nada Is Not Bound

et Minister Questioned as Proceedings at Colonial Conference.

Dominion Not Obliged to ncrease Preference For British Goods.

Office Annual Report Shows a Very Large Increase.

Our Own Correspondent.
wa, Nov. 14.—An effort was today to induce the Minister of re to speak regarding the proceed- the Colonial conference in Lon- How that the official blue book ng the proceedings has been pub- Mr. Bowding was not disposed anything in the absence of Sir d Laurier. One of the ministers sked today if the proposal submit- Canada at the conference for an onal preference on selected articles ucing duties in favor of the Unit- ngdom, and increasing duties on imports, and placing duties on foreign, imports now on the free bund the Dominion to an enact- of such further preference at the g session, or whether, in view of unwillingness of the Imperial au- es to grant Canada any prefer- n British markets, it meant the ng of the Canadian proposal. Minister replied that as he un- od matters, Canada was not by what took place in London to any such further preference. No sion was reached as to the Do- n any specific line of action. ministers have not authority to this country to the enactment of finite policy. It would be for the t to say whether any or what tion should be enacted at the g session.

annual report of the post office ssued today, and shows a surplus 109. There was an increase of ,000 in the number of letters car- qual to 11½ per cent. The mile- raveled on stage routes was 15,- 7, while the total actual track e of railways over which mails carried was 17,268. The number st offices is 9,958, an increase of

the Supreme court today, argu- in the B. C. mining appeal of Mc- y vs. Le Roi Mining company was ded and judgment was reserved.

FIGHT IN HAYTI.

rs and Civil Authorities Are At War.

Au Prince, Hayti, Nov. 4.—A of 1,200 Fouchardists, which en- the capital yesterday returning the campaign against General had a conflict with the civil rities. There was heavy fighting the night. Several persons wer and many were wounded. Th on is grave, threatening a nev war.

BROUGHT TO TIME.

Authorities Will Give Indemnit For Pirate Deeds.

e, Nov. 4.—A despatch receive ...n of Midi, on the Ar ... which recently was bon by the Italian gunboats in the of Red Sea pirates says th Midi, besides promising t the pirates to the Italians, gav dertaking to collect an indemnit 00 for the families of the tw sailors who were killed in with the pirates.

MILL FOR SLOCAN.

Carried by the Ratepayers A most Unanimously.

an City, B. C., Nov. 4.—The saw y-law was submitted for a vote property owners of this city to- , was carried by an overwhelming ty, the vote standing 41 for and inst. It is understood that the Ontario Lumber Company, of J. H. Lavellie, of Orillia, and hew, of Midlands, Ont., are joint , will commence operations im- ely, and will eventually employ en in accordance with an agree- with the city. The industry will w life to this locality and will be nense boon to the city.

AMAICA'S CONDITION.

From Throne Shows It Is Improving.

ston, Ja., Nov. 4.—A special ses- the Legislature convened today e authority to the government ke loans to sugar planters, sup- tary to the Imperial grant, and sure the maintenance of the in- pending the abolition of the s. In his opening address, Act- vernor Oliver announced a gen- provement in the colony's con during the first half year, the e for that period having increas- less than $250,000. This show- due principally to the increase exports of such products as cof- fruit, the largest quantities of go to the United States. The ment, Governor Oliver said, was ked that the government hoped ar to repay the loan of $1,000,000 last year from the Imperial ner.

ALE JOHNSON KILLED.

layer Commits Suicide in Jail.

ham, Ills., Nov. 4.—Hon. Hale , a prohibition leader of Na- rominence and a vice-presidential te on the prohibition ticket in as shot and killed by Harry this afternoon at Bogota, a vil- Casper county, 30 miles from hnson, who was practising law, ton, the county seat, went to to collect an account on which t had already been rendered Harris. An altercation arose Johnson and Harris, and the ecured a shot gun and fired at at close range, the charge strik- nson in the face and causing in- ath. diately after the shooting Har- ped into Johnson's buggy and d to make his escape, but was by a deputy sheriff who had nied Johnson, and who was a to the shooting. committed suicide in the jail by taking poison. n was the nominee of the Pro- party in this state for Gover- 1896, but later accepted the on for the vice-presidency and as Gubernatorial candidate.

Science.—Last evening the Science class and a few of their met in the parlor of the Bal- tel to spend the evening with nox, who is leaving for Van- A number of recitations, in- solos, etc., were given. A asant evening was spent. A hanks was tendered to the pro- r the trouble he had taken in g the students during the

o you think the necessities of life antly advancing in price? For He "Well, the average fine for ding has advanced from ten dol- thirty dollars within a year."—

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

Interesting Ceremony to Take Place at Drill Hall Tonight.

The Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, will parade in the Drill Hall to- night at 8 o'clock for battalion drill. During the evening Lt.-Col. Holmes, D. O. C. will present medals to the men who represented Victoria at the Royal coronation, and will also decorate Lt.- Col. Wolfenden, V. D., with the Long Service medal awarded him by the Im- perial government.

