Cannerymen Haul Over the Coals Wilmot of the Fiscery Department.

Conference With Minister Tupper and Presentation of Their Grievances.

Sir Charles Turper met the canners in

was moved to the chair. debate between the canners as reprethe department exercising such interest jority of them died in the rivers. ceived there with great respect. The the minister would take up the question magazines quoted him as an authority. the canners were willing to let bygones However limited his knowledge might be bygones and come to his aid and harhave been, he was the best available The object of the canners was to make as much money in as little time as possiother canners in other parts of the world. The department at Ottawa was engaged in the preservation of fisheries. When in London he had engaged the services of Professor Prince, a graduate of St. Andrew's university, and well versed in marine biology. His name and reputation were well known in piscatorial circles. When the last draft of the fishmeet the wishes and representations of have the period made a permanent one. those engaged in that branch of commerce. up the subject, and they had the opin- very delicate point.

The department at once took ion of all officers of the department in Wilnot and all the reports were sub-mitted, and he met in so far as he dand at that time the wishes of those engaged in fishing. He followed what he behouse of commons for British Columbia and to the board of trade, and a number of suggestions were received. The suggestions were referred to the sub-committee of the privy council; they were in some respects conflicting, and other; changes were made. The principle was ed. He regretted that they were unsatof British Columbia. When the regulations were passed in council he had only to enforce them. Perhaps they were not regularly enforced and perhaps they were enforced in one locality of years. and not in another; that was a matter of administration. He perhaps had told them nothing new. He wished them to tell him what changes they wanted. The fewer the changes made the stronger would be the case, because it would not

for all they were worth. R. P. Rithet said the fisheries of British Columbia ranked second to coal in large sum of money. Two dollars a been sent to Ottawa. was paid out, outside of what was Mr. Rithet said why should the canpaid for Chinese labor. The great diffi-culties led the canners to believe that they were allowed at Point Roberts? the Dominion government had not shown the consideration for the business that the Fraser were only affected by pound it required. The canners were not quite nets at Point Roberts from one point, as inconsiderate of the preservation of and they could enter from other points. the salmon industry as Sir Charles had felt pleased to indicate. (Cheers.) The was a sort of camping ground for salmon canners should not be handicapped with prior to entering the Fraser river. They lates with the blood and attacks the fibrous

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year; that did not follow necessarily. When there was a pack of 500,000 cases government should either offer a pre-\$2 was the first charge. On several occasions the fish had cost altogether \$4.50 it to be deposited in the rivers.

a case and sold only at \$4. Chinese Sir Charles said he had made a note a case and sold only at \$4. Chinese labor could not be dispensed with. There was no other class of labor available for the period required. None of the canners would employ Chinese labor in the canneries if they could obtain white labor, but they could not do that.

Sir Charles said the department of Alexander Ewen said the United Stats

canneries employed Chinese labor. Mr. Rithet said the United States cauconference at the board of trade rooms neries had fewer obstructions placed in this morning. There was a large num- their way than those of British Columbia. They were using pound nets in ber present. Nineteen canneries were Dia. They were allowed to ignore close Oregon and were allowed to ignore close represented at the meeting. Mr. Rithet seasons and everything else. The government should not put greater obstruc-Sir Charles Tupper suggested that in- tions than were put by the United States stead of discussing the general points in government upon the American fisheries. The great difference of opinion between senting the fishery interests from a com-mercial standpoint and the officers of ing fish was as to whether fish after his department from a scientific stand-point, that they should make suggestions had never met any one who thought that to him. One of the first reasons for the fish returned to salt water; the main the salmon industry was the solicita- read from Pennell, a British salmon tions sent from British Columbia, nota- authority. This extract showed a difbly the letters from the board of trade. | ference in the habits of the fish in Brit-No person could have read the resolution ish Columbia and in Scotland. It showfrom the board of trade without seeing ed how difficult it was for a man to disthere was cause for alarm concerning abuse his mind of what he has learned overfishing, etc. The alarm was sound- under such tuition, if he ever knew ed from British Columbia. The reg-ulations were adopted on the best advice aborated the evidence to make it balm that the government could obtain. There to the wounded spirit, and it was not were in the department expert officers, to be expected that he was to be disaand it would be dangerous for the bused of preconceived ideas. That was heads of the department to put aside or the reason why they thought the deignore their opinion. These men were partmen paid them so little attention the servants of the department and the when they left the matter to the preservants of all the citizens of Canada. conceived ideas of departmental officers. Mr. Wilmot had spent his life in the He thought that all the evidence prestudy of fish, both in the eastern prov- sented by Mr. Wilmot should be put inces and in other parts of the Dominion; into the fire. (Cheers.) Sir Charles he had attended the fisheries commission would soon be fighting for the canners in London, and his opinions were re- if he himself took up the question. If

