Situation in Sound Country is Rapidly Improving - Seattle's Water Famine Gives Much Trouble

SEATTLE, Nov. 21 .- The flood waters in western Washington are subsiding railroads expect to lift all the block ades tomorow. The rainfall has not been phenomenal, but conditions favorable for the rapid melting of mountain snow brought about the deluge.

So far as known, the present has been the dryest year of the sixty since Seattle was founded. The precipitation since January 1 has been 11 inches below normal.

Seattle's municipal lighting plant will be restored tomorrow. The broken waterpipe will be mended by Saturday night. Until that time a majority of inhabitants will suffer great inconvenence, their dwelling places being without running water and drinking water being difficult to obtain. If fire should break out in the residence districts the building attacked possibly would be

Reports that persons are leaving the city on account of water famine are untrue.

Damage Near Tacoma

TACOMA, Nov. 21.-Word comes county commissioners that the \$7,000 steel bridge over the Carbon river near Fairfax, went out with the flood. About 2,000 feet of country road has been washed away. McMillan is still excited, and the county commissioners will be asked to take action promptly, as the wash of Puyallup river has carried the banks within fifty feet of the schoolhouse. A report comes that 200 yards of country road between Alder and Elbe went out. The damage to the roads will be more than

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whole has been bad, but the Prince Regent Chun, has been advancing reforms rapidly. Experience shows that the most anxious moment for bad rule is when it begins to introduce reforms. Ills borne patiently when thought inevitable, become intolerable the moment the necessity of reform is admitted, hence the Manchu dynasty is comed. The present discouragements the nation are the lack of a central ad recognized government, the need funds, the impending famine and nsequent lawlessness, official corruntion of the Chinese as well as the Man chus, and the fact that various provinces are establishing independent

governments. "The necessities of the situation are an agreement on the question of railways and roads to co ct the provinces with each other, and a transformation of semi-independent provinces

Will Pay Foreign Debts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 .- Determinelgn interference for financial reasons. the Chinese government has ordered first coming to this country, all receipts from customs, including the 1901 Boxer indemnities, to be de-

The official explanation of the purpose of the Chinese government to live up to its fereign obligations came to the state department today from the Chinese delegation which reported it to the state department. It read: "On Immediately upon the formation of the new cabinet by Premier Yuan Shih Kai, he gave special attention to the indemnity matters."

The inspector-general of the imperial maritime customs of China, who is the Chinese government to issue gen eral instructions to the commissioners SYNOD SITTING at the various treaty ports to deposit all the receipts from the maritime customs with the foreign banks located in these ports, the money so secured to be used for the payment of China's foreign debts, including the 1901 Boxtoday between the secretaries of state, war and navy gave rise to the surmise that the Chinese situation was vouchsafed. The mnitary authorities are ready to meet any reasonable demand for troops to we used in China.

It is intimated at the state department that it will be for the council of foreign ministers in Peking to determine whether troops are needed at all, and a local man at all. if so, when and what proportion shall be furnished by the powers interested in China. It is understood as to this latter point that some such agreement removing one threatened cause of friction, has been reached, as the result of the state department's inquiry of the various foreign orices two weeks

revolutionary leaders are alarmed at the possibility of foreign intervention. Probably it is owing to the appeals reaching the ministers from these sources to keep foreign troops out of | The injured were brought to Tulsa. China and thus avoid precipitating a possible massacre of foreigners that the ministers are hesitating to give

the word for the sending of troops. Advances of the rebel forces, both naval and land, toward Nanking, where it is expected a decisive battle will be fought, were reported to the navy department today by Rear-Admiral Murdock, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet. Several rebel gunboats that had been lying at Chin Kiang, he reported, sailed today toward Nanking. doubtless to assist in the operations A new Conservative club has been opened

seainst the imperial forces there.

About 20,000 rebel troops are nov narching toward the scene of the expected battle, the majority of these troops are declared to be well drilled, and reports state that the city pro ably will be defended. Great Britain Germany and Japan each has a vesse Nanking and those, together with American vessels there, are deemed sufficient to give adequate protection to foreign intere

Iron Bounty Wanted A delegation representing all the steel and iron companies of the Dominion waited upon Hon. R. L. Bordon and his colleagues today and asked for a bounty on pig iron as a partial compensation for disabilities under which the companies are placed owing to the lowering of the duties, exemptions and discriminations. A memorial was presented in which the government was asked to have a new tariff commission enquire into the whole steel industry. In the mean time it was suggested that a bounty be placed on pig iron.

