Presentment Made to the Chief Justice at the Close of Yester day's Session.

Continuation of the Evidence in the Case of John A.tken Charged With Murder.

Last evening before the adjournment of the assize court the grand jury made their presentment, which follows: To the Honorable Theodore Davie, Chief Justice of British Columbia:

May it please Your Lerdship:—We, the Grand Jury now assembled, present to Your Lordship the following report:
Hush to the Yukon via Victoria. We believe that the benefit to the city and prowere that the benefit to the city and pro-vince from this source will be immeasur-able, but we must point out that the bene-fits to accrue to the city of Victoria will be but transient unless the municipality rises, and rises shortly, to the importance of the occasion. It seems to us that in the present condition of things tens and hun-dreds of people who, in passing through the city and seeing its natural beauty and unsurpassed surroundings, might be temptdreds of people who, in passing through the city and seeing its natural beauty and unsurpassed surroundings, might be tempted to return here and settle, or arrange for the coming of their families, while they themselves spend their summers in the North, would be deterred from doing so by the condition of our streets, water supply and drainage. It also appears to us that a little energy on the part of the municipal authorities would very soon remedy matters. If being unwilling to use the powers given them by the provincial government to enforce connections with the sewers, owing to their dislike of pressing some of the poorer property owners, could they not apply to the government for power to raise the necessary money to do the, work, and charge it against the lands and improvements of those unable to find the money charge it against the lands and improve-ments of those unable to find the money to do it themselves. If this were done every property along the line of the sewer-age system, as at present laid, could be connected in two months after the said power was obtained. Then, again, we con-sider the disgraceful condition of the John-

sider the disgraceful condition of the Johnson street ravine, and the connections of closets with box drains, evils that the authorities could instantly put a stop to, were they to use the powers given them by the municipal act.

We are entirely in accord with Your Lordship's views as regards street improvement, and think it imperative that means should be taken to apply once more to the people to furnish the funds for this most important work. With the streets and sidewalks in their present condition our town can never be as attractive as it should be, either to inhabitants or new-comers. If can never be as actractive as it should be, either to inhabitants or new-comers. If this work could be put in hand contemporaneously with the laying of the pipes for all sewer connections, we should no longer see the tearing up of roads which have just

been repaired.

We should urge the extreme necessity of the immediate completion of the waterworks at Beaver lake, which have now been so long in an unfinished state, and on which the citizens have expended money with a lavish hand, and have not received as yet in return therefor one gallon of water from the new filter beds.

the new filter beds.

Bridges.—We are also of opinion that some definite steps should be taken to place permanent bridges in the city in place of the present ones and fast decaying wooden ones, more especially in view of the extra traffic we are anticipating they will be called upon to bear. We would also point out that during the coming year the Dominion government will, as agreed with the city council last year, remove the pile bridge at Point Ellice if a structure of a permanent nature to connect Esquimalt bridge at Point Bilice if a structure of a permanent nature to connect Esquimait with Victoria be not commenced in the meanwhile. We call attention to the fact that the grand jury in their presentment to Your Lordship in June, 1896, recommended that this bridge should be immediately replaced by a permanent structure sufficiently strong to carry any traffic which it might be called upon to bear, and they also strongly recommended that the provincial government should render material assistance towards the cost of the work; this bridge being more than an ordinary, connecting link between two streets, it being the means by which one of the principal highways of the country enter the city, with which of the country enter the city, with which, sentiment and suggestion hitherto unheeded by the authorities, we are most heartily and entirely in accord. For the building of the permanent bridge and the replacing of the other city bridges by permanent ones we believe that the several authorities ones we believe that the several authorities

ones we believe that the several authorities should now raise the means, and so avoid all chance of a repetition of the terrible calamity of the 20th May, 1836.

Wharves.—We should also suggest an examination of the wharves along the entire water front of the city. One slip gave way during the Jubilee celebration, and we have reason to believe that others are not as safe as they ought to be.

Fire Arms and Cataputts.—We call the serious attention of the responsible parties to the danger attending the use of fire arms, air guns and cataputts by lads and eyen boys of tender years; many instances baying come to our personal knowledge not merely of destruction of property but of hazard to life and we hope that parents will assist the police by seeing that their own children do not possess or use these dangerous weapons.

