A Recent Arr val from San Francisco ands His Life by Cutting His Throat.

Leaves but at the Clue as to. His Identity The Coroner's 1 quest.

In Hanna's undertaking parlors is the body of a man about 40 years of age, who terminated his life in a room in the Dominion Hotel by taking an overdose of laudanum and then cutting his throat. He arrived in Victoria by the San Francisco steamer on Tuesday evening, registered at the Dominion as "Louis Ils, San Francisco," and was assigned a room, for which he paid. Yesterday morning the house porter, thinking something was amiss, because the man had not left his room for over twenty-four hours, looked through the transom and saw him lying across the bed, with his face downwards. Coroner Crompton and the police were notified. They found that the man had been dead for some time. His throat was cut evidently with a large pocket knife which was irmly clasped in his left hand. He evidently took a large dose of laudanum before using the knife, as there was a halffilled bottle of that poisonous liquid in the room. The body was removed to Hanna's parlors yesterday evening.

The coroner's inquest, held this after-

noon, threw but little light on the mystery surrounding the man. The most careful examination of his valise and clothing failed to reveal anything by which he could be identified. There was no letter or paper of any kind. The laudanum was evidently purchased from "H. C. Brooks, Red Bluff, Cal.," as the label on the bottle bore the latter's name. He was evidently an habitual user of laudanum, as alongside the bottle was a measuring glass, such as is used by those who take the stuff regularly. In the valise were also several bottles of

Dr. Redmond was the principal wit ness at the inquest. He described the deceased as a short well-built man be tween 40 and 45 years of age, and about 5 feet 7 inches tall. He had lost two joints of the first finger of the right hand and had reddish tattoo marks on the forearm. His throat had been cut on both sides with a sharp instrument, such as the knife found in the hand of the deceased. The jugular vein was severed and there was also a cut about four inches long on the right forearm.

T. Randall, who was a passenger on the steamer with the deceased, stated that he had spoken to him several times on the way up, but that the deceased had never told him his name. He stated, however, that he was going to Spokane. Randall walked down with him to the Kingston wharf on Monday evening. They returned to the hotel together, and that was the last he saw of Constable Anderson described the po-

sition in which the body was found. He searched the room and the man's clothing. He found only 80 cents in money. NEW CANNERY STEAMER.

Albion Iron Works Will build for Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

The Albion Iron Works has secured the contract to build a new cannery steamer for the British Columbia Can- the state. The mayor is to be given ning Company, for which Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie are the agents. administrative officer, irrespective of the The steamer is to be completed within sixty-five days. She will be 85 feet and will have a 13-foot beam. She will have a pair of compound engines, the with the approval of the governor. dimensions of the cylinders being seven and a-half and 14x12 inches stroke. tive departments are largely discretion-While the Albion Iron Works have the ary, it is proposed to have the departcontract for the whole steamer, the ments presided over by a board of two hull will be built in one of the city ship- or more commissioners. Where they yards. The steamer when built will be are executive merely, but one commiscapable of making ten knots an hour. She will cost about \$8000.

CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA. Services in the Churches-Concert at

As yesterday morning was warm and and the department of bridges. This is bright, there were unusually large congregations at the différent city churches. Many of the sacred edifices were prettily decorated and the music was ap-

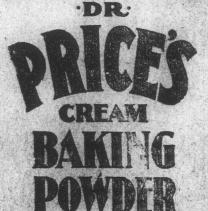
the Hospital.

propriate for the day. The patients at the Royal Jubilee hospital had an excellent Christmas fire department and the department of dinuer and were visited by a large num- correction will have single heads. The ber of friends from the city. In the af- building department may have four. ternoon about twenty members of the Arion Club visited the hospital and gave a concert in one of the wards. Some ten pieces were sung by the club, and Goward and Ross Munro. The patients There are to be five commissioners of were delighted with the concert and ex- taxes and assessments, instead of three pressed their thanks to the club. The entertained by the hospital staff. The ward in which the concert was held was

tastefully decorated. The prisoners at the provincial jail

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vere treated to a very appetizing ristmas dinner. COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

A Long List of New Companies in the B. C. Gazette.

Below is the list of new companies for which notices of incorporation are given in the B. C. Gazette: B. C. Exploration Co., of B with capital stock of \$100,000. of Rossland.

