THE ALLEGED LIBELS

The Case Against Mr. Coltart, of the Province, Produces a Legal Contest.

Mr. Bostock and Mr. Nichol Will Be Proceeded Against

Separately.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS. In the case of Hewitt Bostock, M.P., Ian Coltart and Walter C. Nichol, charged with having published a defamatory libel on Messrs. J. H. Turner and C. E. Pooley, Mr. Cassidy on behalf of the prosecution said that owing to the fact that Mr. Bostock was out of the city it was impossible to serve him and he therefore asked that his name might be stricken from the information, adding that it was the intention to lay another information against him. Martin, who appeared for the defend-ants, said that he wished to call the attention of the court to the fact that one of hic clients, Mr. Nichol, had been away from home on business for his employers, and upon his return on the previous Saturday found that the summons in this action had been served upon his Chinaman, and also called the magistrate's attention to the fact that he (Mr. Martin) had sent down to the court for the purpose of obtaining a copy of refused; that the original information, which should have been upon the files according to the information given him, it was at the time he asked for it in the possession of the solicitors for the cution, "and," said Mr. Martin, "I would like to know how it is that when filed, that that document, which is a even temporarily."

The magistrate explained that application had been made to him on the previous afternoon for leave to obtain a copy of this information for the express purpose of preparing a summons against the absent defendant, Mr. Bostock, and he had given his permission for the original to be removed for that purpose, a courtesy which he would have been willing to have extended to Mr. Martin mself under the circumstances, and if there was any blame to be placed upon anybody it was only upon himself.

Mr. Cassidy, acceding to Mr. Martin's request, agreed to Mr. Nichol's name being stricken from the information, and the case as against Mr. Coltart was taken up, with the understanding that a new information would be laid against

Messrs. Bostock and Nichol. The magistrate was of the opinion that the information as amended would require to be re-sworn by the complainants, but Mr. Cassidy, probably because his clients were not in attendance and Mr. Martin wishing to avoid delay, waived this point, and the information, Messrs. Bostock and Nichol's names being erased, was allowed to stand.

The case against Mr. Coltart, the n agistrate, however, not reading the information, was then proceeded with, and ness by Mr. Cassidy.

that he was an articled clerk in Mr. Cassidy's office and resided on Burnside Examined by Mr. Cassidy.

Q.-I hand to you what purports to Saturday, December 11th, 1897. When did you first get that? A .- I purchased this on December 16th instant from Mr. Arthur Wheeler in the office of the Province newspaper.

Q.-Do you know who Arthur Wheeler then? A .- I cannot say that I know; I believe I have known him to be em-Lloyed there some time, but I cannot say in what position.

Q.-Do you know if he was employed there then? A .- Yes. Q.-(By the Court)-An employee the Province Publishing Company? A .-

Mr. Cassidy-Do you know Mr. Coltart? A .- I know him; yes. Q .- Do you know what his occupation is? A .- I can't swear that I do Q.-Do you know where he works, that where he carries on business? A .-I have seen him working in the Province

Q .- Do you know his signature? A. I do not. Q.-Have you seen it? A.-I have seen what purports to be his signature.

Q .- On what? A .- On letters purport ing to come from him. Q .- Have you ever delivered to Mr Coltart? A .- I don't think so; I don't remember having done so. Mr. Cassidy (showing letter to witness)

-Do you know this letter? Mr. Martin (interposing)-What letter

Mr. Cassidy-A letter from me to Mr. Coltart.

Mr. Martin-If it has any relevance here is should have been shown to me. Mr. Cassidy-It is a typewritten copy a letter written by me to Mr. Coltart and I wish to show from Mr. Davey's Company, Ltd., Lty., was also produced evidence that that letter was delivered and objected to by Mr. Martin on the to Mr. Coltart in order to prove that the signature upon the letter received in reply is Mr. Coltart's signature.