The Veterans' association of Vancou- ver Island will take part in the cere- mony, and members are requested to attend at the Drill hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock to take part in the presen- tation of the Long Service medal to Lt.- Col. Wolfenden, V. D. The regulation ribbon to be worn as a distinction will be presented to all members present, and a preliminary drill will be held before the ceremony.

After the parade there will be meet- ings of the associations of No. 5 and No. 6 companies, at both of which busi- ness of importance is to be discussed.

SOO CANAL.

Figures Showing How the Trade Is Increasing.

The total freight carried by the two Soo canals during the month of Sep- tember last was 4,673,532 tons, accord- ing to figures compiled by Mr. George Johnson, Dominion statistician, and set out a few days ago. This is 500,456 tons more than were carried in September, 1901, and 1,262,079 tons more than the quantity carried in Sep- tember, 1900.

Of the total of 4,673,532 tons carried by the two canals, the Canadian Soo carried 500,632 tons, which exceeds the freight carried in September, 1901, by 258,802 tons, and that in August, 1900, by 205,818 tons.

The registered tonnage of vessels using the Canadian Soo during September last was 558,243 tons, an increase of 336,114 tons over September, 1901, and of 204,- 783 tons over September, 1900. The number of passages made in September last was 584, an increase of 92 over September, 1901, and 200 over Septem- ber, 1900.

The total east-bound freight carried by the two Soos in September last was 3,983,556 tons, of which the Canadian canal's share was 470,576 tons, or 11.91 per cent., against 153,046 tons or 4.63 per cent. in September, 1901, and against 177,760 tons or 6.29 per cent. in Sep- tember, 1900.

The total west-bound freight carried by the two Soos in September last was 689,976 tons, of which 89,455 tons were carried by the Canadian Soo, or 12.96 per cent., against 48,183 tons or 5.84 per cent. in September, 1901, and against 76,853 tons or 13.04 per cent. in Sep- tember, 1900.

Taking the six months of the present season, the total freight carried East and West by the two canals was: 1902, 20,312,925 tons; 1901, 20,369,065 tons; 1900, 19,900,473 tons.

Thus 1902 shows a gain of 5,943,860 tons compared with 1901, and 6,411,452 tons compared with 1900.

The total freight carried by the Canadian Soo in the six months of the three years is: 1902, 3,374,177 tons; 1901, 2,159,762 tons; 1900, 1,501,494 tons; gain 1902 over 1901, 1,215,815 tons; gain 1902 over 1900, 1,873,083 tons.

Compared with the United States Soo for the six months the Canadian canal carried 12.73 per cent. of the total freight in 1902; 10.60 per cent. in 1901, and 7.54 per cent. in 1900.

The registered tonnage of vessels going through the Canadian canals in the six months of each year was: 1902, 3,305,- 750 tons; 1901, 1,830,593 tons; 1900, 1,628,179 tons, showing a gain of 1,475,- 157 tons in 1902 over 1901, and of 1,677,571 tons over 1900.

The per cent. of Canadian to total of the two canals for the six months was 14.08 per cent. in 1902; 10.34 per cent. in 1901, and 9.37 per cent. in 1900.

The number of passages made during the six months of 1902 by the two canals was 17,164, of which 3,840 were in the Canadian canal. Expressed in tonnages, the passages through the Canadian Soo during the six months of 1902 were 22.42 per cent. of the whole, in 1901 they were 20.87 per cent., and in 1900 15.20 per cent.

Thus, however examined, the record of the season for the Soos together, and for the Canadian Soo separately, is the best in the series.

CANADIAN STEEL.

Can Compete with Any Plant in the World.

Sydney (N. S.) Record.

"The position of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company's plant is unrivalled, and it is able to compete with any plant in the world."

The above statement was made last night to a Record reporter by George D. Blackwell, of the firm of George D. Blackwell, Sons & Co., Ltd., Liverpool, metallurgists and exporters of raw material, such as the products of manganese.

Mr. Blackwell was in the city making the acquaintance of the management of the steel company, and incidentally be- coming familiar with the iron and steel industry in this section of Canada. He declared, after a careful examination of the situation, that the Sydney company is able to place its products in the mar- kets of the world at the cheapest pos- sible cost, and he thinks the works will grow and expand, and become a big factor in the iron and steel industry.

Mr. Blackwell's company, which is one of the largest of its kind in the world, secures large quantities of manganese from the vicinity of St. John, N. B.

Little girl just returned from market. Mother—"Well, Mary Ann, didn't the butcher have pigs' feet?" Mary Ann— "Oh, mamma, I went and looked, but I could not see whether he had pigs' feet or not, for he had his boots on."—Har- per's Bazaar.

HOTEL CIRCUIT.

