MARINE MISHAPS

Wrecker Whitlaw on Sheep Creek Sand Bar Of the Entrance to Taku Inlet.

Another Steamer Sighted from City of Spattle A nong the Boulders of Shelter Point.

Three Men Arrive from the laterior. but They Bring No News of Importance.

Skagwayans Are Indignant at the Stories Circulated About Their Dity.

The wrecker Whitelaw, recently pressed into the Alaska freight and passenger service, is on Sheep Creek Bar, off Taku age. Inlet, south of Juneau. According to Captain George Roberts, of the steamer City of Seattle, who brought the news to Victoria, the Whitelaw is no: badly dan aged, and will be floated without difficulty. The bar is of sand and at any rate it would be difficult to punch holes in the tough hull of the big wreek er. Despite this, the passengers had a rather uncomfortable time until they

were taken to Juneau. Another stranded steamer was "sighted from the Seattle on Shelter Point, on the east coast of Vancouver Island. She was among the big boulders which abound there. As the Scattle was not signalled for assistance it is thought the vessel was either abandoned of her officers did not consider her in a dangerous position. The steamer was evidently one of the Alaska fleet, and very much resembled the Willapa, in fact Captain oberts was of the opinion that it was his old boat until he arrived in Victoria and learned that she was on the other side of the island.

The Corona is still clinging to Lewis Island, and Captain Roberts, like the other marine men who came down on the Islander, thinks she is "there for keeps." The Cottage City was met at Wrangel making slow time northward with her bow covered with canvas to keep the water out. Another steamer was seen on the beach at Bella Bella, but she had evidently been run on for

repairs.

At Skagway thre longshoremen have practically won their strike. They were pair 75 cents an hour, the wages they demanded, for unloading the Seattle, and for the present Captain Roberts says all the steamers will have to do

lished their post a few miles out on the trail from Skagway and are preserving order, but as yet they have not been able to put a stop to the petty thieving that has been going on there. The officers of the Seattle say the epidemic stories that have reached the coast cities from Skagway are very much exag gerated. The Alaskan, Skagway's daily paper, pitches into the Juneau and other papers for, it says, blackmailing Skagvery warm weather arrives.

SOME OF THE PASSENGERS. Conditions at Skagway and Wrangel Explained by Residents.

The Seattle brought a large number of passengers, residents of the northern cities, three from the far away interior. Mon. Chinowitz, from Bute creek in the Forty Mile mining district; C. Schaefer, of Los Angeles; and E. Phelps, of Carson City. Chinowitz left about 40 days ago and gave Dawson the go-by in his journey to the coast. He brings no news of importance, as he says there is nothing happening save hard work, all hands being busy on the 80 claims situate in that district. He does not expect there will be any shortage of food. The two Dawsonians left prior to those who returned about three weeks ago, and so they bring no new information from the mining district. They found travel com-parativey good on the trails, but the weather was terribly cold. Both deny the story that two retrning Klondikers were frozen to death on the trails.

Among the other passengers were G, Brackett, the builder of the wagon road on the Skagway trail and O. W. Dunbar, the manager of the morning paper of Skagway. Both are very indignant over the reports circulated of the high death rate at Skagway, and the former has with him a certificate signed by J. H. Moore, M.D., and nine other physicans, stating that during the past six months there were only 19 deaths. Skagwayans who were on the Seatte say that the stories of death are greatly Spinal meningitis, it is true, is carrying off a number, but not many as stated in Juneau and on the Sound. Residents of Skagway are very bitter against Juneauites, who they say, are making capital out of the exaggerated reports, all of which are sent out to defame the gateway city and ruin its trade. The Skagway morning paper of February 28th deals with the question in language more emphatic than polite, calling the Juneau people

names such as would scarcely be used polite society. Mr. Brackett is down on business in ection with his roadway, while Mr. Dunbar goes to the Sound to secure sup-

purpose to the Sound to secure supples and make arrangements for the distribution of his paper.

