# THE VICTORIA WEEKLY COLUNIST, FRIDAY JANUARY 19 1894.

## From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 18. THE CITY.

THE Princess Louise arriving from the Fraser yesterday brought 65 bags, 4 bas-kets and 1 box of mail, three day's accumu-

MRS. DELLE C. H. Cox, of Kansas, national organizer for the Women's Chris-tian Temperance Union, who is at present lecturing in Tacoma, is expected to pay Victoria a visit on Sunday next.

No ARRANGEMENT has yet been made for the holding of an inquest to definitely ascer-tain the circumstances in connection with the fire at 72 Fort street early Sunday morning. Day and hour will probably be announced to-day.

DURING Monday night's gale a big chim-ney at the Mount Baker hotel, Oak Bay, came down with a crash, breaking through the kitchen roof and doing damage to the amount of several hundred dollars. No one was injured, though several had very nar-

H. M. FOSTER, of Nelson, the husband of Caroline Foster, whose sensational shooting excited San Francisco six weeks or more ago, writes to contradict the statements published at the time of the tragedy. Fos-ter's statement does not materially affect the case in any way.

THE directors of the B. C. Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock association met again last evening at the office of the President, Mr. D M. Eberts, for the purpose of advancing exhibition arrangements. Special prizes are coming in from all quarters for exhibits of every kind and description.

FOLLOWING the recent announcement of the death of Gus. Holmes at Astoria, Oregon, comes that of another equally well known canner, H. E. Harlock, of the Harlock Packing Co., who died on Sunday at Los Gastos, Cal, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health. His wife, hearing of his low condition, had started from here for Los Gatos with their children but they arrived just too late.

THE finals in the Hotel Victoria billard ing the championship with Mr. E. A. Pauline. The first game was between Mr. Howard (rec. 100) and Mr. Rhodes (scratch), resulting in a victory for Mr. Howard (250-248). The winner then played Mr. Pauline, who made some fine breaks of 22, Constant Constant and with an unfaithed 26 and 28, going out with an unfinished break of 37, and beating Mr. Howard by 26 points.

AN ASSAULT case which has been current gossip for days past is expected to find its way into the Police court during the present way into the Police court during the present week. The complainant is a young woman, a native of Victoria, who not many months ago deserted her home for the young man in the case. He it is who is now accused ot assaulting her, a broken leg being the most serious item of the injury received. The defence will be, if the case proceeds, that the party accused had nothing whatever to do with the assault and that the accusation is for the purpose of blackmail. The police is for the purpose of blackmail. The police have taken no part in the affair, considering interference beyond the demands of their

DE. HASELL, district coroner, presided yesterday at an inquiry held in committee room No. 1, at the City Hall, touching the death of David G. MacDonald, of Catharine street, Victoria West. The deceased was found dead in his bed, under circumstances related yesterday, and the jury, after hear-ing the evidence, returned a verdict of death from the rupture of one of the arter-ies of the heart. The circumstance which to the jury seemed most necesition was that to the jury seemed most peculiar was that the deceased had been examined by two medical men only about three months ago and "passed" as a fit subject for life insur-

sale of seal skins, the average price ob-"The fall in silver has in one respect tained was 48 shillings. Many of the skins sold for as low as 44 shillings, but the best furs went for considerably more than this average price. The information was received by many others interested in the much satisfaction, as prices at this time of the year were expected to be better than in the earlier part of the season. Some of the owners say that their gain from last year's operations is comparatively nothing and that unless prices for skins are materially en. larged by this time next year, they will be considerably out on their ventures. They do cessful cruises this season, and, as many seal hunters are demanding for their services this year as much as half what has been realized for the skins at the recent sales, their expenditure will be greater this season than heretofore.

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Merrill. The music which followed was: Waltz, schottische, polka, oomox, waltz, lancers, schottische, polka, jersey, waltz, bon-ton, waltz, quadrille, schottische, polka, waltz, lancers, ripple, schottische, bon-ton, waltz, lancers, polka and waltz. The intermission took place at 11 o'clock, when the nature of the evening's entertain-ment was altered. The change was a wel-come and pleasing one, all present being seated to a grand and varied array of viands, eto Several members from courts viands, etc Several members from courts Northern Light and Robin Hood were pre-

sent during the dance, the floor managers for which were J. Randolph, Harry May-nard, George Partridge and S. Rose.

