News Of The Army And Navy

Major Maude Rejoins the Coldstream Guards—A New Commission.

Great Enthusiasm Caused by a Visit to London of "Kilties" Band.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Sept. 28.—The reported safe arrival of the sloop Shearwater, Commander A. T. Hunt, on her station instead of lying a total wreck on the "Sog rocks" of the Alaskan coast, came as a great relief. Of late years the Pacific coast has loomed largely in naval disasters. Really, correspondents should be very careful in sending home such alarming news. It may be remembered that when the Bonaventure was going to her station she was also reported to have gone ashore on the South American coast.

Major F. S. Maude, C. M. G., D. S. O., military secretary to the Earl of Minto, rejoins the Coldstream Guards on selection for the appointment of second in command of a battalion.

Today the third-class cruiser Prometheus was commissioned at Portsmouth by Commander Maurice Woolcombe with a crew of 15 officers and 210 men. After her commissioning trials she will proceed to Bermuda to relieve the second-class cruiser Tribune, Captain S. V. G. De Horsey, on the North America and West Indies station.

The famous "Kilties" band, from Canada, has caused a lot of enthusiasm in London. The band received a sudden command from the King to play before him at Balmoral yesterday under Conductor W. F. Robinson. It immediately left here by special train on Monday night, covered the 600 miles in good time, was conveyed the last stages of the journey by special cars and yesterday discoursed a programme before the King and his court. The band returned here today to fill its engagement at the Crystal Palace.

Colonel Marchand, of Fashoda fame, thinks that France has made a bad bargain with England, as her cession of rights on the Red sea cuts her colonial possessions in twain. In England some think that France has the better of the bargain. Doubtless the truth is that both countries will benefit by the treaty.

No further news is to hand regarding the fortification of Vancouver by the admiralty.

LONDON GOSSIP BY THE CABLE

England's First Step Towards Imperial Tariff Reform With Canada.

London, Oct. 11—Referring to Geo. Drummond saying the output of wholly or partially manufactured goods in Canada during the last year was $140,000,000 and that with a properly constructed tariff admitting raw material at a low rate of duty, and with the proper protection of the finished article, our output could be increased by $60,000,000, the Morning Leader says that the first steps of imperial tariff reform with Canada is to reduce by more than one-third the amount which she now imports from the whole outside world, and it is on her share of the remaining two-thirds that Great Britain is to recoup herself for sacrificing her free imports. It will have to be a pretty big preference which will do this, and there is not the least suggestion that in return for the surrender to free trade this country could possibly anticipate anything but a substantial reduction on a tariff which had first been raised as nearly as possible to the point of exclusion.

The Post says the vast majority of critics seem agreed upon the position of English literature, and that it is now helpless. Referring to the suggestion to call in help, it says nor is sufficient help to be obtained from Greater Britain at the present time, an assertion which cannot be contradicted when it is remembered that the products of Canada's literary genius have been registered with the Canadian Minister of Agriculture, a military expert. Hang up the pen with the Canadian sword and other agricultural implements. We must not expect too much.

The Daily News says it is useless to allege that our goods are being increasingly shut out from foreign markets, when the total shipment for September of almost entirely manufactured articles was valued at twenty-six millions, and this in spite of the great fall in exports to Africa and Canada.

The Glasgow Herald says that the present state of feeling in Newfoundland is unfortunate, for the island would certainly thrive better under a fiscal and economic alliance with the Dominion than it is likely to do alone. If the treaty between Newfoundland and the United States is ratified it would form another bar against confederation with the Dominion.

CUPID'S MIRROR.

"The beauty of a woman's face or figure is but the external sign of the good health within," says Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., the specialist in women's diseases. Further, to be happy and beautiful one must naturally have good health. Now, if a woman has dragging-down feelings, together with constantly recurring pains and aches, a too great drain upon her vitality and strength, she will never look beautiful. The feelings of nervousness, the befogged mind, the ill-temper, the pale and wrinkled face, all result from those disorders peculiar to women, and the only way to effect the cure is to strike at the source of the difficulty. There is every reason why she should write some great specialist, one who has made the diseases of women a specialty for a third of a century like Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. All correspondence is held sacredly confidential, and he gives his advice free and without charge.

During a long period of practice, Doctor Pierce found that a prescription made up entirely of roots and herbs, without the use of alcohol, cured ninety-eight per cent. of such cases. After using this remedy for many years in his private practice he put it up in a form that can be had at any store where medicines are handled.

In many cases Dr. R. V. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will fit the needs and put the body in healthy condition.

So sure of it is Dr. Pierce, he offers a reward of $500 for women who cannot be cured of Leucorrhea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of Womb. All he asks is a fair and reasonable trial of his means of cure.

Don't allow the dealer to insult your intelligence by offering you a cheap substitute.