The Big Eastern Cities Realize Value of Tourist Trade.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—J. K. Pais- ley completed the purchase of the Grand Union hotel at Ottawa, and will make it one of the circuit of hotels at Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, for the development of the tourist traffic.

FERNWOOD YOUNG MEN.

Semi-Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

The semi-annual meeting of the Fern- wood Young Men's Association was held last night and reports from the retiring officers showed the association to be in a most flourishing and healthy condi- tion, and prepared for a prosperous win- ter season. The finances never were better and the tone of the club is gen- erally good. The following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:

Honorary president, A. G. McGregor, by acclamation; honorary vice-president, J. G. Brown; president, W. P. Mar- shall; vice-president, J. H. Griffiths; secretary, E. A. Gallop; subscription clerk, H. Neelands; treasurer, A. Pe- den.

Speeches were delivered by the newly- elected officers, which showed that the affairs of the club are in good hands and the association will assuredly go on ad- vancing. After matters of general busi- ness were discussed, the meeting ad- journed.

"Can't always have what you want in this world." "No, but that doesn't prevent you from wanting what you haven't got."—Detroit Free Press.

WHAT FIRMNESS CAN DO.

A well known officer of volunteers has an idea that he could manage the affairs of the pantry better than his wife.

"My dear," he said the other day, that baker of yours is swindling you. He ought to give seven of these buns for sixpence. I know I can get seven for sixpence."

So the major set off, and when he reach- ed the baker's shop he pointed to a pile of buns on the counter and said, in his sweet- est manner: "I want seven of these buns for sixpence."

"But——" said the girl in attendance.

"No "buts" in the matter," thundered the major. "If you dont give me seven of those buns for sixpence, I'll go to another shop where I know I can get them."

"Well, sir, if you insist," said the girl, "——"

"I dont insist," interrupted the major.

The girl then counted seven buns into a paper bag and handed it to the major in exchange for his sixpence, and the gallant warrior went home triumphantly.

"Look," said he to his wife, "what firm- ness can do. I have got these seven buns for sixpence."

"Yes, dear," said the lady, "no doubt you have; but you should have got more than seven for sixpence. These are ha- penny buns!"—London Tit Bits.

VOTERS LEAGUE'S GOOD WORK

It Stirs Up Interest In Vancouver Island In New South Wales.

The Sydney, N. S. W. Telegraph of re- cent date contains the following des- patch:

Lithgow, Friday.—Mr. W. Sandford, of Eskbank Iron Works, has received a letter from the secretary of the Voters' League, British Columbia, which shows that the people of that province have been following the recent developments in regard to the proposed Federal bonus, and are willing to take any advantage which they can possibly obtain from Australian experiences. The letter is addressed to Messrs. Sandford and Thomas (the latter being the English ex- pert who went home when the Bonus Bill failed to pass the House of Repre- sentatives), and states that the people in British Columbia are much interested in the published reports of the inter- views, showing how the action of the government had put a damper on the great Australian iron enterprise. They wished to impress on the company that British Columbia offered far greater op- portunities for carrying out such under- takings. "There," the letter goes on, "raw materials second to none, and mostly on tidal water, are awaiting the advent of capital and energy. The op- portunities for Oriental trade are as good there as in Australia, and in addi- tion there is the Dominion bonus, which the Voters' League feel sure will be ad- ded to by the province, giving additional encouragement if the enterprise warrants them in doing so."

The letter goes on: "We feel safe in assuring you that, in the event of your opening communication either personally or by letter, on a proposition to move your enterprise to the most promising field for such operation, the govern- ment and people of this province will meet you fairly, and do all in their power to encourage you in carrying mat- ters to a successful issue."

Copies of a report on the iron and steel resources of the province are en- closed in the letter. Unfortunately, it is added, the government had only late- ly realized the full importance of the matter, and was just bestirring itself to obtain full official information. Refer- ence is made to the eagerness with which the United States capitalists were seeking to secure the control of every- thing in sight, with the object of manu- facturing in the States, while the people of British Columbia were determined to retain their raw materials for manu- facture within their own province.

Assistance is offered by the league in the way of further information, or in any other way desired, and figures are given as to the bounty on iron and steel production paid by the Dominion gov- ernment, together with the supplemen- tary bounty added by the Ontario gov- ernment.

Altogether, the communication is clear evidence of a strong desire to get the heads of the company lately formed in England by Mr. Sandford to transfer their capital and experience to Canada.

Mr. Pigsqueak (more proficient with the "long-bow" than the shot-gun)—"Yesterday I brought home seven brace. Not bad, yer know. Fired only fifteen cartridges. To- day haven't got a single bird. None to be seen."

Horrid Boy—"'Course not. It's early closing day and all the shops are shut up!"

Mr. Pigsqueak wishes "horrid boys" were shut up also.—Punch.

COAL COMMISSION.