Premier Borden promised to consider the matter and asked to be furnished with all information bearing on the cosof production in Canada and in other countries, likewise a statement showing what effect the proposed development of the industry would have upon the progress of the Dominio

NANKING, Nov. 23 .- The revol ionary forces are making preparations for the bombardment of Nanking, These will be completed with the arrival ten warships, now on the way to this place, and an attack will be made on the city simultaneously by land and sea. A small body of General Chang's Imperial scouts last night tore up a section of the railway four miles to the south of Nanking. Prior to this the railway had been considered neutral territory and had not been interfered with. Within the city walls 11,000 men hold a strongly fortified position. They are said to be well supplied with arms and ammunition, but they are poorly provi-

The former Chinese minister to Japan, Tsao, who is a warm personal friend of Chang's, has been endeavoring to nduce him to surrender, but Chang is obdurate. Tsao, who is the guest of President Bowen, of Nanking university, had not yet given up hope of winning over the Manchu general. The latter has at least stopped killing those who have cut off their queues and has issued a decree assuring the Chinese and others within the city that they are safe. He has also guaranteed protection to the

NAVAL POLICY IS COMMENDED

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dressed themselves mainly to the hom The admiralty is asking for volunteers from the United Kingdom for the Australian navy, 1,680 officers and men still being required out of the total of 2,500, which is the full complement of the fleet unit Australia is assembling. The unit, however, will not be completed until next

ZBYSZCO LAUDED

"Europeans as a rule, outside of the Turk, do not know much about the catch-as-catch on ont know much about the catch-as-catch-can game," says Dr. Roller; "and even if they are taught it, when they first come to this side, they rarely, if ever, make a success of it. But in this connection, as well as in regard to other matters, it takes the exception to prove the rule. When say this, I have in mind Stanlsius Zbyso ed to avoid giving any pretence for for-elgn interference for financial reasons, first time he came here he has made this style of wrestling a study, for he is a good thinker, this same Zbysco. He had as many posited with the foreign banks to the credit of China's foreign debtors.

tricks as any wrestling man today, and they are all good. He has perfected the best holds and tricks of Gotch, of Westergaarde, of Americus, of Beell, and, sur-prising to say, the last time I wrestled with him he pulled off a couple of "good ones" that I thought were my exclusive property. He is a tremendously powerful fellow, and without doubt a great wrestler. "He is very anxious to get a match with Gotch, and he will come near to beat account of the disturbances throughout China, the postponement of the date for the November payment of the Boxer indemnities has become necessary. Immediately upon the formation of the New York to bind a match with Gotch, and he will come near to beat fing the present champion. He is stronger, four or five years younger than Gotch, and a quicker thinker—very unlike Hack in the latter respect. His manager, Hermann, has \$5.000 posted with one of the papers. Meaning the present champion. New York to bind a match with Gotch, and they are going to put another \$5,000 with a Chicago paper with the same object in view, so that in a few days they will have \$10,000 us as a side bet, that he can defeat Gotch. I personally saw the New York I personally saw the New Yor deposited. Gotch does not want an of the Zbysco game, and you will find that he will not meet the husky young Pole unan Englishman, has been directed by less absolutely forced into it."

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strong local feeling that there will be no need to go outside the diocese to er indemnities. Personal conferences find a worthy successor to Bishop Perrin. The statement that the name of the Bishop of New Westminster might be put before the Synod, is entirely under discussion, but no statement was without foundation, much as the splen did administrative and organizing qualities of his lordship are appreciated on the Island. Others are inclined to the belief, however, that the election may be postponed until January and that the new Bishop, when chosen, will not be

Injured in Train Wreck TULSA, Okla., Nov. 21 .- One person seriously injured and twice as many suffered lacerations and bruises today passenger train was derailed near Bixby, Oklahoma. 24 miles south of here. rails. Among those whose injuries are regarded as serious are Henry Cain, torn, and his mother, Mrs. Emily Cain, cuts on the body and back strained.

