The Schooner Aurora Returns from Her Unsuccessful Expedition.

C. Hartford, a Passenger Who Came on Her, Claims That He Has Located It.

Can Place His Hand on Thirty Million Dollars-One of the Crew Dead.

The schooner Auroro, with her crew of treasure-seekers, who have since the beginning of April last been away from Cocos Island, one of the little islands turned to Victoria this morning with her come back with Cocos Island stones for fact, a lot of freight that arrived from flag flying at half-mast, showing that ballast. the fell reaper had been at work on ! sewn up in a sail and lowered with a ment reads: weight attached into the Pacific. Captain W. McDougall read the burial serment with and permission from the on board and that she would have no vice as the body was committed to the deep, all hands standing sorrowfully by hidden treasure supposed to have been she was to take on coal. That they were

with uncovered heads. toria was made in very good time, tak- 1896, and that government agreed to the company, being notified that she had ing only 43 days. On arriving at the come back for me inside three months. island Captain Hackett found a boat's crew of shipwrecked mariners, whose vessel, the British ship Buckhurst, which was carrying coal to England, had means to obtain food, and no way to get One of the reports around the city been burnt, the cargo having taken fire The story of the burning of the Buckhurst has already been told in these columns. Two days afterwards two more boat's crews arrived, and Captain Hackett, as their request, took them on his schooner and carried them across to Punta Arina, on the Costa Rican coast. When they were landed there they gave Captain Hackett a large dog which they had brought from the ship, and which the captain brought with him to Vic-

The Aurora returned from Punta Arina on May 27th, and all hands im-mediately went ashore and commenced to search for the buried millions. As will be remembered, they took down with them an elderly lady. Mrs. Bren nan, the widow of a Mr. Keating, who had a chart describing the place where the money was supposed to be hidden.

They soon measured off the necessary distance and fixed the location according to the chart, but, lo! when they came to the spot there were the marks of many shovels and picks, showing that Captain Hackett's party was not the first to hunt for the treasure. There were holes and tunne's on every side, and Cantain Hackett and his eight Argonauts were very disappointed men. The old lady, however, was not satisfied with their unsucces ful search at the spot to which they were directed by the chart, and she suggested that they go a little higher up the banks. Arriving search was, however; unsuccessful, and there she selected a spot, and once more after a few days Captain Hackett sailed they dug and found nothing; in fact, back to Victoria. Hartford, having arthey tried shot after shot without success, until, finally becoming discouraged, they weighed anchor on June 26th, and

mander: Captain Wm. McDougall, Captain Widden, Captain F. McDougall, Hardy Murray, W. Livingstone, W. Stafford and J. Dempster. The expedition was organized by a company in this

made for home again.

Two of the crew, Capt. Whidden and W. Livingstone, whose motto is probably "nil desperandum," would not come back on the Aurora. "If the treasure is here," they said, "we will find it." So they were left with tools and provisions to tempt the fickle goddess further yet. The majority of the other members of the expedition were, however, glad enough to get back, for the heat has been intense and almost unbearable. All of them do not want to go back, and, as Capt. Hackett said this morning, "Clondyke or any other place where gold is hidden will never tempt me again," and Mr. Hardy Murray and the other men. who erstwhile were sealers, echo sentiments. The lady, who is going back to her home in Nova Scotia as soon as possible, feels the disappointment very keenly. She was almost in tears when the schooner arrived, recognizing the fact that at length the expedition was at an end, and after all their trouble the results were nil. She will never go back, she said, "no, not if the island was made

There is another story to be told in connection with the expedition which is related by a passenger who came up from Cocos Island on the Aurora. He is Mr. Charles Harford, an American watchmaker, soldier and adventurer, who has been living on the island for the past nine months engaged in the same business that took Capt. Hackett and his men to the island. He says that he has been successful, in fact he stated to a representative of the Times that he could go right now and lay his hand on \$30,000,000. Being afraid that it would cost him his life if he unearthing a proper time before he takes it from the secret hiding place to the from the earth. Harford has papers schooner. signed by the Costa Rican minister, island, and providing that if he is suc-

