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### THE MAINE.

From the beginning of naval history experience in handling ships of war has been gained at fearful cost. It took the Romans a long time to perfect the fleet which, under the Consul, C. Duilias, shattered the sea power of Carthage-It cost Rome hundreds of ships, countless numbers of brave sailors and vast treasure to get that mastery of the sea which afterwards added so much to her power on land. The sea power of Spain and Holland was won by awful sacrifices, and Mr. Kipling in one of his best poems has told how the British command of the sea was gained and is keptby appalling blood sacrifices. The United States is endeavoring to build up a strong navy and to make a brave showing on the high seas with her armaments. Disaster, it may truly be said, fleet" from the first. Rascally con- eral expenses of members slain "while tractors, ill-trained mechanics, hasty scampish work, hurry and confusion have almost always doomed the new-launched ships to uselessness or destruction. The Americans have been paying dearly for their ambition to become a sea power, but all that has happened dwindles into insignificance before the awful catastrophe to the battleship Maine on Tuesday evening in the harbor of Havana. With their usual rashness, and without waiting for fuller information than the first bare announcement, the incendiary portion of the American press at once de clared that it was the work of hidden foes and clamored for vengeance; but as those papers have cried "wolf" until even the American children pay not the slightest heed to their exchanatory frenzies, it is best to ignore them utterly in the matter. The evidence at present forward is too slender to form any guide as to the probable cause of the explosion, but the cooler headed believe that it was due to some chemical changes in the gun cotton stored in the smøller magazines. Gun cotton, like most of the high explosives, is a most treacherous compound; and as on American warships that extreme caution, regularity and precision observed at all times upon British war vessels do not always obtain, no doubt the accident was due to somebody's carelessness or forgetfulness. When the divers have made a thorough examination of the hull and determined in what direction the plates are bent-outwards or inwards-it will be time enough to discuss the foul play theory. The accident is the worst in naval history since the loss of H. M. S. Victoria off Tripoli, although the mercantile marine show since that date worse than either so far as loss of life is concerned; namely, the foundering of the Elbe and and Drummond Castle.

## BLOOD AND THUNDER.

Some weeks ago we ventured the prediction that lively times were going to be witnessed during the current session of the provincial legislature. The prediction has been fulfilled rather more quickly than we had expected, and if yesterday's scenes and speeches are to be taken ed from a pugilist disappointed at the the Chinese as in any way alike. What Hon. Mr. Pooley said was this:

"If he (Mr. Cotton) were to make use expression (decoy duck) he had outside of the House, he would reply in a manner which the member for Vancouver would understand.'

There is no mystery surrounding that. What it means is this: Hon. Mr. Pooley had never studied the question wou confessed himself totally unable to frame | declare that the Japanese are less intel a reply in language that would be per- gent than our own workmen. Anoth mitted inside the House, and that the member for Vancouver could understand, the morning of her progress. It is n but that he could reply to him in such a | fifty years since she laid aside the bu manner outside the House; namely, with hands and feet instead of with brain and tongue. In other words, were Mr. Cotton to say to Hon. Mr. Pooley outside the house, "decoy duck," the minister, being a large, able-bodied, and, we believe, somewhat choleric, gentleman, would thereupon smash the member for Vancouver with his fists; crush his nose, blacken his eye, knock his teeth down his throat, hammer and batter with tremendous fury, knock him down, jump upon him, stave in several of his ribs, and leave him a bleeding wreck, but thoroughly understanding the kind of reply which Hon. Mr. Pooley confesses himself best able to make to charges preferred against him.

We have elaborated the details for the express purpose of bringing home to the people of the province just exactly what was conveyed in Hon. Mr. Pooley's threat, and to let the people of this province see what kind of gentlemen compose the cabinet. The argument of the fist, then, is Hon. Mr. Pooley's best argument; and he thinks hon, members who get a mauling from his fists will understand what he means much better than if he set his brains to work and attempted to govern his somewhat "bluggy" passions in order to frame a reply in parliamentary language. Well, that is rather a bloody style of argument for this time and place, and no doubt if Hon. Mr. Pooley attempts to carry it out the police officers will have something to offer as a