MUSIC BY MUSICIANS.

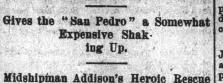
The first of the subscription con ander the management of Mr. Herbert Kent was given last evening, and from a musical point of view was eminently successful, a serious drawback to its entire satisfactori-ness being the hall in which it took place. More space and less furniture would have lent a greatly added effect to the music, both vocal and instrumental; the extremely limited character of the hall made any attempt at giving proper volume or pitch to the execution of any number fall flat Mr. Austin labored under this disadvantage and staunch were the craft that bade it throughout. His first number, Sonata in G (Haydn) in three movements, was am-bitions, even for him, but it met with very

acceptable and successful treatment. He was more at home in a "Concert Polonaise in A" (Wieniawski); his tone was scarcely sufficient to give the desired effect to Schumann's Op. 121, No. 3, although he made the best of the material at his command. From an executive point of view, there was no fault to find, it was simply

ment as to some matter of detail. The loss was much felt by the audience, as Mrs. Row-

ernment engineer. He says accommodation trains are now being run, taking in supplies and bringing out ore as the traffic offers, but when the summer comes there will be reguwhen the summer comes there will be regu-lar daily trains, carrying passengers through from Spokane to Nelson in eight hours, the time to Kaslo being three hours more. "There will be a busy season this year,"

he said to the COLONIST last evening. fall in silver, as the public here now realize, has not made the Kootenay mines unprofi-able, thanks to the high grade of the ore. It is safe to say that the Slocan ores average 120 punces of silver to the ton, with from 60 to 65 per cent. of lead, which means a total value of \$110 per ton. There is now a duty and "passed" as a fit subject for life insur-ance, while the testimony indicated that at the time he was suffering from constitutional disease. The funeral is to take place this afternoon, when members of the A.O.U.W. and A.O.F. will attend,



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A SOUTHEAST GALE

of One of the Garnet's Company.

Monday evening's gale which subsided so abruptly as the firemen brought into subjec-tion the blaze at Laurel Point, sprang up

again with increased vigor during the early nours of yesterday morning, and during the greater part of the day a veritable hurricane raged. On shore, the damage was comparatively unimportant, being confined to a few tottering buildings, weak fences and decrepit chimnies, with the usual accompaniment of wires, shutters and signs. and staunch were the craft that bade it defiance. At a rough estimate, it may safely be said that the storm did \$30,000 worth of damage in and about the city of Victoria.

A HERO'S DEED.

In Esquimalt harbor shortly after 8 o'clock, while H.M.S. Garnet was lying at her usual moorings, one of the men who had been told off on duty at the end of the boom made the best of the material at his com-mand. From an executive point of view, there was no fault to find, it was simply that the instrument was not capable of giving the requisite richness to the work. In Musin's "Concert Mazurka" Mr. Austin was thoroughly at home, his execution being not only correct and decided, but spirited and earnest. Miss Dawson is always wel-come, and although suffering from a rather prolonged trip from the Mainland, still re-tained the respectful attention which she always commands. Of Mr. O. G. Evans-Thomas, there is merely to say that he is an artist of the first rank. His grand, rich voice, musical to a wonderful degree in every tone, won all present, and made the select and rather dircumspect audience so far forget itself as to applaud most vigor-ously. The only regretable event of the evening was the non-appearance of Mrs. Rowlands, which was caused by a misunder-standing between that lady and the manage-ment as to some matter of detail. The loss was mot foll by the actigence will in all probability received by the select is the work of detail. The loss

was much felt by the audience, as Mrs. Row-lands is always a favorite. THE SILVER LINING. D. C. Corwin, the well known railway contractor, is in the city, staying at the Driard with J. H. Adams, of Spokane, on business in connection with the contract for the recently completed Nelson & Fort Shep pard railway. Mr. Corbin is well known a firm believer in the great district to be served by the railway, and recent develop-monts have by no means weakened his faith. He speaks with pride of the work done on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard, and of the excellent report made upon it by the gov-ernment engineer. He says accommodation Pedro were in order-that the wreck which

thus involved cannot be much under \$25,000. The Pedro's friends will this morning look for her familiar lines with no little curiosity.