palm, and notwithstanding the fact that he suffered a great deal, he worked hard. His hard work was ultimately rewarded, tor at length, he says, he unearthed the gittering treasure, but he soon covered it up again and oblite aten his marks, for there was another man on the island in search of the treasure, and according to the story of Hartford, he was a bold, bad man. He was a German named August Gissler, and he had a concession from the Costa Rican government granting h.m permission to start a All Kinds of Reports to Make Unplantation on the is and. It is planta-tion was never started, and while on the island dissier was ever in search of the treasure. Many times he offered to make an agreement with Hartford, proposing that they work together and share the proceeds, but Hartford refused Both Steamers Have All the Freight each offer, and patiently awaited the coming of a steamer to take him from the island. On the 17th a bout came, but he soon found it had not come to take him away. It was the Aurora with

the expedition. Hartford watched every movement of port on an unsuccessful expedition to this expedition from the time the men the outer wharf at 7 o'clock yesterday den treasure thought to have been bur- followed the advice of the lady and left for Dyea and Skagway Bay. The Bristol ied on that island many years ago, re- her alone, the schooner would not have had just about all she could carry; in

board the vessel. One of the crew, Jas. were right over the spot, where he had and will be given dispatch on the Dan-Dempster, who went on the expedition located the treasure, so it occurred to ube. All kinds of reports were in circu partly on account of his failing health him that perchance they might find it lation yesterday regarding the Bristol, he being a victim of asthma-having and then his fortune would slip from his arising out of an opinion expressed by died on August 2nd, while they were grasp, so he made out the following pa- landsmen that she was top-heavy. She returning from the island. He was per and then tried to make an agree did roll a little as she was leaving the given a sniler's buriel, the body being ment with the expedition. The agree dock, but not sufficient to cause any un-

> Nine months have gone and I have not ing in a starving condition and with no morning. large treasure, I this day make an agreeschooner Aurora, of Victoria, British Columbia, to uncover and take half of the treasure of whatever nature, whether gold, silver or precious stones, for their side of the agreement, and to land Charles Hartford, at some conrenient port in the United States with the other half of the said treasure. The information we came to the island on proving no good, we having hunted, dug bored and were about to return here when the said offer was made to

us and accepted. CHARLES HARTFORD. A. B. WHIDDEN. WM. D. McDOUGALL. J. DEMPSTER W. LIVINGSTONE

A. McDOUGALL. H. MURRAY. W. H. STAFFORD. Captain Hackett refused to sign the agreement, and no bargain was therefore made Hartford says he was advised not to sign it by Gissler. The search was then pursued with more vigor that ever, and one night they were there all together, saying Hartford, standing right on the spot where the money was hidden. The little negro servant came running up to his employer and told him to keep away from the treasure, for if he did not something might happen. The ranged for passage with him, now registered at the Queen's Hotel.

Hartford expected to find some tele-The treasure-seekers were made up as but in this he was disappointed. He follows: Captain Fred. Hackett, com- will remain here for a short time, and do nothing about securing the treasure until he hears from the government of Costa Rica, with whom he will immediately put himself in communication Should he not hear from them soon he will return to the island and dig up the

treasure. One of the promoters of the company when spoken to on the subject this afternoon, said he did not know as yet whether another expedition would be undertaken.

There are still, besides Captain A. B. Widden and W. Livingstone, four Gerties are being sent out by Montreal capimans on the island, not including Gest tolists, The largest, consisting of ten performed at the Reformed Episcopal sler, who are in search of the treasure. All are still actively engaged in the This is one of the best equipped parties and only the intimate friends and relasearch.

The information upon which the crew of the Aurora hoped to find the treasure was furnished by an old sea captain who died recently in Cape Breton. In early days this hardy Cape Bretoner was captain of a schooner trading along the coast of Mexico and South America. While on one of these trading voyages he heard of the wealth which had been deposited on Cocos island, and also secured information regarding its exact position. The next time the schooner left the port she cleared ostensibly for a trading cruise, but as soon as she got away from land her bow was directed for the golden island in the Pacific. The captain's information was sufficiently accurate to direct them to where the treasure was hidden, and they uncovered sufficient gold to not only make the captain and crew wealthy but their relations as The cunning man from the "island," however, decided that it would be tempting Providence to take all the treasure away at one time. A storm might wreck the none too staunch schooner, or they might be driven upon inhospitable shores and fall into the hands of the hostile natives, so only a ed it without being protected, he is wait- portion of the treasure was transferred