Canadian Mining, Milling and Smelt-lng Co., of Sandon, \$2,000,000. Canada Prospecting and Mining Co.,

of Vancouver, \$100,000. Carnduff Mining and Development Co., of Slocan City, \$1,000,000.

Dry Belt Mining and Milling Co., of Sandon, \$1,000,000. Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidation

Co., of Rossland, \$5,000,000. Golden Cache Extension Gold Mining Co., of Vancouver, \$600,000. Granite Mining and Smelting Co., of Spokane, \$500,0000. Ibex Mining and Development Co., of

Slocan, Kaslo, \$300,000. Rossland, \$1,000,000.

e Gold Mining Co., of Ross-

land, \$150,000. Olga Gold Mining and Milling Co., of Tacoma, \$1,000.000. Ottawa and Ivanhoe Silver Mines, of Rossland, \$250,000. Scottish Columbia Mining and Develent Mining Co., of Vancouver, \$1,-

000,000 Spencer Consolidated Mining Corporation, of London, \$5,000,000. Sinclair Canning Co., of New Westminster, \$20,000. Tin Horn Quartz Mining Co., of Vic-

toria, \$200,000.

## of Spokane, \$1,000.

Washington Mining and Leasing Co..

City is to be Governed, Published.

City Ownership of Electric and Othe er Companies Recognized-Mayor's Powers.

New York, Dec. 26.-The draft of the as submitted to the commission, has years and all are to retire at once. traint. But in respect to public improvements the action of the municipal assembly is to be further subjected to the concurrence of the board

The mayor is to have supervisory control over the various departments, and an enlarged power upon the acts of the municipal assembly. His patronage and his power are so great that he will in these particulars be a dignitary second only in importance to the governor of absolute power to remove at will every prescribed term of office during the first six months of his administration. After that he can remove only on charges. Where the power of the administra-

of estimate and appointment.

sioner has been provided for. By far the largest and most important board is to be the board of public improvements, consisting of the heads of six newly created departments-the department of water supply, of highways, of sewers, of street cleaning, of public buildings, lighting and supplies

the St. Louis system. The police department will have four commissioners, as now, and will include the bureau of elections. The charities department and the park department will be presided over by three commissioners each. The law department, the

Greater New York is to be divided into five boroughs: Manhattan, the Bronx, the Brooklyn, the Queens and Richmond, and a certain degree of home solos were rendered by Messrs, A. T. rule is to be granted to the boroughs. as at present, and a system for the members of the club were afterwards equalization of the varying conditions in the consolidated territory has been de-

In the matter of education, the committee adopted a plan which centralizes in a board of education, representing the whole city, the physical conduct of

with municipal ownership, but says: "From an original and ideal standwould become the recipient of vast revelectricity and for tramways and other anniversary of the day on which the batpurposes necessary to the life and busi-ness of a metropolitan community, and has never been celebrated with so much exercised so largely by a use of the streets and avenues belonging to the Nor could any one well deny the right and power of the people to embark in such enterprises. In Greater | decoration, has been for several years New York, however, private capital, famous as a daring and reliable men upon the faith of the state, is embarked of his risky profession. He is a 8 largely in such franchises. It would take a sum too vast to be hastily computed to acquire the properties thus puted to acquire the properties thus was 10 years of age Mr. Harrison used vested in private persons, by fair com-

The Colonist's Christmas Greeting to Ministers Who Visited the Province.

Big Six Gold and Copper Mining Co., of Rossland, \$1,500,000.

Camp Hewitt Mining and Development Co., of Vernon, \$1,000,000.

On Christmas morning the Colonist found that "it is worth noting that while the attention of the Dominion government has been directed to the urgent necessity of placing a second ves-sel on the coast, the Quadra during De-cember was for an extended period placed at the disposal of visiting ministers." It goes into a careful calculation of the time occupied by the government steamer in carrying the ministers from place to place, "while necessary work was waiting to be done, such as or fulfilling the numerous and import-Kootenay Mercantile Co., of Rossland, ant duties which the steamer has ordinarily to attend to. The Colonist adds that "it, is true that when Hon. Mr. Bowell and his party were here they used her for a trip up the Northern Coast, but that was essentially a business trip, the services of the vessel being required to reach remote settlements on the Coast which had to be visited." The Quadra carried on that "essentially business trip," Mr. J. M. Bowell, whose business was probably to collect customs duties from the Indians at Fort Rupert. Even General Herbert was a passenger during that "business trip." His business perhaps was to review Her Majesty's Loyal Volunteers at Met-