Steam Circular Saws.—We are also of opinion that the city should at once put a stop to the practice of cutting wood on the streets by circular saws worked by steam as it has led to serious accidents and is, we believe, permitted in no well-ordered community.

Provincial Gaol.—We have inspected this

stem as it has led to serious accidents and is, we believe, permitted in no well-ordered community.

Provincial Gaol.—We have inspected this and find that it is well kept, and the food and sanitary conditions satisfactory. In view of the large amount of wood in the roofs, floors and other parts of this building and the insufficient water pressure, especially during the summer months, we think some means should be devised to lessen any risk of loss of life through fire. Having seen many of the prisoners with iron shackles rivetted on their legs, which are not removed by day or night, we are of opinion that an enquiry should be held as to whether there is a necessity for what appears to us to be an extreme measure.

Jubilee Hospital.—We also visited the Jubilee hospital, and found its condition excellent, and were especially struck with the new operating room, built and fitted in accordance with the latest ideas. We hope that ere long some satisfactory solution of the drainage difficulty at this valuable institution may be found.

As many grand juries have already expressed their opinion on most of the matters contained in this presentment, and as apparently there has been no notice taken of their presentments, we desire to express our hope that some means may be found to prevent the work of successive grand juries from being rendered nugatory by the

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10 YEARS THE STANDARD.

carelessness or indifference of those in charge of the interests of the public.

(Sgd.) J. GERHARD TIARKS, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Chief Justice Davie in reply said the recommendations would be laid before the proper authorities, particularly those in respect to the waterworks and sewer-These were matters touching the age. public health, and if the city did not exercise their powers the provincial goverument might step in as they did during the smallpox enidemic.

The charge of murder against John Aitken was continued until 7 9'clock last night when an adjournment was made until 10 this morning. Mr. Powell, in a short and neat opening to the jury said they would show that on the day before the shooting there was an 'Inprovoked and brutal attack by Brown on Aitken in which Brown threatened to knife Aitken. This angry mood coutirued all the next day, the morning of which he threatened to kill Mrs. Aitken and then go over and finish her husband. Mrs. Aitken then went home and told husband of the threats and that night Brown came to the house, hammered on the door and threatened to kill the

fatal shot through the door. his evidence, which tallied with that of man who, while seeming to thoroughly George Schmidt on whose ranch a remarkable discovery. The his house after the row the night before the shooting and said Brown had licked and on investigation it semed that

shooting and it was with it he struck description smelt strongly of it. the crown that would convict the prisoner in case a conviction was obtained-it

was Aitken's own acts. GAZETTE NOTICES.

Another Cassiar Railway.

The government has accepted the resignation of John L. Retallack as a member of the board of licensing com-

missioners for Kaslo. The offices of the Columbia-Cariboo Gold Mining Company, Limited, are to be removed from Trail to Vancouver. A license to carry on business as an extra provincial company has been granted to the Waverly Mine, Ltd., London, capital, £100,000. The yon, and the attorney is Mr. John Grant, managing director of the company. Mr. J. D. Graham, gold issioner for the northern division of

Waverley Company. The organization of a Farmers' stitute has been authorized. The first meeting will be held on December 1st. Mr. H. E. A. Robertson will apply at the next session of the legislature for a charter for a railway from a point urated with coal oil, the lamp on the at or near Revelstoke by way of the northern boundary of the province at

censing and police commissioners of Greenwood; Isaac Hallet to be magistrate of Greenwood; James Thompson have dropped the match before the flame will be made at Revelstoke at 8:20, instead of 9:50 as heretofore. Close connection have dropped the match before the flame will be made at Revelstoke and with the

Notice is given of the incorporation of the following new companies: Kaslo Rink Co., Ltd., capital. \$3,000, and headquarters at Kaslo, the object being to carry on business as a curling and skating rink; the Klondike Trading and Outfitting Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000, and registered office at vestigation, for an inv Vancouver, will outfit miners and do all likelihood be beld. a general commercial business in ction with the Yukon; the Rothsay Shipping Company Ltd., with headquar ters at Vancouver, and capital of \$50, 000 will do a general shipping business

DROWNED AT UNION.