Out in Royal Roads the anchors of the Duke of Argyle, which arrived from Hono-lulu the previous day, held firm, and she was in no way damaged by the blow. It is her good fortune to survive all the gales which disturb the Straits of Fuca. In the await calmer skies and smoother seas in Equimalt harbor, and the flotilla of coasters made no effort during the day to move about anywhere.

THE CITY. MAYOR TEACUE and Ald. H. A. Munn paid a visit to the Old Men's Home yester-day and found everything in a satisfactory

THE Pythian lodges have fixed upon January 31 as the date of their charity ball at Assembly hall, and have made \$1.50 the price of tickets.

The police have not yet identified the bold thieves who invaded the City Hall during Monday's Council meeting and stole the outer wearing apparel of one or two of the aldermen. AN ELOPEMENT, in which the principals

MEMBERS of the A.O.U.W. and A.O.F.

Among the other distinguished arrivals in freely and fully.

S. A. ROGERS, M. P. P. for Cariboo, re THE "SAN PEDRO'S" STRUGGLE. As early as 7 o'clock the word was passed boot the city that farewells to the San Pedro were in order—that the wreck which las during many months marked Brotchie edge so significantly in defance of the

> FIRE CHIEF DEASY yesterday received the following self-explanatory communica-tion from Mr. Beaumont Boggs, as resident representative of the Eastern Assurance Company. Mr. Boggs was interested in Monday night's fire only as a citizen anxious to see property protected as much as possi-

VICTORIA, Jan, 16, 1894. Thomas Deasy, Chief of Victoria Fire De-

partment: DEAR SIR:-As a close observer of the fire which destroyed the residence of Mr. Jacob Sebl at Laurel Point yesterday evening. I beg to offer my congratulations to you and your de-partment for the able and efficient manner in which the conflagration was handled with the limited means at your disposal. I trust that the experience of last evening will direct the attention of the Council to the urgent need of a steam fire boat for the better protection of the valuable properties along the waterfront. Yours sincerely, (Signed) BEAUMONT BOGGS,

to be one of the murderers. Mr. Smith left too soon after the report arrived to be able to say whether or not there was any truth

in the story. A YOKOHAMA paper received by the Empress yesterday contains this news of a Victoria scaler : "The schooner Aurora (43 41 ball gross tonnage) whose master has figured to the prominently in the British court for some time in regard to the question of paying off his men, was sold at auction by Mr. John

PASSERS BY must wonder what the erec-tion next Ald. Wilson's residence, on Rae street, is intended for. It is about twenty-An antitice of the set of the set

Wilson's house, but it is altogether too ugly, in its prominent position, to be built MEMBERS of the A.O.U.W. and A.O.F. attended in a body at the funeral of the late David G. MacDonald yesterday, the procession moving from Foresters' hall, where the ritual for the dead was performed, after which the procession wended its way to the cemetery. FIRE in Mrs. Jackson's electric goods

FIRE in Mrs. Jackson's electric goods works on Yates street, near Douglas, jeopar-dized the numerous tenants in that vicinity about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The strong wind blowing from the southeast at the time was responsible for the blaze, the chimney shifting from the wall with the gale and the woodwork igniting. The chemical engine was quickly brought into service with a water stream ready in case it should be required, and the fire was very soon a thing of the past. The damage is merely nominal.

cut down to regulation size.

THE public meeting of those interested in Victoria yesterday were no less important personages than the Caffire brothers, with City Hall, was rather slimly attended, personages than the Caffire brothers, with whose exploits Victorians are familiar. The youngsters are well-dressed, seemingly re-gardless of anything like "hard times," and speak with nonchalance of St. Petersburgh, Moscow, Warsaw, Constantinople and other places, as though they were no further away than Saanich. They also appear thoronghly familiar with the principal American cities, and seem to have been close observers of the great World's Fair, which they discuss tor Macdonald took the chair, Mr. Beau-mont Boggs acting as secretary. The chair-man, after calling the meeting to order, remarked that as the suggestions presented in the report of the citizens' committee had already been pretty well discussed it would perhaps be as well to read the report, and if it were adopted to send it to the City Coun-cil for their consideration. He read the re-

on for their consideration. He read the re-port as published at the time it was pre-sented by the committee, and then asked for any suggestions that might be made. Mr. M. Cohen thought a very important point had been left out. At present, by the Municipal Act, a property owner is dis-qualified from acting as mayor or alderman if he has a mortgage on his prometry. This if he has a mortgage on his property. This was not right, for if property was the quali-fication a man who owned property and paid taxes on it should not be disqualified. The chairman considered the suggestion a good one, and a motion to add a section to the report embodying this idea was carried unanimously. The whole proceedings did not take ten minutes, and the meeting dis-persed after being thanked by the chairman for attending and deciding to send the re-port as amended to the Council for their naideration.