Send 21 one-cent stamps to pay customs and mailing and get Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser in paper covers, free. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the most desirable laxative for delicate women.

nur Returns From Alaska

nd Steamer Dolphin Considerably Disabled in Harbor of Ketchikan.

ing Catches by the Victoria chooners Reported From the West Coast.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

mer Amur, Captain McCoskrie, d yesterday afternoon from Skagnd other Alaskan ports, with 55 gers, including some miners from klondike, who speak highly of the s. The miners all had gold with one or two in considerable quan- They report that the Yukon was g when they left, although the er otherwise was fine and clear. mur brought down 11,000 cases of from the northern canneries for rt. At Ketchikan the Amur found amer Dolphin disabled, with boiling and one of her shafts d. She had 130 passengers. The passed the Dominion government r Kestrel anchored at Alert bay. n McCoskrie knew nothing of the r to the steamer Boscowitz until ched Vancouver, and he was very surprised and grieved to learn he old steamer had been erased he list of vessels plying out of this

ING CATCHES REPORTED.

r of Victoria Sealing Company's Vessels Heard From.

Sunday the special correspondent Colonist at Clayoquot telegraphed rticulars of the catches of several well-known schooners belonging Victoria Sealing Company's fleet, ws:

tta G. Cox, 884; City of San 625 on August 10th; Vera, 700, 14th; Carrie C. W., 200, Sep- 13th; Jessie, 250, August 3rd; 260, August 5th. He also re- that Cox, the cook of the Casco, rboard and was drowned at sea.

HE WINTER SCHEDULE.

me Card for the Steamship Prin- Victoria for Coming Season.

ning this morning, the steamship s Victoria, of the C. P. R. line, inner dock at 1 o'clock bound ncouver, from which port she on her return to Victoria this on at a quarter past one o'clock. Victoria about five o'clock. This ment will have effect throughout ter months. It is probable that ncess Victoria will resume the Vancouver-Seattle run early in g of 1905.

the Victoria-Seattle run the C. ave put on the favorite steamer Beatrice, which will leave every eleven o'clock for Seattle, re- to Victoria, leaving Seattle at eight o'clock in the morning , arriving here about three every afternoon. The Princess will maintain this service ut the winter.

n been stated in the Colonist he C. P. R. officials regard the run of the Princess Victoria he past summer as having constified the experiment, and they ward to the season of 1905 with ions of seeing last summer's rd far outdistanced. The Portland exhibition will be in that year is likely to prove a rative factor for the Princess

ESSEL IN DISTRESS.

Fisherman Report Disabled er Supposed to Be the Arctic.

n's, N. F., Oct. 10.—Fishing eturning from Labrador report ghted a strange steamer which l a sealer off Davis Inlet last The steamer was evidently dis- It is believed she was the Can- Arctic, formerly the Gauss, Hudson's bay and that her ma- was out of order. The cruiser as despatched early this year anadian government to proceed rth, annex a number of Arctic r the British and then attempt the north pole. She is com- y Capt. Bernier.

RT ARTHUR'S FATE.

Oct. 10.—The Morning Post's correspondent says it is stated toessel has reported that unrelieved before December he ender.

HY NOVELS BLAMED.

Each Others Arms Two g Girls Commit Suicide.

ee, Ill., Oct. 1.—A suicide resulted in the death of Miss and, 20 years old, and Lulu years old, daughters of farm- twenty miles south of here. each other's arms, the two contents of an ounce bottle of Death came before medical could be summoned. The trashy novels is said to have rash act.

AFRICA CO'S. TORMY MEETING

eholders of British Corn Refuse Chairman a Hearing.

Oct. 10.—There was a very ting of the shareholders of South Africa Company to e issue of $5,000,000 new evious to the close of the ich broke up in confusion, n, the Duke of Abercorn, to secure a hearing and left e directors, with the exceptGrey, were re-elected. The letter resigning his position is appointment as Governor- Canada. He warned the that the greatest peril in was the drifting policy to- tives. For a solution of the tion, he said, a conference held of the best and most ntists of Great Britain and advise on the policy which dopted with the object of Kaffirs.

L FOR CARNEGIE.

Oct. 10.—The Herald will that Andrew Carnegie is ve one of the greatest hon- ustrial world, the Bessemer is given only to those who t in the iron and steel in- as established by the great 575.

Y OUT THE GAS.

ct. 10.—Peter Karolsihol asterias, who came to Chi- from California to visit , were asphyxiated by gas the Woodlawn hotel today. been in America but a They blew out the gas by believed.

POISON IN WHISKEY.