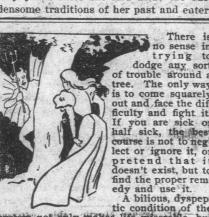
contribution to the discussion. If Hon. Mr. Pooley thinks by displaying his warlike spirit in the House that he is going to intimidate the members of the opposition and so prevent free discussion he is laboring under a cur ous misconception of his powers and a still more curious misapprehension of how much of his nonsense the opposition are likely to put up with. It is simply brutal to use threats of violence to an opponent in debate; it is disgraceful that any member cabinet should atter such language in the House. One could imagine Corbett, the notorious pugilist, shouting to

the equally disreputable Fitzsimmons, 'If you dare say that out in the alley, Fitz, I'll reply to you in a way you'll understand," but it is hard to imagine a minister of the crown using such prizering coarseness to a member of the opposition under any circumstances whatsoever. Mr. Cotton's reply to Hon. Mr. Pooley's threat was that which any man of spirit might be expected to make, and his subsequent remarks upon the conduct of the ministers left the honors of the discussion easily on his side.

It is, perhaps, as well, seeing the heated and agitated state in which the exposed ministers were at the time, that Mr. Cotton d'd not scarify them too severely with his satire, or the upshot might have borne a close resemblance to the scenes in the Austrian Reichsrath a few weeks ago. The people of the province would grumble if called upon to refurnish has dogged the heels of "the white the legislative chamber and pay the funon duty," so soon after the opening of the legislature.

VICTORIA HARBOR. Probably the most important bit of news for Victoria that has come over the wires from the Dominion capital lately contained in the dispatch regarding the harbor improvement scheme, which was again brought to the notice of the public works department yesterday. The fact that Mr. Coste, the chief engineer, considers the scheme perfectly feasible, and the best from an engineering point he has ever had placed before him, is a splendid testimonial to the talents of Mr. Thomas Sorby, who has spared no pains to perfect the plans and press upon the people here and also upon the Dominion government the vital importance of the work, not only to Victoria and British Columbia, but to all Canada. It says much for Mr. Sorby's genius for figures that to carry forward the scheme he will not have to ask or borrow one cent. It is all ready to begin as soon as the necessary powers are granted. The changes which the scheme will work upon Victoria harbor can best be express ed in a single statement: Ocean steam ers in full cargo will be able to berth at any point from the bridge to the outer wharf. This means that Victoria will have docking facilities equal to those at Montreal, and will be fortunate in having no long, winding river, open only during a portion of the year, to hinder shipping from entering. The realization of this truly Caesarian scheme will make Victoria one of the chief seaports of the Pacific, give Canada improved access to the splendid traffic of the Far East, and wonderfully increase our trade; but probably few Victorians realize, even faintly, what the accomplishment of the harbor improvement scheme means to Western Canada. Fortunately the best judge of all, Mr. Coste, the chief en-gineer, seems to have a pretty good

A SHORT SIGHTED POLICY. If the boasted British love of fair-play and the reputation the British race has for common-sense are to count for anyas examples of what may be looked for thing more than mere boasts, let us not throughout the session, a small charge meddle rashly with the Japanese, Agifor admission (the proceeds to be distrib- tation has been proceeding at Ottawa uted among the deserving charities of looking to the imposition of restrictive in at the Yates street fire hall that any intimation of the fire was received by the itors' gallery. If there is to be any ac- come to Canada, specially with refertual boxing on the floor of the house it is ence to their exclusion from the Klonto be sincerely hoped that the public will | dike. To place upon the Japanese the have due warning as to the principals, stigma and discrimination employed referee, seconds and the rules, Queens- against the Chinese would be an insult berry or London. The language made to the intelligence of the people of Canuse of yesterday by Hon. Mr. Pooley to ada. No intelligent, well-informed person Mr. Cotton was such as might be expect- nowadays looks upon the Japanese and conditions of agreement and anxious to Japanese are civilized to a degree that have a "go" at his opponent on the spot. | puts to the blush many a European nation; the Chinese are utter barbari ans who cannot save themselves from the hands of the oppressor; who are, to Caucasian eyes, unclean and hopelessly degraded. It is sheer nonsense to talk about the Japanese any longer as an ports during February and March; "inferior" race: surely only a person who thing to remember is that Japan is densome traditions of her past and enter