monize the differences between the deauthority the department had. 'The partment and the canners. The canners speaker did not think that Mr. Wilmot thought it was a great mistake that the should come in conflict with the canners. open season had not been extended. Sir Charles said that last year it was extended and the department got into ble-in that way they did not differ from trouble. This year it was not extended, and still the department was blamed.

Mr. Rithet said that the close season should be fixed according to the run of salmon. Sir Charles asked if there should be a

fixed and unalterable season, or whether it was to be according to the run of each Mr. Rithet said the fish seemed to be ery regulations was made it was stated coming into the rivers later year by that the former regulations falled to year. He was not prepared to ask to

Sir Charles said that he would like other expressions of opinion, as it was a Mr. Rithet said if Sir Charles could British Columbia and other portions of control the run of salmon the canners All the evidence taken by Mr. would soon tell him. The runs of 1888

lieved to be the right course. The draft was published in British Columbia and copies were sent to members of the British Columbia people had to get their fish from the United States. Sir Charles said that it was purely an

oversight of the department, for which he pleaded guilty. Mr. Rithet, speaking on the offal question, said that the guano and fish oil

kept in view that regulations were need- factory was loaded up and the company could not dispose of the oil at a profit isfactory to the canners and the people in the eastern markets. It would be desirable for the department to call for tenders to take the offal from the canners, and that a sum should be given to the oil factory for a certain number

Sir Charles asked would there be any objection to the government encouraging the scheme that a party from Vancouver had in view who had written to Ottawa and asked for government land free of rent

Mr. Rithet said if propositions were give any reason to any one to believe give any reason to any one to believe that the canners wished to fish the rivers called for it would be better. If the offal were dumped into the river it became food for fish. There were no com-

plaints. Sir Charles said that the offal was the productions of the province. The fouling the nets of fishermen at the

Sir Charles answered that the fish o Mr. Rithet replied that Point Roberts acid, caused by the decomposition of the

Was it ordinary value? What was a had passed between Washington and Ot- case. The back and shoulders are the parts tawa regarding Point Roberts, and in usually affected by rheumatism, and the lily received and an encore responded to R. P. Rithet thought that \$3 to \$4 reply it had been said that the Washingwas fair value a case, according to the ton authorities would take the matter into consideration when the joint fish Canada arrived in British Columbia. They would be in the province next year. They were making a thorough investi-

> see if they returned after spawning. Sir Charles replied it was an easy matter to get men to watch the fish. Mr. Rithet said that some of the inspectors required that the blood, the slime and the offal would have to be taken out to salt water; the floor of the cannery could not be washed.

fishing should begin September 15th in-stead of September 25th. The open

with large mesh nets.

Thomas E. Ladner thought that the nium for the disposal of offal or allow

Alexander Ewen said it was better to put the offal in the streams than at the mouth of the river. There had been Sir Charles said the department did not wish to interfere on the lines of health. This was for the local governments; but if the offal was injurious to public health, then it followed that it

was injurious to salm Alexander Ewen thought that a compe tent man should be appointed to examine the habits of salmon. Mr. Rithet said the time for sockeye should be from June 15th to August 15th. No injury would be done in Alert

points by fishing with seine. Sir Charles said that the commander of the Quadra had reported that the the last installment of the present con- Some of the dalogues were very bright fish in the northern waters were being slaughtered by the seine nets.

bay, Lowe inlet and other northern

Mr. Rithet replied that the command er of the Quadra was a good navigator, but knew nothing of salmon. Sir Charles said that when an expert gave his opinion the canners objected,

saying he was only an expert, andw hen an ordinary man gave his opinion then he was not an expert.