mething like half an hour was occupied by an attempt on the part of ant, managing director; and L. B. Wilsie counsel for the prosecution to prove the signature of Mr. Coltart, in spite of the centention by defendant's counsel that s condary evidence was not admissible when it was possible to procure evi dence of a positive nature, and notwithstanding the magistrate's ruling that the evidence offered could not be accepted, Mr. Cassidy persisted in endeavoring to prove Mr. Coltart's signature by the evi-

dence of his clerk. It was not made clear what object course of procedure, but it is to be presumed from the lengthy argument indulged in and the persistency with which Mr. Cassidy continued to endeavor to obtain from his witness an admission that he knew and could identify Mr. Coltart's signature, that something could have been gained by it for the prosecution. His honor, however, finally com-pelled Mr. Cassidy to subside by telling him that as Mr. Coltart had been in ess here for a number of years and that hundreds of people in the city would of their own knowledge know his signstuge it was foolish to endeavor to prove head of it. Who is in apparent control? its genuineness by a witness who under

outh had repeatedly said he did not know

Mr. Cassidy then proceeded to ask the witness if he knew what duties Mr. Coltart followed at the time of the publication of the alleged libel, but when in answer to the court Mr. Davey said abruptly closed.

In cross-examination by Mr. Martin the witness testified that he had purchased a copy of the Province newspaper of December 11th on the 16th December, had taken it to Mr. Cassidy's office and placed upon it a mark of identification, but could not remember the time, although he was positive that immediately after purchasing it he had taken it to his own office and could now cognize it as the one produced in court. lishing Company, his duties being those

or assistant to the foreman. witness and insinuated that the two companies, the Province, Ltd., Lty., and the Province Publishing Company, were erarate only for certain purposes. Mr. Martin objected to the insinuation and a lively interchange of banter was indulged Mr. Cassidy making use of the expression that "these people were higgledy pit gledying together," and asking Mr. Martin for enlightment as to what the difference was received the reply that if he wished information he must pay

Mr. Martin proceeding with an examination of the witness elicited the inforthe information in this action and was mation that the Province newspaper was published from the Province building; that the Province building was situof the court had been removed, and that, ated on the corner of Courtney and Gordon streets; that he (the witness) semetimes saw it printed; that he sometimes old it, and that Mr. Walter Nichol was known in the office as the acting editor. Endeavoring to find out what my clients are charged with an offence Mr. Coltart's position was, Mr. Martin this nature and the information is learned from the witness that he is secretary of the Province, Ltd., Lty; that as record of this court, should be removed a rule he (Mr. Coltart) occupied a room in the building; that he sometimes dictated letters, and that as far as the

over him. In cross-examination by Mr. Martin the witness repeated that he knew nothing of the Province, Ltd., Ltv., as far as his position was concerned, which gave Mr. Cassidy the opportunity of firing off a remark in regard to "double-barreled companies.

Mr. S. Y. Wootton, registrar-general, and registrar of joint stock companies, was the next witness, but the evidence which counsel for the prosecution sought to obtain from him was limited. Mr. Martin admitted that the Province, Ltd., Lty., are the publishers of the Province newspaper. The witness testified that a copy of the register of the company had been filed with him on the 11th November, 1897, and then began a protracted legal argument, in the course of which Mr. Cassidy quoted from various authorities in the attempt to prove that secondary evidence could be accepted by the because he had failed to obtain what Mr. Martin claimed was necessary, the best evidence.

of Mr. Wootton would be sufficient, asked tempt on the part of the Province, Lati., custom house here, both compared the Liv., to take shelter under the name of handwriting of the impeached letters Mr. Arthur Davey was called as a wit- of Mr. Wootton would be sufficient, asked After being sworn the witness testified more witnesses to examine and that it would be impossible for him to finish the case that day. Mr. Martin said his clients had been in court all day waiting urtil the afternoon for their case to be called Mr Cassidy had occupied much be a copy of the Province newspaper of time in transacting his private business. Mr. Martin asked that if it were possible to finish the case that the court should do so, but an adjournment was taken until

Wednesday at 2 p.m. On Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the case was proceeded with, Mr. Wootton's evidence being continued. The witness produced the memorandum of association and copy of the register of directors of the Province, Ltd., Lty., filed with him as registrar, under section 89 of the companies' act. Mr. Martin claimed that the mere production of these documents was not sufficient, questioning Mr. Wootton's right to bring such public documents into court, and having brought them objecting to having them