Brief Dispatch Tells of the Drowning of Richard and William Anderton.

M. James Anderton last evening re ceived a dispatch from Union containing the sad information that his brothers Richard and William, had been drowned. No particulars were given. The two men were carpenters and had

Whatever may be the cause of premature gray hair, it can be restored to the same color as in youth by Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE

Fire in Four Different Places in Residence-Furniture Saturated With Kerosene.

Firemen Think an Incendiary Has Been at Work-No Connection Between the Fires.

Just before the city hall clock struck the hour of three this morning the fire department were called to a fire at the one story wooden frame building, No. 144 Fort street. Long before the firemen arrived the location of the fire was seen, for a lofty column of thick, white' smoke was rising from the house. firemen were very prompt in arriving, and in about ten minutes after the hook of box 33 had been pulled down they prisoner who in self-defence fired the had a stream playing into the cellar where the fire was seemingly centred. Mrs. Aitken testified that the night of Chief Deasy and his men had much difthe shooting Brewn was heard outside ficulty in entering the cellar, as the door making threats and hammering on the was barricaded with mattresses, which loor, which was giving way before his were piled up against it.. A hole was great strength. Then the snot was made in the boarding and the nozzle introduced, the men in the meanting to curing an opening for the chemical in a his wife. He is a good looking young small window at the rear. The door was then forced in, and notwithstanding appreciate his grave position still retains great composure and told his story nice-extinguished. Then Chief Deasy made Then Chief Deasy made Aitken lives and John Foster, a farmer was strewn with excelsior packing, and of Metchosin, gave the prisoner a good character. They characterized him as paper and cardboard were laid as they being quiet and anything but quarrel-some. James Baker was reacled by the bin, which lay close by, wood was scatcrown to show that Brown had no hat tered about promiscuously. On a little after the shooting. On cross-examina- shelf where a number of cans of paint tion he said the Brown children came to were standing a large piece of paper saturated with kerosene was discovered, Aitken. On a previous occasion young, Sullivan Brown had said his father had But this was far from all. More But this was far from all. More cleaned his rifle and swore he would serious discoveries were made a few moments later. Although the fire After luncheon Mr. Powell addressed extinct in the cellar, the work of the

the jury on behalf of the prisoner. He firemen was not completed, for another impressed on the jury the fact of the fire was discovered in the kitchen above, quarrel between the two men the night and, in fact, there seemed to be fires before the shooting, and from every in- everywhere, there being no connection dication Brown was in a fury at the between any of them. The fire in the time and his anger had not subsided the kitchen did very little damage, the only next day. If any juror had any doubt article of furniture destroyed being a about the nature of the affray, could be sofa, which smelled strongly of coal oil tell why Mrs. Brown and the children The floor was not even discolored. Then left the home and walked nine miles another fire was discovered in the next through the dark and cold? He greatly room, there being not the slightest conregretted to speak harshly of Brown, nection between it and the other fire. but there were times when duty demand- In this room evidences that the fire had ed plain statements, even concerning a been assisted in its work of destruction dead man, and this was one of them. were very plentiful; the sofa was heav-Brown, he claimed the evidence went to show, carried a gun the night of the wet with it and other articles of this the door. In conclusion he asked them floor was strewn with packing, while in to judge the whole thing as reasonable the centre of the floor was a lamp men and asked them what they would trimmed and filled and unlit, the chimhave done had they been in Aitken's ney off and all ready. This fire was place when the door was about to crash | also extinguished before much furniture in under the weight of an irate man of was destroyed, but the work of the fire-210 pounds and six feet two inches in men was not vet over for in the hedheight, and who was threatening to kill room another fire was found, it also him. Mr. Smith commenced his ad- having no connection with the others. dress by telling the jury it was not their Here the most damage was done. The acts or the words of the witnesses for fire was seemingly centred in a wardrobe, which, like the articles of furniture in the other rooms, also smelled strongly of kerosene. The doors of the

room, one leading from the passage and the other from the room in which the firemen had last worked, were both Several New Companies Incorporated- closed, the former being locked and bar- and heavy seas. ricaded with a wardrobe. This door was broken down by the firemen, and after a short time they had conquered the fire here, as in the other rooms The strangest part of the whole af-

four fires were each fair is that the separate, there being not the slightest connection between them. The front as the occupants of the house were expecting boarders they were preparing rooms for them. The house, a one story frame building.