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ed the modern arena as a competitor against all-comers; willing to learn, ready to adopt and assimilate; greedy for European knowledge, which her high intelligence showed her to be the equipment she required. What has been the result? Her young men who have gone to study at European colleges have won the highest honors; her young engineers have accuired a knowledge far more exact than cluded 671 males and 349 females, inwill be found among American engineers; competent authorities tell us her army and navy are in a splendid state of efficiency; one of those authorities—the best and highest of all-the Chino-Japanese war, made not a few of the European nations wonder how they would fare against the elan and the indomitable courage of the Japanese. In art, in science, in mechanics, in commerce and industry, in diplomacy, Japan is rapidly coming to the front rank of nations-in war she may safely be said to have arrived. And it is a splendid young nation like this that thoughtless politicians would class with the vile riff-raff of China. He must be a very short-sighted man who cannot see that Japan and Canada are very likely to become closely united in the bonds of trade and commerce. Our commissioner's report, lately laid before the Dominion government will not be allowed to remain long unfruitful; beyond question it is good policy to extend the hand of friendliness to the Mikado's empire and treat his subjects who come here with the courtesy and moderation we extend to Europeans Again, the Japanese are not so alarmingly numerous as the Chinese, and they are never likely, seriously, to disturb or endanger the supremacy of white labor here; they do not take Chinese wages, they conform to our civilization, they give less trouble than any foreigners we have. In short, it would be a blunder to offer a slight to Japan, now that the Japanese have shown themselves to be fully entitled to all the privileges ac corded to civilized and well-behaved foreigners. We have harped a good deal on the Canadian-Japanese trade question. but it was because we sincerely be lieved that a magnificent field for Canadian enterprise lay waiting across the Pacific. Therefore, we should regret to see any discourtesy, any injurious classing of Japanese with the unwelcome, un profitable and unpleasant Chinese.

AN ALARMING FIRE.

Narrow Escape of a Whole Family From adden Outburst of Fire.

Mr. John Cox and family, Humboldt street, narrowly escaped death this morning. They occupy a building owned by Mr. W. J. Pendray, opposite the south end of Douglas street in which a grocery and bakery has been conducted for many years. Early this morning one of Mr. Cox's daughters was awakened by flames years. eracking, and had only just time to rouse the other occupants before the flames had sprea I to an extent which en-dangered their lives. But for the timely assistance of some passers by, who assisted there of them from the bedroom window, it is certain lives would have been lost. A strong gale was raging, accompanied by a snew storm, and as the family escaped in their night clothes they were glad to accept the hospitality of kindly neighbors. The alarm from the box opposite the house failed to work, and it was not until a passer-by colled brigade; but before their arrival the whole roof of the building, a big frame structure, was in flames. Three streams soon playing on the fire, but The building became a wreck. The damage is fully covered by insurance; contents for \$1,000, in the London & Lancashire, Messrs. Robert Ward & Co.; the house for \$400 in the London & Canadian, the B. C. L. & I. Co., agents. The fire was caused by the ignition of some wood

which had been put in the oven to dry. TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. Steamers That Will Sail From Victoria For

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This is only the scheduled list of voyages. Many other steamers are also to be placed in service early in the season, but up to the present no salling dates have been arranged. Among the vessels coming for this service are the two big C.P.N. liners, the Athenian and Tartar, now on their way to this coast from Southampton; the steamer Amur, purchased by the Klondike Mining. Trading & Transportation Company for their service, now on her way to Victoria from Laboun, North Borneo. She will be here at the beginning of next week, as she left Honolulu, where she called to readjust her coal cargo, on February 8th. Then there is the North China Mutual Navigation Company's steamer Mingchow, chariered by Messrs. F. C. Davidge & Company. She left Yakohama for this port on January 12th, and is due here about March 1st. She will be at once prepared for the Alaskan service, and make her first trip about March 10th.

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The C.P.N. Company will also place steamers on the route as occasion demands. Besides the large steamers included in the foregoing list, there is a fleet of smaller vessels, which will cater for their share of the trade. Sealing schooners are being made into freighters and barges prepared for freighting provisions northward. The steamer Mischief, which is now nearly due from a northward trip, will continue her service, and as frequently as passengers and freight are offered the steamer Boscowitz will continue her voyages to Wrangel.