left as evidence in the usual way,

Mr. Cassidy quoted from Taylor

evidence to show the court that the evidence was admissible, and Mr. Martin's objection was over-ruled. Mr. Wootton then proved the incorporation of the Province, Ltd., Lty., on 9th January, 1895, the memorandum of association appearing in the Gazette the same month; the Province Publishing Company was incorporated 10th September, 1896, and the memorandum of association was duly published in that month's Gazette. A copy of the register of directors of the Province, Ltd., Lty., had been filed with the witness and was produced, and although Mr. Martin objected most emplatically to its acceptance as evidence, his honor ruled it was admissible. register, a copy of which was filed No-vember 11th, 1897, showed that the directors were A. H. Scaife, journalist Inn Coltart, accountant, secretary; and Hewitt Bostock, capitalist. A copy of the register of the Province Publishing same grounds. Objection over-ruled The copy filed November 11th, 1897. showed that the directors were Hewitt Bostock, capitalist, Ian Coltart, accoun-

printer. Cross-examined by Mr. Martin. Q.-Who filed this with you? A.think you did. -Oh! think again. A .- I think.

Q.—You never saw me there? Well. I think it was filed on behalf of

Mr. Martin-Oh, you should be care Mr. Clive Phillip Wolley was the next witness and testified that he is a barrister residing at Oak Bay. The witness

was examined by Mr. Cassidy. Q .- Do you know the Province Publishng Company? A .- I do. Q.—Have you been connected with that company? A.—I have.
Q.—What was the nature of your con

A .- I acted, gratis, for Mr. Scaife, the editor, during his absence. Q.—Bo you know who controls the ainting and publishing of that paper, the Province? A.—What do you mean by control? Q.-If you were asked who was the

"boss," who would you say was the Mr. Martin objected to the expression evening.

"apparent control" as too vague and in-

Mr. Cassidy amended his question and Mr. Wolley finally said that as far as what appeared in the paper while he acted as editor he had control himself, subject to the directors, but Mr. Coltart that he did not know that Mr. Coltart managed both concerns and run them had anything to do with the Province as one thing. During that time Mr. newspaper, this line of examination was Bestock and Mr. Coltart acted as directors, and he would, if he bet on the matter, wager that Mr. Scaife was also a director.

Charles Lawrence Cullen, foreman of the Province Publishing Company, was the next witness and testified that he recognized the article in the Province of December 11th, which was the subject of this action, and that the same was "set up" by the machine operator, Mr. Ditchburn; but he did not know in whose handwriting the M.S. was. Asked if he Arthur Wheeler was then called by the exercised any special discretion in regard rosecution, and testified that he was a to this particular copy, witness said he clerk in the office of the Province Pub- dic not know then there was any particular copy, and he presumed the whole article was "set up" as usual by the same Mr. Cassidy proceeded to examine the man who always "set up" that portion of the paper. The Province Publishing Company printed the Province newspaper for the Province, Ltd., Lty., charging for it so much per copy, the same as they would for any other outside company. He (witness) looked to Mr. Coltart as manager of the Province Publishing Company for his orders and took none from anyone else. He presumed that Mr. Walter Nichol was the editor of the Province, although he did not know of

Mr. Martin, in addressing the court for the defence, opened his argument by stating that two points must be estabby the prosecution in order to lished secure the committal of the defendant First, that the matter complained of is a libel, and, second, that the publication has been brought home to the defendant. Not only so, but in addition to proving publication, it is necessary that it be shown that the charges or statements in the article were unrue. "Not one word of evidence," continued Mr. Martin, "has ben adduced to prove that the statements complained of are false. This prosecution must fail because it has not been shown that the libel is false; they have utterly failed to prove there is no foundawitness knew there was nobody who, in tion for the statements complained of and Mr. Cassidy's language, acted as a boss if those statements are true, then there is no libel."

own knowledge.

The court informed Mr. Martin that the case would not be thrown out on not claimed by the prosecution the statements complained of were not true, us the court was of the opinion that it was, more than they had already done. Mr. for the defendant. Martin then proceeded to argue that the publication of the alleged libel had not been brought home to the defendant, and reply his honor said he would like to look carefully into the memorandum of and suggested that an adjournment might be necessary to enable him to do this. Mr. Martin continued his address and brought out that there had been no evidence to prove the defendant either knew of or authorized the publication of what was now alleged to be a libel, and particularly that no proof that the defendant had what in legal phraseology is called "an evil mind" had been given. The attempt to commit the two compaconvince the court that the evidence of pressed it, "that there had been an atseparate, and from the evidence of the was clear the Province Publishing Company simply printed a newspaper for an other company. "And," said Mr. Martin "ir any case other than one of this nature it would be possible for the defendant to go into the box and testify that in the action he is accused of he was justified the fact that what was said to be a crime was not so: that he would be entitled to prove that the charges made in the article were in substance and in fact true; in this case it is not open for us to do so; but there is, therefore, all the more reason your lordship protect us and guard against any injustice being done us. Has it been shown that the defendant knew of the publication? Has it been shown that he was responsible for its publication, and, again, has any attempt been made to prove that the alleged libel was false?".