is owned by Andrew Sheret, who is now head at Fairview, B. C. Mrs. Sheret and office of the company is at Albert Can- her daughter were in the house when the fire occurred, and in bed. They were not sleeping in the bedroom in which one of the fires was discovered, but in a room adjoining. Mrs. Sheret West Kootenay, has resigned his posi- discovered the fire and promptly aroustion to act as general manager for the ed the neighbors, who gave the alarm. She and her daughter then dressed hur riedly and ran into the street.

The circumstances in connection with the fire are baffling Chief Densy and others who have seen the burnt prem-They see the many articles satfloor, the packing and the strange things she had placed it, and in regard to the The delay heretofore necessary at

NANAIMO NOTES. N.Y.C. Co.'s Increased Facilities-Heavy Rainfall.

The preliminary surveys for the con-templated improvements to the New Vancouver Coal Company's loading wharves have been made. Plans for the work are in course of preparation, and as soon as the details are decided upon the work will be commenced. The large Austrian steamer now on the way from Suez to Vladivostock, thence to this port, will arrive about the middle of next month, and will go on the route between Nanaimo and California ports as a coal carrier. This steamer, in connection with the company's collier, Peter Jebsen, will give Nanaimo at least

in from ten to eleven days. The heavy rainstorm that visited our the guage kept by Mr. M. Bray, govern-Free Press.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Grand Chancellor Evans Pays a Visit To the Victoria Lodges.

The joint session of Victoria and Far haps themselves as well. rapt attention. Following the address who "likee Melican girl." nificant of their offices were presented ated. Mr. E. P. Nathan presented a silver mounted jewel to Victoria lodge.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The British ship Lebu, Capt. Sanderson, arrived this morning after a passage sixteen days from San Francisco She was towed in by the Port Townsend tug Sea Lion, but that vessel being an American bottom she was obliged to drop the Lebu in the Roads. The ship is now waiting there until the Lorne returns, when she will proceed to Steveston to take on her cargo of salmon. She is to load on account of Evans, Coleman & Evans, of Vancouver, in place of the British ship Lodore, whose charter was cancelled. Capt. Sanderson reports very heavy weather during the whole of his trip northward. Strong northeast gales were daily encountered

The British ship City of Hankow, Capt. King, arrived from Rio de Janiero this morning after a passage of 98 days. She left the Brazilian capital on August 12th and had, saving for the tables awaited them. Needless to stormy weather encountered at times, an full justice was done to the appetizing rooms of the house were in disorder, for she spoke the British ship Royal Forth, dance proceeded and the giddy whirl bound from England to San Francisco, went on until daylight was in latitude 17 south, all well. The City usurp the place of the darkness. The of Hankow is now lying in the Royal hall was handsomely decorated with Roads awaiting orders.

> The steamer Willapa returned early this morning from Vancouver after completing her service on the Longhboro Inlet route in the place of the steamer Rainbow, which was undergoing repairs at Victoria. The Willapa will sail for Naas and way ports on Sunday evening.

> > WINTER SERVICE

C.P.R. Arrangements From the Coast to Kootenay,

Commencing Sunday, the 21st inst. nsiderable change will be made in the Columbia and Canoe rivers to Tete incidental to the fire, but none will haz laune Cache, and thence by the Fraser and an opinion. Mrs. Sheret and her time between Coast and Kootenay cities. and Parsnip rivers to Dease and Teslin daughter were alone in the house, as which will be appreciated by the travel-Lakes, or from the Parsnip river to the her little boy had gone to sleep at the ling public and those having business in house of a friend, and her opinion as the Kootenay. There will be no change a point on the Liard river.