Mr. G. F. Barnes was a passenger from Wrangel, which he says is now expeniencing a boom, houses are being ra-pidly built, and real estate men are doing a vast business. Three steamers, the Alaskan, Louise and Morning Star are now running from Wrangel to Cottonwood Island carrying passengers and freight to that point, whence a start is made up the Stikine to Telegraph creek. Already 300 men are encamped on this island and a huge pile of freight is stacked up there awaiting the breaking of a trail up the Stikine. A few days before Mr. Barnes left an Indian arrived down the Stikine from Telegraph Creek. He-said the river could easily be traversel by men or dogs, but he doubted if teams or pack trains could proceed upward until the trail was broken. The Mackenzie & Mann party, when the Seattle left, had just started in, and by now would be at Cottonwood Island, where the horde were lying, each little party wait-

ing for the others to break a trail. Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative nills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News n a Cordensed Form. From Thursday's Daily.

-Thomas W. Pierre, of this city re ceived word this morning of the death of his brother Samuel Pierre, of Washington. D. C.

-Mr. Braden's resolution for the return of all papers in connection with the Ruthven case, was passed in the legislature this afternoon, the government dis-claiming any connection with the case. Dr. Walken stated that he intended to bring the question up in another form.

-Among the Islander's passengers were Provincial Constable Wallacott, of Alert Bay, and J. Prevost, an Indian, who was arrested by the constable last week on the charge of breaking into the Indian school at Alert Bay and assaulting one of the girls resident there. He ing one of the girls resident there. I will be taken to Nanaimo for trial.

The Islander brought down the remains of James B. Smith, one of the waiters of the steamer Tecs, who died on that vessel on Saturday last in an epileptic fit. The deceased was an old servant of the C.P.N. Co., having been in their employ since 1888. He was a native of St. John, N.B., 38 years of

—Some changes in the government printing office being considered desirable by the members of the Victoria Typo-graphical Union, a deputation waited upon Hen, Col. Baker yesterday, and laid before him their suggestions. The minister took the subject under consideration, and it will be passed upon by the government in due course.

-P.M. Alexander Stewart, of the Ma sonic order, yesterday officiated at thre ceremony over the remains of the late D. G. Clarke, the fueral taking place from the Masonic Temple, the following brother Masons acting as pall bearers: James Blackwall, W. A. Anderson, A. E. Greenwood. B. H. Russell, P. E. Toneri and G. S. MacTavish.

-Mr. E. Frank, president of the Victoria Hebrew congregation, was last evening pleasantly surprised upon his departure for the north. Mr. H. L. Salmon, acting as the spokesman for some of Mr. Frank's friends, presented him at his residence with a framed picture of the synagogue and school-house, to remind Mr. Frank of his pleasant associations

—Sidney Thomas Warren was this morning fined \$25 or in default two months in jail for striking James Siteman on the head with a bottle in the Ala evidence, was having a row with some of Warren's friends, when the latter struck Siteman with a bottle, inflicting a rather serious wound, the cut penetrating to the bone.

-William Grogan, implicated in the theft of some liquor from a warehouse at Snider's ferry, Chimney Creek, Cariboo, and who has so far successfully evaded pursuit, arrived in the city a day or two ago to buy an outfit for the Yukaya or two ago to buy an outfit for the Yuk Vesterday Sergeant Langley espied him on Yates street, and Grogan ran; the sergeant pressed him so closely, however, that he took refuge in the entrance to Dr. Hall's office, where he was promptsecured. His companions in crime, who were arrested shortly after the robbery, are serving sentences of five years, and Grogan may join them.

Dawson, have made an offer to rent the thorities, as a temporary office, pending the erection of a building. The estab-lishment of the bank of commerce in Victoria will increase the number of panks to six, an addition of three within the past few months.

-Mr. James Addison, city treasurer of Grand Forks, is in the city urging up-on the provincial government the need for assistance in the construction of a railway in that growing portion of the province. He will also suggest the desirability of the electoral district of Yale being divided into a north and south dis-trict, so that the mining interests in the southern portion may enjoy the advantages of representation in the local house. Some proposed changes in the municipal clauses act will also be recommended by Mr. Addison, who speaks very enthusiastically of the bright prospects of the Grand Forks district, in which he is heavily interested.

known Douglas street drygoous Merchant, has purchased the old Yates three time hall property for \$8,250. An agreement to transfer the same as soon as a clear title can be given was arranged by Beaumont Boggs & Co this morning and signed by the fire wardens.