Mr. Cassidy said the words "defamatory libel" included the charge of falsity. and his honor intimated that subjects to anything which might be adduced as evidence on behalf of the accused he had decided to send the case for trial. Mr. Coltart was then asked by the court the usual formal questions, and said he believed he was to give evidence. It being 5 p.m. the court suggested an adjournment should be taken, and by consent the case stood over until 10

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

a.m. on Thursday.

The Hock Taw trial was continued to day and it will likely take up the greater part of to-morrow before it is finished. She Doi's wife was called and swore that a letter produced on She Doi's cross-examination vesterday was not in her handwriting, although it was the same in substance as one she wrote Whitehead. At the conclusion of the crown's case Mr. Fell asked that the case be dismissed, as the prosecution had net made out a case such as called on his client for an answer. His lordship de cided that there was a case to answer and the defence called Mr. Hargraves who is giving evidence about the seals used on some of the letters.

The steamer City of Seattle arrived this afternoon after a rough yet swift trip from the cities at the head of Lynn Canal and from Juneau and Wrangel She sailed from Skagway on Sunday afternoon, bringing in all 25 passengers, three of whom are the latest arrivals from Dawson City. All say that there is work for everyone at Dyea and Skagway, on the roads, cable railways and tramways being built there in preparation for the spring travel. Men are still going in by way of the Dyea trail -and up the lakes and rivers, all of which are frozen except for a few miles at the southern end of Lake Bennett. The Se futtle left for the Sound at 3:30 p.m.

The American ship Colusa, Captain Ewart, sailed yesterday from Chemainus with 950,000 feet, of lumber for Port Pirie, Australia.

D. Murphy arrived from Cariboo

BRIEF LOCALS.

From Tuesday's Daily. -The first monthly meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club was held last evening in Pioneer hall, when an interesting discussion on breeding took place, The club will meet on the second Monday in each month.

-The Great Northern railway announce that effective January 1st, the present rates of freight to Nelson, Trail, Kaslo and Sandon, will also apply to Rossland, thus giving the same rates to all Kootenay points. In the past the Rossland rates have always been higher than to all other points.

-A tri-weekly service has been instituted between this port and the islands of the gulf. The steamer to be used in this service is to be the little passenger steamer Clayoquot. She made her first trip to-day, leaving port early this afternoon for Salt Spring. Her schedule or points of call has as yet not been decided upon.

The treasurer of the British Columbia Benevolent Society gives thanks for the following donations: From Mrs. R. Finlayson, \$10; Hon. B. W. Pearse, \$20 and the city corporation, \$25. management of the Refuge Home and the Home Nursing Society are also thankful for a donation of \$25 from the city council.

-Local sealing men are inclined to take the dispatch appearing in the morning paper, purporting to have emanated m Boston, regarding the conclusions the commissioners in the sealing claims cum grano salis. It is obviously ridiculous to suppose that the commissioners would likely decide, as was stated, to allot the sum of \$1,000,000 to the sealers, when the latter offered to settle for \$420,000.

-The trial of Beaven and Yates vs. Richards is being heard to-day before Mr Instice Walkem. The plaintiffs, who are the trustees for Messrs. Green, Worlock & Co., sue for over \$20,000 alleged to be due on a covenant in a mortgage and on promissory notes. The defence set up is that it was agreed beween Mr. Worlock and the defendant that the bank would accept a conveyance of the equity of redemption in the mortgaged property in full satisfaction of the debt. The plaintiffs on the other the grounds urged, namely, that it was hand say that the conveyance was only made for the purpose of enabling the mortgagees to deal with the property more easily. E. V. Bodwell and L. P. not necessary for the prosecution to do Duff for the plaintiffs and J. P. Walls