U. S. Government Investigating Sudden Deaths in New York.

New York, Oct. 11.—The Federal government has taken a hand in the investigation of the alleged poisoned whiskey case to which many deaths in the vicinity of Tenth avenue and Forty-sixth street have been attributed. All the revenue officers of the second and third districts have visited the saloons that are under suspicion and samples of liquor were taken for analysis. Coroner Scholer said today that an examination of the contents of the stomachs of two of the persons who died suddenly disclosed traces of wood alcohol. Representatives of several insurance companies also have begun an investigation. It is said that several of the victims carried small amounts of insurance.

AFFAIRS OF THE DAY AT LADYSMITH

Roysterers Fined — Case of Incendiarism — Move For a Football Club.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ladysmith, Oct. 10.—The case of assault brought by a Finn named Isak Hakkola against John Gracoma, was dismissed. Both men received a warning to be more careful in future. In the case of Isak Tacola and A. Norpak, brought up for being drunk and disorderly and disturbing the peace while the Salvation Army of Victoria were engaged in a meeting on First avenue, Magistrate Thompson fined these men $5 and costs each.

The Ladysmith Senior Basketball team was declared winners of the Nanaimo district Basketball league, in Nanaimo, where the meeting was held. The red and white boys of Nanaimo, the Mosquitoes, forfeited one game, which placed the local club in the front rank. The intermediate championship went to the Nanaimo Second Mosquitoes, along with a free entrance to the league this year. Two matches will be played tomorrow night at the Opera house, the big game, Shamrocks vs. Leaders, starting at 8:30. Admission 10 cents.

From the evidence given, the fire at Zinkovitch's house, which took place some few weeks ago, and into which an enquiry was made on Saturday, was undoubtedly the work of a miscreant who has not been found out.

Mrs. M. Campbell, who was taken seriously ill in church on Sunday evening, and who was said to have recovered this morning, is now in a very critical condition. Heart trouble is the cause of the unfortunate lady's illness.

Next Saturday will be pay day for the Extension miners at Ladysmith.

The steam launch Soren, owned by Mr. Reid of this city, broke adrift in the heavy seas this afternoon off the coast this side of Chemainus. With much difficulty she was, however, rescued, and is none the worse excepting for a few shaken timbers.

The tug Lorne arrived in port this morning from Port Townsend, for coal. She left again before noon for the Cape.

The Tug Vulcan, Capt. J. Keenan, of the Burnette Company, arrived from New Westminster during the night, to take on tug. The Vulcan was formerly engaged in towing logs, her trade now being changed to towing scows of coal to Union. During the trip across the chief engineer was badly burnt by a can of oil being spilt on his arm.

The Tug Albion is expected in to tow the Alexander to sea.

The question going round now is, why is it Ladysmith does not organize a Rugby Football Club? With such players as W. Marshall, E. Marshall, T. Lewis, G. Nay, M. Woodburn, J. Adams, H. Ward, H. Marshall and many others who have played the game before, Ladysmith could place a fifteen in the field that would give the old Hornets of Nanaimo, the Victorias and the Vancouvers, the champions of British Columbia, a great struggle for honors. A glance at the above names will show that there is among the lot as fast a three-quarter line as ever stepped on a football field, and the forwards could be depended on to keep their end up. There was some talk of playing the Nanaimo Hornets in the near future, but as there has been no meeting, nothing further has been done in the matter. That is no reason why it should be dropped altogether. The boys are all ready and willing to play, but it seems there is no one to lead.

HOLD-UP MAN AT ROYAL CITY

Bold Highwayman Pays a Visit to New Westminster and Makes a Haul.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Oct. 10.—The hold-up man is operating here. On Saturday night two different people, a man and a woman, were held up. Moens, a Swede, was stopped less than a block from Columbia street, and shelled out $7.5 and a watch, while Mrs. Newmans was stopped at about 2 a. m. and compelled to give up $50 that she had in her stocking. The police have no clues.

Engineer Weir, of the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway, who was severely scalded in the smash-up on the line last Wednesday, lies in a precarious condition at the hospital here, and doubts are now entertained as to his ultimate recovery.

Senator Templeman, of Victoria, is here in an endeavor to heal up the trouble among the local Liberals over the nomination of J. B. Kennedy on Thursday last.

STRUCK BY WHALE.

Strange Adventure of Ship in North Atlantic.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 11.—A stirring tale of an attack by a big whale, which sunk his ship but perished in the effort, is told by Capt. Christian Madsen and his crew of six men who were landed here this morning by Capt. Benjamin Jones of the steamship Quermore. Capt. Jones took the shipwrecked mariners off the foundering vessel in the middle of the North Atlantic ocean last Friday.

"It was on the Tuesday before Capt. Jones picked us up," said Capt. Madsen, "that the whale struck us. We were 22 days out from Patrix. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon we were horror-struck to see an enormous whale rise to the surface off our bows and charge straight for us. The whale struck us head-on, smashing the stem of the schooner and carrying away four feet of her bows.