PROVINCIAL VITAL STATISTICS. The annual report of the provincial registrar of births, deaths and marriage for the year shows that there were 1641 births, 1020 deaths and 636 marriages. Of the births 869 were boys and 772

were girls. The increase in births over the previous year was 389. Of the 636 marriages, only 17 of the contracting parties went on record as having no religious belief. The Episcopalian church still leads in the number of marriages among its adherents, with a total of 94 for the year; the Presbyterian being close up with 91; and the others following in the order named: Methodist, 80; Roman Cathalla (2)

## Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Feb. 16 .- The steamer Istander will get away about midnight. She leaves chough freight and passengers belind to fill a duplicate steamer. Two hundred tons of freight and horsees and dogs were not touched. There is much talk in town to-night over a find of rubies by a bricklayer named B. Bailey, seven miles from Vancouver, near the Fraser river. Some fine samples were brought into-day, and men have zone out to search further. have gone out to search further. The gems are found in a broken volcanio matrix in which apparently perfect stones of considerable size are numer-The samples were shown to several expert jewellers who at once pro-nounced them genuine. The place where the find was made was on the high levels above New Westminster. The excitement caused by the news of the find in spite of an attempt at secrecy, has induced numbers to hurry to the scene. Charles F. Tilley, purser on the Empress of India, died this morning at St. Pant's hospital after a period of great Paul's hospital afer a period of great suffering. The left Mr. Tilley was a son of S. L. Tilley, who moved here with his family before the fire. "Charwith his family before the fire. "Char-ley" Tilley was generally very popular. ALBERNI.

Alberni, Feb. 14.-The Golden Eagle neral claim tunnel is now in about 170 feet. Two shifts of ten hours are kept busy under the able management

of Frank McQuillan.

The Armstrong-Bainbridge Company is doing considerable development on Green mountain, near Uchucklesit harbor. Two parties from Tacoma and Seattle are up viewing the properties situated near Nahmint, on the Alberni canal, belonging to Messrs. Stewart, Moin, Hansen and Wilson, with a view to purchase. Mr. Bonthorne has a party surveying mineral claims on Anderson lake. Several good copper strikes have been reported during the last week down the Alberni canal, at China creek and Granite creek, besides several in the vicinity

Col. Wingate, of Tacoma, and G. B. Nicol, manager for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., Seattle, arrived here on Saturday, and will spend about twelve days around here viewing some properties; one group already for which they have offered \$20,

Jones & Kincaid's big copper property, situated at Sydney Inlet, acquired by the Dominion Development Company and later on transferred to the B. C. Gold Trust, has now employed upon it about 11 men, who are opening it up. Mr. thorne started up in his steamer Blonde to inspect the work, but on account of the rough weather they had to return

A great deal of sleet, snow and rain has fallen here of late. No snow hardly to be seen on the mountains now.

Lumber is being cut at the Alberni sawmill for the uses of the paper mill,

A new start is expected from the new paper company in a month or two under new managership, and this time it is hoped with better success. The flume is to be made 30 feet wide to supply the water newer. Some of the newest and to be seen on the mountains now. water power. Some of the newest and most improved machinery is to be inmost improved machinery stalled into the paper mill.

ROSSLAND.

The C.P.R. surveyors who are engaged running a line between Robson and Penticton are actively at work. One party of about 20 surveyors are camped near the lower end of Sheep Lake. Their territory comprises the ground between the Columbia river and the summit be-tween Big Sheep and McCrae creeks. An-other party is in the field between the summit and Grand Forks, down the East shore of Christian lake. The first men-tioned party will suver the first mentioned party will survey a route through Burnt Pass, down Blueberry creek to the Columbia, which will be met at a point about six miles below Robson. The trades and labor council is again calling on the provincial government to abolish the \$5 tax on "working miners." It is also requesting the government to impose a penalty upon the employment of

Chinese or Japanese in metalliferous The city council has been petitioned to use its authority "to stop mining and building operations, to close stores, parber shops, saloons and other places of business, and to prohibit the opening of skating rinks, baseball grounds and other public places of amusement on the Sab-bath day."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, Feb. 17.-The board f trade held its annual meeting last At Holy Trinity cathedral, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the marriage of Miss Laura Henrietta Eickhoff and Mr. Henry Harcus Lennie, was conducted by the Rev. A. Shildrick. The bride was attended by Miss Bloomfield, and the groom was supported by Mr. C. K. Snell. Work is progressing rapidly with the ships at the ship-yard in this city, and the Hudson's Bay steamer will soon be the Hudson's Bay steamer will soon be ready for launching.

Mr. Arthur Hill will leave here shortly for the Stikine river, where he will join the Mackenzie & Mann party.