—The members of the city council last night considered in private meeting the

-Mr. Frederick Peters, Q.C., is to-day sitting as the arbitrator to settle the dispute between the B. C. Canning Co. and the Wing Chong Co. The Canning Co. are the owners of the Deas Island Cannery and contracted with the Wing Chong Co, to make cans and can fish for them at their cannery. The plaintiffs claim the cans were badly made and thatdefendants employed a lot of hands who were neither skilled nor physically capable, and they claim \$8,000. The Wing Chong Co. say the machinery was bad, the dies for making the tops of the cans the reason the cans They claim \$4,000. H. D. Helmcken, O.C., appears for the B. C. Canning Co. Findlay. Durham & Brodie, agents), and A. P. Luxton appears for the Chong Co.

-Among the guests at the Dominion Hotel who are intending to leave during the week for the north is a gentleman whose experience in similar climates is likely to stand him in good stead. Dr. Bourke is a retired British army surgeon, who went through the Afghan war of 1879, when with his regiment he crossed mountains 14,000 feet high amid nerrotual snow. The doctor will act as perpetual snow. The doctor will act as special correspondent of the London Standard in the Yukon country, and may possibly continue the practice of his profession in addition to keeping a watchful eye upon the mining chances afforded in the gold producing districts. The doctor numbers among his possessions, as a memento of his Afghan experiences, a curious and valuable coat of sheepskin, the wool being of that coarse quality found on the sheep raised in country, and the inside, after dressed so well that it resembles chamois, is beautifully worked in yelow silk. The natives of Afghaniston do this silk work, and the garment in its finished state is not only one with which the wearer could defy the icy blasts of the mountain passes, but is also a really beautiful piece of workmanship.

From Friday's Daily. -Lieutenant-Governor McInnes to-day visited the legislature and gave his as-sent to the bill bringing into force the re-

-The new steel shaft for the steamer Commonwealth, weighing 8.786 pounds arrived last night by express from Beth-lehem, Pa., and made the heaviest single nackage ever received in the city by the

Albion Iron Works company the outlay a stroke of economy,

On the steamer Walla Walla due from San Francisco to night are 159 passengers, many of them taking advantage of the C.P.R.'s cheap rates to the east.

The reservation placed on lands at Lake Bennett and Stikine River in De-cember last has been cancelled, the can-cellation to take effect three months from

—William Skene of Vancouver has been appointed a justice of the peace for the county of Vancouver, and Christian Carlson of Bella' Coola a justice of the peace for the county of Nanaimo.

Among the passengers for the north who sailed on the Islander for the north were Messrs. Galbraith, Burgell and McGillivray of the Victoria Truck & Dray Co., and Mr. Thomas Graham, who for several years has kept a clothing store on Douglas street.

A gentleman who has had considerable experience amongst the Chinese, has arrived from England, Rev. I. Grundy, who will take temporary charge of St. Saviour's parish during the absence in England of Rev. W. D. Barber. Mr. Grundy labored for 17 years in Hong

who went up on the Islander on her last trip north came back with her on her re-turn voyage. Mr. Davis, with three friends intended going to Dawson City via Dyen, but became mentally derangthe affection taking the form of a lucination that his life was in danger from imaginary enemies. Two physicians at Dyea expressed the opinion that Mr. Davis needed proper care and he will in all likelihood be sent back to his friends

government the claims government the claims thriving city, have sent a to Victoria to ask local government the claims of their thriving city, have sent a deputation to Victoria to ask the government to give some assistance to the Kaslo, Lardeau and Duncan railway, to establish a land registry office with an allen A second grounded com-

Robert Shafter, porter on the steamer Islander. 'died very suddenly yesterday afternoon in the Ship's Inn, Wharf street. Shafter left the steamer shortly after 5 o'clock, went to the Ship's Inn, drank a glass of beer and then sat down in the smoking room. He had hardly time to settle back in the chair when he breathed his last. The deceased, who was 50 years of age, had not complained of feeling ill beyond a bad cold. He leaves a wife and two children in Plymouth, England. Shafter had been in the employ of the C.P.N. Co. for many years, working on different steamers. An inquest is being held this afternoon.