"The shock was tremendous and threw those on deck off their feet. The whale passed along the starboard side, blowing streams of water as high as the schooner, but directly rolled over on its side and was evidently mortally wounded, as the water was discolored all around with blood. The last we saw of our assailant it was only blowing about three feet high and was plainly dying.

"The Anna immediately began to fill with water and the crew was put at once to the pumps. We managed to keep the vessel afloat until Friday morning, when the Quermore hove in sight and Capt. Jones rescued us."

BE IN EARNEST.

Be in earnest about your health. Do not suppose that the headaches, backaches and other symptoms from which you suffer will pass away of their own accord instead of developing into serious and chronic disease. If you are subject to kidney, liver and bowel derangements helpful to you as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will be so there is no preparation which will be so

TWENTY-SEVEN KILLED IN WRECK

Freight and Passenger Trains Traveling at Terrific Speed Come Together With Frightful Results Near Kansas City.

ENGINEER FORGOT HIS ORDERS

Pullman Car Is Telescoped by the Tender and Literally Cut in Two Killing and Frightfully Mangling the Passengers.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 10.—The second section of a Missouri Pacific passenger train, en route from Wichita, Kansas, to St. Louis, carrying World's Fair excursionists, and a westbound freight collided head on just east of Warrensburg early today. Twenty-seven persons were killed outright and many more were injured, some of them, it is believed, fatally. The forward coach of the passenger train was telescoped and the remainder of both trains were badly damaged.

According to the local office of the Missouri Pacific, the engineer of the freight was to blame for the wreck, having forgotten his orders. He had been ordered to wait on a siding at Knobnoster, just east of Warrensburg, but neglected to do so. The trains met at a sharp curve.

The freight train was an extra. Its crew had, according to the story of the conductor of this train, been instructed to take a siding and let the passenger train pass. The first section of the passenger train had gone by when the freight pulled out. The passenger train bore no signal of a second section to come, he asserts, and he had no reason to believe that another train was due.

The scene of the wreck was in a hollow between two steep grades. Both trains had put on extra steam to carry them up the opposite hill and when they met at the curve at the lowest point they were running at a terrific rate.

The passenger train was made up of three coaches and a Pullman, with no baggage car, the front coach being next to the tender. When the trains met the heavy freight train pushed the passenger engine back into the first coach. The tender of the passenger engine literally cut the coach in two in the centre and never stopped until it had ploughed half way through the car and its passengers, killing those in the forward end instantly mangling all within reach in a most horrible manner. Half a dozen who were not killed outright were so terribly injured that they died before they could be removed from the debris. Many of the dead were almost unrecognizable.

The train crew, with the exception of Brakeman Sidel, escaped miraculously, the engineers and firemen sustaining only minor hurts. The injured were taken to Sedalia and the dead to Warrensburg. At Warrensburg the coroner immediately set about making preparations for holding an inquest.

RICH SPECIMENS OF FREE GOLD

Alluring Specimens Are Found Near Shaft of Claim in Boundary.

About a month ago Messrs. McGillis, Carolan and Knowles acquired through Messrs. Gaunce & Wickwire a very favorable working bond and lease on the Combination claim lying on the hill at the junction of Eholt and Boundary creeks and within a short distance west of the Elkhorn, says the Boundary Creek Times. They were all experienced miners and took the bond only after careful examination of the property.

The former record of the Combination, made in the early days, was not sufficient for them, they acted on their own judgment, based upon what they saw. Since acquiring the property they have been engaged in getting it into shape for early development. The old shaft has been cleaned out, the timber renewed, and the general workings of the property put into safe conditions. This week while examining the lead near the bottom of the shaft they were astounded to find some very rich specimens of free gold, in fact nuggets running in value from 25c. to $1 each. The Combination is likely under the new contract to rival the record made when owned by the Bartholomew brothers. In 1896 Mr. C. E. Bartholomew took a sample of one hundred pounds of Combination ore to Spokane, where it went through the process known as "chlorinating it." The returns from the hundred-pound sample at that time were as follows: Lead, 90.3 per cent.; silver, 342.8 oz.; gold, 3.2 oz.; total value at then current prices of the metals of $432.97.

The Combination ore contains galena, iron and copper, sulphides, black sulphurets of silver carrying free gold. The ore streak widens as depth is obtained, being several inches wide at the bottom of the shaft.

A tunnel has been run into the side of the mountain about 100 feet with the idea of tapping the ledge at considerable depth. This tunnel will presumably be extended into the hill.

This latest find in the Combination revives stories of the old times when specimens therefrom literally flecked with free gold were being exhibited in the camp, one of which a Greenwood resident paid $25 in coin.

PURITY IN POLITICS.

Rev. Dr. Chown Delivers an Interesting Address at Metropolitan Church.

