FOR \$275,000

British America Coporation Gets. ne Columbia-Kostenay-Deal Closed Monday.

imated at a Special Meeting of the Trail Mining Company in Chicago.

(Rossland Miner, Reb. 8th.) Columbia-Kootenay group passed the hands of the British America ration yesterday. The purchase was \$275,000, and outside of the Eagle deal it was the biggest mininsaction yet made in the camp. group was owned by the Trail company, which held a special ng in Chicago yesterday to con-British America Corporation's for the mine. Its proposition was ed, and Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, anadian director of the B.A.C., was phed the result. He immediately back the first payment on the

ty and the deal was closed.

group, which lies about a mile half northeast of Rossland, on bia mountain, is one of the best mining properties in the camp. ludes the Columbia, the Kootenay, opper Jack, the Tip Top and the nay fraction, and has been extensiveloped by two tunnels and a An immense body of ore has been in fact, the property has been ered the typical medium-grade ition of the camp. The main ledge northeast by southwest, with a dip om 45 degrees to 75 degrees to the west. On the surface the ledges stained with red with decomposed sulphide ores. ling much pyrrhotite with a little r and some arsenical iron. The ry rock is the diorite customary to strict, although it ranges in texfrom very fine to a very coarse. In the underground workings edge is massive iron ore streaked calcite, quartz and more or less ne. In sections of the mine miner ountered that has yielded smelter

e plant consists of a 30-drill com-sor and three 125 horse power boil-and is valued at \$20,000. History of the Group.

ns of over \$50 per ton

group was located by Philip Aspinone of the pioneer prospectors of amp, who bonded it to A E. Hum vs in the spring of 1895 for \$60,000 payment of \$6,000. Mr. phreys did some work on the prop but did not take up the bond. Sub ently A. B. Irwin, now the resident ager of the Canadian Pacific Ex-tion, Limited, who was then in the ed with it that he went to Chicago with a capital of \$250,000, in \$100 of such a capitalization.

nong those who took an interest in venture were Mason, Hodge & Co., had a contract to cut six miles of great Chicago drainage canal. Late summer of 1895, Messrs. Mason age came out to Rossland, and actthe Trail Mining Company, the Columbia & Kootenay group \$40,000 cash. At that time it was largest cash deal ever put through

he camp. The new owners did not work until the ag of 1896, when they installed a 30pressor, that had been used hicago drainage canal. It was the plant up to that time in the Operations were carried on acand some ore was shipped to the smelter, F. Aug. Heinze, attracted suitability of the ore for smelting oond on the property at a figure to be \$500,000, and worked in it extensively with a force of about men until September last, when he rendered his bond. The shipments ing the year 1897 aggregated 2,079 Heinze severed his ection with it the property has been

A Great Property. on. C. H. Mackintosh, the Canadian ctor of the British America Corporawhich has secured the property,

seen last night by a Miner report The Columbia & Kootenay has not n purchased without careful examinawas examined by John James. ish expert; Captain William E. Hall late superintendent of the Le Roi others, all of whom recommended the , but I refused to complete the sale out an extension of time for further estigation. I believe the Columbia & tenay contains the greatest body of and iron ore that has ever been disered at the same stage of developmen any camp. It is splendidly equip archs of our mineral region, for the best judges are convinced that with per management and expert working will become an immense paying pro-

is an open secret that Mr. Mackin has exercised more than his cusary caution in the purchase of the perty, and it is generally conceded local mining circles that he has made nost excellent investment.

A YEAR OF PROMISE.

This promises to be a great year in Fort Steele district in the active rch for the yellow metal, as well as utput of galena, copper and other als, and the indications are that i be long before this district will West Kootenay and other producing icts of the province a lively race the supremacy.

he silver-lead camps of the district making showings of deposits of gaa that will rival anything yet found the province. The indications are before the end of the present year ere will be a large number of pro-cing mines scattered all over the dis-

he placer mines in the district will much more extensively worked than ormer years. Prospecting on new ims give promise of producing mine an early date. The North Star Comthat, and report has it that there is insiderable good ore in the bottom of e shaft. We learn that work will be mmenced on the Lucky Star group out the 1st of February. On the east rk of Wild Horse creek at least three oups, numbering 12 or 14 claims, will extensively worked, which will give loyment to a large number of men Fort Steele Prospector.

GREAT SON OF A COOK.

Diplomacy is not always an inherited art. isimir Felix Badeni, who recently remed the Premiership of Austria, is the nof a cook. His father was the chef of e of the last kings of Poland, and was ide a count by his master. Casimir, who is appointed Prime Minister of Austria. peror Francis Joseph in 1895, is re worth \$2,500,000.

