## Gottage City

She Brings News of a Disastrcus Fire in the Klondike Metropolis.

Up in Smoke-Other Late Northern News.

News was brought by the steamer Cottage City, which reached the outer wharf with 69 passengers on board about midnight yesterday of another disastrous fire in the busiest part of Dawson City. Frame buildings, with their canvas roofs, burned like tinder, so that u less than two hours a half block was in ashes. Property to the value of \$52,500 was burned, notwithstanding the efforts of the fire department. For a time there was danger of the flames spreading over the whole city, but the absence of wind and the energy of the fire department saved the remainder of the place from ing at Camp 9, and for cutting down

This conflagration occurred at 9 o'clock on the night of February 13, one month ago. The news was brought by J. J. Chisholm, of Seattle, who left Dawson on February 14th, and who was the only man on board from the Klondike

The half block on First avenue, south of the Seattle & Yukon Trading Com- Stevens, Turner, Adams & Pratt, attorpany's store, containing several business houses, and right in the centre of the town, was burned. Diagonally across the street is the large warehouse and store of the Alaska Commercial Company, containing thousands and thousands of dollars' worth of goods. Across First avenue are several two and three story buildings, the Monte Carlo theatre. the Tivoli theatre, many saloons and a half dozen business houses. These were dangerously near the flames, for the avenue is very narrow. Occupants of the endangered buildings came to the conclusion they would be destroyed, and they took up all their goods and valuables, packing them in boxes ready to

This is the list of business houses that were burned and their losses: Fish & Co., general merchandise; loss

Rogers' bunkhouse; loss \$2,500. Tenants of the bunkhouse; loss \$2,500. Dr. Benson, dentist; loss \$2,500. Pullman restaurant, J. K. Armstrong, proprietor; loss \$5,000. Palmer Bros.' grocery store; loss \$10,-

Swartz & Bodleman, general merchan-

dise: loss \$5,000. The fire caught at Rogers' bunkhouse it is not known how; and in a few moments had burned it to the ground. The flames spread north to Fish & Co.'s store. which was soon enveloped, and south to the other houses, which, dry as tinder, took fire very quickly. The canvas roofs and the seasoned boards were licked up by the flames as soon as they were touched. When the fire department, consisting of one engine, two chemicals and the hook and ladder tenm, came out, little could be done to save the ruildings which had already taken fire. They burned so tast that neither the single upon the flames, the steam engine was directed to saving adjoin-The hose was turned on ing buildings. the Monte Carlo building, across the street and the other structures next to it. Then a bold effort was made to check the progress of the flames south up First avenue, which was lined with buildings. Finally the firemen got the flames under control; they were stopped

at the drug store of Kelly & Co.

During all the time the flames were raging and spreading the proprietors of stores adjoining Rogers' bunkhouse were. moving their goods into the street. They almost had it blocked with boxes on boxes of goods which they were trying to save. Other stores on the opposite side of the street were emptied of their merchandise when it was feared that the conflagration would spread.

Then began a scramble for those things left unprotected in the dark. Thieves carried off everything they could lay their hands on, and in some cases at the goods of houses were carried away. What was not stolen was trampled upon by the crowds, and the fire apparatus and water was thrown on them from the engines till very little was left undamaged. Fish, of Fish & Co., declared that he would not move his merchandise out to be stolen, so he let it burn. He saved very little.

Mr. Chisholm passed several who started before him, and claims to have made the journey to salt water in seventeen days. He tells of having seen three Contractor Richardson, and his companion, froze their feet just below Five Fingers, but they were not greatly injured. On the way out they met the Mounted Police taking to Lake Tagish an old man with his feet badly frozen. His name was not known, but his home in Kentucky. The physician at Take Tagish said it would be necessary to amputate his two legs and he was in doubt if the old man would live through

the operation. When Mr. Chisholm left, sickness was diminishing. The Sisters' hospital had only 45 patients up to the first of February, and was obliged to close down one ward owing to lack of patients.

According to him, many of the recent stampedes from Dawson this winter have been "fizzles." There were two to Smith creek, about 60 miles up the Klondike river, and to Coal creek, in the Forty-Mile district. The creek that will prove itself the richest in the spring, Mr. Chisholm says, is Eldorado, and although Bonanza is turning out very well, especially on the bench properties. benches on Hunker and Dominion are also rich.