Rev. S. D. Chown, D. D., of Toronto, who is visiting the city in the interests of the moral reform movements in connection with the Methodist church in Canada, delivered a very interesting address to a large congregation at the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday after the regular services. He took for his subject, "Politics in Canada: As They Are and as They Should Be."

He referred to some of the results of party politics in Eastern Canada. There had been bribery and corruption of all kinds ever since Confederation, and there would be no assurance of purity in politics until the "machine" system in vogue in Ontario and the Eastern provinces had been eliminated. He gave instances of having met political men of unquestioned integrity, who had been placed in circumstances where it was extremely difficult to follow the path of duty. He mentioned numerous instances where bribes had been offered electors, even by prominent members of the Methodist church.

The ballot should be considered a sacred privilege. A voter should go to the polls to cast his vote for the man who represented his own convictions, irrespective of party politics. The ridiculous spectacle was being witnessed every day of men voting for a candidate of different convictions, simply because they were of the same party. The speaker believed that rather than put in a man who did not stand for his principles the elector should refrain from casting a ballot. Concluding, he requested all voters to go to the polls on election day determined to cast their vote for the candidate with convictions similar to their own. Party politics should not be considered.

BY OTHER CHANNELS.

United States Mails Not to Go to Orient on the Dodwell Boats.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 11.—Official notice was received by the post office department today from Dodwell & Co., of Tacoma, that they decline to carry United States mails during the remainder of the Russo-Japanese war on account of the seizure of mails on the steamer Calchas, which sailed from Tacoma in July.

The notification protested against the seizure as an outrage against this country, and asked what action probably would be taken by the government.

The withdrawal of the steamers operated by the company will not cause any material difference in the despatch of the mails to the Orient. Mails were despatched by them once a month, and such mail as would have been forwarded by them will be diverted to other lines.

There will be six despatches of mails to the Orient during October by other trans-Pacific lines. None of these companies is under contract.

HAS BECOME AN AMERICAN CONCERN

Particulars of Granby Consolidated Meeting—Montreal Headquarters Closed.

The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Limited, operating in the Boundary district of British Columbia, has become an American concern, and the headquarters at Montreal will be closed, says a Montreal despatch of the 4th inst.

Every Canadian director except one has retired from the board, and while 950,000 shares have gone across the line, 380,000 remain in Canadian hands. It appears, however, that rumors crediting Mr. James J. Hill with getting control are without confirmation. The masters of the situation seem to be in Boston and New York.

Mr. S. H. C. Miner, the retiring president, in addressing the shareholders, said: "It is now seven years since I became identified with this property. These seven years have been years of very serious work and the progress which the company has made has been secured only by our management with much difficulty. I ask that my name be not put up for renomination for the directorate. I am, however, one of the very largest shareholders in the property, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. I have good faith in the property if well managed and shall always have a deep interest in and best wishes for its success."

The new board of directors is: John Stanton, president of the Wolverine Copper Mining Co. and the Mohawk Mining Co.; William H. Nichols, president of the General Chemical Co. and the Nichols Chemical Co.; J. Langecleth, president of the American Metal Co., Limited, and George Martin Luther, secretary of the Nichols Chemical Co.; George F. Dike, Jun., First National Bank of New York; W. Payne Whitney, capitalist; (all the foregoing are of New York); W. H. Robinson, manager Eastern Townships Bank, Quebec; Jay P. Graves, president Spokane Traction Co., Spokane; A. L. White, vice-president Spokane Traction Co., Spokane, and George Crawford Clark, of Clark, Dodge & Co.; H. J. Higginson, of Lee, Higginson & Co.; Arthur C. James, of Phelps, Dodge & Co., all of Boston, and George Baker.

The retiring directors are: S. H. C. Miner, A. C. Flumerfelt, Payette Brown, J. H. McKechnie, all Canadians, and C. S. Houghton, of Boston.

It was decided to change the location of the head office to Grand Forks, B. C., and to transfer the business done in Montreal in the past to New York.

The annual report showed that the amount received from production for the year was $2,948,551, and from rents and land sales $17,795, or a total of $2,966,347. Against this there was working expenses of $1,814,216 and the cost of foreign ore and matte, $868,619, making a total of $2,682,835, leaving net profits for the year $283,000, which, with the previous year's surplus, made a total of $967,067. Out of this dividends were paid last December.

IN AFTER YEARS.

"You told me once," she pensively said, when they met in after years, he being a widower and she a widow, "that you never could learn to be happy without me."

"I know it," he replied. "In those days there was an adage that I had not tested."

"What was it?"

"'Live and learn.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Almost Desperate With Itching Skin

Now Marvels at the Wonderful Cure Which Dr. Chase's Ointment Brought About.