YANKEE

Washington Authorities Likely to Contend that Canada Can't Tranship Goods at Wrangel.

May Also Object to the Sending in of. Mounted Police by the Stikine Route.

Montreal, Feb. 12.-A dispatch from Vashington to the local papers says: The question of Canada's right to tranand load goods at Fort Wrangel is under the authority of the treasury department, and for that reason a request made to-day for a statement from Howell, assistant secretary of the treasury, who has the matter in charge, as to Canada's right. He said an answercould not be given now, as the treasury department had the matter under consideration and had not reached a con-It is a most important question, he added. He could not say when the decision would be reached, as it was possible that congress might take some action which would defer a decis-As to the right of Canada to land a military force, such as Mounted Police bearing arms, at Fort Wrangel and send them inland, Mr. Howell said that was matter depending on circumstances. If the military force was for relief purposes, he thought permission would be readily granted, but otherwise it was doubtful whether such permission would be granted.

THE WITNESS' TURN NOW. Strongly Condemns the Terms of the Yukon Railway Contract.

Montreal, Feb. 12. - The Witness strongly condemns the terms of the Yukon railway contract in a leading article, in which it says:

"The government's bargain with the Mackenzie & Mann syndicate reveals objectionable features that do not appear in the information which came to light the presentation of the contract to parliament. It was not then known the right of way was to be a very narrow gauge; it was not then realized as now seems to be admitted, that the Stikine is not navigable for sea craft, and that bulk must be broken in American waters; and there are, as we have inted out, possibilities connected with the parcelling of the land grant which

interesting to contemplate. 'We doubt, however, if a business man acting in his own interest, would, even with all these considerations fully before him, recall the bargain as a whole, if he could, much as he might wish. He could alter many of the details. We doubt if any of the government's critics would, were the case their own, recall the bargain. At all events, it is made, and cannot easily be unmade. The contractors have been at work

for ten days. It might have been better, however, if the points referred to had been before the public from the first." WORSE THAN CHILKOOT PASS.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson's Race for Reindeer in Norway.

London, Feb. 12.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at Alten, Norway reports that the expedition headed ev. Shelden Jackson and Lieut. D. Devore, military secretary to the United States secretary of war, has met with great difficulties, Mr. William A. Kelmann, superintendent of the government reindeer herd in Alaska, who tarted ahead of Messrs. Jackson and Devore, scoured the country with six assistants, sledging 3,000 miles through forests, in an Arctic night. Trained reindeer were scarce, and they had to pick up lots of three and four, which were eventually concentrated into six herds; aggregating 500. It was difficult to persuade the Icelanders to leave their homes, but fifty drivers were finally secured. Mr. Jackson said the travel ne-cessary to collect the reindeer was more dangerous than travelling Chilcoot Pass.

SARAH BERNHARDT ILL.

Necessary That the Great Actress Should Undergo an Operation.

Paris, Feb. 12 .- Mme. Sarah Bernhardt as long suffered from internal pains, and recently these have been much aggravat-ed. It was intended that the late Dr. Pean should perform the necessary op-eration, but now, having cancelled her engagements. Madame Bernhardt is to into the hospital, where Dr. Pozzi will next Wednesday perform an opera-tion for the removal of a fibroid growth, which has been complicated by irregular meals and the strain of constant travel. Madame Bernhardt is in excellent spirits and Dr. Pozzi is confident of the success of the operation.

WHAT'S IN THE WIND? Extraordinry Precautions Adopted for the Safety of Dublin Castle.

Dublin, Feb. 12.—Quite a sensation has been coused in this city by the extraor-linary precautions adopted for the safety the castle. An addition has been adde to the regular police force and ers, and a large guard, fully armed relieved every two hours, has been ced on the castle roof, over the chiesterary's library. The only surmise sible is that an attempt to dynamite he building is contemplated.

THE ZOLA FRACAS.

Paris, Feb. 12.—There were the usual owds and demonstrations to-day at the rial of M. Zola and Perrieux. The of republican guards was increase four companies around the court. It as announced that Gen. Billot, foreign minister of war, had instituted proceed-ings against M. Gouriant, a barrister, Who, at the close of the proceedings of the court yesterday, was arrested, after having been assaulted by the onlookers for shouting "Down with the commanding officers!