Wancouver, where her permanent domistle now is:

In his decision establishing Mrs. Jenns' in the states circuit court, Judge Hanford quotes the Canadian statutory programment for the Canadian statutory programment of the States circuit court, Judge Hanford quotes the Canadian statutory programment for quotes the Canadian statutory programment of the States circuit court, Judge Hanford quotes the Canadian statutory programment for quotes the Canadian statutory

-Registered at the Driard hotel are will urge, it being considered that additional representation should be given building now occupied by the postal au- the Kootenays. The erection of a court house and registry office and an additional appropriation for a schoolhouse are also desired. There are now upwards of 600 school children in Rossland and the accommodation is said to be entirely inadequate.

From Saturday's Dally. Provincial Constable Atkins left for Asheroft having in custody William Gro gan, arrested by Sergt. Langley for com-plicity in a robbery at Chimney Creek,

-Mr. G. A. Richardson, the well known Douglas street drygoods mer-chant, has purchased the old Yates street fire hall property for \$8,250. An

night considered in private meeting the night considered in private meeting the estimates for the year. The revenue and expenditure will! it is estimated, vary little from last year, the only extraordinary item taken into consideration being the laying out of \$2,50 for a new dynamo for the electric light station as recommended by the committee.

-A squad of detectives met the steamer Aorangi on her arrival from southern seas last evening, expecting to arrest three men and two women who left Sydney with £2,700 of ill gotten money. The party left Sydney on the Aorangi, but left her again at Honclulu, thus eluding the police officers for the time being. The

-Mayor Redfern has two notices of motion on the bulletin board at the city hall, which he will recommend to the council at Monday evening's meeting, One calls for the appointment for an assistant caretaker for the Ross Bay cemetery and the other for the passage of a

-The city council held a special meeting last evening at which the estimates for the year were passed. An appropria-tion of \$2,500 for another dynamo for the electric light plant was made, and the sale of a steam engine lately used in the lighting station for \$800 was decided upon. Officer Chipchase having been appointed Sanitary, Plumbing and inspector his salary was fixed

-According to papers laid before the Hawaian legislature, the government of that republic has decided to allow the claim of Charles E. Dunwell for \$3,250 damages for being imprisoned during the revolution. The government refuse to recognize the claims of the other British subjects who were imprisoned, despite the demand of Lord Salisbury that they should be compensated.

No shares the company is capitalized at \$500,000, of which only \$175 have been subscribed. Geo. Jay, jr., for plaintiff; Frank Higgins for defendant.

THEY WANT LICENSES. Another Army of Gold Seekers Invade A MISSIONARY

Steamer Scotia called at the outer wharf this morning on her way to Alaskan ports from the Sound, to enable her 36 passengers, the number allowed by the pectors, to get licenses. She had just the wharf when the steamer George W. Elder arrived from Portland with 470 custom house was invaded by a pic-turesquely-garbed multitude. The estimated number of certificates ued was between 400 and 500.

SURVEY BEING MADE Of the New Vancouver Coal Company's "Under the Sea" Mine

Messrs. F. C. Gamble and H. P. Bell. the survey as appointed by the Supreme court to make a survey of that portion of the New Vancouver Coal Company's underground workings between the New-castle townsite and low water mark at Protection Island, started their work ast evening, says the Nanaimo Free Press. This inspection of survey is made under the order of the Supreme court in the action of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company vs. the New Vancouver Coal Company, the plaintiffs claiming that their grant from the Dominion government gives them the right William Head, a stoker on H.M.S. Phaeton, was this morning fined \$15 and \$2.50 costs for assaulting Sing Kee. The evidence was rather contradictory, but it seems that Head went to Sing Kee's home on Herald street and was struck over the head with a bamboo pole. This enraged him and he gave the Chinaman a counle of black eves. the sea opposite the fringe of land. The official survey of the workings is being -Mr. G. R. Davis, of Brighton, Eng., title being argued.

MRS. JENNS AN ALIEN.