Hazelton, Pa., Nov. 3.—The anthracite strike commission spent the entire day in the Lehigh valley region, visiting one mine and several mining villages. While most of the commissioners were looking over the territory, Recorder Wright was kept busy on the train in attending to the correspondence of the commission. Among other matters he disposed of was the sending of a copy of Mr. Mitchell's statement of the miners' case, which was filed with the commission on Sun- day night, before its departure from Scranton for this region, to all the coal companies involved in the present con- troversy. The statement was mailed from this city, and should be in the hands of the companies tomorrow. Under the agreement made before the com- mission at Washington, the operators will make a reply in three or four days. The trip of the commission through this region was an interesting one, the con- ditions of mining being somewhat dif- ferent from those existing in the Lacka- wanna & Wyoming valley. At nearly every station a small crowd gathered to get a glimpse of the members of the commission. The commission's first step of the day was at Upper Lehigh. While in this place the arbitrators visited one of the homes of the miners, the first they have been in since they have been tour- ing the region. Drifton was the next place visited. All the miners employed at these mines are still on strike because the company insists upon the men re- turning to work as individuals, and not in a body. At Jeddow, John Markle, the independent operator joined the party and escorted the commissioners of the mining village of Oakdale near Jed- dow. Mr. Markle showed them the club house, which he maintains there for the benefit of the men. On the run into Hazelton, where the breakers of number 40 shaft was inspected, Messrs. Markle, Duffy and Gallagher had a spirited dis- cussion over the difficulties existing at the Markle mine. None of the men at the Markle collieries have returned for the same reasons as those which are keeping the men out of Doxe Mines. Mr. Markle told them he was running the Markle company, and would main- tain discipline. The commissioners were lowered into the workings 350 feet be- low, through a 1,100 foot slope. While under ground many questions were ask- ed of miners who worked by the com- missioners.

U. S. LANDS.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The annual report of Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, shows that the public land disposed of by the government during the year aggregated 19,488,535 acres, an in- crease of 3,925,739 acres over the previous year. Of the aggregate 1,757,593 acres were sold for cash, 17,614,792 acres were em- braced in miscellaneous entries, and the re- mainder were Indian lands. Commissioner Hermann recommends, among other things, a large appropriation, specifically for sur- veys in Alaska. On October 1st last there were 54 forest reserves, embracing 60,175,765 acres, an increase of almost 14,000,000 acres since the last report. During the fiscal year there were 1,683 forest fires discov- ered, which burned over 87,709 acres. The constantly decreasing area burned over is said to demonstrate the efficiency of the government forestry force.

MARVELS OF THE CENTURY

Synopsis of a Discourse on Modern Progress by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Rev. Dr. Campbell on Sunday even- ing, in First Presbyterian church, speak- ing of different ages and great men and marvelous inventions, said that the auger of this century penetrates every stratum of society and tests the quality of every thing that is advanced. Every- thing is put in the crucible, and the genu- ine is separated from the dross. Every man and every production of man is la- beled at its correct value. Nothing is taken for granted. The striking specif- ic characteristic of this age is speed. A steam engine, whether on the iron rail or billowy deep, is a wonderful phenom- enon. It is the special production of our own age. A little fire and a little wat- er wedded together and the mighty pro- duct is steam, powerful as ten thousand giants, yet as obedient to man as a babe on its mother's knee. It will forge an anchor, or spin a gossamer thread, or take a whole town on its back and travel through the country at the rate of a mile a minute. As if one wonder was trying to outdo another, the inven- tion of the steam engine is followed by the electric telegraph, and that by the telephone. A mother can speak to her son a hundred miles away as if he were standing with her in her own parlor. Speeches made on the floor of the Brit- ish House of Commons are put in a chariot of lightning, sent across the At- lantic and appear in beautiful type at the breakfast table in the city of Vic- toria. Time and space are annihilated. On Friday evening, at the mass meet- ing held in the opera house, in honor of the completion of the Pacific cable, a message was sent by His Worship the Mayor to Suva, and a reply was re- ceived in a few minutes, the distance covered being over ten thousand miles. As the rails of the Canadian Pacific railway "bind as with hooks of steel" the provinces of this great Dominion from ocean to ocean, so "the thin red line" that belts the earth which is just completed, binds together as a great family "around one parent knee," all parts of the British Empire, socially, politically and commercially, in adver- sity and in prosperity, in peace and war. Surely we have reached the predicted period of

"The parliament of men,
The federation of the world.

To Induce Settlement

Deputation of Voters' League Interviews the Minister of Agriculture.

Government Has a Scheme for the Creation of Small Farms.

A deputation of the Voters' League, composed of Messrs. A. L. Belyea, K.C., C. H. Lugrin and F. Laughton, waited upon Hon. J. D. Prentice, minister of finance and agriculture, yesterday to ex- press the views of the league on the sub- ject of settling the lands of the province. The members of the deputation, through Mr. Belyea, urged the desirability of adopting some definite scheme by which settlers from the Eastern and Central portions of Canada, as well as from for- eign countries, could be induced to come to British Columbia, pointing out that one of the first requirements would be the furnishing of concise and reliable information regarding the location, qual- ity, etc., of lands available for settle- ment.