George Ratcliffe Naden has been appointed a member of the boards of linear the mattresses. She went down leaves Vancouver at 4 o'clock, will arrive at Revelstoke at 8:20, instead of to be coroner for the county of Nanai-mo; Edward Elwell to be a clerk in the office of the government agent at Fort she had placed it, and in regard to the fire in the front room, she says it must have been caused by a spark flying from the stove in the adjoining room. Chief Deasy, however, says this door was closed, and in regard to the fires he has an opinion, but what that opinion is will be learned, in all probability, at an investigation, for an investigation will in all likelihood be held.

The insurance on the building and Kootenay and Nakusp will not run be-

S1,300 on the furniture and \$100 on the organ. The insurance men will demand an investigation into the cause of the fire.

An investigation into the cause of the fire will be held on Monday afternoon at the city hall before Police Magistrate Macrae and a jury.

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Have no equal as a promnt and positive cure for a sick headache, billonaness constitution, realn in the side and all liver trombles. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Try them.

Sons and Daughters of St. George Hold a Masquerade in the A, O, U. W. Hall.

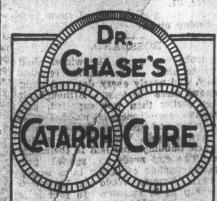
Good Large Crowd of Dancers - Many Costumes-Splendid Floor and First-Class Music.

The masquerade ball held yesterday one steamer a week. Improved op-pliances for discharging the coal at San Francisco will be used, which it is stated will reduce the time two days on each enjoyment for as many as could be trip, so that in the near future these crowded into the hall. Long before the steam colliers will make the round trip ball was opened the galleries were black with spectators and it was a question if city and district during the past two another one could have been crowded in days exceeded the record for quite a when the grand march began. In conwhile past. From 9 o'clock p.m. on sequence of the large number of specta-Tuesday until 10 o'clock this morning tors who attended, the management were compelled to allow many of them nt agent, registered there 11-100 to sit at the rear of the dancing hali. inches. As a consequence of this down- The grand march began soon after 9 pour the streams are swollen, and the rush of muddy water from Nanaimo river has discolored the harbor water. characters. Of these characters there were many sorts and conditions, all types being represented, from the prosaic hobo to the haughty Knight Tem plar and the medival nobleman. There were clowns ad lib, who with their autics amused the well-filled galleries, and per-West lodges, K. of P., held last even- Klondikers with their packs still strap ing for the purpose of meeting the Grand | ped to their backs, one of them carry Chancellor, J. E. Evans, was very large- ing a valise labelled on one side \$1,000, ly attended and proved most interesting. 000,000 and on the other "Wanted, a The Grand Chancellor spoke at some Wife." He got the wife. There were length in regard to the Order in British | characters and characters, but the best Commbia, and he was listened to with fun-maker of them all was a Chinaman reports were received from the Deputy reversible parasol, was a sight to be Grands, showing that all lodges are hold. Among the ladies, the flower girl maintaining a good stand. Jewels sig- and angel characters as usual predomin-There were Topsies and other to Master of the Exchequer J. T. Pearce "cullid pussons," Chinese women—who and to Past Chancellors E. Dickinson, no doubt had been practising for some John Cameron, A. Monroe, G. S. Russell, time prior to the ball on their wobbling W. Walker, W. P. Allan, A. Austa, shoes Queens of all sorts and kinds, J. Randolph, C. E. Jones and A. L. rope girls, card girls, fish girls, Columbias; all were there in all their glory After about half of the well-selected pro-The recipients of the jewels made up gramme had been danced the prizes were opriate responses, after which the distributed and then came the unmask lodge business was closed and the mem ing. Then the spectactors and dancers bers joined in a social and dance, given enjoyed themselves, and everybody was in honor of the visitors. Refreshments saying to the other, "I told you so," were served at midnight, and again the knew it was her," and so forth. Those festivities proceeded, the affair being one of the pleasantest in the history of a ythelianism in Victoria.