and friends with them when they went travelling on the Quadra. The Colonist had plenty of room yesterday morning, and the interesting ar-Draft of the Charter by Which the ticle re "Government Tender Quadra" could easily have been lengthened. It might have described the voyages of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper on the Quadra. After seeing the "handwriting on the wall," in the Victoria theatre, Charles tried to sooth himself in the luxuriously furnished cabin of the steamer. She took him from Nanaimo to Vancouver, then from Vancouver to New Westminster, and was about to take him back again when the news of

lakatla. There were several others in

the party who had very important "business" up north. Hon, Messes. Blair

and Davies did not take their families

Sir John Thompson's death was telegraphed him from the east and Sir Hibproposed charter of Greater New York, bert left by the next train for Ottawa. Even the immaculate George Eulas been published. The legislative Foster, who never did anything wrong, power is to be vested in a municipal was carried about on the Quadra. His assembly to consist of two houses, a very able colleague, Hon. Auguste Real lower house of 104 members elected Angers, was another of the Quadra's 37 members elected from council dis course a "purely business trip," for did tricts. All the members of both houses he not tell the miners of Nanaimo that are to be elected for the term of two "mixed farming" was a cure for hard

times? As to everything concerning the rights | The Colonist might have discovered, privileges and liberties of the citizen respecting municipal rule, the legislative department is to be subject to no resistant and it been anxious to do so, that the 3 or 4 o'clock, when she would retire to her bed, take a very hot drink to induce is completed, and that she would have been out of commission but for the ministers' visits. There was not the Sir Mackenzie Bowell and other members of the late government were made during the regular season when the Quadra is supposed to be doing light-house and other regular work. Nobody thought it worth while to "kick" about

SLADEN-BOYS.

Married at Reformed Church on Thu-sday Evening

Lieutenant Sampson Sladen, R.N. of H.M.S. Wild Swan, and Fanny Harriet, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenant George Sayer Boys, R.N., were united in marriage at the Reformed Episcopal Church on Thursday evening. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Cridge, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The groom is a son of Col. Joseph Sladen, Royal Artillery, of Ripple Court, Kent. The wedding was attended by the officers, in uniform, of the Wild Swan, and other vessels lying in Esquimait.

The bride, who was given away by Dr. Marriot, R.N., was charmingly attired in black satin, the corsage being trimmed with white satin, with revers of white satin and waistcoat of white chiffon trimmed with silver lace. The bonnet was of heliotrope flowers with white ribbons, white aigrettes and silver trimming. The bridegroom was attended by Lieut. W. D. Church, R.N. The church was beautifully decorated and at the close of the service the hymn, "Through all the Changing Scenes of Life," was effectively rendered by the choir. After the ceremony the guests proceeded to the future residence of Lieut. and Mrs. Sladen, who left during the evening for the Hotel Driard, where they are spending a few days.

A STEEPLE-JACK.

He Has Been in the Climbing Business for Many Years.

The great success of the Trafalgar day celebration was largely due to the the schools, and which devolves upon striking and appropriate decoration of school boards appointed by the mayor the Nelson monument in Trafalgar in every borough the educational con- square. The plucky steeple-jack twining the mighty wreath round the col-The commission concluded not to deal umn was witnessed by thousands and for many days the achievement was the principal subject of conversation point, it is easy to see that the city throughout London if not throughout the country. The result was that, although enues by the ownership and operation over ninety years have passed since Nelof all franchises, for lighting by gas or son breathed his last on the Victory, the popular enthusiasm as was the case this

year. W. E. Harrison, the steeple-jack who so successfully carried out the work of of his risky profession. He is a Shef-field man by birth, and his father was a steeple-jack before him. Soon after he highest chimneys, urged not by any ne-

cessity, but by the mere spirit of adventure. His purents did not intend him to be a steeple-jack, however.