Mr. Prentice assured the deputation that he and his colleagues were most anxious to promote immigration to the province, and they had had the matter under consideration for some time past. He recognized the importance of hav- ing information regarding the farming, ranching and fruit growing areas of the province condensed into a handy pam- phlet, but he pointed out that British Columbia is so vast and her arable areas so broken by mountains that it would be a very costly undertaking to attempt to prepare surveys and maps, as has been done in the Prairie country.

The government drafted an act last winter to create a system of small hold- ings (which was not reached during the session), which he thought would do much towards securing a desirable im- migration to the province if it were put in force. The proposal of the act was the creation of a land commission, which would seek out the most avail- able tracts of land convenient to rail- ways and centre of population of which the crown held title, or which, in the case of private ownership, could be pur- chased at reasonable prices. These lands would be subdivided into small farms of from 10 to 160 acres, and would be sold to actual settlers on easy terms of payment spread over several years. To raise the necessary funds for the survey, purchase and administra- tion of these lands, the government pro- poses to issue 4 per cent. land bonds, payable in 25 years, which would am- ply provide for the repayment of all the primary expenditure and without the province losing a dollar in the transac- tion.

The members of the deputation ex- pressed their approval of the proposed measure and complimented the govern- ment on having formulated such an im- portant scheme which, they thought, would exactly meet the necessities of the situation.

Mr. Lugrin suggested that the gov- ernment might profitably co-operate with the C. P. R. in inducing the better class of settlers from Manitoba and the Territories to visit the province during the winter season. He referred to those farmers who had secured a competency in prairie farms and were now seeking homes in a milder climate.

Mr. Prentice said the government was in communication with the C. P. R. on that and other matters pertaining to im- migration, and he hoped an advantageo- us arrangement would be reached in the near future.

Mr. Laughton spoke of the importance of securing to this province the many Canadians who were now moving from the prairie country to Washington, Ore- gon and California.

After a general discussion of the land question the deputation withdrew, well satisfied with their interview.

TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY.

Mails Via Steamer Charmer Sorted En Route.

As noted in the Colonist some days ago the barber shop on the steamer Charmer has been converted into a mail room, and now a mail clerk travels between Vancouver and here and assorts the let- ters, so that post office box holders are enabled to get their letters a few min- utes after the arrival of the boat.

A LIBEL ON ESQUIMALT.

Sir,—The enclosed cutting may be of in- terest to your readers, at any rate, it is news to most of us. It is clipped from the "People's Mixture," in the London "Peo- ple."

Smart Weed and Belladonna, combined porous plasters, make Carter's S. W. & with the other ingredients used in the best B Backache Plasters the best in the mar- ket. Price 25 cents.

DEATH FROM THE FIREWORKS

Premature Explosion Kills Several People and Wounds Many in New York.

New York, Nov. 4.—By a premature explosion of fireworks in Madison Square Gardens tonight, several persons are believed to be killed and many seriously injured. Owing to the panic and confusion among the crowd watch- ing the election returns, it was impos- sible to make an accurate estimate of the fatalities.

The explosion took place among the fireworks that were to be set off to cele- brate the announcement of the election returns. The report was so heavy that windows were broken in the houses around the square. When the first panic had subsided, 16 persons were found unconscious on the ground. Some of those, however, quickly recovered. Others had been horribly mutilated. It is reported that four boys who were watching the fireworks on Madison ave- nue were killed. Five hundred extra policemen were ordered on duty, and the work of caring for the dying and more seriously injured was carried on with all possible speed. It is stated that fully 50 people were more or less injured. Some of these, however, were removed by their friends, while others were tak- en to the hospital.

DIES OF INJURIES.

John McSwain's Wound Proves Fatal.

Rossland, B. C., Nov. 4.—John Mc- Swain died at the Sisters hospital here today as the result of injuries received in the Le Roi mine a few days since. McSwain was struck by a falling ma- chine and a hole about the size of a half dollar was punctured in his right temple. An operation was performed for the removal of bone splinters, and the patient appeared to be doing well up to 48 hours ago, when he became delirious and sank rapidly. Deceased was a native of Lorne, P. E. I., a member of Phoenix Miners' union, and of Wallace, Idaho lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Walter Willis, who shot Robt. Adams at the International hotel yesterday, was arraigned at the police court today for a preliminary hearing, and was committed for trial at the next sittings of the Assize court. The charge is at- tempted murder, which will be amend- ed to murder in event of Adams dying, as is expected.

Willis will be held at the provincial jail to await trial. Adams is alive, but in a very critical condition.

Miowera From Southern Seas

The Canadian Australian Liner Reaches Port—Athenian In From Orient.

Steamer Princess May and City of Topeka Arrive From Skagway.