who won the prizes, which were presented Mr. Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, were:
Best dressed lady, Miss A. Bridges,

who was dressed as a fairy, with silver crown and white, gauzy best dressed gentleman, Mr. Robert Maynard, who represented a mediaeval nobleman; best sustained lady character, Miss Draut, as a Chinese woman best sustained gentleman character, Chinaman, Harry W. Young, a member of the Lindley Comedy Company; best historical character, gentleman, Knight Templar, Mr. Mortimer Bridges best historical character, lady, Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. J. Oliver; best nations costume, gentleman, Russian, Mr. Shewan; best national costume. Miss Stuart; and the best Klondike tume, Mr. Fletcher. The judges whom fell the most difficult task, of becting the prizewinners were Mr. H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P. and Mrs. Helmcken and Lt.-Col. Gregory. Mrs. Helmcken presented the prizes to the winners

After the prizes had been awarded the dancers filed into the dining room where two long and heavily laden uneventful voyage. On October 10th spread prepared by the ladies. Then the bunting, evergreens and flags.



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sleep and cures so that you need not sit
up all night gasping
for breath for fear of all likelihood be held.

The insurance on the building and furniture amounts in all to \$2.200. The house is insured in the Sun Insurance Cfice, of London, England, which company is represented locally by Mr. Pemberton, for \$300, while the furniture is insured in the Connecticut Insurance company, of Hartford, Conn., for \$1 400, \$1,300 on the furniture and \$100 on the organ. The insurance men will demand an investigation into the cause of the following letter, written by W. F. Gass, fire.

Vancouver for Rossland. Steamers Kootenay and Nakusp will not run be kootenay and Nakusp will not run be kootenay and Robson, passengers and freight being transferred over to the Columbia and Western railway.

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VICTORIA, B.C

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Notice is breby given that sixty days after date the undersigned intends to make aplication to the Chief Commissioner of aplication to the Chief Commisioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated at the South Arm of Teslin Lake—East side of the Arm—commencing from the southwest corner post of George Byrnes' claim; thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to the line of Alfred J. Thomas' claim, thence west 40 chains to A. J. Thomas' northwest corner post, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement along the east bank of Hamlin River and the east shore of the Arm.

Victoria, B. C., 13th October, 1897. NOTICE is hereby given that 80 days after

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 180 acres of land situated on the South Arm of Teslin Lake, west side of the Arm, commencing at the southeast corner post of A. Boyd's claim; thence south 40 chains along the west shore of the Arm; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to A. Boyd's line; thence east 40 chains to the point of commencement.

CHARLES EDWARD THOMAS.
Victoria, B. C., 13th Oct., 1897. 0019-2m

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licerise to cut and remove timber from off a tract of land situate on the west side of Bennet Lake, Cassiar District, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post planted below the falls on a river flowing from the west and falling in to Lake Bennet near its south end, then 20 chains northerly, thence westerly following the sinuosities of the river and 20 chains therefrom a distance of 240 chains, thence southerly 40 chains to a point 20 chains from the river, thence easterly following the sinuspant of the river of the river and 20 chains there were the sinuspant of the river of the river thence easterly following the sinuspant of the river the ri from the river, thence easterly following the sinuscities of the river and 20 chains therefrom a distance of 240 chains, thence northerly 20 chains to the place of coment, and comprising about 1,000

September 17th, 1897. H. A. MUNN. NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber from off the following described tracts of land situate in Cassiar District: Tract No. 1, commencing at a post on the west shore of Bennet Lake about 8 miles from the south end of the lake. then west 80 chains, then north 60 chains, there east 80 chains more or less to the shore of the lake, then south following shore of lake to the place of commence-ment, and comprising about five hundred acres. Tract No. 2, commencing at a post on the west shore of Bennet Lake about 9 miles from the south end of the lake, thence west 80 chains, thence north 60 chains, thence east 80 chains more or less to the shore of the lake, thence south following the shore of the lake, thence south following the shore of the lake to the place of commencement, and comprising short 500 ncement, and comprising about 500

J. HOLLAND eptember 17th, 1597. NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situated on the South Arm of Teslin Lake and on the west side of the Arm or Slough thereof,

commencing at the southeast corner post of C. E. Thomas' claim, thence south 40 chains along the west shore of the said Arm or Slough thereof, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to C. E Thomas' line, thence east 40 chains to