The Cape Bretoner reasoned wisely, and great efforts are being made Juan J. Ulloa, for the Costa Rican gov- as susequent events proved. No sooner ernment, granting him a concession to was the schooner away from Cocos search for the hidden treasure on the island than a storm arose. The schooner was rapidly driven towards the equator, the big dailies are placing staff correcessful he is to give two-fifths of the and one dark night the boom of the spondents in all the Northwestern cities cessful he is to give two-fitts of the find to the government of Costa Rica, while the other three-fifths was to be-

Steamers Islander and Bristol Start on Their Trips to Skagway Bay.

easy the Friends of Bristol's Passengers.

That They Could Stow Away.

The big collier Bristol got away from landed until they went away, and, as he said to-day, he thinks that had they the Sound on the City of Kingston yes-He watched them and one day they terday morning had to be left behind, easiness in the minds of mariners. They I, Charles Hartford, have an agree- knew that she had lots of water ballast hidden on Cocos Island. I was landed right was proved before many hours, Mr. The trip down to the island from Vic- by the said government on Septerber 22, Locke, the Victoria representative of passed Departure Bay six hours after leaving here. She got to Comox in the heard from the said government, and be-evening, and left there at 7 o'clock this

> off the island, and having located a was that she had been forced to return to the wharf. This was easily disproved ment with the captain and crew of the Then came the report that she was an chored behind Discovery Island, which remained in doubt until the telegram came from Departure Bay. Another report was that two men had jumped from the steamer to the dock, refusing to go on her, she was rolling so badly. Neither Captain Wise, the wharfinger, nor any otner responsible party saw the ship rolling badly nor the men jump from

> > The fact is that the vessel got away without any trouble, and is now on her way to Dyea. She is certainly consider ably crowded, but men taking part in a rush for gold expect to put up with inconveniences. There were on board about 400 men, 400 horses, and even the agents do not know how much freight The Islander got off a very few min

the ship.

utes after the advertised time, 8 o'clock last evening. There was a big crowd and a jolly one down to see her off, and cheers and counter cheers rang out, until she had got well away from the wharf. The mounted policeman, the constable, in fact, who but a few minutes before had walked from the deck of the steamer to the water and received quite a shock. started the noise with three cheers for tion. far as that city.

SOME WHO WENT. William McIntosh. They, too, are well in Southern California.

Among the parties was one from Hel- triangular platform from the handle MORE CORRESPONDENTS.

first place in the San Francisco papers, smile. cover it. Besides sending men to Clondyke, Dyea and every other place in the north where there is likely to be news,

port on the condition as soon as possible. The Chronicle is discouraging a winter rush to the Clondyke.

LOCAL NEWS

From Friday's Daily. -The funeral of Elizabeth Christian

took place from Hanna's parlors at 1 p.m. to-day. -Joshua Smithurst, of Tennyson road, mourns the loss of an infant son, who

died to-day, aged three weeks.

-Some uneasiness is being felt for James Scott, an old man, who left his home, 43 Douglas street, this morning. The police have been asked to look out for him, as he is not considered capable of looking after himself.

-Inspector Harper, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who leaves on the Islander for the Yukon, with instructions to push right through, will take a mail for Fort Cudahy, Dawson City and Forty Mile Creek. The mail closes tomorrow evening.

-Taking advantage of the "Speedy ncorporation of Towns Act," passed at the last session of the provincial legis-lature, Greenwood, in Boundary Creek district, has resolved to become a city. On the 21st of this month the citizens will nominate their first mayor and aldermen, who will number six.

-During the last week three more new joint stock companies have been The Ontario Gold, Silver & Copper Mining & Milling Company, with neadquarters at Waneta, and a capital stock of \$1,000,000; the Cassiar & Yukon Mines Limited with headquarters at Vancouver, and capitalized at \$50,000, and the West Kootenay Exploration & Mining Company, of Scotland, capitalized at £50.000

-It is stated that the Victoria board of underwriters, at a recent meeting held at Victoria, decided "that the members of the board doing business in Nanaimo notify their agents there not to pay or acknowledge the validity of the city council's proposed fire insurance tax. It is understood the companies are will ing to pay a reduced tax, provided the city will guarantee an improvement in the water supply and fire department.-Free Press.