Steamer Miowera, which reached port yesterday morning from Sydney, Bris- bane, Suva and Honolulu, will proba- bly be replaced in this service at an early date, for it is reported that the Canadian-Australian line is contemplat- ing the placing of another steamer, sim- ilar to the fine and well-equipped steam- er Moana, in this service, in the stead of the Miowera. The Miowera was late in leaving Sydney, being delayed two days on account of the celebration of the "Eight-hour Day," which prevented the loading and and coaling of the liner, and she was further delayed en voyage by heavy weather. She brought 48 saloon passengers, of whom 17 debark- ed at the outer docks. She had a small cargo. Mr. Bellmaine, her purser, did not arrive on this voyage, having re- mained at Sydney to undergo an oper- ation.

The Miowera left Sydney on October 8 and Brisbane on the 11th. She ar- rived at Suva on the 17th. A moderate to fresh northerly gale was experienced on the night of the 11th, decreasing to moderate breeze and sea chiefly from North throughout. She left Suva on the afternoon of October 17 and passed Wailangilala Island, Alopa Island and Mary Island within the next two days, crossing the Equator on the night of the 20th and arrived at Honolulu on the 25th. From Suva to Honolulu light, un- steady breeze and sea were encountered throughout. She left Honolulu on the 26th. Fresh northeast wind and rough head sea were experienced on the 27th and 28th, falling light on the morning of the 29th, and remaining light and un- steady weather with cloudy sky with a long northwest swell until the night of the 31st, when the wind freshened from the South. By noon of November 1 it was blowing a strong southerly gale, with high sea and heavy rain, shifting to the West at sunset and rapidly mod- erating with a high confused sea. This is the gale which blew here on Satur- day night and was universally felt from San Francisco to Alaska.

The passengers who debarked at Vic- toria were: Mrs. Stetson, Miss Camer- on, Mrs. Ryair, Mr. Mayer, Mr. Bur- gess, Mrs. Burgess, Mr. Yschomer, Mr. Handly, Mr. Southard, Mrs. Southard and infant, Mr. Schumacker, Mr. Ad- ams, Miss Killian, Mr. Rewcastle, Mrs. Bellolta, Master Bellolta and Mr. Bladly.

ATHENIAN IN PORT.

Peculiar Mishap to the C. P. R. Oriental Liner at William Head.

Steamer Athenian reached port on Sunday morning from the Orient, and on her arrival at William Head a pe- culiar accident befel the liner, rendering her unable to proceed to the outer docks until the services of a diver could be se- cured. When leaving William Head some small pieces of kelp were caught in the sea-cocks, which rendered the condensers unfit for use, as with the cocks blocked by the kelp, water could not be secured for the condensers, and the steamer's machinery had in conse- quence to be stopped, telephone mes- sages were sent to H. H. Abbott, local agent of the steamer, and Capt. Troup, manager of the C. P. N. Co., was ad- vised by telephone. The steamer Prin- cess Louise was in port, and he placed her in service as tender to the Athenian. A diver was taken to the liner by the Princess Louise, and he quickly removed the obstruction in a few minutes, and the steamer was enabled to proceed to Vancouver—her local passengers and mails being brought to this port by the tender.

The Athenian had a large cargo, in- cluding valuable shipments of silk to the value of $1,250,000, and there were a number of Chinese passengers. The pas- sengers, whose arrival created the greatest interest, were William and Clarence Baker, the sealers lost from the schooner Geneva on August 6, off the Copper Islands, who, with their Japan- ese boatsteerers, were picked up by the Japanese schooner Hako Maru, when their provisions had got down to three small pieces of biscuit. They were taken to Tokio by the Japanese schoon- er and forwarded home by the British consul on the Athenian. H. W. Dosch, who was despatched to the Orient in connection with the Lewis and Clarke exposition to be held at Portland in 1905.

FROM SKAGWAY.

Princess May and City of Topeka Reach Port.