The British admiralty has recently placed with a lumber company an order for 200,-000 feet of white spruce to be used in the manufacture of oars for the rowboats of the warships. It is perhaps not generally known that the superior quality of the white spruce grown in the Queen Charlotte Islands, off the coast of British Columbia, was discovered years ago by British naval officers of the North Pacific station. The kind of timber was found to be ideally adapted for making oars, and it is now used exclusively for that purpose in all His Majesty's vessels throughout the world.

men and is being carried torward in such a manner as to enable Sir Whliam to feel fully satisfied that when completed it will be found of such high standard as to give entire satis-OR BARTHQUAKE Met President Mays "I was fortunate while in New York, meeting with President Hays, of the

Steamer Luceric Was Badly Shaken When Nine Hours Out from Yokohama on the Way to This Port Colliding with a sunken wreck, of be

ng shaken by a heavy submarine earthquake-opinion is divided on board as ric, Capt. Mathie, had a strange experience when nine hours out from Yokhama en route here. The Luceric, which reached the outer wharf yesterday morning, left Yokohama on November 8th at 2 p.m. and at 11 p.m. when anese coast there was a heavy shock, the big liner shivering from end to end, and a number of shocks followed as though the liner was bumping over a reef. The shock was so heavy that some of those on board were shaken from their berths. Capt. Mathie ran to the bridge, and the engines were immediately stopped. Then the bell was rung again for full speed and the steamer proceeded. Examination was carried out and showed that no water was being made. As the depression was great and fears were expressed when the steamer left Japan that an earthquake was likely it was believed that the shocks sustained by the steamer were due to an earthquake shock, but when wireless messages were sent to the Kamakura Maru which left Yokohama twenty minutes after the Weir steamer and was in the same vicinity, and the report was made that the Japanese steamer had not been similarly shaken it was considered more likely that a sunken wreck had been struck. A diver will be sent down to make an examination of the steamer's hull when she reaches Portland. During the voyage from Yokohama

the greater portion of the Chinese crew of the Luceric cut their queues when celebrating the success of the revolution in China. Two days before the liner reached port a big celebration was held in the Chinese quarters and there was a wholesale cutting of queues. There was a great shouting and some of the ship's officers ran aft thinking a fight was in progress. When they arrived in the Chinese quarters they found all the Celestials off watch gathered, and behind a chair was one of the stewards armed with a big pair of scissors, busily cutting the pigtails, as one by one the hinese came forward. A great cheer went up as each queue fell. The Chinese crew of the Luveric are revolutionaries and rebel flags adorn their quarters. The Luceric left Yokohama twenty minutes before the N.Y.K. liner Kamakura Maru and the two steamers were in communication by wireless throughout the voyage. The Weir liner beat the Japanese steamer by a considerable margin, as the Kamakura Maru will not reach the outer wharf till this morning. The Luceric had a smaller cargo than usual, and brought three saloon passengers. Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Shumaker of Manila, and Mrs. Loo, a Chinese woman who came to join a Chinese merchant's family at Vancouver. The cargo included 8000 bales of hemp from the

000. In the steerage was Oscar Batt, a traveller who has visited many parts of the Orient and who has been engaged in prospecting and various businesses from the Annam border to Siberia and Kamchatka. There were 60 Chinese in the steerage.

Philippines and silk worth about \$100 .-

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items of business that mutually concern the province and the Canadian Pacific Railway company. Sir Thomas, always up-to-the-minute in all that he says and does, and with a vision of extraordinary range and clearness, keeps closely in touch with the development of our section of the Dominion and seems to be more than ever intent upon giving British Columbia every recognition which his company can consistently offer. I should judge from what the President said to me in an interview of some considerable length, that his company's plans for the coming year provide very generously for the Western section of the road. Canada has, indeed, in Sir Thomas Shaughnessy most powerful and active champion; and although we in British Columbia geographically far removed from Canadian Pacific headquarters, undoubtedly this element