-The trial of Hok Tow, charged with forgery is being continued to-day before Mr. Justice Drake. Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. W. Jennings, an attorney association, which had been produced, from Port Townsend, testified that according to the American law the letters showed a state of facts which if true would make Mr. Saunders, formerly collector of customs at Port Townsend. guilty of a grave criminal charge. Mr. Townsend gave evidence showing that he had been injured by the publication of the leters. This morning's session was taken up with expert evidence as to the handwriting. Mak Kin Cho, president of the Chinese Benevolent Society Mr. Cassidy finding himself unable to nies to prove, as Mr. Cassidy had ex- in Victoria, and Lee Mong Kow, the well known Chinese interpreter at the another company," had utterly failed. and they both said the letters were in The two companies were distinct and prisoner's handwriting. Hock Hang, the separate, and from the evidence of the Chinaman to whom one of the letters witnesses who had been examined oft was addressed, was called to prove that he never got the letter.

-At the instance of Rev. A. B. Winchester a society has been formed to take care and protect the friendless children of the city. To attract the attention of the children to the society a Christmas entertainment will be held show being the chief attraction. The committee who have the scheme under consideration are: Lieut.-Governor Mc-Innes, Dr. G. L. Milne, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. W. D. Barber, Rev. R. W. Trotter, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Canon Paddon, Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. Dr Campbell, Rev. J. F. Betts, Rev. J. C. Speer, Mrs. Kent, Miss. Bowes, Miss Williams, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Siddall, D. McLean F. A. Lewis. Hon. Col. Baker, C. H. Lugrin, Senator Templeman, T. M. Henderson, Jos. Meston, R. H. Jamieson and general committee D. Spencer. meets in the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Monday, January 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

-R. H. Hall, of the Hudson Bay Co., was a passenger to Victoria on the Princess Louise yesterday evening. Mr. Hall has just returned from a business trip to Eastern Canada in the interests of his company. Regarding the steamships to be placed in service by his company in the spring, Mr. Hall will say nothing beyond the fact that work will shortly be started on two river steamers for service on the Stickeen. Tenders have already been received for the building of these vessels, but so far nothing has been decided in regard to where they will be built. Mr. Hall says ronto have got the Klondike fever badvailing topic of conversation. At Edmonton he found hundreds of people starting in by the route which the people of that town say leads from there, though as a matter of fact there is no route that may be called one. But few of those going in by this way realize how they are going to get to the gold fields.

From Wednesday's Daily. The Northern Pacific and other transcontinental lines have now published rates on dogs and reindeer in straight carload lots from eastern points to Pacific coast terminals.

The fact that Mrs. Holmes of Gordon Head picked a double handful of ripe raspberries from her garden last week goes to show that the climate of Victoria is far from a severe one. The Northern Pacific and Canadia

Pacific will apply Nelson and Kasto rates to Rossland after January 1st. In other words, all roads will make Ross-land a common point with Nelson and other Kootenay points. -It is understood the salmon combin-

ation has been completed and the agreement signed. The offject of the com-bine, which nearly all the large cannery firms have joined, is to regulate the dis-

position of the 1896 stock of salmon and also the regulation of the pack of next year, so that the market will not be

glutted. -Another bank is shortly to be estab-

lished in this city. At the Driard are a party of prominent Montreal bankers, entatives of Molson's Bank, a branch of which they propose to establish here. The party consists of Messrs. Wolferstan Thomas, general manager; Wm. McPherson and Samuel Findley directors; and H. Markland Molson They have decided to open a branch in Vancouver. The party leave for the east by the Charmer to-morrow even-

-On the steamer Corona, which sailed o-day for the north, were Mayor J. H. Davidson, Mrs. Davidson and Ald. Bradley, of Nanaimo, and Thomas Weir, of Quebec, all bound for the Klondike. The two other members of this party, John Davidson and John Stevens, left on the steamer City of Topeka a short time ago, and they will decide as to which trail the party will go over. When the party left Nanaimo Mrs. Davidson, who is the first Nanaimo woman to brave the terrors of the north, was met at the train by the choir of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, who presented her with an opal diamond ring. The party are taking up an outfit amounting in all to 25 tons, with sleeping bags, furs, etc. Two horses were taken up to pack the good's over to Lake Bennett, where boats urtil the ice breaks up in the springer