TROOPS ORDERED TO ALASKA. Portland, Or., Feb. 9.—Orders have been received at department headquar-ters at Vancouver barracks to send four companies of United States troops to Dyea and Skagway as soon as possible. This order is issued on account of threatened lawlessness at the two points mentioned. Companies A, B, G and H of he Fourteenth Infantry have therefore een ordered to take station at Skagway and Dyea, and as soon as transpor ation can be arranged they will be sent orward. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has chartered the steamship Australia, one of the Pacific Mail fleet. and there is a probability that she will be sent here to transport the troops

INSOLENCE To Stop Work on Sunday in St. Cathar-

St. Catharines, Feb. 10 .- Sixteen employees of the Wilson-Carlisle company, Cfficers Elected at the Annual Meetof Merritton, as well as the president of the company, Thomas L. Wilson, are being proceeded against before the police magistrate by the Lord's Day Alliance for deescration of the Sabbath day for running their works on Sunday. The defence insists that Sunday work is necessary to avoid waste and for purposes of economy. This contest marks the be ginning of a struggle between the Lord's Day Alliance and the manufacturers, which will determine a matter of much importance to the latter.

A Rather Sensational Scene at Thursday's Session of the Imperial Parliament.

Remarkably Mild Weather in London - Movements in Fashionable Circles.

London, Feb. 12.-Parliament is without the hope of any great sensation, but there is a general feeling on both sides of the house that matters may take a livelier turn later.

Most prophets are of the opinion that will be a "foreign policy session" the position of the government depending very largely upon the extent to which they can justify their relations with the

The general tone of lobby conversation conveys dissatisfaction with the action of the Marquis of Salisbury, which is widespread among his supporters, particularly in regard to the Chinese loan and West

The parliamentary secretary for for-eign office, Mr. Geo. N. Curzon, started the session badly by making enemies. All parties resent his brutal taunt to Michael Davitt during Thursday's dissensions over the question of slavery in Mr. Davitt asked if some of the female

ners were kept in irons. "Possibly they were," responded Mr. Carzon, "and perhaps the honorable gentleman knows that there are people in this country who are not unacquainted with handcuffs." Davitt promptly replied, "Yes, I

Then there was such cries of "Shame?"
"Withdraw!" and "Apologise!" that even
the usual complacency of Mr. Curzon was
upset, and he said, "I have no desire to
be offensive and am quite ready to apolorize for having tempted the becomes ogize for having tempted the honorable gentleman's interruption." At the end of his speech Mr. Curzon said he wished to repeat the apology, and Mr. Davitt raised his hat and smiled good-humor-

It is understood that Spain recently applied to Great Britain for assistance in raising a loan, which the Marquis of Salisbury referred to at the opening of the House of Lords on Tuesday last, when he said that China was not the only government which might want money. According to club gossip the Spanish legations in London and else-The battle of flowers at Cannes on Thursday brought out 25,000 people. There was a large contingent of English, including the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and tons of flowers were thrown. The Count and Countess de and then enjoy two months' cruise on board the Valhalla in the Mediterranean, during which they will visit Tunis and

The Duchess of Marlborough opened he bazaar at Hull, in aid of the sailors' charities, and intends repeating the Blenheim theatricals in London during the season, when the Marlboroughs will entertain lavishly, especially in the direction of politics, in which the Duke is ambitious. The Duchess is credited with the desire to revive the glorious political the desire to revive the glorious political salons such as existed during the thir-

It is asserted that a great combine of to the Manchester district, has been arranged with a capital of about £6,000,-

The weather continues to be of the mildest description, and influenza is so rife that it has increased the death rate in London 21.5 per 1,000, and undertakers' prices and the price of quimine takers prices and the price of quinne have gone up. The measles is also epidemic. Lady Terence Blackwood, daughter-in-law of the Marquis of Dufferin, and formerly Miss Florence Davis, of New York, is among the sufferers.

King Menelek of Abyssinia is preparing for a journey to European capitals, and he is collecting all objects of special interest in Abyssinia, the most valuable

interest in Abyssinia, the most valuable of which he will take as gifts to the various rulers. His majesty intends to be absent about eight months, and the government of Abyssinia during that time will be entrusted to the queen.

NOT AFRAID OF A BOYCOTT. Canadian Pacific Officials Say It Can-

not Amount to Much. Montreal, Feb. 11.-The officials of the not at all afraid of a boycott by the Western roads. The appeal from Chicago to Vive-President Shaughnessy has

cago to Vive-President Shaughnessy has not altered their attitude.

"Boycotting has been tried before," said an official of the road to-day, "but it never amounted to very much. The western road officials have been wresting with the matter for some weeks and it has gone from the passenger agents to the higher authorities. Every time the Canadian Pucific was asked to join the conference the same reply was forth-Canadian Pacine was asked to Join the conference the same reply was forth-coming, "Stop your own ratecutting and then we will talk to you." But the rate cutting is still going on, and the latest news is that a secret rate of \$25 can be had from Chicago and \$47 from New York to the Pacific coast.