of distance will be by no means a han-

dicap. "Concluding my short visit to Montreal, I spent a day and a half in New York and was fortunate in being able days I was greatly alarmed; as my while there to have a long conference with Sir William Mackenzie, who had gone down to the American metropolis in order to see Lady Mackenzie off for was probably fatally hurt, eleven were Europe. Sir William was out here only a few months ago and of course keeps well in line with the progress of when a northbound Midland Valley events in this province. Since my last meeting with him he had been on a trip through the Umanagan district, The derailment was due to spreading and it was more than inspiring the way in which he recounted the impressions obtained during his necessarily Spokane, Wash., face cut and skull hasty tour of that section. It certainly is not too much to say that the president of the Canadian Northern system looks upon British Columbia as a land of great promise. He is determined to press through to completion his work in othis province, and he assures me that in very little more than two years-if so long-Canadian Nor-West Coast of Vancouver Island clear | Use it, too. for cuts. burns, bruises and of the road from the end of the Van- be used in conjunction to the balm for couver Island section to the Atlantic washing wounds and sore places. Exis now either under contract and act- cellent too for baby's bath. ual construction or is the subject of world. invited tenders assuring immediate Buk at 50c. box and Zam-Buk soap at in the hotel, while Saltmarsh left the

Grand Trunk Pacific road. Mr. Hays tells me that he is greatly pleased with the manner in which construction is being prosecuted in the North, and as well 00, through the Rocky Mountain division. He visited both divisions of the road last summer, accompanied by Mr. Smithers, and on his inspection then of the Rocky Mountain division, he left the railhead and rode several miles over the work, and crossed the summit of the Rockies into British Columbia. And it would appear now, from a telegram which I have just received from Vicepresident Chamberlin, that only a day or two after the president was in ference with me at New York, steel was laid over the great divide in the north of British Columbia, While Canadians tional park at Banff and Field, and, of still later date, the wonderful playground that will be provided by and de veloped at Strathcona Park, it is gratirying to know that the northern part of our provincial Empire will have its recreation ground as well. President Have has made careful investigation of the Mount Robson section, and from his reports, told me that he felt satisfied that Mount Robson and its environments would be found to constitute a formidable competitor with Banff and Strathcone parks for the admiration and patronage of nature-lovers, and health or pleasure seekers where Nature's grandeur is most prodigally revealed. Last summer the G.T.P. had several parties in the field and presently I hope to have copies of some of their re ports, so that as far as the province consistently can, it will be in a position to co-operate with the railway compan in the work of having suitable park lands in this region properly conserved. Of course the people of British Columbia may confidently depend upon it that whatever is done in this direction will be done with an eye single to the value of national parks as factors in the enhancement of the opportunities of the people to derive health, happiness and pleasure from the more especially

favored scenic sections of their great heritage. "My return home was by the Se Pacific route. Apart altogether from the fact that I had never been in the southern section of the United States, I had som desire to go through the historic south land in order to look over, in a necessarily casual and superficial way, trade condition btaining more especially as they affect what one may expect in view hrough the near completion of the Panama Canal. My trip in this regard has been in the nature of a revelation to me. The Southland is indeed a rich and resou part of this continent; and New Orleans particularly is certain to reap illimitable advantage through the construction and completion of the Panama Canal. I would predict, if I might, a tremendous advance in the importance of this splendid city during the next few years as one of the great commercial centres of the United States. New Orleans seems to have been singularly fortunate during recent years in the select tion of her chief magistrate. It was my good fortune during the Alaskan fair at Statle to meet the Hon. Martin Behrman, who is now serving a second term as mayor of the city. He seems to possess in mayor of the city. He seems to possess in a unique way the entire and deserved confidence of the community which he gov-erns, and which displays unmistakable evi-dence of marked prosperity and progress under his efficient and popular regime. I was, happily, to renew my acquaintance with Mayor Behrman, who received me in his spacious offices most cordially. From New Orleans we came through direct by the Southern we came through direct by the Southern Pacific, and I am, of course, glad to be once more back in British Columbia.

"It seems to me that the more I travel away from home, the stronger and deeper my effection grows for the province in which I was born and in which I have spent my life—and the greater my pride in her."

New Era of Progress. away

"While the whole of Canada is now commencing a new era of progress and prosperity. I think I may very safely say that our own Pacific province looms very large in the eyes of interested friends in the eastern section of the Dominion. This province seems more than ever to be coming to the front, and if I read the signs of the times at all correctly, we may look forward with confidence to an early and tremendous upward movement in trade and development in these parts. Not only in our own country, but also in New York and down south everyone seems turning to British Columbia and the consensus of opinion to be that with the completion of additional transcontinental railways and of the Panama Canal, we shall come into New Era of Progress. of additional transcontinental railways and of the Panama Canal, we shall come into a commercial supremacy in these parts little dreamed of in the days gone by."