Beef Is Cheap.

The prices of beef at Dawson have gone down until they are very little above those in Victoria. The great beef trust which sold meat for \$1.50 per pound during the winter and spring of 1898 is almost forgotten. The market

beef are selling at a loss. The prices have fallen to 15 and 25 cents. The poorest beef sells at 15 cents and the best at 25 cents per pound

by the quarter. Of course, this means loss to the butchers, but they must seli and thus the prices are low. One thing which has forced down the prices is the order that all beef which is not kept in refrigerators by May 1 will be condemned and must be thrown away. As there are no refrigerators at Dawson and none in course of construc tion, it seems that a large quantity of beef will be destroyed. Mr. Chisholm Fifty Two Thousand Dollars Goes doesn't know how much beef there is on the Yukon, but there is certainly

enough to last beyond the summer. Prices may go down even lower.

It is said that the cost of getting beef into Dawson last summer and fall was 35 cents per pound, much of it was sold to dealers for 50 and 60 cents per pound. Then there is the cost of keeping it for months, which made the total cost much higher. So it may be seen that the butchers are losing considerable money when they sell at 15 cents and 25 cents per pound.

Strikes Galore.

It is said that "misery loves company." To supplement the railroad strike there was a strike at Skagway by the attorneys for J. H. Brooks, Bert Johnson and others who have been arrested for riotthe toll gate of the Brackett wagon road. It seems that Brooks, Johnson and their co-defendants had agreed to pay certain fees for their defence before the cases came up for trial. Failing to be paid those fees, when the case was called for trial: the attorneys for the prosecution, Messrs. Church & Day, announced that they were ready for trial, but Messrs. neys for the defendants, stated that they withdrew from the case-in other words, "struck" because the agreed fees had not been paid. The case was continued and defendants' attorneys evidently had called the strike for fees off, for they appeared in court and proceeded with the case. It is the first instance on record, so far as is known, where such a strike for fees ever occurred in court. It is another proof that Skagway is

unique-strikingly unique.
Twelve Dawsonians who have just reached Skagway from the Klondik? metropolis made the trip out without a dog or carrying a blanket or provisions. H. E. Hunt was ont of these. He says the accommodations met with on the road were better than he expected, but yet not very good, and certainly very high.

At some places meals were from \$1.50 to \$2 and \$1 for a bunk, at three places \$1.50 for a bunk of poles with a scanty supply of blankets. His party suffered from cold very severely in these bunks. especially the night they spent at Cassiar Bar, where it was 65 below.

Mr. Hunt is from Chicago and went in last June. He has a good claim on May's

gulch, a tributary of Hunker. Barnard Farley, the defendant in the assault case at Skagway, arising out of the toll gate fight on the Brackett wagon road, has been committed for trial.

The striking railroad men are still out at Skagway, and are holding daily meet-

A MAMMOTH TRUST. Reported That a Big Coal Combine

Being Formed. J. W. Harrison's coal circular for the week ending on Saturday last says: Durstream from the engine nor the water of ing the week there have been three deliveries of coal from Washington with the chemicals had any effect on them. 9,000 tons; five from Oregon, 1,832 tons; two from British Columbia 6614 tons one from Australia, 1470 tons; total, 18,-916 tons. The arrivals this week are less than one half of the quantity delivered last week; still there is sufficient in vard to meet all urgent demands, except some special grades of household coals which are in light supply. Prices remain unaltered except for distant deliverv of steam fuel which is quoted a fraction below what same can be had for early delivery. Large consumers are unwilling buyers, as they still believe that we shall yet have enough rain to insure ns an average crop, which necessarily would force coal values down somewhat. It will have to assert itself shortly, to be productive of much benefit to our growing grain. It is reported that a mammoth financial "trust" is being formed to establish a schedule of values for coal produced in America and Great Britain, so that they will not figure as competitors in case of a general in crease of prices all along the line, What next? About everything has now been fenced in by monopolists except fresh air, and the heat and light of the sun,

> BABY ECZEMA AND SCALD HEAD. ne chronic. Dr. Chase made a special

and it is only a question of time when

the poor man will have to pay a premium

for their uses.