He was sent to a good school and when he was lo his father was arranging for his further education so that he might qualify for a situation in some business firm, when he took his futher into his own hands. He appealed to his parents to be allowed to begin work as a steeple-jack. In response to his repeated requests he was given a trial and peated requests he was given a trial and he has been at the work ever since. He

is now 38 years of age.
His father died in 1887, and since then
he has carried on the business and made his name famous in many parts of the

Although the decoration of the Nelson monument is perhaps the most interest-ing work he has done it is by no means the most dangerous. Some of his feats in examining insecure chimneys and the to the Value of That Vessel like are enough to make the blood run cold. Personally Mr. Harrison belongs to the best type of the Yorkshire gentle-man and business man. He has only had one serious accident, but this might Mr. Charles Spring, the Owner easily have proved fatal. In repairing a chimney he fell a distance of seventy feet and escaped without permanent in Slocan, Kaslo, \$300,100. | work was waiting to be done, such as jury by a miracle. A man who fell at looking after buoys, lighthouse tending the same time, although a less distance, was killed on the spot.

"MRS. WALES."

Of the Princess of Wales, who realizes to the full Matthew Arnold's expressive phrase, "sweetness and light," and idolatry, I was told a charming story while at Woodstock. She is fond, in a quiet way, of making little expeditions in the country incognita. The other week at Sandringham with her two daughters she drove a long distance in her favorite pony cart. Being mortals as to appetite the sharp November air had its will, and about luncheon time the Princesses were somewhat "peckish." The appearance of a picturesque village inn added zest to the demand. A modest lunch was ordered. After it was served the landlord, who had his suspicions concerning the identity of his chance guests, brought the visitors' book signatures. But our Princess for Charming was not to be "had" off-hand. Smiling on Boniface as only she can smile, she wrote for him thus: "Mrs.

A BELLE AT EIGHTY.

Wales and two daughters."

Some years ago there was an old lady in one of the southern capitals who not only wore decollete ball dresses at 80 but actually possessed the lovely neck and arms which they require, says the New York Ledger. She was most innocently vain, and no wonder, for she was immensely flattered, and her townspeople valued her charms far above those of her young and more beautiful rivals. She had a curious way of preparing for a ball, which our modern fashionable women, with their multi from senetorial and an upper house of distinguished passengers. His was of tudinous engagements would find dillicult to emulate. The morning before she proposed appearing in full regalia she would take a brisk walk and return in time for a mid-day dinner, after which she remained quiet with her work until erspiration, and remain in hed from taking of some light refreshment at the tea hour) until it was time to dress for slightest interference with her ordinary her ball. Then she would get up and work. On the other hand, the trips of take a bath and make the most claborate toilet. All the household regarded these preparations in the light of solemn rites, and would never have dreamed of laughing at them or interfering with them in any way. Her appearance was a triumph, never failing to excite the greatest admiration and

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Meet the Rush.

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before filling them. This fact should discourage no one; there will be no disappointments; every creef received will be well and truly from the log of the United States cutfilled, as steps have been taken to ter Corwin as to the transfer of the double the daily supply of Photos and Excelsior Rhyming A B C Books, Illustrated.

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the Schooner, Also Gives Evidence.

This morning when the Commission resumed its sittings the case of the schooner Onward was begun. This is a similar claim to the Carolena and the Thornton cases. The Onward was a vessel of 35.25 tons and 561-2 feet long, is a woman amply justifying popular 20 feet wide and 4 feet 5 inches in depth. She was built in California in 1871 and registered as a British vessel at Victoria on September 27th, 1878. In opening the case Mr. Peters said

the Onward was fitted out for a coast sealing cruise in 1886 by Mr. Charles Spring, who managed several trading stations then on the West Coast. large quantity of provisions was put on board then with the intention of leaving some at these stations and for trading purposes. The schooner was fitted out at one of these stations that year for the Behring Sea sealing voyage under the supervision of Mr. Spring.

H. J. Cook, ship carpenter, gave evidence as to the condition of the schooner in 1886. She was well fitted out in rigging and sails then. The total cost of building her in 1886 would be between \$4000 and \$5000. Mr. Orlando Warner said the Onward

was in good order in 1886, when he thought she was worth between \$4000 and \$5000. Alexander Watson thought her value in 1886 was \$4325.

Walter Walker valued her then at about \$4000. The evidence of these witness given in the two previous cases, save such as is obviously inapplicable, will be trans-

ferred to this case. value of the schooner in 1886, when he said she was worth about \$5500.