As is inevitable the Hon. Mr. McBride faces a most formidable accumulation of business upon his return, and this will make many heavy demands upon him during the ensuing week or more. He will however week or more. He will, however, the annual meeting at New West-tomorrow and Saturday of the

BEWARE OF BLOOD-POISON Zam-Buk is a Sure Cure

here will also be present several nembers of the government.

Mr.Jas. Davey, of 786 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg, says:-" A few months since I was cured of a poisoned finger through the timely use of Zam-Buk.

"I cut a deep gash across the knuckle on the first finger of my right hand in opening a lobster can. I suffered at the time with a soreness and pain, but had no idea that it would become a serious wound. However in about two whole hand and arm to the elbow became suddenly inflamed, and the finger was much discolored, showing signs of blood poisoning. The pain was dreadful and I was forced to leave off my work and go home.

"The wound on the knuckle had been poisoned by dust and dirt getting into it. I then decided to start the Zam-Buk treatment, and having first bathed the cut, I applied the healing balm. It soothed the pain almost instantly, and by next day there was a great improvement.

"In a week's time, through persever ance with this wonderful preparation, a complete cure was brought about." Zam-Buk is just as good for eczema, ulcers, scalp sores, abscesses, piles, ringworm, boils, varicose ulcers, running sores, cold sores, chapped hands, thern trains will be running from the from a wound or sore and then heals.

Mexican Port Wrecked by Tidal Wave and Many Vessels Were Driven Ashore-Danish Bark Lost at Mazatlan

Steaming to her anchor with a full head of steam the steamer Henley of Canadian-Mexican line which the reached the Outer Wharf yesterday after a delayed voyage from Mexican ports, had difficulty in keeping from stranding during a "tabasco" which swept Guaymas on October 4th, wrecking a number of small craft and caus ing the stranding of the Mexican steamer General Pescaro. The Henley dragged her anchors and shifted sev eral times during the heavy storm which was followed by a tidal wave and floods which caused much loss of life ashore. The waterfront was wrecked, and many residents had to use boats to get to their houses and offices. Fourteen schooners and small craft went ashore, many of them being totally wrecked. A launch belonging to the pilots was swept nearly two miles inland. Ashore great damage resulted. Bridges were washed out, railroads injured, and many places reported loss of life. One report said 300 were lost, but the officers of the Henley thought this estimate was too high. The steamer was delayed for 20 days owing to the storm and tidal wave. She had a big shipment of coal for Guay mas and for many days the customs officials would not clear this. It was landed on lighters and taken on a branch railroad to the junction where small boats ferried the shipment across a river where the customs clear the Henley.

The delay at Guaymas resulted in he steamer missing a second storm, which caused much damage at Mazat lan, four days before the Henley reached that port to land 1,600 tons of coal. Several vessels suffered at Mazatlan, the Danish bark Prinz Waldermar Being one of the wrecked vessels. She drove on the beach a few miles from Mazatlan, to which port the survivors were taken and shipped north to San Francisco. At Saline Cruz when the Henley was

loading a revolution took place about 60 kilometres away, where the Indians attacked a barracks and besieged the Mexican troops who were held in the barracks without ammunition. A force of troops was sent from Salina Cruz and within 24 hours this force returned after driving off the besiegers with much loss.

The Henley loaded 1,441 tons of general merchandise at Salina Cruz, a miscellaneous collection of everything from case whiskey to kegs of nails shipped over the Tehuantepec railroad. The shipments were from a number of steamers-Leyland, Harrison, Royal some from the Elder-Démpster steamer from Montreal. Leaving Salina Cruz on November 7th, the Henley had a stormy trip north. After passing the latitude of San Diego heavy northwesterly gales were encountered with heavy seas. For Victoria, the steamer brought 189 tons of general freight and has 1,252 tons to land at Vancou-

This is the last trip of the Henley in the Canadian-Mexican service, her charter to that line expiring on discharging her cargo at Vancouver, and she will be replaced by the steamer Strathdene, now at Vancouver.