Chief Provincial Constable Bullock-Webster will leave here to-day for Victoria to make his final arrangements before leaving for Glenora to assume his new position as inspector and stipendiary magistrate for the Cassiar district. Mr. Bullock-Webster has received hearty good wishes from all his friends.

friends.

One of the subjects brought up at the board of trade meeting on Wednesday evening was the consideration of the possibility of chartering two or more steamers to start from this city for the Klondike. By all accounts it will now be a difficult matter to obtain vessels of any description on any part of the coast. As it is, Vancouver firms have to go to China to obtain boats, and it is not likely that, if there were any steamers to be had at a near distance, Vancouver and Victoria firms have taken care to secure them. Vancouver and Victoria firms have taken care to secure them.

The court of revision to hear and consider all complaints against the assessment of all lands included in the Coquitiam dyking scheme will be held at Kelly's Hall, Westminster Junction, on Wesnesday, March 23rd. The court of revision regarding the Matsqui dyking scheme will be held in Mission City on March 21st, and for the Pitt Meadows scheme at Kelly's Hall, Westminster Junction, on March 24th.

A SCRUBBING SERVICE.

The Vicar of St. Lawrence's Church Birmingham, recently announceded a "serubbing service," and invited the congregation to assist in the worky Soap, water and scrubbers were provided. The service lasted from 3 o'clock until 9:30 by which time the interior of the church presented a glossy and shining

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REINDEER FOR YUKON.

Vinnipeg all Agog Over a Consignment of Draught Deer From Lapland.

Mr. David O'Neill, of Adams creek, Alaska was seen by a reporter of the Manitoba Free Press at the C.P.R. stock yards yesterday afternoon. He had a mixed carload of reindeer, husky dogs and provisions for the same; also a reindeer dog, a little pup which he brought from Lapland. The last mentioned cost him \$100. When full grown it will reemble the collie.

Mr. O'Neill was questioned about his

rip to the reindeer country, and he gave a very interesting account. He started seven months ago on the journey to Lapland in search of reindeer. These he found in large numbers, as many as 3,000 to 5,000. and sometimes even many more in one drove. He had to travel some 1,800 miles from the railroad to get his supply. He purchased 2,000 reindeer, of which he attempted to bring thirty-three with him on his way home, but they all died with the experion of three, which he succeeded in bringing as far as Winnipeg. The loss of the thirty he attributes to the long ourney, the lack of exercise and feast ing on peanuts, bananas, oranges, le mons, candy, etc., supplied by the generous public in disregard to the owno'Neill intended to use the reindeer in toting supplies to Dawson City, but in consequence of his bad luck he will have to substitute husky dogs. Mr. O'Neill has a brother at McMillan's river, about 300 miles from Dawson City, and he intends pushing on up

that way as soon as he reaches his Questioned as to the crossing of the casses, he said the best time to get over from December to April 1st, as there then good sleighing all the way. He has been detained two or three weeks in getting over, as the wind blows with terrific force. The trail is so narrow and slippery that ascending is almos like climbing up the side of a house. It takes three hours to climb over the worst place on the Chilkot pass. Mr. O'Neill has been over it four or five times. He advises all who are going over to get there by April 1st. He is tends going through to Dawson on the ice. He does not think the reindeer will live to get through. He hitched them to a small sled at the stock yards yesterday and gave them a little exerse. He had several Laplanders engag ed accompany him to the Yukon, but six of them deserted him in New York six of them deserted him in New York. He says he likes the climate very much up in the Yukon. He announces his intention of going extensively into the breeding of reindeer. He said there would be two carloads of reindeer pass through the city to-day or to-morrow; they were not his, but belonged to some trading company. They were all small trading company. They were all small ones, from Norway and were not do mesticated; his were all broken to har-

ness.
Mr. O'Neill is accompanied by his wife who will go through with him to Adams creek. He left the city at 5 p. m. yesterday on his homeward trip. CONDITIONS AT WRANGEL.

Letter From An American With a Word of Praise for Victoria. Extracts from a letter of A. Burke, Fort Wrangel, Alaska, dated February 4th. (Original may be seen at 112 Yesler Way, Seattle.):

I will answer your questions, and you an rest assured that everything will be ound exactly as I tell you.