JOHN ALEXANDER HINTON. Victoria, B.C., Oct. 16, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Ho ner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of unoccupied Crown lands, situated on an Arm of Sidney Inlet on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, commencing at the northeast corner, thence west 40 chains. thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains along the beach to place of commencement.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1897. THOMAS STOCKHAM (Signed) WALTER T. DAWLEY, JOHN IRVING.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres (more or less) of land situated on the northeastern shore of Alice Arm, Coast district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post marked R. C., being the southwest corner; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to post marked N. W.; thence south following shore line to point of commencement. sixty acres (more or less) of land situated

Dated this 10th day of October, 1897.
ROBERT CUNNINGHAM.
Alice Arm, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to make application to fafter date I intend to make application to the Ohief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres (more or less) of land on the northeastern bank of Alice Arm, Coast district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post marked G. C., being the southwest corner; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to post marked N. W.: thence south chains to post marked N. W.; thence south following the windings of shore line to point of commencement.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1897.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM.

Alice Arm.

WANTED—The address of Arthur Charles
Hancock, of St. Agnes, near Redruth.
Cornwall, architect and surveyor; last
heard of at Victoria, Vancouver's Island,
British Columbia, about air years ago.
Any information as to his whereabouts
or as to date and place of death (if deceased) will be thankfully received by
the Chief of Police, Victoria, or Mrs. D.
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Speech Delivered by His Lieut-Governor at the ing To-Day.

Evidences of Prosperity in ince - Forecast of Some portant Legislation

Quebec, Nov. 23 .- At the the legislature this afternoo the Lieut.-Governor delivered ing speceh from the throne: "Hon. Gentlemen of the Council; Gentlemen of tive Assembly:

"As Her Majesty's repres am happy to welcome you to to which the performance of duties calls you. This first the Legislature opens in a recollection will remain dear Majesty's subjects, for duri have celebrated the sixtieth of the accession to the thr Most Gracious Sovereign thanked Divine Providence permitted her to preside so l gloriously over the developm British empire. We all pray she may still for many ye over our destinies, convinced that the wisdom which has d all her political acts will guide her in the future.

"You must at the same legitimate pride when you ren Canada was so beneficially liantly represented at the J vals of June by one who w the province of Quebec.

"You have reason to rejoic Dispenser of all Good has be to grant this province a bor vest and that the produce of cultural industry has found f eign markets, which leads for ever increasing remuners in the future. This is for the of prosperity.

"You will be called upon t assent to measures of the l portance. Among those a public instruction occupies the It contains important changes law, without other innovation than those necessitated by

ments of the hour. "Fully alive to the respons devolves upon it as regards connected with the welfare ar of the province, the government fall to evince an interest in a question as that of education the bill that will be submitt contains a provison for the cre Ministry of Public Instruc working whereof will not e tional expense, for the number isters will remain the same a ent. Agriculture and coloniz already received the most car tion from my government, an tention will continue to be is but proper that we should t tage of the tide of colonizati towards our land and attrac getic and patriotic settlers to

opened townships. "My government has also the mission of improving muniand it will spare no effort continual and increasing imper policy which is destined to p most beneficial results and the welfare and wealth of

"I am pleased to observe the that seems to be manifester manufacturing industries. Th water powers scattered throu province, and that have rema veloped for so many years, ning to be utilized.

Thanks, too, to them, new have been established and have produced excellent results. vinced that to them we will for enterprises from the carry which the province will derive efits.

"Gentlemen of the Legislativ bly:

"The accounts for the last and the estimates for the year will be duly submitted to you. "My government on assum was compelled to fulfil obliga certaken by the late administr tor which no provision was ma budget of the last fiscal year. "The result of the obligat contracted has been a consid ficit and the creation of a float which makes it necessary tor ernment to have recourse to a in order to consolidate it. "I urge you to carefully confuancial situation; you will the

call upon you to give your hear port to the efforts that my go proposes to make in that beh "Hon, Gentlemen of the L ncil; Gentlemen of the tive Assembly: "By an act of the Parliame United Kingdom of Great Br Ireland, entitled 'An Act respe establishment of provinces in

derstand that it has become ne practise the strictest economy

on of Canada,' it was enathe Parliament of Canada mi time to time, with the consen Legislature of the province, inc. such province upon such terms ons as might be agreed upo egislature of such province. overnment passed an order