-A large number of friends of Rt. Bishop Cridge gathered at the school room of the Reformed Episcopal church yesterday evening to celebrate the eightieth birthday of the venerable gentleman. Addresses were presented to the bishop by Rev. D. McRae on behalf they are of the Ministerial Association, and plenty. Mr. Thornton Fell for the First Presby- The trip out to the coast is not such terian church. Senator McDonald, after | an easy one as the one to Fort Yukon, a brief address, presented Bishop Cridge with a purse containing about \$600, be- along the trail by the Dominion governing made up of subscriptions, one of \$200 ment makes it much easier, as the men from Mr. William Duncan, missionary can replenish their store of provisions. at Metlakathia, heading the list. An ad- at these posts. The greatest difficulty dress, it was said, had also been for- is in the ice jams, which pile up from warded by the Indians of that mission, but unfortunately it had not arrived. men have to climb on their hands and Music was rendered during the evening knees. Mr. Quinlan and his companions by the ladies' mandolin club, and Mr. started with sleds and quite a big outlit, Fred Richardson contributed a solo to the evening's entertainment.

The numerous friends in Victoria of Mr. A. H. Scaife, formerly editor of the Province, will be sorry to hear that he does not intend to return here, at the same time rejoicing at the success with which he has met. His synoptical charts, on which he spent much time and patient study, are now finding places in many of the schools and offices in Great of assistance to the men coming out, Britain, the eastern provices and the States, having in fact been adopted by This large demand for the charts makes found at Big Salmon with plenty of proit necessary for Mr. Scaife to devote visions and comfortably housed for the the publishing company, the Comparative to open the route from Big Salmon to Synoptical Chart Company, of London, Dawson; he has sent to the lakes for Poronto and Buffalo, of which he is manager. The worst that his friends hardly expects to reach Dawson before can wish him is that he will be always the 1st of February. In conversation not more than a hundred miles from a with Mr. Quinlin Major Walsh stated good trout stream, where he can enjoy, during his leisure hours, his favorite sport. Mrs. Scaife and family will leave for instance, allow ten men to take up

From Thursday's Daily. -As on the occasion of the grand military ball last week, there was a large attendance at the dance given by the First Battalion in the drill hall last evening. The decorations had been retained, as well as the dancing floor.

-Messrs. R. B. McMicking and J. W. Fleming have returned from their lecturing tour through the eastern states, made in the interest of Victoria's Klon-Monday evening, a magic lantern dike trade. Mr. McMicking lectured in all the large cities, his lectures being illustrated by Mr. Fleming.

-J. A. Harvey, cf Fort Steele; Frederick Elliott, of Nelson; and A. Mac-Nish and W. H. McHarg, of Rossland, were called and admitted to the bar this afternoon. They were introduced Quarkz creek was staked from its mouth by Sir H. P. P. Crease and were sworn in before Mr. Justice Walkem.

-The children of the First Presbyterian and Centennial Methodist churches held their annual treats last evening. At the First Presbyterian church the pupils sang an appropriate cantata, Derado, said Mr. Quinlin. ushering in Santa Claus. A concert was also given at Centennial church, previous to the distribution of prizes.

-The premises at the corner of Broughton and Government streets, occupied by E. M. Johnson, have been secured for the Victoria offices of Mol- tams, some mining men from Clayoquo son's bank. Officers will be elected im- and San Juan and a few storekeepers mediately and the bank will be ready for and others who make periodical visits to business by February 1st. It is also the capital. She kept a close watch constated that the Imperial bank intends to the ually for the missing boat from the open a branch in Victoria.

-Mr. Robert C. Wilson and Miss Florence Annie Graham, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Graham, of 187 Chatham street, were married last evening by more than the sealing men are willing to that the people of Montreal and To- Rev. P. C. L. Harris. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Graly and the gold fields are still the pre- ham, Mr. John M. McGregor attending the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will spend their honeymoon in Vancou-

miral house tax refund has been re-ceived by the honorary treasurer of the Protestant Orphans' Home from the foi- Barclay Sound-A. Sinclair, Capt. Mar lowing, through Mr. Charles Kent: Geo. Glover, \$1; Mrs. M. Glover, 42 cents; J. Pierce, 60 cents; Estate of H. Glide \$1; Mary H. Brown, 33 cents; Ashdown H. Green, \$1.62; Mrs. Baxter, 50 cents; C. S. Baxter, \$1.13; F. W. Vincent, \$2.42; Mrs. Anne Scott, \$1.25; total, \$10,27. Also from the children of the North Ward public school, per Principal McNeil. \$7.45.