RECEIVES MEDAL AFTER MANY YEARS

After waiting for a period of fiftythree years, Mr. Alexander Baxter, who resides at 1133 Yates street, a veteran of the Indian mutiny campaign, has just received from the War office the coveted medal issued in recognition of such service. Needless to say, the old gentleman is very proud of the same, notwithstanding the fact that he has waited so long, in the face of repeated applications, and it was with nuch elation that he called at the Colonist office yesterday and displayed the medal. He announces also that he is now applying for a pension, and the hope will be general that he may speedily prove his claim and get the stipend which such distinguished service for his country and his flag fully

The particular period in which Mr. Baxter saw service was during 1858-9. The company with which he served was No. 6 of the glorious 92nd Gordon Highlanders.

VICTIM OF ASSAULT Mr. John Saltmarsh Seriously Injured by Joseph Ede at Parson's Bridge Hotel

Charged with committing grievous bodily harm to John Saltmarsh, a resident of the Parson's Bridge district, Joseph Ede was arrested late Tuesday night by Provincial Constable Helmsing and brought into the city. His victim, badly battered about the face, s now in the Jubilee hospital and will not be able to leave for at least a week. Ede was arraigned yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Northcott and remanded for a week. Mr. Saltmarsh was driving home from the city about 9 o'clock. Tuesday etc. It draws all poisonous foulness evening, stopping at the Parson's Bridge hotel. He entered the bar and while chatting with a friend, Ede, it through to Atlantic ports. Every mile all skin injuries. Zam-Buk soap should is alleged, apparently without any provocation, walked up to him deliberately striking him a stunning blow in the face. Friends interfered and All druggists and stores sell Zam- prevented Ede continuing the assault construction. The work, too, is in the 25c. tablet. Post free upon receipt of place and getting into his rig was bands exclained and proceed and proceed and place from Zon C & Co., Toronto, about to set out for home when Ede shout to get out for home when Ede

ran out of the hotel and grasping hold of the other pulled him from the wagon, at the same time striking him sev eral blows on the face and unocking him to the ground, Mr. Saltmarsh be ing partially stunned. He was carried the hotel while the police and Dr. Miller were notified, the injured man being brought into the city by Provincial Constable Booth. An exam nation of Saltmarsh's wounds at the ospital indicated that Ede must have used a rock or weapon of some sort. the cartilage of the nose having been smashed flat, the nose badly crushed and a large hole made immediately adoining the nose on the left side. The njured man is in a serious condition. What caused Ede to commit the as sault is a mystery, no words having passed between the two at the hotel The only explanation the police can give is that previous ill feeling between the two, who reside in the same district, caused Ede's assault.

LADERO FACES

One Movement Supposed to be Headed by General Bernardo Reves-Other Includes Ex-Minister Gomez

MEXICO CITY. Nov. 21 .- Madero's overnment is confronted with two aleged revolutions. Details of the plan of Tacubaya, which bears the names f six men, including that of Emileo Vasquez Gomez, former minister of the interior, were made public today. It is said that General Bernardo Reyes will have no part in this plan. The government secret service agents

believe there is no doubt of the authenticity of both this document and that found in San Antonio today and ascribed to General Reyes. The common be lief here is that the two movements will be amalgamated unless the government can check them. Minister Calero of the foreign office

said he thought that in no case would the United States intervene. "In the first place the American government is really democratic," he said; "and in the second place the United States has always had the highest regard for the sovereignty of Mexico."

The mobilization of an army defense along the northern frontier was under way today. General Juvenio Robles, in command under General Trevino, will establish his headquarters at Lampazos, a few miles south of Laredo. General Francisco Estara has been placed in command of that portion of the one extending from Malaros to the states of Nuevo Leon, with instructions to act upon his own initia-

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Pat Quirk, the father of Cranbrook, s just entered upon his ninetieth year | ed that he had already made appli but still is hale and hearty.

Messrs. Link & Simmons, of Lethbridge, have bought for \$18,000 337 acres of land at Twin Bay, Mirror Lake, and will add five hundred acres more. They have in view a large colonization project, settlers being drawn from the neighbor province of Alberta.

The Gibbons' Lumber Co.'s mills, at Pingston Creek have been totally destroyed by fire. The aggregate loss is not given out, but there was insurance on the property to the amount of \$100,000.