SIR THOMAS M'ILWRAITH.

A Distinguished Australian Politican Who is Interested in Canadian Affairs.

He Will Confer With the Dominion Government-Then Go to London.

Sir Thomas McIlwraith, probably the most influential of the politicians of Queens-

but remained over

THE LABOR ACT.

Suggestions for Its Improvement Made By the Representatives of Unorganized Labor.

The Conference of the Committee Withthe Government and Opinions Advanced.

The committee named at the mass meeting of unorganized labor held some weeks ago in the City Hall, yesterday waited upon the Government, by appointment, for the purpose of presenting their report. The deputation was received at the offices of the Department of Agriculture by Hon. Mr. Davie, Hon. Mr. Turner and Hon. Col. Baker, Mr. A. B. Gray, deputy-commissioner of labor, and representatives of the press also being present. No time was lost in proceeding to business, Mr. Winsby explaining that after careful investigation of the subject the committee had prepared a resolution which in their opinion amply resolution which in their opinion amply covered the necessities of the case, and which they hoped to see incorporated in the act relating to the establishment of a Bureau of Labor and Statistics and Councils of Con-ciliation and Arbitration ciliation and Arbitration. The views of the committee would be found fully set forth in their report, which he handed to Hon. Mr. Davie and which that honorable

tollows: "We the undersigned committee, appointed by the mass meeting of unorganized labor held in the City Hall. Victoria, B.C., on the 5th December, 1893, to consider the 'Bureau of Labor Statistics and Industrial Disputes Con-ciliation and Arbitration Act, 1893,' respect-fully recommend to the Provincial Government as follows: "1. That standing Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration be abolished, and that Concili-ators and Arbitrators be appointed by the por-tices in dispute from time to time when disputes artice.

gentleman then proceeded to read follows:

arise, "2. That when one of the parties to a dispute, "2. That when one of the parties to a dispute, whether employers or Employes, makes appli-cation to refer to the Council of Conciliation or Arbitration, then the other party to the dis-pute be compelled to name Conciliators or Ar-bitrators to consider the dispute, in the event of said party failing to name Conciliators or Arbitrators within four days the Government be empowered to appoint them. "3. That the decision of the Arbitrators be final or compulsary.

"3. That the decision of the Arbitrators be final or compulsory. "4. That the President of the Council of Arbitration be a person of prominent position and of known unbiased character; say a Judge of the Supreme Court; and that he be selected from the Supreme Court Judges of British Columbia, from time to time, by the Arbitra-(Signed.) W. H. TURNBULL,

J. CROCKER, W. F. FULLERTON, W. HARRIS, W. P. WINSBY, LEWIS, J. LEWIS, J. SOPER, H. HODGSON, JR., THOMAS WARING, WAITER POOLE, JAS. MARCH, J. GIBBARD, W. J. CLEAYE, J. PATERSON, GEORGE UROWTHER, ALFRED VIRTUE, J. TOWNSLEY, J. TOWNSLEY, B. H. WEST, and A. E. SOPER." UMARKED that the form

Hon. Col. Baker remarked that the first resolution would in reality come under clause 9 of the act.

Mr. Winsby concurred. Hon. Mr. Davie thought the first suggestion a very good one indeed ; it was, in fact, already being considered by the Gov-

of the committee was simply and solely to suggest amendments in the line of making the act what it was intended to be—a bene-ficial measure to all parties. The resolu-tions proposed provided a way for dealing with unorganized labor as a body; in fact, the first principle of the bill made some

HEAVY SALMON SHIPMEN The British bark Harold, the le British Columbia salmon fleet of finished loading on the Fraser will sail for Liverpool very sho

From THE DAILY COLONIE MARINE MOVEM

Arrival of the "Empres and the Departure " Warrimoo."

Cargo.

