .- One of the this morning, thus completing the voyage in seven days and eight hours. She most interesting events of the year was brought about 125 passengers from Alaskan ports, a number of whom declare St. George, which took place here last they have come down to enlist in the Saturday. The occasion was a representhey have come down to easist in the Saturday. If an outside that a bulk in the saturation of the United States. The Seattle taive one, and quite fraternal and in-ternational in character. Letters of re-gret were read from Hon. J. H. Tur-new cable freight line from the canyon, and quite fraternal and in-ternational in character. Letters of re-gret were read from Hon. J. H. Tur-new cable freight line from the canyon canyon, is now running, as is also the new cable freight line from the canyon to the summit. By the aid of these fa-

An address was delivered by F. H. Blockberger, United States consular agent. The speaker began with a refer-ence to the marvellous changes which cilities the ingoing miners can now make the journey over the Dyea pass, which aforetime occupied several days, in about ten hours. At Dyea a chamber of commerce has been formed.

have come to this section since Lewis and Clark explored the country in 1804-5. After sketching in an eloquent way the history of the Pacific Northwest, the speaker gave some valuable information Californians are still rushing eastward over the C. P. R., taking advantage of the low rates. The steamer Walla Wal-la, which arrived from San Francisco regarding the mneral output of British Columbia. He said in part: Columbia. He said in part: The total production of mines in Brit-ish Columbia for the years we know of up to 1898 amounted to \$112,413,485, namely: Gold placer; \$59,317,473; gold lode, \$4,300,689; silver, \$7,301,000; lead, \$2,971,618; copper, \$521,060; coal and coke, \$36,626,585; building stone, \$1,-350,000; other motel \$25,000 about midnight yesterday, brought, 307 passengers northward, and fully twothirds debarked here to journey east-wards. The City of Puebla, which sails for the Bay City this evening, will carry a large number of south-bound passengers, the majority being Californians re-turning from a trip to the East. 350,000; other metal, \$25,000. 350,000; other metal, \$25,000. Kootenay's production of 1897 sur-passed the one of 1896 by \$2,764,068, the total of 1896 being \$4,002,935, while the one in 1897 amounted to \$6,765,903, divided among the different districts as

The British ship City of Delhi has completed discharging her cargo of gen-eral merchandise at the outer wharf, and is now engaged in taking on a quantity of last year's salmon, which has been stored on the wharf for some time. She will proceed to New Westminster in tow of the tug Czar, as soon as that vessel returns from Comox, to complete her Trail Creek ... 1,243,360 2,097,280 Other points. 14,209 157,977 Last year the shipment of ore and matte from port of Nelson alone reachcargo for England with salmon that has been stored there since last fishing sea-

atte fom port of reason and teach ed 55.271 tons, valued at \$1,613,524. So far the shipments this year amount to 33.000 tons, valued at \$3,250,000. The ore shipments from the Rossland mines from January 1 to April 23, 1898, The tug Czar began service again last night, when she towed the American ship E. B. Sutton to Comox to load coal for Honolulu. The Sutton will be the amounted to about 24,000 tons. making the total shipment from this camp since January 1, 1898, 96,000 tons. first vessel to reach the islands since the ccal famine caused by the American con-sul buying up all the coal there, began. Sone idea of the extent of the in-dustry may be obtained from the fol-

The bark Japan, which has him idle in the harbor for so long, left for Hast-ings last night in tow of the tug Con-stance. She will load lumber for Guaya-

Total number of tons smelted to July, 1897. LAW INTELLIGENCE. In Turner v. Jewel, Mr. Justice Wal-

His Lord-

45,234 67,793 .1,265,362 Silverman . 19111 In Turner v. Jewel, Mr. Justice Wal-kem this morning delivered judgment on the interpleader issue argued before him some days ago. Edwin Field, a member of the A. O. U. W., received a certificate from the order in 1886 which entitled his daughter Tryphena Ellen Field to \$2,000 at his death. In 1887 he placed his daughter The interpretation issue arguer derote him some days ago. Edwin Field, a member of the A. O. U. W., received a certificate from the order in 1886 which entitled his daughter Tryphena Ellen Field to \$2,000 at his death. In 1887 he placed his daughter inder the care of the plaintiffs, John Turner and his wife, and handed the certificate to them, together with his will, on the understanding that they of other great railway pioneers will pro-vide transportation facilities to the Boundary country.

follows:

EDUCATION IN TURKEY.

\$ 440,545 789,215 3,280,686 2,097,280 157,977

27.080

An agitation has been started among the women of Constantinople to secure obligatory instructions for all girls between the seventh and twelfth years of their life.

lowing comparison of figures given in W. H. Carlyle's report, bulletin No. 2:



The postponed meeting of the Opposition parcy of it

SOUTH VICTORIA DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY, THE 9th MAY Chair to be taken at 8 p.m.

Chas. Semilin, Londer of the Opposition, J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P., Thos. Forster, M. P.P., Robt. Macpherson, M.P.P., Col. Gregory and others will address the meeting.

"You think, however, that the account modation will be satisfactory" "We are perfectly sure of that," re-plied Mr. Zanazzi. "All the companies here are first class in that respect." The party will not sail until Friday or Saturday, as the boat will not leave here until the river is clear of ice. They will not saturday. The clear of ice is the saturday is clear of ice. They will is formally agreeing in writing that the first one should be cancelled In the fresh certificate the \$2,000 originally di-rected to be paid to his daughter is cut

rected to be paid to his daughter is cut down to \$1,500 and the balance of \$500 be odne in Victoria, and as there are imade payable to his married sister, the about seventy-five of them it will mean a late Elizabeth E. Jewel, whose personal representatives now, claim it. His Lord ship held that the plaintiffs, as trustee

appointed by the testator to receive and invest the money in question, as well as mardians of his child, are entitled to it. The revocation of Field's certificate was

Departure Bay. Steamer Amur sailed for Alaskan ports late last night. She had about fifty passengers.

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accommodation which these firms were able to provide. The report of the dele-gate was submitted to the association at a meeting last night, when it was stated