CAPITAL NOTES.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1887.

trains on the Northern Pacific leaving daily for the east, increasing the accom-modation to the traveling public and shortening the distance between Portland and Chicago almost one full day.

Addition to the Scaling Fleet.
Captain W. Grant returned Wednesday night from Halifax, N. S., where he has been on a two month's visit. The captain regrets very much the fiery statement published in regard to his purchase of the government cutter L'Houlette. He hunted several days for the newspaper man who first started the story but was unable to find him, luckily for the scribe. The L'Houlette is a cutter of seventy-four tons, is a rapid sailer and was engaged in protecting the Atlantic fisheries. She rotecting the Atlantic fisheries. She ailed on the 1st of November for this the 7th of November for Victoria.

Captain Siewerd, who purchased the schooner Arnock, seventy tons, for Hall, Goepel & Co., sailed about the middle of Detoler for Victoria with a cargo of Voya Scutie coal. va Scotia coal.

cence relative to the nature of the proposed scheme of Imperial and Canadian defences at Esquimalt. Colonel O'Brien, of the Royal Engineers, who was out here a year ago, made a report to the Imperial government on the subject, but what suggestions Colonel O'Brien made nobody seems to know. In view of the recent cable dispatch, which states that the question of the defences is being considered by the War Office, some definite information from London is expected in the course of a few weeks. It is believed here that the defence works will be on an elaborate scale, and that Esquimalt, with the strongest possible fortifications, will be utilized as a depository for naval stores. t is said, as the graving dock is now in operation, a supply of armour plates will be sent to Esquimalt to be ready in case of emergency, so that war vessels may be refitted without delay.

Newspaper Errors.

We very often hear and read of the mistakes of printers, and while it is true that the "intelligent compositor" is gully of numerous mistakes, yet he is innocent of many which are attributed to him. It is often an easy way to overcome a difficulty brought about by defective arrangements, or a statement that had been better been left unsaid, to blame it upon the unfortunate scribe who reproduced it, or upon the printer who placed it in type. This was amply illustrated on Thanksgiving evening at the Methodist concert. The announcement was made in the morning er's error" had been committed. The fact, however, is that one of the leading members of the church came to The Cotonist office on Wednesday evening and said the time for the concert had unfortunately not been announced and requested that it be published as opening at 7 o'clock, handing in a written statement to that effect. The above is written to show that printers are sometimes not to blame for serious errors attributed to them, and also to prove how universally the daily paper is read, when a three-line item will cause such an overturning of a committee's long-prepared arrangements.

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