Mr. Wm. Castle, Eagle Hill, Alta., writes: "About November 1, 1903, I broke out with small red blotches on my arms, and they afterwards spread all over my body. It was so itchy that I could not sleep at nights for scratching. I suffered untold misery, and was almost driven to desperation. I tried everything at hand, and my friends recommended numerous remedies, all to no avail.

"When I began the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment I had little hope of relief, but the result has been wonderful. From the first this preparation gave relief from the dreadful itching, and it has now brought about a cure."

Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cents a box, of all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Company, Toronto. To protect you against imitations, the portrait and signature of Dr. W. A. Chase, the famous receipt-book author, are on every box.

TRAIN CREW SLEPT.

Men on Freight Train Held Responsible for Recent Calamity.

Warrensburg, Mo., Oct. 11.—The crew of the extra freight train which collided with the Missouri Pacific World's Fair train yesterday, resulting in the death of 29 persons, is held responsible for the disaster by the coroner's jury, which returned a verdict tonight. The verdict charged the crew with disobeying orders and with being asleep at their post of duty. No recommendation was made as to the punishment of the train crew. Attorney Morrow said after the inquest that he would immediately begin the prosecutions of the persons charged with the responsibility of the wreck by the coroner's jury.

COAST FIRE CHIEFS' ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Twelfth Yearly Meeting Now in Session at Terminal City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 11.—The twelfth annual convention of fire chiefs of the Pacific coast is in session here. The heads of the fire departments of every town of the northwest are present. Chief James Stewart of Calgary, is in the chair. Mayor McGuigan delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by the chairman, who reviewed the year's losses on the coast and referred to the lack of interest of corporations in insuring minimum of loss by fire. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with the appointment of committees. Numerous important papers are to be read, among them one by Chief Ralph Cook, of Seattle, who proposes to found a fund for disabled firemen.

Acting upon the theory that the Gates boys robbed the C. P. R., these desperadoes have been searched for high and low at the instigation of C. P. R. detectives. The Gates criminals cannot be found in any of their accustomed haunts, which lends color to the belief that they held up the Canadian transcontinental express. Barron, one of the company's best known detectives, is now in San Francisco making thorough investigations along this line. The Gates boys are well known train robbers, the two young men being led by a veteran crook named Arnett. The trio held up the Oregon express in March and killed Messenger O'Neill. San Francisco detectives believe that the gang have a stronghold in the woods in Washington state, and that they came from their hiding place to hold up the C. P. R. train. There is also the possibility that Jerry Sullivan, recently sentenced here to three years for robbing A. Swanns, and who answered the description of Arnett, is indeed identical with that famous criminal and parties will be sent for to identify him. If the Gates boys should be the C. P. R. hold-up men, the reward for both criminals would amount to a small fortune.

In the Police court Gates, alias a number of other names, pleaded guilty this morning to forging the names of the Palace clothing store proprietor and the Lighthouse hotel proprietor to checks which he attempted to get cashed. Early this morning Officers Waddell and Jackson located the forger and gave chase. Officer Waddell said he ran away from them as if they had been standing still. At the time he marveled at this, but it was afterwards learned that before Gates went to the bad he was a professional sprinter. The officers, however, tired their man out, firing shot after shot in his direction to arouse the neighborhood and keep him in view. Gates is said to exactly tally with the description of the holdup man who has been operating in Westminster. When Gates is sentenced it will be another case of swift justice.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

New York, Oct. 11.—Three men are under arrest under suspicion of murder and the police are searching for the body of John Twitch, a Russian saloon keeper, who they believe has been the victim of foul play. The men under arrest are Louis Lieseer, who occupied a room adjoining one in which Twitch lived, James Ryan, owner of the premises where Twitch's saloon is located, and Joseph Highland, a waiter.

DEATH YESTERDAY OF HENRY SAUNDERS

Pioneer Grocery Merchant Passed Away at St. Joseph's Hospital.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

Henry Saunders, whose critical condition was reported in the Colonist Sunday morning, died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday afternoon, the members of the family residing in this city being at his bedside.

Victoria suffers a real loss in the passing away of this sturdy pioneer and leading merchant. No one had more faith in the great future of Victoria and Vancouver island than he, his efforts being constantly directed to advancing the interests of this section of the province.

Deceased, who was 67 years of age, was born in Stratford, Eng., and came to this province in 1862. Almost immediately on arrival he identified himself with the commercial life of the city, being placed in charge of P. Maneatta's grocery store on Johnson street. Some few years later he purchased the business and entered into a partnership with E. Fromin. A couple of years later Mr. Fromin retired and the business was continued under the late Mr. Saunders' proprietorship. After a long career amongst the most successful grocery concerns of the city, some three years ago the business was converted into a limited liability company with Mr. Saunders as manager.

Deceased served one term as a member of the Board of School Trustees, was an active and esteemed member of the Pioneer Society, and prominently identified with the affairs of St. John's church.