York to the Pacific coast.

"In the meantime Klondike travel is growing. From advices received by the Canadian Pacific passenger department, the number of people who left the Pacific seaports for Alaska and Yukon points was 5,455 for the month between January 1st and February 1st inclusive. That number is considered small with what it will be in another month." what it will be in another month.'

CANADIAN NEWS. Toronto, Feb. 12.-The young man who committed suicide at Jordan yesterday by taking carbolic acid proves to have been Charles Anderson, of Toronto, belonging to a well known city family. He was married four months ago.

FROM THE CAPITAL

ing of the Press Gallery Association.

Engineer Jenning's Report on the Stikine Bailway Presented to Parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.-At the annual meet-

ing of the press gallery association to-day, P. M. Cote, of La Patrie, was elected president. An executive committee was elected as follows: W. Mackenzie, R. J. Hartley, Stewart, J. A. Phillip and George Simpson. Mr. Jennings' report on the Stikine of the river for thirty miles, then crossing the Stikine, a total distance, including sidings, of 208 miles, at an average cost of \$19,000 per mile. The total estimate is \$3,957,000. The estimated cost of operating the line, including depreciation and interest, is \$340,000. The prospective revenue from passengers is \$99,000, and freight \$450,000, giving a total profit of \$209,000. If the terminus of the road is made at Glenora, which seems to be the present intention, the cost of the roa would be \$700,000 less, or \$3,300,000. Turning to other routes, Mr. Jennings estimates the cost of a railway over the Chilkoot pass, 245 miles, at \$5,636,000, and by the White pass, 123 miles, \$3,-250,000; by the Taku route, 123 miles,

Senator Macdonald will move to exlude Japanese from the Yukon. Senator Scott announced yesterday that the tariff will be amended this session to onfine preferential tariff privileges Freat Britain and the colories.

Mr. Sifton announced that the provis-

ional boundary crosses the Stikine about fifteen miles from its mouth. The government claim Dyea and Skagway are in Canadian territory, and regret that United States possession has not been protested heretofore.

ALL CANADIAN ROUTE. Opinions of the Toronto Globe Regarding the New Railway to the Yukon.

The Toronto Globe of Feb. 1st says: The building of a railway through Canadian territory without a cash subsidy seems to have bewildered, though it could not disarm, criticism, The taxpayer who learns that some 150 miles of railway will be rushed through during the coming summer, making a Canadian route into the northern gold country, and that he will not be asked to make a contribution, will marvel at the change which has come over public administration in the Dominion. It may be that a lucrative industry, that of subsidy-hunting, has been irreparably injured, but Canada has reached a stage of development in which that loss will not be felt. While the theory obtains that it is the duty of an opposition to find fault with everything accomplished by a ministry the most advantageous achievement in public administration will be assailed with the usual journalistic vigor. Had where are suffering from the term of long with the usual journalistic vigor. Had delay in their remittances and the diplomats have been forced to defray the ex-penses of their establishments: The Prince of the sadly memor-

The Riviera is in complete carnival. able bargains of the late regime the attack would have been no more violent, though there would not have been the same confused search for arguments and pretexts. But the sober judgment of the Canadian people will be that the govern-Castellaine participated in the festivities. ment have risen to the emergencies of an They will stop ten days at Villa Laynes, unprecedented situation, have made an ment have risen to the emergencies of an excellent bargain and have guarded and advanced the interests of the Canadian The most important achievement is the

securing of an all-Canadian route, incomparably the best route to the northern gold fields, to be opened by September next. The Stikine is open to navigation by British vessels. According to the Canadian boundary claim, only the land around its mouth is in American territory. Admitting the American boundary claim in full, the territory of the United States extends up only about 50 miles spinners of fine count's cotton, belonging from the river mouth. The proposed railway will connect the navigable waters of the Stikine with Teslin lake, from which there is an easy course by the Teslintoo, Lewes and Yukon rivers. The speed and cheapness of this route will bring to it the bulk of Yukon traffic, and the absence of customs obstruction will give the Canadian coast cities a great advantage in the outlitting trade. That is a line of business certain to expand, for many years, and our merchants in the west