-Mrs. Elliott, wife of W. A. Ell of Cadboro Bay Road, died this mo at the age of 72 years and six months The deceased lady came to Victoria in 1859, arriving here in January of that year on the steamer Labouchere, of which her husband was engineer, and which was wrecked some years later between Victoria and San Francisco. month more and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott would have ecceptated the fiftieth han niversary of their wedding. The function will take place on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. from the family residence and an hour lates at the function of the best passenger at the function of the best passenger from the family residence and an interest of the best passenger from the family residence and an interest of the best passenger from the family residence and an interest of the function of the best passenger from the family residence and an interest of the function of the family residence and an interest of the function of the family residence and an interest of the function of the family residence and an interest of the function of the fu hour later at the R. E. Church.

Latest Arrivals Say That There Is Enough Food to Last Through the Winter.

All Those Who Were Short Have Left. for Fort Yukon and the Coast.

Major Walsh Will Attempt to Cuta Trail From Big Salmon to Dawson.

Those who were short of provisions have left Dawson and the 6,000 men remaining there will have enough to last them throughout the winter." So says Mr. D. P. Quinlan of Seattle, who reached Victoria this afternoon on the steamer City of Seattle. Mr. Quinlan is an observing man, is thoroughly well posted about the Yukon country, and, besides, he left Dawson City as late as November 1st. It is true, he says, that at that time there were no provisions for will be built, and the party will camp to buy any, as all had enough to last sale, but no one was particularly anxious them throughout the winter, those who were short, save 6,000, having left for Fort Yukon. They could have had no difficulty in reaching that place, simply getting in their boats and going down with the current, and as the river was open at Fort Selkirk on November 15 they are all, no doubt, no v in a land of

although the establishment of posts ten to twenty feet, and over which the but this they had to discard at McCormack's Post. Continuing the journey with an outfit of 85 pounds each, carried on their backs. At Little Salmon the post did not have a big stock of provisions, so Mr. Quinlan left forty pounds there, receiving from the officer in charge an order for that amount of goods from any of the posts further up the river. This is how the posts will be passing them on, as it were, from one station to another.

London, England, school board | Major Walsh and party were his personal attention to the business of winter. The administrator will attempt more men and horses. He, however, that it was probable he would allow miners to take up claims in a blockfor the east shortly to join Mr. Scaffe. ten adjoining claims, and then reserve ten claims for the government. would overcome the objection that claims could not be worked if the government reserve every alternate one.

At the Hootalingua Mr. Rorwood, another Dominion government official, was met, and he accompanied the party as far as the lakes. No prospecting has been done on that river, the river not yet being frozen. On the creeks around Dawson work is proceeding briskly, most of the men who went up this year now working on their own claims or on a lay. The latest strike is on Onartz creek separated from Bonanza by the Bonanza ountain. Quartz creek is larger than Bonanza. It was not prospected at all last year, but as soon as the ground froze this fall a hole was sunk to bedrock and in twenty-four hours \$5,000 was taken out. In another twenty-four hours to its south.

Mr. Quinlin has secured claims on all the creeks, and he considers his Quartz creek claim as good as any, having been offered \$10,000 for it in January. There is no reason why Quartz creek should not be just as rich as Sonanza and El In Mr. Quinlin's party were Messrs. T. Denny, T. Carpenter and B. Rosenberg, the latter remaining in Juneau.

The steamer Willana returned from the west coast early this morning, bringing back with her a number of sealing cal Cleveland, but no sign of her was to be seen or no news of her whereabouts was to be had. The sealing men were not very fortunate in obtaining crews, for the Siwashes, as of old, are holding out for pry. Many siwashes, however, promis to join the schooners, although very few would sign articles. The passengers to Victoria on the Willapa were: Kyuquot-Captains Sieward, McLean Balcom, Meyer and Jordan. Ahousett-Captain Daley; from Nootka--The fourth installment of the ad- | C. Dawley; from Clayoquot-J. Moswo, D. Wessel, P. J. Wallace, E. Johnson W. A. and J. Young; from Uclulet and tin, Mr. Douglas and Captain John Irving; from Alberni-Mr. Aspland; and frem Renerew-L. Kirkpatrick and W. J. Dwyer. She had a light cargo, the principal consignments being a few boxes of furs and six drums and four barrels of dog fish oil. The Willapa left for Telegraph Bay this afternoon with sup plies for the powder works.