A widow and five children are left to mourn the passing of a kind husband and father, the children being Miss Ethel Saunders, a nurse at St. Joseph's hospital; Miss Elizabeth Saunders, Sidney, employed at the Ymir mines; Ernest, living in this city, and Kenneth, still attending school. The eldest son, Henry, was killed in an accident on the E. & N. railway about four years ago.

WALKING BOSS' GRAFT.

Trial of Labor President for Attempted Extortion in New York.

New York, Oct. 11.—At the trial today of Philip Weinseimer, former president of the building trades alliance, who is charged with the extortion of $2,700 from George Essig, a contractor. Geo. F. Johnson, of the firm of Johnson, Kahn & Co., the contractors who erected the Chatsworth hotel in Riverside drive, told in detail of an alleged attempt by Weinseimer to obtain from him $2,700 on the Chatsworth contracts, of his alleged refusal to pay the amount and the subsequent strike on the plumbing contract.

Pressure Caused Russian Advance

Commander's Hands Believed to Have Been Forced by St. Petersburg.

Bennett Burleigh's Astonishing Assertion as to the Jap Commanders.

London, Oct. 12.—The English papers this morning are still discussing what they regard as General Kuropatkin's inexplicable change of plan of campaign, and with the increasing conviction that now is shared by most of the European critics, that it is due to pressure from St. Petersburg. The situation will be still more complicated if the extraordinary statement sent by Bennett Burleigh from Shanghai to the Daily Telegraph today should turn out to be correct.

Mr. Burleigh says it is believed that Field Marshal Oyama and his staff will return or be recalled to Japan ostensibly because the army is going into winter quarters, and that General Nodzu will take over the command.

"It is now well known amongst the better classes of Japanese," Mr. Burleigh adds "that it was Nodzu who saved the situation at the battle of Liaoyang. Oyama and the headquarters had actually ordered a retreat when Nodzu vigorously protested against such action and begged them to make another desperate effort, he more directly operating with Oku's right. To Nodzu, therefore, is due the sole credit of averting a disastrous retreat, which he warded off by sending in and almost sacrificing the entire 20th regiment of the 10th division."

According to Mr. Burleigh, the Japanese still have no intention of proceeding much further north than Mukden, and they will only under exceptional circumstances attack Tiepass this season.

Mr. Burleigh concludes: "General Nishi, commander of the Japanese second division, will become governor of Manchuria."

Commenting editorially upon the statements in Mr. Burleigh's correspondence, the Daily Telegraph says: "The recall of Oyama is almost inconceivable. It is Oyama's war planned and carried out by him and his recall would be the sign that Japan, her Emperor and ministers were suffering from an acute attack of nerves, and had begun to doubt themselves."

STRUCK IT RICH IN THE BOUNDARY

New Brunswick Lady Hears the News of Big Find on Mining Claim.

The St. John Sun of September 26 has the following reference to a New Brunswick lady's good fortune in a mining venture in the Boundary country:

Mrs. F. A. Bailey, a former New Brunswick lady, who has been living in the West for some years, left on Saturday evening for the West via Boston, having a few days ago received news of a very agreeable character. The information was to the effect that a rich lead of gold and copper ore had been struck in a claim in British Columbia of which she is the owner.

Mrs. Bailey is credited with being the first lady in Canada to survey, stake out, and register a mining claim, and from recent developments it would appear that Mrs. Bailey's judgment in the prospecting line was not at fault.

It was eight or nine years ago when the claim was staked out by Mrs. Bailey, and about the same time her husband recorded three other claims adjoining it. All of these properties are in British Columbia, about midway between Greenwood and Phoenix. The claims are only a few miles distant from the Granby mine, owned by Ontario capitalists, and considered a very valuable property. This Granby mine has been in operation for some time, and at the works there is a smelter in which the ore from Mr. and Mrs. Bailey's claims will probably be handled in the future.

The claim recorded by Mrs. Bailey was named by her The Alpine, while the other three are known as Gold Braid, Frederic and Excelsior. They are all on a piece of high land, and though there is no water power for work in the mining, yet there is a sufficient supply for all living purposes. As each claim in British Columbia consists of fifty-two acres it will be seen that these four constitute quite a large farm, and even leaving out of consideration whatever bodies of ore may be beneath the surface, the property is valuable for the timber standing on it.

Since the claims were recorded some years ago Mr. Bailey has expended between two and three thousand dollars in development and has been gradually getting into a position for handling ever-increasing bodies of ore. But the great difficulty in development has been the absence of railway facilities. All the ore taken out had to be conveyed to the smelters by pack mule, and this of course did not permit of the moving of any large quantities.