-Abraham E. Smith, of Rockford, III. successor to General Roberts as United States consul in this city, arrived from the east last evening and is a guest at the Driard. For over 30 years Mr Smith published the Rockford Gazette and also found time to take an active part in the politics of his adopted city and state. He served one year as alderman and eight years as postmaster of Rockford. Mrs. Smith and her young son will arrive here in a couple months

-Chief Michael Cooper, of the Songhees Indians, who has just returned from the Fraser, where he has been engaged in fishing, tells a story of hard "the Victoria ladies." The crowd re- luck experienced on his fishing expediplied right gallantly with three cheers, tion. There was but little money to be then "the Union Jack" received attent ber of fishermen-a great many of whom Victoria's two ex-mayors, Dalby are Americans-who have thronged to a pack train across the pass, were not ever, have been plentiful, too plenforgotten, and in fact everybody on tiful, if such could be the case. board were wished all kinds of good for the canners were offered more luck. The Islander took about 150 men, than the could handle. The lack tee, takes a great interest in the freight, including considerable hay and his discentent. The greatest cause for feed for the pack horses. She called at mourning is due to the fact that some Vancouver on her way north, Inspector | American fishermen-he is positive that Herchmer of the mounted police, accom- they were Americans-stole his new net, panying the north-bound contingent as for which he had paid \$110 in good coin of the realm.

-When the steamer Walla Walla left Two Montreal parties arrived from for San Francisco yesterday evening the East on Saturday and left on the among her passengers from his city Islander. Their outfits had been ordered in advance by telegraph, and when Mrs. Gillihan. Mr. and Mrs. Gillihan they reached here the goods were all had been husband and wife for but a stowed away on the stearen, and they short time prior to the departure of the had nothing to worry about. Both par- steamer, for their wedding took place men, is in charge of Joseph Dempsey. church by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, that has gone north. Among them are tives of the contracting parties were several big. strapping French-Can- present. The groom is the son of Mr. adians, men who look as though they Gillihan, of Berkeley, California and could go through anything. The others grandson of the late Allen Francis Gilliare also big, strong men. Besides pros- han, formerly the American consul at pecting. Mr. Dempsey will write his im- this city. The bride was a Victoria lady, pressions of the trip for the Montreal Miss Lizzie A. Harrison, daughter of Herald. The second Montreal party, Eli Harrison. The newly married consisting of six men, are in charge of couple intend spending their honeymoon

william McIntosn. They, too, and equipped, both physically and otherwise.

During their stay here the men were

When the Islander sails for the north

Mr. Al. Britain, of this city, will send On Saturday evening the Oriental Ho- up on her two wheels, which he intends tel looked more like an outfitter's esselling to parties now up there who wish tablishment than anything else. The to engage in a novel system of packing. miners, who have been staying there The forerunner of the new style was a awaiting the departure of the Bristol and passenger up on the Queen on her last Islander, had their kits piled up in the corridor and office and on the sidewalk. On arriving at Skagway he arranged a headed by Col. Sam Ward, the bars to the saddle and on this he loaded Helena millionaire, who has six men as much as two hundred pounds of with him. Col. Ward compared prices freight, which he pushed in from the in the Sound cities and in Victoria be- beach to the camp, charging ten cents fore purchasing the outfit. This city per pound for his trouble. When the was the lowest and consequently got Islander arrived he was resting on the the business. The Colonel was very well return from one of his trips on the pleased with the prices and the goods, and has written to the Helena papers advising all going north to utift here. MORE CORRESPONDENTS: a day and saw how rapidly he was rak-News from the north is now given ing in the shaeckels they did not even

-The past two or three days have been very busy ones in Salvation Army circles. Two days ago Capt. Clarke, who has been for several months in charge of the been for several months in charge of the local Salvation Army shelter, went up to Vancouver to take charge of the shelter in that city. His place will be filled by Adjutant Phillips, of Vancouver, who, together with his wife, Brigadier Howell, and Capt. Jualin, of Spokaner arrived by the Charmer yesterday evening. The

FIVE HUNDRED MORE | ent of the London Chronicle, left for ly at Victoria, leaving here about four months ago to take charge of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the mitted for trial by Magistrate of the mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver, and the bride of his mitted for trial by Magistrate of the shelter in Vancouver. Dyea on the Islander. He has orders mounts ago to make a trip across the pass and reto make a choice was Ensign Cowan, a well known Three bicyclists were fined \$3 each for Vancouver lady. There was a large attendance at the wedding, which was per- road. formed according to the custom of 'he Salvation Army.