Crambrook is strongly urging upon Hon. Martin Burrell the desirability of the establishment of a federal experimental farm in the Cranbrook dis-

Nixen's logging camp at Beeton has een burned. The loss is a very heavy one, entirely unprotected by insurance. South Vancouver will seek legislative power to join in the scheme for the acquirement of Little Mountain Park. A new hospital for New Westminster is being strongly urged by leading citizens as having become imperatively necessary. Mr. Alexander Lucas, M. P. has

promised his constituents of the Nicola that he will at once lay before Attorney General Bowser the need for the appointment of a stipendary magistrate for that section.

Although provincial foad work is to great extent ended for the season. Superintendent Reid of Cranbrook still has three gangs working on the St. Mary's river bridge, and two bridges across the Movie between Curzon and Kingsgate. Ladner's board of trade is energeti-

cally advocating car service to Vancouver direct. Vancouver's citizens comptain that the Great Northern is not making

promised progress with its various improvement works in the terminal city. Salmon Arm is reported free of typhoid: neither of the two cases recently sent to Kamloops from this section proved of a serious character. The Great Northern Company will erect station, roundhouse, water tank, employees' and other buildings at

Coalmount suitable for a town of five thousand population. Vancouver's police commissioners are considering plans for a three story headquarters building for the force, the cost of which is estimated at \$150,000. A good trail has been blazed to Naden harbor from the oil fields on the

west coast of Graham island.

Kamloops' new automobile fire apparatus underwent a severe test during the recent heavy snow in that city and was found to give full satisfaction. The city council of Rossland is considering the prohibition by bylaw of coasting on the public streets.

Residents of the Delta are arranging to celebrate the great victory of British Columbia potatoes at New York by tendering a banquet to Mr. Ashael Smith upon his return, and presenting him with a suitable souvenir of the

FOR WARSHIPS

Minister of Marine Gives Particulars of Offers for Construction Received by Former Government.

OTTAWA, Nov. 21 .- The debate on the address was continued in the Commons today, and elicited just befor adjournment the important statemen from Minister Hazen regarding the naval policy of the government.

Hon. Mr. Hazen stated that the lat government on May 1st last, had rem ed nine tenders for the construction four cruisers, and six destroyers during five months up to the time defeat no action in respect to these tend ers had been taken. The explanation this inactivity was that under the ditions of the proposed contract ships could not be completed for years, by which time they would be solete and utterly unfit for the purp intended to be served. The lowest tener, that of Cammell, Laird & Company amounted to \$11,280,000.

The tender of Swan Hunter and W ham Richardson & Company, amount to \$12,754,000, and another tender w as high as \$13,055,814, and these figur did not include armor plating, and co tain supplies.

The minister went on to say that der the circumstances he could not expected to recommend the acceptant of any one of these tenders. He ated that the whole question from h to last would be taken up by the ernment with the British admiralty a policy be afterwards announ which would appeal to the people in the interests of Canada and of the empire as well.

The speakers today included Mr. C. well (Carleton, N.B.,), Mr. Aikins (Bra don), Mr. Macdonald (Pictou), Mr. Ben nett (East Simcoe), Hon, Mr. Pug and Hon. Mr. Hazen. Several Liberal members expressed the he that reciprocity was not a dead is while the Conservative view was pressed by Mr. Hazen in the house "it will not be an issue at the nex election." The debate will be con tomorrow, when it is expected that M Monk will speak.

Chinese Woman at Vancouver Fails to

REFUSED ADMISSION

Have Decision of Immigration

Authorities Reversed

VANCOUVER, Nov. 21 .- Woo See, t Chinese woman refused admission Canada by the local immigration aut ities, cannot enter, is the decision Mr. Justice Murphy, who today judgment, which will stand the authorities at Ottawa should to revise it. Counsel for Woo See to Ottawa.

Woo See came here on the Monteag a few weeks ago, and claimed admissi as the wife of Lem Fong, a local nese merchant. The immigration offisaid that Lem Fong had already wife living with him, and the Canalaw could not recognize another. Lem Fong himself then retained sel to appeal against the decision.