The Last Salmon Ship of Clears With Value

The Royal mail steamer Japan, Geo. A. Lee comma from the Orient at seven o'cloc ing, having left Yokohama on Exceptionally rough weather enced all the way across, but occasioned. The difficulties of caused the detention which re vessel arriving more than a day brought a large cargo of freigh Oriental merchandise, includin tons for Victoria. She had 12 sengers and 137 Chinese, of th being for this port. The saloon lows : Mrs. Allen, A. Allen, M. lows: Mrs. Allen, A. Allen, M. T. Brubacher, A.A. Donaldson, H. Mr. Keater, Sir Thomasand Lady Mr. Neale-Turner, Capt. V.-CTulloch. The last named la toria, and proceeds to-day or t Tacoma. He is connected with ern Pacific Steamship agency s and has come across on a bu "Capt. V. C. Smyth is an officer colnshire regiment, and is on h to England from Ceylon. Sir to England from Ceylon. Sir Ilwraith, with Lady McIlwrait Ilwraith, with Lady McIlwrait Dutton, secretary, are going but will spend some time sig Canada and the United State Sadie was the tender which wer Empress, and had a long trip steamer went off to anchor i

steamer went off to anchor 1 Roads. As the storm of the e the day had by this time quite d reason was not apparent. Eve tender did not roll or pitch in passage. THE "WARRIMOO" AW

The vessels of the Australian Empresses again met at Victoria as by curious coincidence th nearly every trip inward and the past few months. On this o was a day late. The Warimoo ver at five o'clock yesterday mo experienced the full force of i

the way down, the spray sweep decks and bridge, and the v usual steadiness in a storm is general comment, rolling in a r fortable manner. The storm fiercely when the Warrimoo I about noon, Capt. Perry not to run any risk of damage i landing, and accordingly had taken into Esquimalt harbor anchored. About 4 o'clock she w round to her usual berth at the o where the mails and cargo were and at 7 o'clock she cleared for Honolulu and Suva. She had a senger list for this time of the about 600 tons of cargo, includi salmon and 50 tons general m for Honolulu, 80 tons salmon, 25 ber lickets, etc., and 30 tons ge-chandise for Sydney; 100 tons ma Melbourne and 20 tons for ot Melbourne and 20 tons for ot Her passengers and the places wi registered are : Frank Burnett two children, Seattle ; the Mi Moosomin, Aasa.; J. E. Carne, N Wales ; A. Dickson and Miss Dio toria, Australia ; Wm. Downie, V A. Greenville and wife, England and wife, Nova Scotia ; Mr. Mis Portland, Ore : A. McKinnon, To Portland, Ore; A. McKinnon, To McPherson, Montreal; W. Peter Australia; E. Price, W. H. Pars

# ernment. Mr. Winsby explained that the intention

land, was a passenger by the Empress of Japan yesterday, accompanied by Lady Mollwraith and his private secretary, H. Japan yesterday, accompanied by Lady McIlwraith and his private secretary, H. J. Dutton. It will be remembered that Sir Thomas was to have arrived by the last of operation better for all

IN BOYAL BOADS. ble : partment :

been of material advantage to the Koote-nay mines, for it will bring to this side of the line the greater number of the miners who have from that cause been thrown out scaling business last evening, but not with of work in Idaho and Montana. This will be the case with investors particularly, for these men have learned the business and want to engage in that and the field. I don't look for any great boom this year, but I think the business will

are in the district served by the Nelson and Fort Sheppard some fine gold prospects, notably in the Salmon river country. This

heretofore. THE scene of Monday night's fire at Laurel Point was not deserted by the fire department until after 8 o'clock yesterday the minip all danger of the industry. Tiver runs for a considerable distance close to the railway line. There has been some very profitable placer mining along its banks, and the indications are good for this industry. The scene of Monday night's fire at to the railway line. There has been some very profitable placer mining along its banks, and the indications are good for this see for themselves that their property was smouldering embers reviving to do further mischief had been made an end of. The

the Kootenay now that the railway and the loss will be little under the original estisteamboat connections give such excellen facilities. Not only will men having money to invest be enabled to easily make inspec mate : taking into consideration the violence gale prevailing at the time of the fire, it is a matter for congratulation that the blaze was confined to the premises in which it had its origin. In acknowledgment of tions, but there should also be considerable tourist travel, for the scenery is magain-cent, apart from the interest attaching to the good work done by the firemen, Mr. C. A. Holland, representing the London & the mines. The round trip from the coast, into the Kootenay via Spokane and out via Canadian Insurance Co., yesterday ad-dressed the following note to Chief Deasy, enclosing with it a check for \$50:

