

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.-BUNKERS

necessarily when this is so the city mut advance. DOUBLE-TRACKED TREETS. Big Improvement in This espect Was Inaugurated This Year-Contem-

plated Work. During the past ten monts the B. C Electric Railway Company have certainly carried on their stre of those improvements that may be rmed among the conspicuous. An the vicious opera-tions instituted by them aconsiderable number of men have foundemployment. and this in itself is an inportant feature. Each year some new departure the growth of an institution of this description follows the growth of the muni-cipality in which it is established.

Prominent among the works earried on ernment to Fisguard. In order that the new arrangement may not be an ephemeral one, the construction has been inconsequently the best possible facilities inches of gravel, with a drain along the columns some time ago. centre to carry off the water. Special In this connection it is interesting to attention was given to the curves, and note that in the purchase of an appara-

the south side of the James Bay bridge | sed a desire to part with it. track system. The fact that these operations are carried on is a significant one. tainly would not institute these improvements if they had no reason to believe that it will redound to their own welfare. very closely the signs of the times, and payers, evidently the general tenor of the various indications in this city during the past ten montas have strengthened their convictions.

Some time ago they placed an order at Ottawn for three new palatial cars and these probably will be on hand in the course of a couple of months.

In the past few weeks two of the larger cars, numbers 12 and 13, of the Fort street line, have been renovated and vestibuled. These are now on the line and present a most inviting and impos ing appearance.

During that portion of the year that has passed the company have extended their electric lighting system to all parts of the city. Great strides in this particular have been made, and many an oil ufacturers of San Francisco and electrithe year, and will increase the supply the lighting or tramway system.

While it is conceded that these prosinstituted during the past ten months, at the same time it should be rememtheir installation within the time covered by this article.

In recapitulation, some idea of the extent of the improvement work carried on

The Kalf Tones in this issue of The Times were made by The British Columbia Photo-B. C.

by the B. C. Electric Railway Company [hundred dollars was expended in the that between \$60,000 and \$70,000 was expended on various works during this time. This certainly swells the improvement item by a great margin.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO. New Hall in Victoria West Gives Unbounded Satisfaction-Adequate Protection.

Situated on the crest of a hill on the orner of Edward and Catherine streets. the new Victoria West fire hall commends itself at first glance as one of the most vitally important improvements of has been made in the system, and this the present year. It is important bemust necessarily be for the better, as cause it affords to a rapidly growing community a degree of fire protection not hitherto enjoyed by it. From the standpoint of workmanship it should also be a source of pride to the city as by the company was the double tracking in is one of the neatest and most attract-of Yates and Douglas street from Govive structures of its description in the Northwest.

It has a frontage of 31 feet on Cathcrine street, and double that distance on augurated with a view to endurance, and Edward street. It is of brick, solidly constructed, and is there to stay. Its were secured. The rails are seventy-four construction was commenced in the latpound girder rails, for the paved streets, and fifty-six pound "T" rails for the uning the summer. It is well equipped, paved thoroughfare. In the construction and its erection filled a long-felt want a foundation of six inches of broken in the community. A complete descriprock was laid, supplemented by two tion of the new hall appeared in thes

the cross-overs and other appurtenances tus for this building the city made want were secured in the East, where the may be designated a bargain. The city manufacture of these is a specialty. The of Everett, Washington, on the strength operation of double tracking Yates street | cf a "boom," purchased from the Fire commenced simultaneously with the pay- Extinguishing Manufacturing Company, ing of the same street, and has just of Chicago, a splendid up-to-date combination hose wagen and chemical, the In this connection it is interesting to note that the rails are here and every \$3,500. The inevitable reaction which thing is in readiness for the commence succeeds incipient booms following, the ment of the work of double tracking municipality of Everett found the new Birdcage Walk and Superior street from apparatus a white elephant, and expres to Oswego street, constituting a continuagent, A. G. Long, of Portland, assumed ation of the Government street double charge of the negotiations, and through bim, Chief Deasy learned that the new machine could be purchased for \$1,700 It is patent to all that the company cer- | He recommended that this bargain be "snapped up," and the city appreciating) the wisdom of the suggestion, secured the machine. They thus save more than They have been in a position to watch \$1,500 to the corporation and the rate-