There were two arrivals from the North yesterday. Steamer City of To- peka arrived at the outer wharf from Skagway at 8 a.m., with 150 passengers from the Lynn Canal port, and the C. P. N. liner Princess May reached port at noon, having brought down 118 pas- sengers from Northern ports. Included amongst the passengers of both steam- ers were a number of steamer captains, engineers and crews of the sternwheel- ers which have now ceased to operate on the Yukon. Both steamers had a rough passage South, encountering the heavy gale which blew on Saturday night in Queen Charlotte Sound, where there was a very high sea. There were about a dozen passengers for Victoria on the Pa- cific Coast steamer and 49 for this port on the steamer Princess May. Includ- ed amongst these were Capt. R. Cox, master of one of the sternwheel steam- ers; James Gaudin, son of Capt. Gau- din, local agent of marine, who has been chief engineer of the steamer Ca- adian; C. W. Pooley, of this city, teller of the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Skagway, which was the scene of the recent dynamiting, in which Mr. Pooley had a narrow escape; and H. C. Clark, who brought a horse from Dawson to Victoria. The full complement of passengers on the Prin- cess May for Victoria were as follows: R. P. Roberts, T. Adam, W. B. Or- dams, A. H. Haynes, J. S. Adams, Geo. W. Brown, James Stables, Miss Mit- chell, Miss Bone, Miss McDonald, R. M. Honeywell, A. Bertram H. J. Hut- chinson, Miss Zinkham, P. Larrison, F. J. Dixon, E. Anderson, Eleona Stephen, Beatrice Norrie, E. Stephen, Geo. Campbell, John G. Johnston, Geo. B. Heyes, George Lewis Kayes, Capt. Ru- pert Cox, A. Macdonald, H. O. John- ston, L. Hunt, R. Lockley Jones, Wil- liam Gill, W. O. Lamden, Mrs. Lam- den, Jas. B. Adams, Wm. Hess, John F. Appleby, W. H. Shaw O. Margetts, E. Hawkins, H. C. Clark H. F. Wheat- on, M. J. Hennelly, Chas. R. Pooley, J. Criston, A. Hesgoidens, J. Urhill, E. W. Dean, John W. Dean, W. Little, E. F. Jordan, S. Wilkinson, A. Ban.

EMPRESS SAILS.

Small List Booked for Empress of Japan.

Steamer Empress of Japan sailed from the outer docks last night for the Ori- ent. She did not have a very large pas- senger list, but carried a full cargo of general merchandise. The following were passengers for Yokohama: J. Schi- moda, Rev. E. E. Horn, Joshio Taki- moto, Hector Duncan, R. B. McKin- nell, A. Sinclair, J. W. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Charles Hadden, H. H. Horsey and wife, Mrs. Passmore and party, Mrs. Bell and two daughters, A. G. Mink, wife and son, G. E. Brewster, C. W. Bush and wife, H. K. Telsuka, wife and child.

For Hongkong: Mr. R. Rimyou, Har- old R. Smyth, Oliver McKee, J. Burns, J. B. McKinnon, J. W. Bennett.

For Shanghai: W. C. Chen, Paul Crompton, H. Schwartz.

For Nagasaki: D. Francis Mead- hurst.

For Port Darwin: F. G. Burt.

FOR VICTORIA.

Schooner Florence H. Munsie Sails From Halifax.

Speaking of the departure of the seal- ing schooner Florence H. Munsie from Halifax on October 24, the Chronicle of that city says "This vessel is one of the finest yet constructed for the seal- ing trade and was built especially for that trade. She is 97 tons, and is named after the owner's little daughter. The crew have shipped for two years, the final port of discharge to be Halifax or Victoria, B. C. The officers and crew are as follows: Capt. Charles LeBlanc, Victoria, B. C.; W. H. Henneberry, Devil's Island, first mate; Wm. O'Neill, St. Margaret's Bay, second mate; Chas. E. Mader, Mahone Bay, steward; Jas. Henneberry, Eastern Passage, cabin boy; John Henneberry, Devil's Island, hunter; Edward Walsh, Devil's Island, hunter; Thos. Martin, Ship Harbor, hunter; Wallace McPherson, Pope's Harbor, hunter; Chas. Henneberry, Dev- il's Island, boat steerer; Chas. Blank, Eastern Passage, boat steerer; Thos. Carey, Eastern Passage, boat steerer; Francis Faulkner, Devil's Island, boat steerer; Douglas Henneberry, Devil's Island, boat steerer; Walter Dauphine, St. Margaret's Bay, boat steerer; Mark F. Dauphine, St. Margaret's Bay, boat steerer; Levi DeYoung, Eastern Pas- sage, boat steerer."

Victorias vs. United Service

First Rugby Football Match of the Season an Easy Win.

Other Football Games Played Yesterday--Winter Season Well Started.

The Rugby season opened yesterday at the Canteen grounds, Victoria defeat- ing a combined Navy and Army team after as fine an exhibition of football as one could wish to see.

The game started at 3:15, Moresby kicking off for Victoria. By a series of scrums and rushes the United Service worked the ball past Victoria's 25 yard line, where H. Gillespie relieved by a long punt, which being well followed up put Reeds well inside the United Ser- vice territory. From a scrum Schole- field crossed the line, but the try, how- ever, was disallowed.

The United Service kicked out from the 25 yard line, but was again worked up the field by the Victoria forwards. The ball coming out from a scrum, Berkeley secured and scored the first try for Victoria after a tricky run, cross- ing the United Service line just inside touch. This looked, however, as if it would add but three points to the score, the angle being a difficult one, but Schwengers kicked a beautiful goal, ad- ding the other two. Score 5-0.

The United Service kicking off, their three-quarters got in some nice com- bination, Oxlade, Cameron and Hodder figuring prominently, but Victoria's back division was too strong. Goward secur- ing, punted well up the field, and fol- lowing up nailed his man before the ball could be returned.