Enclosing with it a check for pool:
Dear Sir: As some recognition to you for the valuable services rendered last evening at the fire, which destroyed Mr. Jacob Schl's residence, we have much pleasure in enclosing, on behalf of the above company, a check for \$50. Please apply \$25 of the amount to the beigade's "coffee fund," and \$25 towards your expenses at the convention of the fire chiefs of the Pacific Coast, which is shortly to be held in San Francisco. Yours faithfully, (Signed) C. A. HOLLAND.

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# FORESTERS' BALL.

The high reputation which Court Van-couver, No. 5,755 A.O.F., has for giving successful sociable treats was well sustained at their annual ball, held in Assembly hall, at their annual ball, held in Assembly hall, last evening, when about 75 couples enjoyed the hospitality of the members of the order, and heartily participated in the anuse-ment provided. As usual on such an occasion the hall looked its best, the decorations being all that fancy and material could produce. Conspicuous among the decorations of the that fanoy and material could produce. Conspicuous among the decorations of the room was the society's banner supended over the centre of the hall. This, with many other of the society's emblems fully demon-strated the obaracter of the institution. Richardson's orchestra kept the spirits of the pleasure seekers buoyant during the evening. The opening Ancers were taken partin by C. R., J. R. Collister and Miss Rob-inson; sub C. R., J. R. Collister and Miss Johnson, and P.C.R., Wm. Hall and Miss

grow steadily better. "Besides the silver and lead ores, there

"Besides giving the necessary facilities for shipping out ore, the railway will directly encourage mining operations by cheapening supplies, and by enabling them to be carried on with smaller capital, as imediately the ore is put upon the cars, the mine owner can use the railway receipt to obtain any advance desired to enable him to

continue.

#### Where Seeds Come From.

Where Seeds Come From. First among the seed producing houses of the world status the old establishment of D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont. Established in 1856, this firm has been for years the largest and best-known seed houre in the world. In 1893 over one hundred thousand dealers handled serry's Seeds, and the number of people who planted them runs far into the millions. For 1894 this firm has made preparations to supply at least 60,000 bushels of garden beans alo e. Some hing more than shrewd business methods is required to place and keep such a business in the lead. It is something that deserves the thought of every one who plants a seed. If every sower could go on a tour of inspection in behind the name of Ferry's Seeds, see with what care they has precision they are sorted a d packed, ready for planting, there would be use of inferior seeds. Every way The M. Favery & Column en An

## SCENES IN THE HARBOR

The Beatrice, Annie C. Moore and one or and want to engage in that and nothing else. Every one of these who makes a success of a mine—and they are not likely to venture without good prospect of success—will be the means of inducing many other investors to come into the field I don't hook for any great hoom safe water. The Premier got out and the City of Kingston arrived on time, but the latter did not sail until about 11 o'clock, several hours later than her schedul The Empress of Japan came up the Straits in the teeth of the breeze, and the City of Puebla also had all the whistling wind

in no danger of blowing away.

### DEPREDATIONS ASHORE.

The Dallas road has suffered considerably owing to the high water of the storm, con-siderable portions having washed sway and given a muddy color to the Straits for miles around. On upper Fort street there is a stable in ruins; Wharf street has a couple of petty wrecks, and the other parts of the city contributed their full share of trees, shingles, et cetera.

ON THE PILOT SLOOP.