> During the period referred to, new consequently they suffered a certain men" and soldiers who use it. alarm boxes have been installed at many amount of inconvenience, as their depoints, while hydrants have also been liberations should necessarily be secret. have been initited during the present placed freely on the outskirts of the However, this has been obviated by the year, few, when completed, will give city. This indicated what the Democrats inauguration of the room which adjoins greater satisfaction than the rifle range. would characterize "expansion," for even the police station or Cormorant street. in such an unobtrusive feature as the irstallation of alarm boxes and hydrants, the growth of a city is indicated as new communities are springing up requiring adequate fire protection.

SWIMMING BATH

Was Successfully Conducted During the Summer-It Was Largely Patronized.

During the summer months there was the removal of the naval and military conducted on the Arm an institution, in base to some other quarter. If the callamp has been deposed in favor of the which many of the younger generation culating individual had stationed himself magic fluid. Owing to the enormous in- of this city were taught the natatorial crease in the lighting system, orders have science. This consisted of a swimming period during the past ten months, and been placed with the water wheel man- bath designed by Ian St. Clair, athletic instructor in the city schools. Mr. St. brick that went along this thoroughtare cal companies for additional machinery. Clair acted as teacher of swimming, and toward the west a faint conception of This will be in operation by the first of it is gratifying to note that a great num- what the naval and military authorities ber of boys and girls were taught how are effecting at this station might be capacity up to fifty thousand lights.
Changes have also been lately made in his instruction process, and taught his There are always certain operations Changes have also been lately made in in his instruction process, and taught his the reserve plant at the Store street pupils the principles of life saving in the carried on by the naval authorities, compower house, so as to provide against water-a knowledge which may some paratively unknown to the citizens of any possibility of a breakdown either in day be of the greatest value to some of Victoria. In fact it is not intended that them. The baths were constructed at they should know, but considerable cura cost of about \$300, and throughout the rency is put in circulation through these pective improvements in the way of new summer they were largely patronized. In operations and Victoria is the gainer. cars and new machinery cannot, strictly fact the institution was a huge success. speaking, be included in the list of those which, in all probability will be continued next year. Above the expenditure there was a small surplus, and the result bered that the orders for these requisi- fully justified Mr. St. Clair's contention tions were placed within this period, and that baths of this description, if propit is only the absolutely necessary delay culy conducted, would prove successful in manufacture which has prevented A full account of the details in connection with the establishment appeared in these columns at the fime of its construc-

> CLTY HALL RENOVATED. Six Hundred Dollars Was Expended on Repairs in Municipal Head-

quarters. There is another item of improvemen which, although not a conspicuous one, is worthy of a place among those cov-Engraving Co., Victoria, ered by this article. That is the recent renovation of the municipal headquarters. It is true that this effected no material metamorphosis, for only about six periodically mooted in authentic circles

this year may be conceived from the fact work. The interior was rekalsomined, and some of the apartments, including that of the city clerk's, repainted. Minor repairs were instituted in other portions the western wing of the edifice, was ra- but they were the best that could be fitted and became the office of the city This apartment is considerably larger than that formerly occupied by Mr. Eaton, and is in every particular an improvement over the other.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

Large Amount of Work Instituted on

This Station This Year-New

Rifle Range,

If there is any studious mathematician

n these parts who would like to indulge

dream," a most interesting problem

would be the computation of the effect

upon this city of such a contingency as

on the Esquimalt road for a sustained

counted the number of wagon-loads of

Last year a new gaol was constructed

at the naval community. Some months

ago an addition was erected in the

shape of a new kitchen. An idea of the

solid nature of the new durance vile

may be conceived when it is noted that

the cost of the recently added annex is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,-