Charles Spring said that in March, 1886 he fitted out the schooner Onward for a sealing voyage. A new set of sails were put on the schooner previous witness was part owner. He placed Green peppers, cured, per lb..... 10c ieir value, with equipment, at \$25 per canoe. His valuation of the schooner Onward in 1886 was about \$4000, which he said was a very low estimate. He would not have sold her for that sum. A large quantity of provisions were put on board, much of it being for his trading stations. The Onward was fitted out for her Behring Sea voyage at Clayoquot, witness go-ing there to superintend the outfitting of that vessel and the schooner Favourite. He instructed the Onward's captain to continue in Behring Sea as long as possible and get back some time in September. The cost of provisioning the schooner for Indians, he said, was about \$5 per man per month. Had the seizure not taken place he would have continued the Onward, as he did the Favourite, in the sealing industry in 1887. His personal expenses in connection with the seizure witness placed at \$250. Mr. Clark also obtained a judgment against him in connection with it at Sitka for

share, \$152, of expenses of Captain J. nection with all the seizures. The extain Munro and the Indians who were on the Onward back to Victoria was The cross-examination of the witness

was reserved. Mr. Peters submitted the inventory taken by the United States officers at the time of the seizure and an extract crews of the schooners who were left destitute at Sitka in 1886. An adjournment was then taken until

Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

NATIVES RISING.

In Buchanaland Developing Serious Proportions.

Cape Town, Dec. 26.-The Native rising on the Taming reservation Buchanaland is developing serious proportions. Fighting has occured. The British have been obliged to wait for reinforcements.

SENTENCES EXPIRE.

Colonels Grey and White Released from Holloway Jail to-day.

London, Dec. 26 .- Col. R. C. Grey and Col. H. T. White, both sentenced with Dr. Jameson to imprisonment for violation of the foreign enlistment act, in invading ferritory of the Transvaal republic, were released to-day from Holloway jail, their sentences, five months having expired.

SPIRITED MEN WANTED.

To the Editor:-The Municipal Reform Association will soon be in want of nine men who are willing to work all year for nothing and stand all the abuse they like to give them in the bargain, but according to Ald. Marchant those posing reformers set back examples. How appropriate it would have been for Mr. B. W. Pearse, when serving the city as a ewerage commissioner (although a dummy, as he styles himself in his communication to the Colonist of Dec. 6) to have

public spiritedly refused the paltry sum of \$10 for a sitting, but we find all of those men working under a different principle from that which they others to work under. They of multitude of councillors for the that three men could be more easily duced to keep taxes low on unused land than will some of our present unpliable aldermen. They do unto themselve even as they would have others do un to them, while on the other hand would have others do unto them ever as they have done unto themselves in this way recognize the fact that is a poor rule that don't work the bot ways. Don't you see the kernel? the G. J. presentment B. W. prominently in this way. Now, councillors, you must work for the honor so lavishly bestowed upon you by the M. R. A.; keep down the taxes of the big land owner and in that way both reputation and private interests will be maintained, you taking the former, for which I charge you nothing, and I take the latter on the same terms. You are all poor men and never know when you will be in want; if you should tax me to death we should all be in want, but should you so legislate as to increase my possessions, I promise you on the honor of a man the consolation of ever know. ing that while I have, we shall not all want. L. J. W.

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Three Star (Enderby) \$5.50 Strong Baker's (O.K.)......\$5.50 Salem ......\$5.75 Midlings, per ton. . . \$22.00 to \$25.00 ferred to this ease.

Samuel Sea also testified as to the Ground feed, per ton... \$25.00 to \$27.00. Corn, whole.....\$30.00 to \$32.00 Rolled oats, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks. .30e Pears ..... Grapes ... Lemons (California).....25c. to 35c Apples, Eastern, per lb... Oranges (California) per doz. 40 to 50c. Oranges (Japanese), per box....600 Fish-salmon, per lb... .... 10c. to 12c Fish—small......Sc. to 10c Smoked bloaters, per lb........121/2c. Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz.....50c. Eggs, Manitoba,......25c. to 30c Butter, creamrey, per 15......35c. Butter, Delta creamery, per 15....356 Butter, fresh..... Cheese, Chilliwack ...... Hams, American, per lb....16c. to 18c. Hams. Canadian, per lb.......1 Bacon, American, per lb....16c. to 18c.

> Pork, sides, per lb.. .. .. Chickens, per pair. . . . \$1.00 to \$1. A. E. and Mrs. Goodman, Vane ver, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. El

Bacon, rolled, per Ib.. ....12c. to 16c.

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