must be prepared to secure their full share of it. Another important point is the permanent interest of capitalists in the development of the country. There is an assurance that the territory will be thoroughly and systematically prospected, wherever the railway builders make a that there has been fighting in Guaterich strike the adjacent land will be mala and 64 men killed, but a strict censearched by independent prospectors. Not sorship is kept on telegrams. General only will every placer be worked, but every quartz deposit will be mined and developed. The railway owners will have millions at stake, and their willingness to build the line for the traffic returns Canadian Pacific Railway profess to be and for the proceeds of their own mining racks with their men and fled. The body operations is an assurance of the success of the Yukon trade. They are allowed Ardionte, where it is expeted it will reto take up land to the extent of 25,000 acres per mile of road constructed. For 150 miles of track they would be entitled to 5,859 square miles, or 325 sections three miles by six. These must be taken up along base lines, the government re-serving every alternate section. They are serving every alternate section. They are restricted to the Canadian territory west of the Mackenzie basin and north of the sixtieth parallel, and all prior claims are secured. The reservation of alternate sections may seem like a repetition of a part of the Canadian Pacific blunder, but the situations are entirely different. In a farming country steady and contiguous settlement is absolutely esential, and the checker-board allotment has been fatal to development. Mining must be carried on here and there wherever rich deposits occur, and the alternate reserva-tions secure to the people a fair chance of retaining the most valuable mines. The same system has been adopted in with regard to freight rates, the Canadian Pacific blunder, against which Liblear members protested in vain, has been entirely avoided.

The rates are to be fixed by the government, to be reudced 25 per cent. after the expiry of four years, again reduced 25 per cent. after three years, and after three years more, ten years from the time of construction, they will come under the

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the railway constructors is not exempt from taxation by villages, towns and cities, and has only ten years' exemption from other taxation. The only real con-cession given the builders of the railway is the reduction of the royalty on their output to 1 per cent. That is more than will collected on the takings of many of the be collected on the takings of many of the placer miners, for it must be acknowledged that gold is easily secreted and American territory is near. The output of a large corporation will be easily ascertained, and the people's share will be certain. The partial remission of a special tax and the privilege of staking large but regular claims are the only accessions control the relief of the pair of the college sions granted the railway their enterprise in giving us a Canadian highway at their own expense and risk. In considering the merits of the agreement it must be remembered that the object in view was the greatest possible revenue consistent with the full development of the gold fields and the retention of the trade in Canada. It was necessary Mr. Jennings' report on the Stikine
railway was presented to parliament yesterday. He suggests two routes. One
is for an electric railway from Glenora
to Teslin, 165 miles, to cost \$2,850,000
including equipment. Then to overcome
the difficulties in navigation above Little
Canon he suggests a railway to start
from this point running along the left bank
of the river for thirty miles, then crossof the river for thirty miles, then crossof the river for thirty miles, then crossof the Dominion must be that the government have made an excellent bargain and have taken full advantage of their opportunities. The reservation of alternate sections opens the possibility of a direct revenue some day from our gold deposits. But in the meantime a royalty on output may be the best method of securing development and at the same time guarding the public interests.

> LEFT FOR ENGLAND. Hon. C. H. Mackintosh Starts Home to Confer With the B. A. C.

> Hon, C. H. Mackintosh, the Canadian director of the British America Corpora-tion, left last evening for England to con-fer with the home officers of the corporation relative to the further operations of the company, says the Rossland Miner. He was accompanied as far as Revelstoke by Hector McRae, who has been

intimately associated with him in his investments throughout the camp.

Mr. Mackintosh expects to be gone Mr. Mackintosh expects to be gone about five weeks. In the meantime the interests of the British America Corporation will be looked after by General Charles Warren and R. Dalby Morkill, Jr. The corporation has its offices in the building formerly occupied by Dr. Bowes as his hospital. W. A. Carlyle, the present provincial mineralogist, who has accepted the position of mining superintendent for the company. ing superintendent for the company is expected in the camp shortly, but the precise date of his coming is not an-nounced. Upon his arrival he will outline the plan of development of the cor-poration's property, and it will be under his charge that work will be carried on. Until his arrival, there will be no active

revival of work upon the company's in-Mr. Mackintosh was seen just before leaving by a Miner reporter, relative to the rumor that his company is after the Slocan Star, the famous silver-lead propof the Slocan.