But now a change has come. James J. Hill decided to build a branch of the Great Northern railway in British Columbia, and the survey for this line ran right through the property owned by Mrs. Bailey. The railroad company secured a right of way, and a couple of weeks ago the construction gang reached Mr. Bailey's place. There it was found necessary to make a cutting, and in so doing the laborers tapped a rich lead of gold and copper ore, a lead the existence of which has been hitherto unsuspected. It is a large lead, and from surroundings Mr. Bailey has received the impression that the whole hill is a mass of ore. He took samples from the cutting to an assay office and found that they will run from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars per ton. This fact, along with the knowledge that the new railroad will be able to carry any quantity of ore to the smelter at Greenwood made Mrs. Bailey feel naturally pleased. It turns out that this new run of ore has been found on the claim called the Alpine, the one staked out by Mrs. Bailey herself.

The running of this new railroad through the Greenwood district and the finding of such seemingly valuable bodies of ore has created some interest in financial circles, and Mr. Bailey is now negotiating with a party of Boston capitalists for the sale of one of the claims, probably the one known as Gold Braid. It was for the purpose of meeting these gentlemen and furthering the negotiations that Mrs. Bailey went to Boston. She will, in October, go on to Spokane, Washington, where her home is, although during the summer months she usually remains with her husband at the British Columbia property.

Mrs. Bailey is a sister of Mrs. James Millican of 72 Summer street, with whom she has been spending the last few weeks, and of Mrs. C. W. Bell of Moncton.

BIG PAYING MINE.

A Moyie despatch to the Fort Steele Prospector reads as follows: It is stated on good authority that the St. Eugene mine will pay a profit of $500,000 to the stockholders this year. This included the profit for the ore, the mill and lead bounty given by the Canadian government for the production of lead ores.

Last month the St. Eugene is reported to have taken out $45,000, and the big concentrating plant is now in excellent condition and in active operation to its fullest capacity. This means that the St. Eugene is one of the greatest mines on the American continent.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects.

Presentment Of The Grand Jury

Recommendation re The Old Men's Home—Other Institutions Referred to.

Case for Defence Opened in Rex vs. Clarke—The Court to Adjourn.

In the Assize court yesterday Mr. Justice Martin decided that, on the conclusion of the case now under trial, Rex vs. Clarke, the court shall be adjourned until the 24th inst. in expectation of the hearing in the Police court of the charge of conspiracy against certain Crown witnesses in the case of Rex vs. Wong On and Wong Gow being concluded by that time. The grand jury made its presentation at 2 o'clock, reporting on the public institutions of the city. The text of the presentation will be found below.

Considerable progress was made in the hearing of the charge against Clarke for shooting with intent. There are two more witnesses for the defence to be examined and the case probably will go to jury prior to the rising of the court this evening.

Sergt. Murray, of the provincial police, was the first witness called yesterday. The witness testified that he went out to the Colwood hotel on the night of August 7 in response to a telephone message stating that the accused had shot a man there, and arrested Clarke at 10 p. m. Clarke handed him a gun and stated that it was the weapon he had used. The gun was produced.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bradburn, Sergt. Murray said that he understood that the telephone message had come from Clarke. The lower panes of two of the windows were broken and he also noticed that one of the upper panes had a hole through it.

C. W. Minor testified that he was in the vicinity of the Colwood hotel between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening of August 7. He was accompanied by Chas. Stewart. They were driving in a buggy and were stopped by some soldiers. One soldier was lying on the ground and the others said that he had been shot. The wounded man was lifted into the buggy. He was bleeding a good deal from wounds on the hands, head and other places, and was in a dazed condition. When witness stopped to pick the man up, the accused, who was standing on the verandah of the hotel with a gun in his hands, called to witness to come back. The wounded man was lying at a distance of between 50 and 75 yards from the hotel door. Witness had had considerable experience in handling guns. The gun produced had one cylinder and one choke barrel. At 30 yards distance the shot from the cylinder barrel would spread over a circle about 30 inches in diameter, and from the choke bore the shot would spread over the same diameter at 40 yards. Judging from the wounds on the injured man, he was shot at a distance of from 20 to 40 yards, according to which barrel had been used. When the wounded man was placed in the buggy one of the soldiers stood on the axle and the other two walked beside it. The man on the axle seemed to be sober. Witness returned to the hotel and saw the accused, who said he wanted to send a message to the police.

Cross-examined, the witness said that he did not apprehend any danger when he returned to the hotel. He saw some broken windows and a dent in the hall door. He would not say that if a gun loaded with No. 4 shot was fired at a man at a distance of 30 yards the man would be killed. He did not think the charge would make a big hole in the man, but it might hurt him badly.

Chas. Stewart, who was with the last witness on the occasion in question, corroborated the latter's evidence.

Bomb. Hall, K. C., by testified that he was at the Colwood hotel at 2 o'clock on August 7. The accused, the bart