RHODES OBTAINS CONCESSIONS He Will Build Telegraph and Railway

Lines through German East Africa. \_\_\_ Berlin, March 14.-The Tageblatt says contract has been concluded between the Berlin government and Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the British South African magnate, for the construction of telegraph lines in German East Africa, and the paper adds, the contract for building a railway through the same territory is upon the point of conclusion, only a few details remaining to be settled.

Headache Is often a warning that the liver is torpid or inactive. More serious trofbles may follow. For a prompt, efficient cure of Headache and all liver troubles, take

Hood's Pills While they rouse the liver, restore full, regular action of the bowels, they do not gripe or pain, do not irritate or inflame the internal organs, but have a positive tonic effect. 25c, at all druggists or by mail of O. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

## George Byrnes **Dies Suddenly**

Seized at the Union Club, Expires Within a very Few

Minutes.

Sketch of the Career of Ore of Victoria's Most Esteemed Citizens.

One of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of Victoria, Mr. George Byrnes, expired yesterday afternoon a few minutes after 5 o'clock, a heart affection from which he has suffered for some time, being the cause of death. Many of the deceased gentleman's friends first became aware of the serious nature of the ailment from which he suffered on August 13th, 1897, when, while addressing a meeting in the city hall called to consider the Yukon mining regulations he had to request that he be allowed to take a seat on the platform before he could finish his remarks. Since that time the disease has made steady headway, until, about the commencement of this year, Mr. Byrnes found himself confined to his house. Anxious enquiries have been repeatedly made during the three months which have elapsed since then, and during the

British Columbia in a saling ship crowded with many others who were attracted at that time to this promet, the vessel was wrecked off the coise of California, an dall on bord, saye and the control of California, an dall on bord, saye the country of the world, increased the control of the strength of the country of the country

Infants and young children are peculiarly at some time engaged would make a subject to this terrible disorder, and if long list; among them may be mentioned not promptly arrested it will eventually the investments he made in Vancouver study of Eczema and disease of the skin. ments which proved by their successful men on the trail with frozen feet, though only one of them seriously. A man who had started in with the mail for who had started in with the mail for Castes and the seriously. Blabades and blasses of the sain, and discase of the sain, and discase of the sain, ments which proved by their successful result that Mr. Byrnes's judgment of Eczema. The first application soothes the interior and puts the little sufferer to graded by those who knew him as one rest.

the many residents of Victoria to whom a Times man to-day talked upon the subject of Mr. Byrnes's death, there was not one who did not speak in the highest terms of praise of that gentleman's excellent qualities as a friend, a business man and a citizen. To know him was to like and respect him.

The warmest sympathy and most sincere condolences are being extended today to the bereaved widow and family of whom a step-daughter and a niece resided with the deceased gentleman.

Licence Authorizing an Extra Provincial Company to Carry on Business.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." Canada, Province of British Columbia.

No. 127. This is to certify that "The Quesnelle Dredging and Hydraulicing Syndicate, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia ex-tends.

The head office of the company is sit-uate at No. 139 Cannon street, London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of £1 each.

Anxious enquiries have been repeatedly made during the three months which have elapsed since then, and during the last few weeks strong hopes have been entertained that the patient had weathered the worst and would be soon again a familiar figure on the streets of Victoria. The hope was encouraged by the fact that a day or two ago Mr. Byrnes was able to come down town in a hack, and some of those who saw him remarked upon how well he as looking. Only yesterday morning the deceased gentleman was able to converse with friends passing the house, in his usual sumay way, and in the aftermoon he ventured down from his residence as far as the Union Club, where not more than haif an hour before the fatal seizure, ne made arrangements for a meeting of the Bowker Park Association, in which be was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selxed and fainted away. He was interested. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was selx

which he had when he came down from Peace river to the month of Quesnelle in 1873. His last business act, as mentioned earlier in this brief sketch, was connected with the Driving Park, in which he continued to take a great interest. Of the James Bay Athletic Association he was long a warm supporter, having held the position of vice-president for some years.