Mr. Rithet asked that the length of net be 200 fathoms instead of 150 fa-

thoms in northern rivers.

Robert Ward said that the primary object of the canner was not to catch the fish but to preserve them. A want of practical knowledge at the department was the trouble in connection with the fisheries. Sir Charles had to rely the championship lockets will be distribupon the opinions of Mr. Wilmot, who came to British Columbia with a biased mind. Mr. Wilmot's opinions were obtained in the old country, and as Alexder Ewen, an old fisherman of Scotland, had said, there were great differences in the habits of the fish in British Co lumbia and Scotland. He hoped that a man of great experience would be sent out to British Columbia to examine into fish life. The date of commencement of the sockeye run should begin from the appearance of fish in the river. This should be considered before fixing on any definite close season. It would be impossible to catch fish at Beechy bay without the use of seines. The pack of the Columbia river fisheries was consumed in the United States, but with regard to Alaska it was different. were caught in unlimited quantities; last year there were 700,000 cases of salmon

ring it should be on the side of the fishing industry Mr. Hall said that in the north, the Skeena, Naas and Fraser none of the spawning salmon returned to the sea except the steelhead, which was commercially valueless. In some of the northern rivers the Indians completely which will be in active operation by the blocked the river with weirs, which only

packed. Alaska was a strong competi-

the circumstances, if there was any er-

fishery department, that there being no regulations in Alaska the rivers would

weekly close season to commence on Sunday at midnight.

there was nothing offensive.

Mr. Dalby said the canners of the wandering. Mr. Griffith, late first mate at first and then had to be tried. He north were fined four times during the of the tug Lorne, was signed as second was tined \$5 and \$2.50 costs. year, and they thought their fines should mate in his place by Agent H. E. Con-Several days ago the store of Rus-

But he did not see at present why they and 120 steerage passengers. should be remitted.

Mr. Cunningham said that Inspector Roxbury had granted exemption from the regulations and then fixed them fixed the regulations and then fined them for not observing them. Sir Charles asked that they formulate

charges if such a state of affairs exist-Mr. Dalby read a petition from the rivers asking to have the net 200 fathoms and the old weekly close season re-

The conference adjourned at 1.45. Sir Charles Tupper is having a conbusiness called for the expenditure of a mouth of the river. Complaints had He advised them among other things to accept the \$425,000 in payment of all claims up to August, 1893. The Times will print a full report to-morrow.

The Pains of Rheumatism. According to the best authorities, originate in a morbid condition of the blood. Lactic mfavorable regulations.

Sir Charles asked what was the \$2. Sir Charles said that communications causes the local manifestations of the dispositive and permanent cure for rheumatism. It has had remarkable success in curing the most severe cases. The secret Did they want another com- of its success lies in the fact that it attacks Mr. Rithet thought persons would have to be appointed to watch the fish and the fish are the fish and the fis tion of the body.

CITY VOTERS' LIST.

A Gain of Nearly One Thousand Shown in the Registration.

The Voters' Lists for the election of al-dermen, to be held in January next, are Sir Charles said that was straining open for inspection at the City Clerk's the regulations and could not be justified.

Mr. Rithet said the time of cohoe fishing should begin September 15th invotes: 1894. 1895.

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BRIEF LOCALS

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

From Wednesday's Daily. -A Royal Black Preceptory of the ening. "Mother Goose and Her Gos-Orange lodge has been instituted by lings," with Miss Grant as the former Grand Secretary Connolly of Manitoba, and the Sunday school children as the signment of armament for the new fortifications.

-The Odd Fellows of Duncan's will dedicate a new hall on Friday. A num- society holds its regular meeting at Tember of Victoria brethren will attend. A perance hall, Pandora street, this evenball will be given.