"I have not approached the Slocan Star people regarding the matter, nor have they approached me, but I cannot say what is being done at the London fice," replied Mr. Mickintosh. Mr. Mackintosh, while here, secured 20

claims, all in the north belt, at an expenditure of about \$1,285,000. The claims diture of about \$1,280,000. The claims form almost a continuous chain, from the Columbia & Kootenay, on the east, to the Golden Queen, on the west. The holdings of the corporation include the Copper Jack, the Kootenay Fraction, the Tip Top, the Kootenay and the Columbia, in the Columbia & Kootenay group on the mountain of the same name; the Golden Dawn, practically a full claim lying almost due east on the original columbia. claim, lying almost due east on the original townsite, and crossed by the Columbia & Western railway; the Great Western and the Golden Chariot in the Northeast part of the town; the Nickle Plate and the Ore-Or-No-Go, just south of the Centre Star; the Poorman, between the Le Roi and the War Eagle; the Josie, northwest of the Le Roi; the Annie and the Rockingham, better known as the West Le Roi & Josie, which lie just west of the Le Roi and the Josie; the No. 1 west of the War Eagle; the Tekla, between the latter property and the Josie; the You Know, north of the No. 1; the Surprise, north of the You Know, and the Golden Gueen, west of the Surprise and bounded by the Coxey, the Mountain View and the St.

The chain of properties is more than two miles long, east and west, and extends a trifle more than a mile north and south. In the group are four partially developed mines, which have shipped ore—the Columbia & Kootenay, the Josie, the Poorman and the Nickle Plate, Among the others are a number which for surface showings have scarcely been surpassed in the camp.

Besides its holding around Rossland, the corporation has the Whoop-Up, next the Velvet, on Sophie mountain; the Argentuel group, on Salmon river; the Algonquin group, near Christina lake; a group in East Kootenay and another on Wild Horse creek, adjoining the Ymir. WAR IN GUATEMALA.

Meagre Reports of a Terrible Condition of Affairs in the Republic.

Marraquin was shot by government troops on Thursday while making an attack upon the barracks, which were defended by 2,000 troops who, however, were dislodged. Governor-General Artvalo and Major Naora evacuated the bar-Barrios is in the palace main some days, when it will be taken to the general cometery.

A SEATTLE YARN Seattle, Feb. 11.-Early in December James T. O'Brien, who recently arrived from Dawson City, discovered croppings of a quartz lead while crossing the ridge between the head of El Dorado creek and Quartz creek, a branch of the Indian river. He brought out samples, and to-day he received a letter which stated that the report of the assayers give the value of ore \$5,800 in gold and 90 ounces of silver. The ledge from which this re-markably rich ore was taken is three feet wide and gives every evidence of being a true lead.

THE OLD, OLD STORY. "You are the only woman I ever loved," said Adam. "And you," murmured Eve, "are the first man that ever kissed me."

Then Satan smiled and said unto himself:
"That is equal to burnt-cork repartee, and posterity shall perpetuate it." And

-Chas. E. Smitheringale, formerly Victoria newspaper man, married recently at New Denver Miss Emma Delilah Kirkwood, of New Denver.

general provisions of the railway act. That is vastly different from perpetual immunity from control. The property of

A Vast Amount of Business Being Done by Outfitting and Steamship Companies.

The Busy Waterfront-The Rush for Mining Licenses-Steamers Filled With Freight.

Those employed in the various shipoing offices and in the stores and wareouses engaged in the outfitting trade. to say nothing of the officials of the custom's house, are being worked very hard these days. They were particularly busy this morning, preparing, packing and marking the supplies of those in tending to start towards the gold fields on the steamers about to leave. All day crowds of miners and intending miners ogether with the incidental sightseers have thronged Wharf street, and their presence gave that usually quiet busiless street quite a picturesque appear The cordurey-suited people the wide sombreros seemed to predom nate, but here and there were little groups with furs and mackinaws, as well as several short-skirted, heavily gaitered ladies who formed a portion of the party from Chicago—the Gypsy Queen Mining Company—who will go up on the steamer Pakshan. The scene was made more interesting by a group. of energetic miners who-although much made a poor imitation of snow-were training their dog teams to pull the sleds laden with stones in lieu of provisions. Others walked about with dogs in chains; two or three small boys, endeavoring to improve the shining hour, were trying to sell dogs of no particu-lar breed, being "only dog," to intend-ing mirers, each impressing on his audience that should they buy the dogs here they would have to pay no duty on

On the wharves there were so many drays bringing freight to the sheds that for a time there was a congestion, and the procession had to wait until a place in the shed was assigned to each. Over four hundred tons of general supplies, sleds, stoves and all kinds of things necessary to the miners awaiting the departure of the Islander, while already much freight has accumulated at the outer wharf for the Pakshan and the next trip of the Cleveland and City of Seattle. The Topeka will also have a full cargo.

At the customs house the rush for li-censes is still on and about one hun-dred were issued to-day.