Table 10 or otherwise, and to advance money at interest upon the security of all or any such products, merchandlse and commodities, and to carry on business as merchants, importers and exporters:

(1) To undertake and carry on any business transaction or operation commonly undertaken or carried on by bankers, or any detentures. Stock or other securities of this company: of any circular or notice, and the printing, stamping and circulating of provies of this company: or forms to be filled up by the members of this company: of any circular or notice, and the printing, stamping and circulating of provies of this company: or forms to be filled up by the members of this company: of any circular or notice, and the printing, stamping and cir factured or otherwise, and to advance money at interest upon the security of all or any such products, merchandise and commodities, and to carry on business as merchants, importers and exporters:

(1.) To undertake and carry on any business transaction or operation commonly undertaken or carried on by bankers, underwriters, concessionaires, contractors for public and other works, capitalists or merchants, and generally to institute, enter into, carry on, assist or participate in financial, commercial, mercantile, industrial, manufacturing, mining and other businesses, works, contracts, undertakings and financial operations of all kinds, and to carry on any other business which may seem to the company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the objects of the company or which may be thought calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the company's property or rights:

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(n.) To carry on the business of a mining, smelting, trading and metallurgical company, in all its branches, in any part of the world:

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(o) To ocquire by grant, purchase, or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any dovernment. British, Colonial, or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions thereof:

(p) To setl, exchange, mortgage, lease of otherwise, and the interest, the undertaking or for any limited interest, the undertaking or property, rights or privileges of the company, or any part thereof, as a going concern or otherwise, to any public body, corporation, company, society or association, whether incorporated or not, or to any person or persons, for such consideration as the company may think fit, and in particular for cash, shares, stocks, debentures, securities or property of any other company; to distribute any of the assets or property of the company among the members in specie or otherwise, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court where necessary:

(q) Te promote, organize, and register, and to aid and assist in the promotion, organization and registration of any company or companies, either in Great Britain or elsewhere, for the purpose of acquiring, working or otherwise dealing with any of the property, rights or liabilities of this company is interested, or for any other purpose, with power to assist such company or companies, either in Great Britain or elsewhere, for the purpose of acquiring, working for shrees, preferred or ordinary, or by lending money thereto upon debentures or otherwise, and to incur and pay out of the property of the company any costs and expenses which may be expedient or useful or supposed to the union of interests or amaigamation, either in whole or in part wi

any authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise:

(u.) To guarantee the payment of money secured by or payable under or in respect of bonds, debentures, debenture stock, contracts, mortgages, charges, obligations and securities of any company or of any authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, or of any persons whomsoever, whether incorporated or not incorporated (v.) To guarantee the title to or quiet enjoyment of property, either absolutely or subject to any qualifications or conditions, and to guarantee persons and corporations and to guarantee persons and corporations interested or about to become interested in any property against any loss, actions, property against any loss, actions, property

ceedings, cianus, imperfection or deficient of title, or in respect of any incumbranc burdens, or outstanding rights: (w.) To furnish and provide deposits and guarantees of funds required in relation to any tender or application for any contract, concession, decree, enactment, property or privilege, or in relation to the carrying out of any contract, concession, decree or enactment;

(x.) Generally, to carry on and transact every kind of guarantee business, including the performance of contracts by members of, or companies or persons having dealings with the company, and to undertake obligations of every kind and description, and also to undertake and execute trusts of all kinds:

(y.) To receive moneys, securities and valuables of all kinds on deposit, at interest or otherwise, or for safe custody, and generally, to carry on the business of a Safe Deposit Company: ry 7-To receive moneys, securities and valuables of ant kinds on deposit, at intergrant control of the state of the control of the state of the control of t

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(gg.) To do all such other thin incidental or may be thought could the attainment of the above of any of them, and so that the whanny in this Memorandum, who otherwise than to this company deemed to include any partnership body of persons, whether corpor corporate, and whether domicile funted Kingdom or elsewhere or corporate, and whether domiciled corporate, and whether domiciled United Kingdom or elsewhere, and jects specified in each of the parintensis Memorandum shall be regindependent objects, and according to the parintensis of when otherwise expressed in such graph) by reference to the objects cated in any other paragraph, or the of the company, but may be carried or as full and as ample a manner, and

struct in as wide a sense as if each said paragraphs defined the objects separate, distinct and independent pany.

Given under my hand and sea: of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia. this 23rd day of January, one thousand eight hurdred and ninety-nine.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

## Aldermen's Qualification

Full Text of the Judgment Given by the Full Court.

Real Estate Ownership Must Be in Own Right and Unencumbered.