> Gleanings of City allowers in have gone with his mining partner, Mr. S55, which sum has been turned over to the Protestant Orphans' Home. The -Mr. William Wilson, who was to some time past been working in Koot- Caledonia Society made no charge for enay district, to Skaguay on the steamer the grounds; the band gave their services Bristol, en route to the Clondyke, will free and the players played for glory an not be able to go until the spring owing to a misfortune which befel him yester day, Mr. Wilson was "fooling" with his friend in the warehouse adjoning Messrs. Watson & Hall's grocery store, where their outfits are being put up, when he slipped and fell, breaking his leg. Mr. Roper will, however, go up on the Bristol, and with him will go Mr. Wilson's brother, who will take the unfortuna'e

> > -Acting under instructions from the

er Bay yesterday and seized a reef net and a canoe belonging to Beecher Bay Indians. The Indians, who are the same men who made the great catch on Thursday last-when they took nearly ten thousand in the short space of four hours -were engaged in fishing contrary to the law. They had the net lowered between two canoes, which were moored with hawsers to the shore, and as the schools of fish swam into the net they hauled up and loaded the fish into their canoes. Capt. Walbran, although fulfilling his performed the ceremony at the residence duty and seizing the net and one of the of the bride on Quadra street, which canoes, was as lenient as possible, for made Mr. George D. Snider the well he allowed the aboriginals to keep the known lacrosse player, and Miss Amy other canoe together with the salmon, numbering between three and four hundering between three and dred, which they had caught. A large adorned with orange blossoms, was at deputation of siwashes came to the city tended by her sister, Miss Emma Wolff this morning and spent some time inter- and by Miss Tillie Snider, the sister of viewing the "hvas tyhee." Capt. Gaudin. about what they class as the "cultus" action of the steamship Tyhee. Mr. Mc-Kay, of the Indian office, came with up their residence in Victoria. them and stated their claim that the seizure was illegal as they were not breaking the law. It was a seine they were using, said Mr. McKay, and not a They are C. S. Sargent, of Harvard net or trap in the sense meant by the University; Wm. M. Canby, of Wil regulations. A protest will in all probability be lodged against the seizure.

From Saturday's Daily.

son of Joshua Smithurst, took place to-day at 4:30 from St. John's church, where Rev. P. F. Jenns officiated.

-The funeral of Margarita, the infant daughter of D. McDonald, took place to-day at 1:30 p.m. from the Roman Catholic cathedral, where Rev. Father Althoff officiated, as also at the cemetery.

-Harry B. McIntyre, of the C.P.R. telegraph office, Kaslo, will leave for Victoria to-morrow. When he returns he will not be alone. During his absence he is to marry Miss Findlay, of Victoria .-Kaslo Kootenaian.

-R. C. McAlpine, of Vancouver, has place. The salmon packed in this manbeen awarded a contract by Dunsmuir & Sons to construct a huge ferry barge | Hall and R. L. Fraser, and both have capable of carrying fifteen cars, to be testified strongly in favor of this method used to take cars loaded with coke of packing, which removes the possibiliacross the Gulf of Georgia from Union. ty of metallic corrosion, and reduces the They will be shipped over the Canadian chances of contagion to a minimum. Pacific railway to Kootenay.

-A grass fire at Beacon Hill, which covered at least twenty acres, occupied and Grant, who are going north to run, the Fraser for the season. Fish, how- the attention of Chief Deasy and his band of fire fighters yesterday afternoon The alarm was sent in by Ald. Hall, who, as chairman of the park commit-120 horses and a large amount of of profits did not cause the sum total of park, and who was very sorry at seeing his beloved precincts roasted

-A dispatch to the Times from Nanaimo announces the sudden death at 4 o'clock this morning of Mrs. Westwood widow of an old settler, and who was the owner of the East Wellington Coal mine. Heart failure was the cause. The deceased was 68 years of age. leaves a family of several, sons, and daughters, among the latter being Mrs. W. J. McKeon, of this city.

and George Varty, a boy of 14, were ar- the Hotel Cecil and presented the Canrested this morning, it being alleged, and adian premier. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with in fact Varty has admitted, that last night about 11 o'clock they broke into Fairell's brewery, Victoria West, and for presentation to the Canadian states stole a number of bottles of beer. The man as a formal recognition of his atbeer that they had not drunk and the tachment to free trade. mpty bottles were found in a house on The premier, in thanking the dele-Esquimalt road, where Williams lives.