000. A large shed or store house was

also recently constructed, and as this

is a building erected to stand the wear

and tear of a few years its cost will probably represent a substantial amount,

But it is at Work Point where the

building operations are carried on to greater extent. Some time ago the

Times published a description of the

barracks recently completed, and now oc-

ture by no means concluded the building

work there, for the erection of the offi-

cers' quarters is now being proceeded

History at (11) to the principal of

During the past few years it has been

mied by a company of the Royal Ar-

The completion of this struc-

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tillery.

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what journalists designate a "pipe

of the building, while the former office all that was required. The quarters are of the chief of the fire department, in by no means all that could be desired. superintendent of schools, F. Eaton.

the construction of an apartment for the ment are laying from Esquimelt to Viclocal detectives. Formerly this essentioria. This consists of an excellent four-

and animation, and the transformation has placed in circulation about \$2,500 a month more than there was before "A'

Included in the work provided for, was sidewalk which the provincial govern-

perty upon which it was intended to construct the new quarters was owned by citizens of Victoria, Some time last year the home government appropriated the sum of £25,000 for the purpose of meeting the expenditure entailed in the establishment of the augmenting forces, including the expropriation of the land, the necessary buildings and other essentialities. The land decided upon was that adjoining the present barracks property, and acting on the authority of the Minister of Militia, P. C. MacGregor acted as a valuator of the property in order that the owners might be fairly compenbetween five and six acres-was imme-

the forces at both this point and Halifax,

and naturally the first detail which would

precede this step would be the erection

of quarters adequate for the accomoda-

tion of the additional forces. The pro-

This was during last spring and the work of clearing the site-consisting of diately commenced. Operations on the construction of the building commenced in June, although everything was in readiness as far back as April. Building is still in progress, living

ed at the opposite end of the quadrangie to the barracks. This time last year the old marine ospital across the harbor was the picture of desolation. Hardly a soul was visible on the premises, for months at a time it was vacant, and many persons did not know that it was being used. Now it is the scene of perennial activity

quarters for the married men being erect-

Company, 3rd R. C. R., was established When it became an assured fact that Colonel McKay and his gallant men, were to garrison Hospital Point, the renovation of the old hospital was instituted, several hundred dollars being secured, and were made to suit the requirements. The strength of "A" Company was recently increased to one hundred, the additional men having been

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.-NO. 1 SHAFT AND COAL TIPS.

Among the many important works that

In a country like this, where a large

amount of interest is taken in range

shooting, it is obviously necessary that

the facilities should be of the most modern and most satisfactory character.

That this has been appreciated by the

department of militia is amply demon-

strated by the appropriation it has made for the establishment of the

menced about a couple of menths ago,

range, the construction of which com-

The contract was awarded to Mr. R.

Dinsdale, and the cost may be estimated

between seven and eight thousand dol-

lars. A complete description appeared

in these columns some time ago, al-

tures which have not been published

The engineer for the departent of militia

and defense, Mr. Weatherby, is expect-

ed to arrive during the middle of the

will be made to him regarding certain ile-

tails not dealt with in the specifications.

excellent progress has been made by Mr. Dinsdale and his staff of men. The

operations are, of course, at present con-

fined to Clover Point, and unfavorable

weather seriously retards the work as

this locality is perhaps the most ex-

posed of any on this part of the Island.

A shed has been erected in which the

mplements are stored, and on several

ecasions during the past month the

workmen have been compelled to suspend

All the necessary excavations have

been made, and the retaining wall is now

well under way. Observation of the

manner in which this material feature of

the new range is being constructed

shows that the intention is that when

The question of appointing a caretaker

to look after the range is being consider-

er, and it is probable that representa-

tions will be made to that effect to the

proner authorities. Wm. Humphrey is

THE SHIPPING WORLD.