IT'S A MODEL BETTER. Was Written by a Loving Father to His-

The following letter, says the Rossland Miner, was written by a loving father tohis son who resides in Rossland. It is full of wise counsel and was written with a of wise counsel and was written with a cesire to incuicate moral principles. In some respects it reminds one of the letters which range Dodner Stanhope Chesterfield, fourth earl of Stanhope, wrote to his son, and on which his chier reputation as a writer rests. "Take out the immorality and they should be put into the hands of every gentleman." This letter has no immorality in it and is therefore worthy of the perusal of all who desire to read wise counsel. The names are of course suppressed, as the writer and the young gentleman who received the letter have no desire for notriety:

and independent. "As a man's social, intellectual and

and independent.

"As a man's social, intellectual and moral status depends largely upon his naterial prosperity, it is a matter of the greatest importance for a young man to know how to start this world right and to succeed in life. Those who start out on life's journey, knowing nothing but their own power, not depending on anybody, and with self-reliance and a determined will to work on to the end, are generally successful. Each man chooses, for himself. "God helps those who help themselves." As a man lives he is making his future life. There is no escape from the consequences of thought and action, of good and bad. A given man cannot expect to enjoy harmony and happiness unless harmony reigns within himself; a man should therefore endeavor to know himself, to detect the finer forces in nature and his relation to all that lives, and to obey the laws that govern him is the path to happiness here and hereafter. I did not start out right I know that now; if I had a chance to make a new start in life, I would do much hetter with the experience. I have. I believe in evolution, in the ever elevation of man to higher degrees of intelligence. You have much better opportunities than ever were offered to me when I was young like you, because of the lim. unities than ever were offered to me

I was young like you, because of the improved conditions.
"I will give you some advice, which I wish you, would put down in the book of memory.

"Be a man of your word; let your given word be as a hempen cord, a chain of wrought steel, that will bear the heaviest strain. It will go far in making a man of you, and, a real man is the noblest work of the Great Creator. The man who does not honorably meet his promise is not only dispensed by the second worker.

nonest, but also a coward.

"Luck is an unknown quantity in life's vast problem, while energy and pluck solve all. Strong will perseverance and determination make a man. Ninety-nine out of each 100 of, the successful men in this country, to-day have made their money by continuous strokes.

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"Hommerslog paa Hommerslog indhil Livits sidite Dog," says the great writer, And each hath a dream that is tiny and fact.

Ibsen.

"My dear son, have a character of your own. Do not be a lump of moist putty, molded and shaped by the influence and impressions of those you last met. Cultivate force, energy, and self-reliance. Be a man, whose word is worth 100 cents on the dollar, and your reputation will be as good. There is one little dream of a big success.

man, whose word is worth 100 cents, on the dollar, and your reputation will be as good as gold.

"This is a grand age, with grand opportunities, for our young men, and he who is willing to work, with an honest purpose and, for honest results, will make life a success. Generations come and go, as the forest casts its leaves, but the human spirit lives on always, ever achieving grander results, ever demanding higher opportunities. Be always true to your friends; appreciate tried friendship, and confide in few. Be prompt and accurate, and wrong no man.

"All of our prominent millionaires, leading statesmen, judges, etc., 40 years ago were nearly all poor boys, just as you are to-day. The same chances available for those are yet to be found and offered to you as well, and even with better eppertunities. Avoid tricks in trade, be honest, always honest. True intelligence is always modest, mark yen this. Be plain and still behave with digaity and self-esteem. Always endeavor to be perfect in the calling in which you are engaged. Always live within your income, and never spend more than you earn, but always save a little. This was the rule late down by your uncle, and you know he was successful. By following it you will in time be a little. This was the rule land down by your uncle, and you know he was successful. By following it you will in time be found independent. Keep your eyes on the small expenses. Small leaks sink a great ship, and it is so with money. Never be ashamed of hard work, work for anything rather than remain idle.

"Great men have always been individual."

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"Great men have always been individuals of thought as well as of action. Turn your steps from the loafers and idlers and go into the highways of noble aim and earnest work. There are prizes enough for every successful worker, crowns enough every head that goes through the smoke

of conflict to victory, and strives to obtain them.

"As the magnificent river, rolling in the pride of its mighty waters, owes its greatness to the little hidden springs of the mountain nooks, so does the wide sweeping influence of our distinguished men of today date its origin from hours of privacy resolutely employed in efforts for self-development. The invisible spring of self-culture is the actual source of every great achievement. I would advise you to read the biographies of the great men of today and those who have passed away. You will there find the most striking examples of what a man can accomplish if he just starts in and works hard. Cultivate yourself, set a high price on your leisure hours. Self, set a high price on your leisure hours. They are sands of trectous gold. Properly expended they will procure for you knowledge and thought that will fill and invigorate and expand the soul. Selze all and orate and expand the soul. Seize all and every opportunity to acquire more and more knowledge. 'Out on the intellectual sea is room for every sail,' and good men are needed in this work, so we should all fall into line and keep step in this wonderful march of progress.