-Rev: Dr. Campbell performed the eremony yesterday evening which unit- United States adopted free trade. fortunes of two Victorians until death do them part. The contracting parties were Mr. William McDonald and Miss Margaret Bruce. Mr. H. Bruce, a brother of the bride, supported the groom, while Miss K. A. McKenzie act-been received everywhere in the most ed as bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Me cordial manner, particularly by the pope, Donald will reside at Victoria West.

-Inspector R. M. Palmer returned from San Francisco on the steamer Umatilla, bringing with him over a thousand ladybirds. There were three varities, the Vidalia Cardinalis, the Pentilia Misella and Sycmnus Marginicolis, or as they are better known to the fruit growers, the California twice stabbed ladybird and the Pilate's ladybird. They are to be distributed about the province to get in their good work of exterminat ing the woolly aphis and other fruit Good Reports Received at Nanaimo

-In view of the business in conne tion with the annual games of the Cale donian Society, the usual open meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society was postponed until Friday next. The lecture on Clondyke by Mr. E. B. McKay was therefore held over until next week also. Arrangements were made at a business meeting of the society for the picked out with a pocket knife and must

-The net receipts from the lacross metch and band concert at the Caledonia Grounds on Saturday amount to sweet charity.

-While assisting to load the steamer Bristol on Saturday evening, David Der. dania, of New O.leans, who is on his way to the mines, got tangled up in the tackle of a derrick. He received painful but not serious injuries. It is expected that he will be able to continue his journey on the Danube. His outfit went up on the Bristol.

-On Friday afternoon a little girl, -Acting under instructions from the fisheries department, the Dominion government steamer Quadra went to Beechclery on Government street. From that time until this afternoon Mr. Mulhol. land had not seen his wheel, although he had heard of it from different parts of the city. This afternoon he found the wheel at the Bank Exchange, it having been left outside the door of the saleon on Friday night and taken by the bar tender on Saturday morning. Mr. Mul-holland is now looking for "Miss Mor-

-Bishop Cridge on Saturday evening the groom The groom was supported by Mr. Ernest A. Wolff and Mr. Heatherbell. Mr. and Mrs. Snider will take

-A party of distinguished botanists are at present registered at the Driard. mington, Del.; and John Muir, of Martinez, Cal., after whom the Muir Glacier was named. They came straight through from the East, stopping only at Banff. -The funeral of William J., infant They are at present picking up specimens in the vicinity of the city, reseiving much assistance in this respect from Mr. James Anderson,, deputy minister of agriculture. They will make a tour in the vicinity of the city and next week leave for Alaska

-The tin can has long been a cause of uneasiness to the consumer of salmon, and to overcome this Mr. Okell has invented a tin lined with a porcelain jar. Salmon packed in these cans, which are owned exclusively by Carlisle Packing Company, and protected by patent in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and in several other European countries, does not come in contact with the metal at any ner has been examined by Drs. Ernest

Cobden Club Honors Canadian Premier for His Attachment to Free Trade.

Sir Wilfrid to Sail for Canada on Wednesday-The Visit to the Pope.

London Aug. 16 .- A' delegation of members of the Cobden Club, headed by Joseph Williams, a young man of 19, Lord Farrer, called this afternoon at

> gation, said the commercial supremacy of Great Britain was assured until the Sir Wilfrid said later he would sail for Canada by the steamer Labrador on

> Wednesday, and added: "I am glad to emphasize how I have who filled me with wonderment as to how so much keen and vigorous intelligence could be housed in such an emaciated body. Thepope is bent double and appeared to be in the frailest health though not troubled by any bodily ailment; he is mentally brilliant and show ed a great knowledge of Canadian affairs. I was charmed with his exquisite gentleness and sympathy."

> > ALBERNI MINES

From the West Coast.