Evidences of Good Times in the City's

Marine Activity.

There is still another department, often

completed it will be there to stay.

clerk of the works,

operations and seek the shelter of the

Despite the inclemency of the weather

present month, when several suggestion

though there may be some additional fea-

this city had no quarters of its own, and be a great convenience to the "handy

recruited from this city and Vancouver. Among the improvements connected with the garrison is that of the new tial department of the police system of foot walk, two miles in extent, and will

that it was the intention of the Imperial overlooked by the "land lubber," in tracts of the year must be mentioned times for workmen have gone hand in hand.

> general wave of prosperity that has struck the city are to be found. Ship carpenters have never had a busier year. They have been in demand at home and abroad, and have been offered the biggest wages ever paid on the coast for work to be done in the Far North, where hundreds of scows and other craft had to be built for the Yukon waterways. The extensive repairs on a number of Her Majesty's ships have also been a great factor in the accelerated business of the past, a matter in itself of greater significance than perhaps any other that could be mentioned. In referring generally to the growth of the ship building business of this city, the private enter-prise of the Esquimalt marine railway can hardly be omitted, for this concern has worked more to the advancement of the interests of this port than many have any conception of. For long the Esquimalt dry dock afforded the only means of accommodation for big vessels out of repair, and it is a fact worthy of more than passing attention that notwithstanding the establishment of the new docks and consequent competition and the enormous business done by them, the dry dock's annual receipts have been little diminished.

tonnage, etc., are as follows:

Tonnage, Days. Vessel. Tonnage
Jan. 29—T. D. Virago ... 225
Jan. 29—T. D. Sparrowhawk. 285
Feb. 14—Str. Robt. Adamson.2,992
Mar. 5—D. G. S. Quadra... 573
Mar. 22—H. M. S. Bgeria... 940
Mar. 14—Str. Garonne ... 3,718
June 25—T. M. S. Leander. 4,300
June 9—Str. Bristol ... 1,983
June 25—T. D. Virago ... 205
July 9—H. M. S. Arethusa. 4,300
July 26—T. D. Sparrowhawk. 265
Aug. 31—Bk. Hawallan Isles 2,097
Sept. 4—Str. Dolphin ... 824
Oct. 8—Bk. Rufus E. Wood.1,477
Oct. 11—H. M. S. L'haeton. 4,300
Oct. 26—Str. Buckingham .2,879
Nov. 4—H. M. S. I'haeton. 4,300
Nov. 4—H. M. S. Pheasant. 755
The excellent facilities provided

The excellent facilities provided by the cleaning and painting has been a big advertisement for the port, and scores of craft have come here for "hospital" treatment and have had hundreds, if not

which would otherwise have had no oc

casion to visit a British Columbia port,

Combining this with the convenience of

the locality, a vessel, coming north for

orders or for a charter, finds this port

preferable to all others on the Pacific

northwest. She can here be docked at

any out of her course on the voyage ex-

tended can proceed to any other point in

the province or any port on Puget Sound.

And it is the knowledge of this fact that

accounts for the presence of so large a

in the Roads.

a minimum expense and without going

authorities to increase the strength of which expenditure of money and busy the refit of H. M. S. Phaeton, which, Along the water front evidences of the

> The return for the year up to the pre sent, showing vessel, time of dockage,

ways for the expeditious and speedy handling of vessels requiring repairs or plague. thousands, of dollars expended on them

instead of proceeding to Chatham or Portsmouth at the completion of her commission, was refitted at the Esquimalt dock at a cost of over \$20,000. A Victoria contractor, Oliver Richards, and staff of workmen prepared her for her new flag and crew, both of which she received a few weeks ago. That work so exacting could be performed here is itself proof that the facilities for

northwest. The dry dock and Esquimalt marine railway have not alone presented scenes of activity, for the shipyards of Messrs, Turpel and Bullen, of the inner harbor, have been kept going almost continuous ly, and it was only a short time ago that the hull of a large steamer for the C. P. N. Company was given the water.

work at this port are unrivalled in the

The freighting business has during the past year assumed proportions never heretofore reached, and this can hardly be gainsaid when it is remembered into what proportions the northern trade developed.