"I will close with the kindest love to you, my dear boy, and my sincere wishes for your future.

"YOUR LOVING FATHER."

THE NINCHOW COMING

Another Large Steamer Chartered by a Local Shipping Company for the Alaskan Trade.

The Benicia Puts Back to Esquimalt -Columbia Arrives-Victorians as Pilots.

The British ship Benica, which left for Vancouver yesterday in tow of the tugs Constance and Hope, was obliged to return to Fsquimalt, owing to stress of weather. After leaving the outer wharf she got as far as Trial island, when a heavy southeast gale sprung up, and un-willing to trust to the two small tugs, Captain Taylor decided to return to Es quimalt to secure one of the steamers. The Lorne is away larger northward and the Czar is still in the hands of the engineers, so the collector was waited upon and permission obtained for leave to charter an American tug from the Sound. The tug will come over for the Benica this evening.

Owing to the large demand for freight and passenger accommodation from Victoria to Alaska, Messrs. F. C. Davidge & Co. have been obliged to increase their fleet by the addition of another large vessel. The British steamer Ningchow, now at Yokohama, was chartered yes-terday and left to-day direct for this ort. The Ningchow, which was for-nerly of the China Mutual Navigation Company's fleet, is a vessel of 2,078 tons, and on her arrival here—she is due about March 2nd—she will be fitted up to carry 600 passengers and about 2,000 tons of freight.

The stern wheel steamer Elwood, pur-chased in Portland lest week by Mr. W. J. Stephens, is for the Cassiar Central Railway Company. She is to be used in carrying the rolling stock and material for the construction of the company's railway, from Wrangel to Glenora. Before leaving Portland the Elwood will be thoroughly overhauled. Mr. Stephens has not yet closed the "deal" for the purchase of the second steamer for which he went to Portland.

Captain Herman Smith, mate of the Hudson Bay Company's steamer Cale-donia, will leave for Nantamo to-morman who received the letter have he desired for notifiety:

"My Dear Boy and Beloved Son:—I sincerely hope that, you may keep up to the expectations that I have formed about you and on which I have spared no pains or expense to realize. My greatest joy and happiness would be to see you grow up as a good man, honored and loved by your fetilow men, respected by all, happy and independent.

Tow morning to join the American steamer Albion, bound from Tacoma to Alaska, having, been appointed pilot to that vesse. Other Victoria mariners who will shortly join vessels running be tween the Sound and Alaska in the capacity of pilots are Captains Clarence and William Cox. The former will join the National City during the coming row morning to join the American steamer Albion, bound from Tacoma to the National City during the coming week.

Mr. W. J. Stephens has shipped from his yard at Rock Bay the frames for the steamers which the British company, pro-moted by Mr. F. M. Rattenbury intend nunning on Lake Bennett. The frames will be taken over the passes on sleights. The frames of the boats to be run on Teslin lake by a Tacoma company are also nearly ready to be shipped.

The steamer Columbia, of the Northern Pacific line, passed Carmanah Point at noon to-day on her way from the Orient. She will arrive at the quarantine station late this afternoon and come in to the outer wharf to-night. The Co-lumbia is about five days late, having left Yokohama on January 23, Arrangements are pending for

charter of the barge Isabel, until recent-ly a coal barge. Her charterers propose to use her to carry freight to Alaskan points, to be towed nor tug, probably the Chieftain. The schooners Fawn and Oscar and Hattie are being fitted with bunks and

about the beginning of next month they will leave for Alaska ports in tow of the tug Mystery, carrying passengers and freight The R.M.S. Warrimoo arrived from

Vancouver yesterday evening. She will procoeed to Honolulu and Australasia

THE ROCK-A-BY LADY.

whose word is worth 100 cents on the ir, and your reputation will be as good old.

"Rub-a-dub!" it goeth;

There is one little dream of a big sugar.

Comes stealing; comes creeping.

Bugene Field.

BIRTH. REID-At North Saanich, B.C., on the 9th inst., the wife of John S. Reid a daugh-ter.

MARRIED. LINDSAY-COUSINS-On the 9th inst. at the residence of the bride's parents, 56 Fort street, by the Rev. P. Jenns, Mr. Francess Henry Lindsay, to Miss Market Mr. 1988 M