Nanaimo, Aug. 13.-A person just arrived from Alberni brings the good news that the Alberni Consolidated is looking better than ever. One tunnel now in some fifty feet has been running with a ledge (Simpson) fairly ghttering with gold. The yellow metal can be easily run up into the thousands to the ton. Another ledge running parallel to this while the other three-fifths was to be come his property. This concession, which was written in Spanish, was dated August 24th, 1886, and soon after receivant, went to the island, armed, as was Captain Hackett, with charts, and began the search. According to the search. According to the search. According to the search. According to the search and its vision of the bidden treasures. They were made to the solute and north bound steam or the search according to one of nine inches in width and of the

PROVINCIAL

Arrival of the Tees at Salmon Pack on Skeena River.

Interesting Chapter from Death of Andrew at Chilliwack.

Thousands of Vancouveri Mysterious Aerial Lumi Last Evening

Resolution Urging the C. Have their Alaskan Ster it the Terminal C

Nelson, B.C., Aug. 12-

city council voted Mayor yearly salary of \$2,000, to d day he assumed the respon office. When the matter i for discussion the mayor amount specified in the reso though \$1,500 sufficient sale aldermen were in favor of i the resolution without a sing vote. The question of votin men a nominal salary came sideration, but as the alde united in the opinion that office was an all sufficient e no action was taken. An was taken until Tuesday when bids for the water sy

Nelson, Aug. 14.-At 10:4 Thursday night pedestrial vicinity of Baker street w by five pistol shots. It was tained that the sounds can house of ill-fame kept by whose proper name is The shots were fired by Har ny. Of the first four fired a lis but one took effect. A ed at the abdomen, it was a corset steel, the bullet or a flesh wound and lodging near the lower vertebrae. three shots lodged in the c ing completed the deadly own satisfaction, Swyny pla volver to his own head, sen crashing through his brain, being instant death.

The immediate cause of is a mystery. Swyny is have fallen in love with his attentions being rejected, i that he premeditated a should carry them both Swyny was an ex-soldier, a 43 years of age, and over He was the son of a sur Scots Guards. Swyny enli Scots Grays in July, 1871, charged for indifferent condu was a married man, the lat of his wife being Butte, Mor Willis came here from Port about four years ago, opening which she was still keeping removed by the doctor to tertained. The body of Swy. tragedy was removed to an establishment, from which ied this morning. An inque vesterday, but was continue day next, to take the testir victim, who now lies in a

dition.

VANCOUVER Vancouver, Aug. 12 .- T Tees arrived from Dyea to-da Goss reports passing the stea Rosalie, Elder, Danube, Rapid Transit, Pioneer with in tow, Eliza Anderson, Coo lamette, and the tug Ho schooner in tow, bound for report all well. There were people at Dyea, who will through the White Pass,

miles, against 3,700 feet rise four miles of Chilcoot Pass, cannot stand. The following is the pac Skeena as reported by the T ard cannery, 5,700; Claxto Carlisle, 5,500; Cunningha British American, 8,100; 8,800; Northern Pacific, 8,000 3,100; Balmoral, 7,000.

Mr. Dawson, a wealthy c

there are only 2,700 feet

St. Catharines, Ont., Mrs. two sons, have arrived The Vancouver market buil being altered into city buildi labor, Mr. Rockett being for The city council are con proposition to buy out the ga The price that has been nar to be something between \$2

\$275,000. A special meeting of the V was held on Wednesday after clock. After the usual dev ercises Mrs. S. H. Brown has resignation, having previous the office under protest, ar dridge was elected to the Mrs. S. H. Brown was elec ponding secretary, as Mrs. J clined the office. The annua the corresponding secretary and adopted. On motion \$5 towards the World Mission

\$3 for Dominion convention

A lady who was staying at down-town hotels, left a purse \$350 in \$20 notes in the bath other day, and when, after she returned to look for it, be found. After thorough vealed nothing, the police w ed of the disappearance of and visited the hotel at the On the first inquiry a lady s found the money and was someone to ask for it, and she ly handed the purse over to i Vancouver, Aug. 13,-Tho Vanconver citizens to-night v the greatest interest and mysterious luminous body, bel that which has been seen in of British Columbia during month. At 9 o'clock it was

with tremendous rapidity in th