Wrangel has about 200 whites and 300 Wrangel has about 200 whites and 300 Indians. At present the hotel accommodations are very poor, there being sleeping accommodations for only about firty people. We have five eating houses. In six weeks our hotel (not mine) will be finished, which will accommodate about 150 people. At peresent the only way to get to the river is by scow or canoe, which costs \$3.50 for one man and outfit. The Alaskan made one trip last week, and on her return, just before anchoring, she ran on a rock. She will probably make daily trips next week. The river is seven miles from Wrangel wharf.

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For the last two weeks parties have left here every day for the river, from four to twenty in a party. They all take in from one to two years' supplies. One man can easily draw 300 pounds on a sled; a dog about the same.

There is considerable snow on the river, but a party came out from Teshin lake last week and made a good trail. This has been kept hot ever since, and it is getting better every day. One party with 150 and another with 20 horses (now here) will start up the river next week, to be followed by several other parties with horses, which will make the travel first class. The snow has made the trail comparatively level.

United States customs officers require parties to give bond or pay an officer to go to the boundary. The cost is about \$40. Any number can club together and pay one officer. The boundary line is about 30 miles from Wrangel. There is a bonded warehouse in Wrangel, owned by Sylvester

& Reed. There is first class travel between & Reed. There is first class travel between Telegraph creek and Teslin.

There is absolutely no feed for horses or cattle between here and Dawson City now on account of the snow; but in the spring there is no finer or more abundant grazing on earth than between Telegraph creek and Lake Teslin. Parties bringing horses, cogs, or other animals must bring food for the entire trip, as they cannot get it here. From personal experience and from the experience of all I have seen here, Victoria is by far a better place to outfit than any other point.

other point.

The people of Wrangel do all they can for prospectors, and I have the first case of extortion to hear of. The United States government barracks have been free to all comers so far, be they English or American. It is a large, good house.

In conclusion, I will say if you give anyone a card to me, I will assist them all in my power while here, free of charge.

(Signed)

Mr. Burke, was formerly

Mr. Burke was formerly a resident of Min. Burke was formerly a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., in business at No. 406-8 Main street; resided in Seattle at Continental Hotel, corner First avenue and Pine street, for about three months, during which time he conducted a most searching investigation into all matters pertaining to Klondike.

FRENCH PENALTY ON OBESITY. Fat men must be on their guard when travelling on French railroads. A 340-pound citizen of Lille who had bought a third-class ticket, after failing to wedge through the doors of a third-class and of second-class carriage, entered a first class compartment and rode to his place of destination. The railroad sued him for the difference in the fare, to which his defence was that, having sold the ticket, the company was bound to provide doors to the third-class carriage that would admit him. The Court, however, held that he must have known his own girth and the size of the carriage door, and should have bought a ticket admitting him to a wide enough compartment. It refrained from making him pay excess weight.

NOTICEIs hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber from off a tract of land, situate in Cassiar district, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the east side of Tagish Lake, about one-half mile above the Atlinto river; thence following the shore line of the lake in a southerly direction one and a half miles; thence east one-half mile; thence in a northerly direction following the sinuosites of the shore line of the lake (and distant therefrom one-half mile) a distance of one and a half miles; thence a distance of one and a half miles; thence west half a mile to place of commencement; and comprising about 1,000 acres.

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"COMPANIES ACT. 1879.

""Dragon Creek Mining Company." Registered the 3rd day of Jan. A.D., 1898.

I hereby certify that I have this day registered the Dragon Creek Mining Company, as an extra-provincial company the "Companies Act, 1897," to car or effect all or any of the objects herein-after set forth, to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the company is situate in the city of Tacoma, State of Washing-

The amount of the capital of the company is ten thousand dollars, divided into one hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the company in this province is situate at the company's mine, near Stanley, B. C., and Gust Lange, the president and general manager of the company, whose address is Stanley, B. C., is the attenues for the company.

pany, whose address is Stanley, B. C., is the attorney for the company.
The time of existence of the company is 50 years.
The objects for which the company has been established are:
To engage in hydraulic and placer mining for gold, and in the mining, by any other method or methods, of gold, silver and other metals and minerals in the State of Washington and British Columbia, and wherever else said corporation may elect to pursue such business; to locate, acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, sell and convey mining claims and properties, water claims, water claims and properties, water claims, water ways, dam and mill sites and real estat of every description; to erect, equip an operate lumber mills, stamp mills, concertrators, reduction and smelting works; build and operate water flumes, tram an areal water sure of the concertration. railways and wagon roads; to buy, so and deal in goods, wares and merchandisgold, sliver and other metals and minerals to borrow money, issue notes, mortgag and hypothecate securities, and to do an perform all acts and things whatsoever it dident to or convenient in and about the perform all acts and things whatsvever belief to or convenient in and about the

Given under my hand and seal of office t Victoria, province of British Columbia, his 3rd day of January, one thousand ight hundred and ninty-eight. (L. S.). S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

conduct of its corporate business

FROM DAWSO

A Nugget Found on Sk Weighing 31 Ouncesfor Claims.