A series of scrums then took place in the centre of the field, and Gillespie was forced into touch. From the throw in Schwengers secured the ball, and going round the United Service backs touched down behind their opponent's posts after wards kicking the goal, score 10-0.

The whistle shortly after sounded for half time.

Upon resuming play the United Ser- vice three-quarters pressed the home team for some time, ably backed up by their forwards, and on several occa- sions looked like scoring, Goward being called on frequently to relieve.

From the Victoria 25 yard line Schole- field intercepted a pass by one of their opponents' threequarters, and by a fine sprint touched down behind the posts after a 75 yard run. Schwengers took the kick, but failed to convert, the ball hitting the goal post. Score 13-0.

The United Service kicked out from their 25 yard line. H. Gillespie, for Victoria, punting into touch well in their opponents' territory. The home team from this on pressed hard, and time and again broke away with the ball only to be pulled down by the opposing backs. The forwards, headed by Moresby and Cullin, carried the ball well up on the United Service touch line, Berkeley get- ting across, but falling out of play.

The United Service picked off and their forwards rushed the ball to the centre of the field where from a scrum Scholefield got the leather and passed to Schwengers, who again crossed the line, afterwards kicking the goal. Score 18-0.

From the kick-off the United Service came on with a rush, but received no encouragement from the opposing de- fence, the ball going back to the cen- tre of the field, where A. Gillespie was forced into touch.

From the throw-in Scholefield secured and going round the end had a clean run for goal, but slipped while dodging the full back, back he passed the ball to Byrn, but the latter was forced into touch before he could cross the line.

After this scrums and rushes by the opposing forwards seemed to be the or- der of the day, no time being called with Victoria well in their opponents' territory.

The Victoria forwards all played a hard game, ably headed by Cullin and Moresby.

Berkeley, who played in senior com- pany for the first time, showed very good form.

For the United Service, Blandy, Grundy, Oxlade and Cameron were the most noticeable, and played a hard up- hill game.

All members of the club are requested to be on hand at 8:15 on Monday even- ing at the J. B. A. A. club house for the first club run of the season.

Vancouver will probably play here November 22.

Next Saturday the game will be against the R. A. at the Caledonia grounds.

The game at the Caledonia grounds yesterday between the Victoria Inter- mediates and a combined team from the Collegiate school, High school and Vic- toria juniors, resulted in an easy vic- tory for the Intermediates by 3 goals 2 tries to nil. The tries were scored by R. McDonell (2), S. Tatton, W. Sweet- land and Sweeney. The Intermediates are improving all the time, and should be able to make a successful attempt to land the cup in Victoria.

The Victoria Intermediates will be going to Nanaimo on the 15th inst. to play the Intermediates of that city.

The match between the intermediates and the combined teams of the juniors of the Collegiate and High schools, at Caledonia park yesterday afternoon, re- sulted in a victory for the intermediates by 11 to 0.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Fernwood and Garrison senior teams played a friendly game at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, which result- ed in the soldiers winning by 4 to 0.

The Association football match play- ed at Beacon Hill yesterday between the Central and North Ward schools re- sulted in a victory for the Centrals by a score of one goal to nil. For the Cen- trals, H. Sargison, Shanks, Harding, McKittrick and Clayton put up a good game, and Hall, Dakers, Devlin, Fogle and Craig were the stars of the North Ward team.

The great game in the city league, which was supposed to have been play- ed yesterday between the Fernwoods and Garrisons, was defaulted by the Fernwoods, who were unable to raise a team, thus giving the Barracks two points to begin the league with. After the game had been defaulted a scratch team was picked on the field, so as not to disappoint the army, who had come all the way from the Barracks with the intention of playing. In the scratch game the soldiers were too strong for their opponents, making the score 4-0.

An interesting game of football took place between teams from the British- American Paint Co. and the British Col- umbia Soap Works, yesterday after- noon, at Beacon Hill. The latter team won by three goals to one. Mosy Doyle, W. Loverage and Andy George put up a good game for the paint-makers, while W. Winkle, A. Campbell and W. Mat- kins were most noticeable on the soap works side.

Trade of the Far North

Great Increase Shown In Canadian Trade With the Yukon Country.

Canada Sent In Seventy-Five Per Cent. of the Freight Received.

The steamer Amur, Capt. McLeod, reached port yesterday afternoon from Skagway, bringing down a large num- ber of passengers, including many of the masters, mates, and crews of the Yukon river fleet, which has been tied up for the season. Among these who came down on the C. P. N. steamer were W. Duck, who has been practising in the North, Capt. R. E. J. Kinston, mate of the steamer Victorian; Mr. Norfolk, purser of the White Pass boats, Capt. Dan Martin, who has been on one of the White Pass boats, and sev- eral other steamboat men. The trip was a stormy one. The Amur had 100 passengers in all, the majority of whom were for Seattle, and debarked at Van- couver to go forward by the train. The steamer Princess May, which sailed from Skagway on Tuesday with 118 passengers, is expected to arrive today from Skagway.