The occupants of the pilot sloop had very rough experience on Tuesday evening, as they waited out in the storm for the Emas they waited out in the storm for the Em-press, then hourly expected. At about 9:30 o'clock, when about three miles from Race Rocks and making for a big vessel which had come into sight, but turned out to be only a collier, the little craft got the full force of a southwester which split the main-sail from end to end and carried away the it the state the full backs. jib-stay, which in falling broke the arm of Captain Evans, the pilot boat's skipper. The sloop being thus disabled drifted in with the gale and it was daylight when the

outer wharf was reached. SEATTLE, Jan. 13 .- The shingle industry matters are taking on a decided turn for the better. When the price of shingles increased at a single jump to the extent of 25 cents en at a single jump to the extent of 25 cents a thousand, it is a pretty sure sign that the Eastern market is in need of cedar shingles and will boon come to terms with the manu-facturers' association of Washington and Oregon. The agent of Edward Hines & Co. of Chicago, is at New Whatcom endeavor-ing to contract with shingle manufacturers for large consistents of 5 to 2 bits of the

PRIVATE advices were received vesterday the Argyle's company. The Warrimoo, on her way to Australia, found it desirable to of Dr. Rolph Leslie, son of the ex-postmaster of Toronto and a young Canadian well known in foreign lands as well as through-out the Dominion. Dr. Leslie after graduating at Toronto, removed to England, where he learned valuable lessons in various

great hospitals. Then he went to Armenia, where he gained military experience as one of the red cross surgeons. Bulgaria was next his home, General Skobeleff being a warm personal friend, and then the Soudan ampaign claimed his attention, his position being the important one of chief surgeon to the headquarter (General Wolseley's) staff. Dr. Leslie was also with Stanley on the nd last of his African expeditions ; he had also engaged to accompany the noted traveller on his most recent trip, but cancelled his engagement in deference to the wishes of his parents.

W. J. DWYER, D.D.G M., W. F. Fuller ton, D. S. and S. F. McIntosh, James Tagg, F. Leroy and Robert Carter, who were the Victoria delegates at the special district meeting of the C. O. O. F. in Nanaimo, returned home yesterday. The meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the agreement between No. 7 district lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada to frame a

constitution to govern the proposed Provin-cial Grand lodge. About thirty delegates from Bellingham Bay and the various cities from Bellingham Bay and the various cities in the province were present at the meeting to consider this question, which was the principal business transacted. The Purple degree was, however, conferred on three delegates by D. D. G. M. W. J. Dwyer. On Tuesday evening the Nanaimo lodge tendered the visiting brethren a banquet in the Wilson hotel, and treated them through-out their stav in the citv in a manner much

the Wilson note, and treated them through-out their stay in the city in a manner much appreciated by the delegates. The next district meeting will take place at Agaseiz, the date for which will be arranged by D. D. G. M. W. J. Dwyer,

Among the members who have arrived for the opening of the session is A. W. Smith, M.P.P. for Lillooet, who is stopping at the Driard. He reports the weather in his part

Driard. He reports the weather in his part of the country as remarkably mild and genial, not a sign of snow. The past season has been a very successful one in mining, and besides the companies already in oper-ation, several new ones are preparing for work in the spring. Last Wednesday, the day before Mr. Smith left home, Indians re-marted that these had diagonal the ported that they had discovered the mur-derer of George Bull and his family, who a thousand, it is a pretty sure sign that the Eastern market is in need of cedar shingles and will soon come to terms with the manu-facturers' association of Washington and Oregon. The agent of Edward Hines & Co. of Chicaro, is at New Whatoom endeavor-ing to contract with shingle manufacturers for large consignments of 5-to-2 shingles. He is offering \$135 a thousand for the shingles are ready for shipment; \$1 a thousand to be paid in cash when the shingles are ready for shipment and the balance to be paid on arrival of the shingles at their destination.

consequence of the illness of Lady Mo- ganized labor as well as unorganized. Ilwraith, who has now quite recovered. Sir Thomas has for very many years been iden-tified with the political affairs of Queens-land. He first became a minister there in 1874, and since then he has been Premier on three separate occasions - for in Australia all

governments are shortlived — last taking that office' in 1893. His party is yet strongly intrenched in power, but when Sir Thomas was about to start on his present trip he resigned the office of Premier, in order that his colleague

who was to assume the responsibility of the position might have the honor also. He has for long been one of the most prominent public men in all Australia, and if the colonies federate in the near future he is bound new commonwealth. He is of Scottish descent and has the force of will characteristic of his race, combined with splendid physical proportions and a commanding presen

which stamps him as a man of position and of strikes and reduce the losses by them. influence