In Falconer v. Langley the following written opinion was handed down yesterday by Mr. Justice Walkem:

This is an appeal from a judgment of

Mr. Justice Drake, delivered on 27th February last. The facts of the case are stated in the judgment, and are correct with this exception, that the co-ownership in the real estate referred to in the judgment turns out to be a joint tenancy; and not a tenancy in common This, however, is immaterial. The question to be decided is what construction is to be placed on section 13, sub-section (b), and section 20 of the Municipal Clauses Act, R. S. B. C., 1887, cap. 144. The meaning of section 13 (b) is that no person shall be qualified for nomination or election as an alderman unless he has been the registered owner for the six months next preceding the day of nomination of unencumbered real estate of the There are other qualifications mentioned in the section, with which we are not concerned. In respect to the one before us, we consider that the real estate qualification meant by the section unquestionably is, for instance, in the case of the defendant, an ownership in his own right of unencumbered land of the value stated. According to the facts of the case he was nominated on 9th January and elected on the 12th. He and his mother had been registered co-owners, for a period of six months preceding his election, of land within the city limits of an assessed value of \$1.800. A mortgage, however, had been registered against the property for \$1,000 prior to

harmless care

## Late News of the

The Kentucky Creek Cl ers in Trouble Dawson.

Col. Evans Reports Exp an Earthquake She Selkirk.

News comes from Day number of the Kentucky cr ers will spend terms in a D for perjury in recording cla

wards. The most sensational tris son has ever had commenced before Judge Starnes. Be ted and are held for trial before ritorial Court. Some of the nporary liberty by deposi bail, but the others will required their cases come to tria On September 20, 1898, th eared at Dawson and after corded a new stream whi Kentucky, emptying into reek, which flows into the Dawson. As usual there pede, but the men who went the claims came back to mo creek was staked, and by m

The three discoverers were rested. The matter was coming to a head, but at las trio confessed. William D offidavit that most of the been done by himself or part The Mounted Police, testimony, worked up a fir cases against the prisoners. fied to having staked the c son, and cut off the slabs location notices had been v handwriting was easily prove of some one other than th

been in Dawson all the time.

Fred H. Jones was the firs Duffield testified that he had of the creek and told Jones so that he could record that his partners were Dutche. Jones was commit great trouble getting the

Thomas Beldman, who Kentucky without leaving Francis Downer, whose clair d by Dague: A. H. Bowman full confession: Dr. W whose claim was staked Ernest I. Foster, who says oath on recording; Edgar who recorded No. 11 below Kirk, were all committed for ers were to be tried the next It is said that there are around Dawson where the has been worked. Commiss declares he will make a fu tion and there is much tremb places. Some prominent offic

to have secured claims in th Earthquake at Selk Col. Evans, commanding of British troops on the Yukon, at Dawson from Fort Selkir of troops and says that h from the outside that the Br will be withdrawn from the summer, leaving the Mounter

preme in authority. Col. Evans brings lews of an earthquake at F The shock was felt at 6:10 the morning of January 23rd vas severe enough to knock ines and rattle dishes in t Nearly everyone in the camp ened by the earth's tremblin were very badly frightened

Scurvy on the Pel The miners on the Pelly ri ering from an epidemic of northern disease, scurvy, ar men are sick. The condition ported at Selkirk and seeme that Col. Evans, commanding ish forces on the Yukon, or expedition to go to their re per of deaths have resulted A subscription was taken the miners at Selkirk and provisions and medicine gath er. This was turned over oster, who headed a river to the assistance tunates. He was to report tions on his return, and it force of British troops will the men most in danger. The Pelly river miners

been very unfortunate with they have failed to find any to pay them for their miser many have thrown up clain Stewart river the same con-The winter work has develo ally nothing, according to Co Col. McCook. American cor on, has received a letter from L. Breckinridge of Portland t extreme destitution of sc mirers. They are American names are given as C. E. Je Runnels, G. E. Runnels and The men are almost dead fro disease. The American able to give them any aid. the matter over to Col. Steel mised to send relief.

Deaths at Dawso Jefferson Tolbert, superin nines at Dawson for the l can Transportation and T pany, is dead. He passed th of last month of conge lungs. He was 55 years of native of Kentucky. He l nent post under Capt. Heal greatly respected. He form uneau.

John Hughes, one of the the Klondike country, died February 6, through a gene down of his system. He fi the Yukon country in 1883 in mining on the Lewes riv partner of the late Frank Walter E. McDonald, a n Northwest Territory, died early in February of consu