Many carpenters and other artisans are hard at work on the C.P.N. steamer Danube preparing her for her service etween Victoria and St. Michaels next She is being fitted up with extra staterooms, the majority of which are being built on deck outside. When all the new cabins and banks are completed she will be able to accommodate axer 200 pasengers. New fresh water tanks are being placed in her hold; new kitchens and galleys are being built and everything is being done to make her a steamers in this service.

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VANCOUVER. Vantouver, Dec. 20-The Pa steamer Santa Cruz, en route is ashore at Bella Coola. gers are encamped and it is th steamer will be floated as was refused when offered by

Capilano. Samuel Carter, jr., fell from he was working upon on Thu and died on Sunday from the his injuries. Mr. Carter came Catharines, Ont., to Vancou ten years ago. He leaves a two children. Frank Forrest, in the service

minster city since its incorpor

yesterday after a long illness.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The bank is locating in this city. G. V. Holt, of the Bank Columiaia, and Miss Rose T this city, were united in m day, Rev. L. N. Tucker offic Health Inspector Marrion 1 Sunday from the Darcy slan after a very rough trip. T of the steamer had never bee cy Island before, and thus able length of time was spent before its location was ascerta Marrion states that there lepers on the island, one, beli the first leper sent from here ago, having just died. Vancouver, Dec. 22.-Th strange revival of the old time dog fighting in Vancouver. sports" come from it is hard they are here and taking every ity of bringing off a little go. night after the boxing contest a cock fight successfully engin took place in a rendezvous Rose's stable, although Mr. plumber, had nothing to de fight, which was all over police arrived at 4 o'clock. eight battles, between Seattl couver birds, the Seattle bird six. On the following aftern fight between two well know took place on the outskirts This time the police arrived

several of the participants we There are a great many Vancouver and Chief Stewa to induce the city to establish ship for them. Burglaries Vancouver are becoming com last one arrested was detected his presenting his teacher at numerous valuable presents a drug store. Owing to the presence suspicious looking characters Chief Stewart has put on

policemen for service in the The post office department ing for three more carriers. A force is comparatively large are unable to keep up with The Golden Cache Comp that they have milled in thir tons, and secured 900 ounce gam, exclusive of concentr amalgam runs from \$2 to

NEW WESTMINST The funeral of the late Mr. rest, who has been ill for m took place yesterday afternoon Andrew's Presbyterian chu Odd Fellow's cemetery, th ing conducted by Rev. T. A. E. Vert. The pallbearers elect Ovens and Messrs. C. Armstrong, J. C. Brown rester and J. B. Kennedy while a large number of peo last tribute of respect to the attending the funeral and al wreaths. The deceased v of Aberdeen, Scotland, and e Ontario in the '50's. In 186 rest joined the rush of gold this province, and sailed fron to San Francisco, having a companions Senator James Cariboo, and Messrs. J. Mar of Langley, and J. McIntos loops. After prospecting an Cariboo and the Peace Riv Mr. Forrest settled in this c and engaged in the contracti for some 14 years in parti Mr. William Lister. For years deceased occupied the foreman of the board of worl charged his duties in a mos manner. Deceased was wi

and highly respected by all. Miss Briggs has returned Portland, Ore., to spend the holidays with her parents. Grand Chancellor Evans, P., paid a visit to the loca Monday night. After the the order had been concluded, Chancellor was entertaine

Howison's restaurant. Close on one hundred fishe signed a petition to the min rine and fisheries protesting proposal to prohibit sturgeo the lakes tributary to the is claimed that the fish are b ed, owing to the use of illeg fishing, but the fishermen petition pledge themselves t thing in their power to stop of sturgeon by hooks provide ernment allows them to fish the lakes.

A debating society has ben in connection with St. church, the following office been elected: Hon. presiden tor of St. Andrew's church Mr. G. B. Cross; vice-pres Ella Pringle; secretary, Mr. Quarrie; treasurer; Mr. T. G strong committees, a literary -cal, were also elected. It was that the inaugural meeting shall be held Tuesday, Jan

COWICHAN.

Duncan, Dec. 20-Judge Ha the annual court of revision under the assessment acts a house on Saturday. There w appeals and none of special The Cowichan Creamery held its adjourned general 'n Agricultural hall on Saturday Mr. G. J. Corfield in the chi principal motion it was res mously to apply to the provin ment for a loun of 31,200 chase of an additional sepa