-A small fishing sloop was wrecked near the entrance to the harbor during the recent storm. She was driven on the rocks by the wind and broken up. -Emmanuel Baptist church Sunday school entertainment last night was a can be secured at the door.

Success. The programme was an enjoyable one. Mrs. Spofford made an excellent manager.

-The James Bay lacrosse club decided last evening to give a first-class enteruted.

-Second Freight Clerk Hogker of Umatilla is supposed to have fallen off the wharf at the flour mills at Tacoma yesterday. They have not found the body yet and are searching still. -The British ship Combermere, Capt.

Jenkins, has been chartered to load wheat at Tacoma for the United Kingdom. She will go on the dry dock at Quartermaster Harbor, instead of at Esquimalt. She will leave for the Sound to-day or to-morrow.

-Donations to the W. C. T. U. home during November were received as follows: Mrs. Goodacre, three friends, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Langley, Miss Kate Mc-Gregor, Mrs. Trounce, Mrs. Elford, Mrs. Crowther, Mrs. Hart, Girls' Friendly Society and ladies of the board. -H. M. S. Pheasant sailed to-day on

a ten days cruise. She will visit Vancouver, Comox and other points, and tor against British Columbia. Under while she is out will do some firing and go through other outside practice and manoeuvres. She was to have sailed at 9:30 o'clock this morning, but was several hours late in getting ready. -Charles E. Peabody, of Port Town-

send, has been appointed general mana-1st of March. The company will compermitted the fry to pass.

Sir Charles read from the report of Inspector Murray, of the United States have ample freight and passenger acmence the service with the steamer Allicommodation.

-The Northern Pacific steamship Vicsoon be fished out. toria, Captain Panton, did not get away
Thomas Cunningham wanted the old until this morning. Late last night toria, Captain Panton, did not get away law and fined \$13.50 apiece. In the second mate Cole was taken seriously ill and was removed to St. Joseph's hospi-Mr. Tood said the offal was sweet; tal for treatment. It is not known just last paid costs and their cases were with non, and left for China on the ship on Sir Charles said the matter should be a couple of hours notice. The Victoria presented to him in a succinct manner had a cargo of 2500 tons, which filled and he had power to rectify any wrong. her up pretty well. She had 14 saloon

-A Tacoma dispatch says: A passenthat two splendid eight thousand ton steamers are being built at Fairfield, on the river Clyde, for the Northern Pacific steamship line, between Tacoma and Hong Kong, the present steamers being unable to carry all the freight offered. canners and fishermen of the northern rivers asking to have the net 200 fathits manager, who was here two years new steamers, it is understood, will be Mr. Wollaston was taken . large number of passengers. The local agents of the company deny any knowledge of the new steamers.

-The entertainment last evening by the ladies of Central Presbyterian church in James Bay was attended by a large audience and proved very successful. Mr. W. H. Wheeler's exhibition of ventriloquism and his clever impersonations were nuch enjoyed and called forth hearty and prolonged applause. The musical programme opened with a piano solo by Miss Russell, and was followed by a yocal solo, "The Flowers of the Forest," by Mrs. McGraw, which was very heartjoints at the knees, ankles, hips and wrists A piano solo by Miss Wilson and vocal are also sometimes attacked. Thousands of solos by Messrs. Booth, Laundy and Walcommission of the United States and peop'e have found in Hood's Sarsaparilla a lis followed each number meeting with hearty and well merited applause. Refreshments were served. An auction of a few articles remaining unsold from the sale in the afternoon brought the

entertainment to a close.

—Yesterday's Post-Intelligencer says: The hearing in the case of the collision between the steamers Mary F. Perley and the City of Kingston, which took place opposite West point on the mornng of December 10, was held before Inspectors Bryant and Bullene yesterday afternoon, and the case taken under advisement. The crews of both steamers were examined, and the testimony as a whole was the same as published at the time of the collision. The only point of variance seemed to lie in the relative positions of the two boats and the alarm whistles. Captain Redding, of the Perley, said he knew he was about in the Kingston's path, but didn't think they saying how favorably his report had were so close together. It was shown by the testimony that both captains handled their boats in an admirable manner, and only on account of their To this he replied: "It is very nice, very

averted. The damage done to the Kingston amounted to about \$750. From Thursday's Daily.