Much Sickness at Daw Woman Acc Shot Dead.

The steamer City of S

at the outer wharf this residents of James Bay their beds at an early he the new very common pro-and macking ws toward and mackinaws towards
Among the passengers wh
on the Seattle were fiv
Harry Warren, of San Fr
McIntyre, of Fort Steele,
Hanley, of 'say California
over the coast;" Peters trader, who spent some Victoria last summer r stock; and another "who his name to the papers, his name to the papers, a against 'em."
They all left Dawson a 20th travelling over the idea and trails to the coast will the first named trio are ring for supplies. Peterso the advantages gained by chasing his goods in this here to fill up his stock, who, at his wish is name appointed treasure-seeker. ointed treasure-seeker.

July at the beginning and after spending a few Klondike capital, during me threw nuggets at him gusted with the country papers who told of the Mr. Warren brings n find on "Peterson's claim, Gulch. About a week Dawson a nugget weigh valued at over \$450 was valued at over \$400 was mediately all the "Johnn waiting at Dawson for n strike, rushed to Skooku staked claims indiscrimina

Mr. Warren came out Beldrum, of Brooklyn, N passage to Victoria on which is due to-morrow good dog train and made 21 days. The Yukon, pa Sixty Mile to Fort Selk rough, as in places the ich before becoming fast and travel most difficult. At the young Chicagoan is so badly frozen that i to amputate them, was covering. He is rapidly health, but as both his fois practically helpless, contributions of food framiners. Dr Mizner is man, nursing him back t Talking of the food s son and in the mining dis ren says that it is certa starvation will ensue, will, as is usnual every too plentiful. He says sickness now prevailing hospitals being full of p

m scurvy and fever,

food, dampness and cold responsible for the fulne Messrs. Hanley and out with a train of about ing Skagway, as did Mi his partner, in 21 or roborate the news brought of the big find on in 21 and give details of cident which occurred metropolis on January Mrs. Jessop was accide She, with her husband, vanother cabin, and while gether his effects, Mr. Je revolver, enveloped in a floor. It was loaded, and the force of the shock, his wife, who was star On their way out Mess McIntyre stopped at Ju camp at Little Salmon Walsh's camp at Big Sal bers of both parties were supplied with provisions has kept a record of all ed him on their way ou since his arrival at Litt the two latest pilgrims read to date: "Miners 1 359." This was the re

ary 2nd last. The City of Seattle br ing conclusively that the Navada has been lost ar gers and crew, estimate one has been left to tell charred wreckage is b along the beach near Berner's Bay. Among picked up near Seward planking bearing the le fated vessel's name. the letters LA while and and other pieces have which when connected the name of the wrecke The names of her office Lewis, cammander; E First-mate Smith: Bowen; purser Beck; gineer, T. Williams; Pat master; Ed. O'Brien, qu firemen Billy Carey, and A. Finnegan. The whose name is unknow 142 B. P. O. E., of Pomaster, two mates, put the engineer's departm steward's department,

quartermasters, and fo

the mast

Juneau men: A. Noyes, and E. C. Bonicke, a m known Juneau cigar i at Skagway that dikers with \$165,000 in on her. Who formed her passengers will p learned, for no record s kept save by the purse The Seattle brings Skagway by late arriva mon and vicinity that placer gold have been mon and other stream emptying into those twenty miles up the B las been reached at a what it pays cannot discoverers, J. B. Burand D. McKercher, of J. B. Burn deposits are not only.
The returning min sent, all told, there are etween Dawson and between the latter pla nett there are numbe where they have been others who are consta ward and downward t Quite a number are Tagish, having been to pass the custom hou ing less than 1,000 po amount which its office s necessary for one pe ws was also by that two miners from