Ice Reaches Nome

NOME, Alaska, Nov. 21.-The first een in Bering sea this season m down from the Arctic today and dr into the roadstead. The floes did remain long, and soon were carrie to sea by the tide. The oldest ple can recall no season when the ice been so late. Now the floes are mo southward it is believed that the stead will soon be closed. The chanof commerce, city council and other organizations met today and endo the movement to secure congression legislation for a harbor in the river to afford protection to Nome quito fleet, which suffers severely winter from the ice jam in the roadstead.

C. P. R. IRRIGATION Building of Large Dam at Bassano Making Good Progress-Will Provide

Reservoir

MONTREAL, Nov. 21 .- The dam now being built in Canada construction by the Canadian Pact railway in Alberta. It is being but connection with the C. P. R.'s big million acres irrigation project in vicinity of Calgary.

In building the irrigation st was found necessary to provide dam for the turning of water into main canal, and Bassano was fixed as the right place for this s There by throwing across the Bon I this big dam, a natural hollow pression in the country will be turn into a miniature lake, which will so as a storage place for thousands of tons of water.

Recent advices received at the local P. R. headquarters announce that during the past summer a vast amount of wo has been done on the dam. Early in spring a thousand mules that had had and sweated in the Panama canal ations, were brought into Canada used in the C. P. R. irrigation wo These, with the many big steam shove the construction trains, etc., have many the big ditches near Calgary busy the year.

Cable Rate Reduction.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 21.—The federal ministry has notified the newspaper of the Commonwealth that the cabi press rate on the Pacific cable will reduced at New Year's to fourpence halfpenny per word.

An increase of price of Crow's Nest coal

mpagnie Generale antique Sends Rep ve to Make Repor of North Pacific Co

i Halphen, secretary Generale Transat is now making a to of the North Pacific San Diego to Victoria esent and contemp d harbor facilities of the ew of the establish hly steamship service agnie Generale Tr to establish be the North Pacific coas Panama canal.

e Compagnie Generale e is operating steamsh to New York and aux and New Orleans. eight and passenger ser n Nazaire, France and exico, and lines between untries. This company egithiest in France. L. Halphen is secretary lirectors of the Compa nsatlantique of Fran

eve is planning to take age of the opportunities Panama Canal is exp will be one of the teamship companies to e canal steamship service i ports, San Francisco, Sea nation has more igted the importance o Canal than the French," Probably this is becau riginally was a French "Of my visit I can sa that it has to do with a or bimonthly steamer company proposes' t

tween French ports an Weir Line's P The Weir line is also plans for the establishing via the Panama canal. cisco Chronicle says: Weir line is contemplat canal service when the is open to world navigati by the presence here of Baxter, who represents New York. Captain Baxte from London, where he w firm which controlled a of freight carriers on m

Many are the steams looking to the North Pac intention to start lines opening of the Panama rison and Maple Leaf 1 ready in the field, the R Packet line, Holland-Ame nel and other big conce to be considering enteri In view of these things consider steps to be proper harbor works and acilities to prepare to ha ness, and to provide s accommodation where an ers can be promptly necessary to dock the are making ready. A of yesterday said: missioners today voted 000 of bonds voted for ments, on the purchas land on Harbor island, harbor, and construction for purchase of 30 acre land. The land is pri will be condemned. The in view of the approach

PURSE SNATCHE Arthur N. Ferren Makes

successful Attempt

way Robbe

the Panama canal and

lie docks."

Through the screams calling to her aid pas N. Ferren was captured minutes of the time a handbag carried by as she was walking at 10.30 o'clock along near Superior street. who heard Mrs. Lawre sued Ferren, who ran a ment grounds to the lative buildings, where by Messrs. H. Stevens ley, janitors of the were also attracted b stable Rich also purs

man, afterwards bring police station. Mrs. Lawrence was her home at 428 Kings Ferren approached and snatched the handbag. opened the bag taking taining \$10 in money and chain. The han away and evidently did the purse, though a discover it. The ha handle broken was ene of the hold-up.

San Francisco SAN, FRANCISCO, covered tonight th loodman, the jewelry es murdered and I ed at \$5,000, and found under a heap of day, was arrested charge of embezzl ordman Brothers, a ewelry firm. The cas While the ir sarded by the police on with Goods following the cle ing a possible ex n entanglements

ed in, which it ws unearthed