-There was a pleasant entertainment at Centennial Methodist church last ev--The Charmer last night brought over latter was given in very pleasing style. Rev. Joseph Hall presided during the evening

-The Diocesan Literary and Scientific ing ,when a men's social, or smoking concert, and debate will take place. The subject of debate, "Protection v. Free Trade," is one which is bound to draw a large number of participants ad a lively time is expected. Membership tickets

The first preceptory of the Royal Black Knights of Ireland in British Columbia was organized in A. O. U. W. hall on Monday evening by William Connolly, of Winnipeg, deputy grand lecturer of Canada. Thirty members were initiated and the following committee was elected: J. Wallace, J. Kirk, E. J. Young, J. Brethour, William Clark,

H. Moore and J. J. Campbell. -A meeting of the single tax club was held last night, when the following executive committee were elected by the "proportional representation" method: Messrs. Berridge, Cohen, Sinton, Mallet and Howell. At the next meeting of the society a debate will be held on "Socialism vs. Single Tax." The society is arranging a novel and interest-ing programme for the current season.

-You Fook and Ah Quong, who obstructed the efforts of Chief of Police Sheppard to raid some gambling houses in Chinatown on Tuesday night, were in police court this morning. The former pleaded guilty and was fined \$40, but the latter said he was not guilty and argued the point. He was convicted and fined \$50. Both were solemnly warned not to appear again on a similar charge.

-Thieves paid a visit to the chicken coops in the rear of the Steitz restaurant last evening and made a partially successful attempt to rob the place. They were heard by some of the help and chased away. One of the thieves is believed to have got away with two chickens, but the other was forced to drop what he was carrying and run for which will be in active operation by the his liberty. There is no clue to the iden-

tity of the men. -Lam Kee and Quong On Kee, whose defective chimney caused the fire department to be called out on Monday, were convicted in the police court to-day of an infraction of the fire prevention bysame court Sin Kee, Yee Chong and Wing Chong were up for an infraction of the revenue by-law. The first and

sell and McDonald a lot of goods stolen. Chief Sheppard located a part of the booty in an old building near the store of the firm who were robbed and set a watch on the place. Last evening Lang Do. an old Chinese offender, came to the place to carry some of the goods away and was promptly arrested. He claims that he was not alone in the robbery, and to investigate a clue he gave the police as to his fellow thieves, the case was re-

manded until to-morrow. -The hearing of the Japanese who asadjourned. Frank Higgins appeared ago, said larger vessels would be built for the prosecution and S. Perry Mills as soon as traffic demanded it. The for the defence. Only the evidence of designed to allow of the carrying of a that they stopped at the Japanese house for a lark. He tapped on the window with his cane and broke it. There was some exchange of words, but he and his friends passed on. Half way across the bridge one of the Japanese stabbed him. He did not know he was being followed

by the Japs. -Court Vancouver, No. 5755, A.O. F., gave its annual dance last evening in A. O. U. W. hall, and it proved one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given here. The hall was prettily decorated with flags, ferns and Chinese lanterns. The music furnished by Richardson's orchestra was very good and the refreshments were enjoyed by all. Past Chief Ranger H. W. Hall was presented with a gold ring inscribed: "Presented by the members of Court Vancouver, No. 5755, A. The presentation was made by O. F." Past Chief Ranger Henry Waller. The entire affair was under the charge of the following committee, which did excellent work: J. Collister, W. Hall, P. Watson, E. Partridge, H. Maynard, J. J. Randolph. E. E. Johnson, A. Johnson, J. Cessford, J. Speed and H. Waller.

London, Dec. 13.—When the Earl of Jersey was asked if he had anything further to say about the result of the intercolonial conference, he remarked: "That matter is now in the hands of the government. My work is done. Of course I have my opinions, but I cannot express them beyond what I have said in my report."

Finally the Earl of Jersey was asked if he had seen the telegraphic reports



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