Roads last evening a COLONIST representa-tive had a pleasant chat with this distinguished visitor, who now comes to Canada for the first time. Sir Thomas McIlwraith said it is his intention to proceed from Vanouver over the Canadian Pacific railway to Ottawa, where he will informally discuss with the Dominion Government the matter and Australia, and also the Pacific cable. It was his expectation when he left Brisbane that he could participate in the proposed conference while in America, for he intended te spend a couple of months in Canada and the United States, but while in Japan he received word that the conference had hear

"suspended," though it was not until his arrival here that he learned of the recent political complications in New South Wales, and the fact that there is

the attractions of Banff and the other noted points of the mountain journey, would have liked to spend some time in seeing them, but the weather not being propitious he will probably not make any stay between Vancouver and the Easts The opening of direct communication has given him great interest in Canadian affairs, and he antici-pes with pleasures his visit to the chief cities of the Dominion. Sir Thomas mat

the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell in Australia recently, and will therefore not be quite a stranger at Ottawa. Having made his tour in Canada and the States he will proceed to

Hon. Mr. Davie-I am sure the suggestions made by the committee are much appreciated by the Government, and will assist them in their deliberations upon this important matter. I have to thank you. gentlemen, for your suggestion

Mr. Winsby-We think that compulsory arbitration of some sort is necessary; we wish to do away with strikes altogether, and have come to the conclusion that this is an important step toward the accomplishment of that object. Hon. Mr. Davie pointed out that there

was one difficulty to be anticipated in car-his works if he decided not to do to take a leading part in the affairs of the more than a workman could be compelled to work if he made up his mind not to. He felt bound to agree with Mr. Winsby, however, that the adoption of the suggestion offered would materially lessen the number

The state of the second the deputation. It would, however, do away with a great deal of jerry contracting. Hon. Col. Baker-You don't mean that

the award of the board of conciliation shall be final, as I understand you ? Mr. Winsby-No. If the council of con-

Hon. Col. Baker-The suggestions certainly seem to simplify matters; they are at

least worth trying. Hon. Mr. Davie—The Government will now no hope of any conference until give them very serious and careful consid-next summer. Sir Thomas having heard of the attractions of Banff and the other noted will, I am sure, be of benefit to the act. The Premier then thanked the tion for their attendance, and the latter withdrew.

# MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17 .- Six persons had a most miraculous escape from instant death yesterday morning about 5 o'clock. About five hundred tons of rock which had been loosened by the rain of yesterday, came down from Telegraph hill with a rush on a two story house occupied by Peter Brown, his wife and three children, and a Greek

named C. Fussuth. As soon as the timbers began to crash, all made a break for the one room and as the mass of rock fell on the roof, the latter formed an arch over the occupants of the house, all of whom were occupants of the nouse, all of whom were reacued uninjured, except Brown's daughter, 12 years of age, whose legs were out and torn. William Cooper, a fireman, took the little girl out of the ruins, and on returning for the others fell through one of the tim-bers and broke his right leg.

cargo is the second largest salmon ever dispatched from British Colu amounts to 61,091 cases, the to which is \$321,541. The vessel's are Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., year 1890 forwarded to Englan bark Henry Villiard 65,319 largest shipment from British Corecord. The Harold, which is register, is in command of Ca King; her cargo in detail is as fo Cases. Marks. 1,018...Sea Lion Brand..Robt Ward 3,843...I

Wilkinson, New York ; W. Wynn N.S.W.; and F. G. H. Williams,

LUMBER SHIPMENT FROM VIC It will probably be late to-night Northern Pacific steamship Tacor ready to sail for China and Jap has to load here 20,000 feet of lu a small amount of general me She arrived in port from the Sour o'clock last evening. The out senger list will not be very large include ten Chinese from Victoria.

THE PUEBLA ARRIVES. Owing to the rough weather ienced on the way up from San the steamship City of Puebla did as early yesterday afternoon as s does. She brought over 75 tons for Victoria from the coast metr sides fifteen cabin and eight stee sengers.

LUMBER FOR SCOTLAND. The American ship Eclipse, 1,5 Capt. Peterson, completed loadin Hastings Mill, on Monday. Sh board 1,072,820 feet of lumber s valued at \$10,720, besides 600 salmon. Her destination is Scotland

MARINE NOTES. The steamer Grandhalm, her ealmon on October 19, has arrived Liverpool.

PARIS, Jan. 17.-The Senate unanimously to-day the bill to co 41 per cent rentes into 31 per cent