The growing importance of the fishery patrol and the revenue service has led the Dominion government to make an appropriation for two cutters, for which tenders are now in, and which will involve an expenditure of \$50,000. These vessels are to be built either in Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, or Nanaimo, and it is not improbable that the hulls will be laid in local yards. A dredger is also projected for service at the mouth of the Fraser.

Still another improvement which afects shipping is provided for in the estimates of the Dominion government, and will be carried into effect as soon as possible. This is for the better equipping of the William Head quarantine station, and when consummated will facilitate handling of Oriental ships especially. At present there is but one steam chamber for the reception and fumigation of clothing, and the improvements now under contemplation call for two of these. In addition, during the past summer a laboratory, costing \$1,500, has been installed there, and an expert bacteriolo gist, Dr. Higgins, at the head to guard against the introduction of bubonic

CUSTOMS FIGURES.

Marvellous Development of Trade With the North.

No better criterion of the growth of Victoria's commerce is obtainable than that furnished by the customs returns. The records of the past ten months, when compared with other years, show a marked advance over those of previous years, last September particularly being a red letter period in the history of the port. The increase in the business of this city with the north has been phe nomenal, and through the courtesy of the customs officials the Times is herewith not only able to present in tabulated form a statement of the complete returns of the port of Victoria during the past ten months, but also those of the Yukon district. These are as follows: Yukon Collections.

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9858585898 Total Collections at Victoria ..\$ 835,247 65 Total Collections at Bennett., 219,839 43 fleet as was a few weeks ago anchored

Prominent among the big naval con-Grand Total\$1,055,087 08 CONCLUSION.

In the foregoing an attempt has been made to outline the various lines along which the city has developed during the year. Mention has not been made of the surgeon's new residence at the Jubilee hospital, which is being erected at a cost of about \$2,400, and of other buildings which are still under construction. Sufficient, however, has been said to prove that good times in the best sense of the term has been the city's portion during the last twelve months. That it will continue, and even increase, during the next year is the belief of many and the hope of all.

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E. L. PEASE,

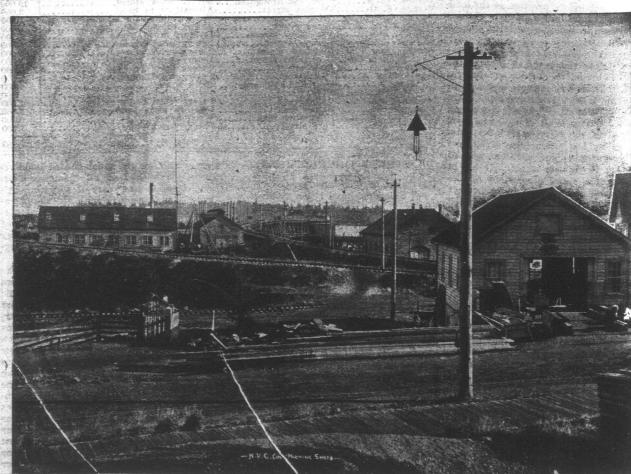
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Berlin, Dec. 4.-A Marshal Count ve Pekin, Degember Sr ble force of Chinese etres, southward that two detachmen Tien Tsin command sheidt and Major F cceding against the

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Japs C Nanaimo, Dec. 5 .tured by the police a hot chase. All broke quarantine l and returned to the HEAVY LI

(Associate Chicago, Dec. 4.to \$300,000 were sche Lankruptcy proceeding G. Haugher, general Armour Glue Works had no available ass petitioner was corne Saeder Glue Co.