And Consequently Can Maintain An Action in the U.S. Circuit Court:

The rights of Mrs. Lutie Jenns to sue her father, Henry Landes, and others, of Port Townsend, in the United States circuit court, was decided by a decision

not to be behind the residents of other up-country towns in urging upon the local government the claims of their thriving city, have sent —Sidney Thomas Warren was this morning fined \$25 or in default two months in jail for striking James Siteman on the head with a bottle in the Albin of County and Supreme courts at Kaslo, and also to arrange for the holding of County and Supreme courts at that place. The deputation consists of G. O. Buchanan, president of the struck Siteman with a bottle inflicting a rather serious wound, the cut pene.

d The steamer Mananeuse sailed from Liverpool on February 10th with an exway. The weather has moderated considerably in the north, in fact there was quite a thaw for a few days, giving an idea of the conditions that will prevail when the big thaw commences. There is not likely to be much inconvenience from the dead horses lying along the trail, as most of them will be washed away by the spring freshet before the bringing with them a number of steam launches and a house boat for service on the Yukon and "on the creeks above Dawson," as the captain and organizer respresses it. The expedition is certainly vunique, for by the terms of the agreement made with the passengers, the com pany agrees to take them through to Dawson City, supply them with provi-sions to last them during the open season 1898-providing they remain in touch with the steamer or the steamer's boats, and at the end of the open season convey them back to Victoria, Vancouver Island.

The route chosen is as follows: Liver-pool to St. Vincent, thence to the Straits of Magellan, from there to Victoria, and from here to St. Michaels, the passengers eing taken up the Yukon by the boats. to Dawson. The Mananense is an old Red Cross liner, formerly engaged in the Brazilian trade. She is 282 feet long, 32 feet beam and has a speed of about 14 knots.

LAW INTELLIGENCE

On Major Dupont's application to change the plan of certain property be-tween Belmont avenue and Cadboro Bay

office showing certain sub-divisions and roads of a tract of land that had been laid out for building purposes. The amendment asked is to close up a road that bounds lot one on the west. Lots the police officers for the time being. The men and women it is said obtained the money by the gold brick game.

That bounds lot one on the west. Lots to 9 have each a frontage on Cadboro men and women it is said obtained the Bay road. Lot 1 is a corner lot belonging to Mrs. Clearing, and she opposes the application; all the other owners of the application; all the other owners of lots assent to the change. In my opinion the only person interested is Mrs. Clearibue; the other owners could not reasonably object. It is true they bought necording to the plan, but the filing of a plan does not give all purchasers of lots shown thereon a right to insist that there shall be no change in own of etery and the other for the passage of a by-law respecting the revenue and management of the expenditure of moneys of the corporation.

—The Rossland deputation of which Mayor Wallace is at the head, waited upon the government yesterday afternoon and laid before the executive the various matters in which they are interested. The members of the deputation express themselves as being well pleased with the reception accorded them and are sanguine of receiving satisfactory assurances when they meet the government again on Monday.

Think she is entitled to object to the proposed alteration. If, however, Mr.

Interesting Letter From a Presbyterian Missionary Bound for the Klondike Diggings.

Scenes from the Extremely Lively Town of Skagway Graphically Depicted.

The following breezy letter from the Rev. Proceeds North With Bow Covered With M. Dickey, Canadian missionary to the Canvas to Keep Out the Water. R. M. Dickey, Canadian missionary to the Klondike, addressed to the Rev. Gordon, Winnipeg, came to hand this

Skagway, Alaska.

My Dear Mr. Gordon,-Since last I wrote you things have progressed steams. Sensol was opened on fanuary 5, and we have now thirty pupils. The school is free tad supported by voluntary contributions, but monday evening the reading room was opened, and is open every evening from 6 to 10 o'clock. I was enabled to furnish it without asking anything from the people here. Influent the kindness of a genticular night to a gentleman who was sitting on a nail keg. "Oh," he said, "don't mention it —we have not a seat of any kind in our own cabin."

own cabin.'
Almost every night we have a meeting of some sort going on in the church. Monday, endeavor; Tuesday, literary society; Wednesday, mid-week service; Friday, singing practice. On Thursday and Saturday we usually have a little singing or public reading. At last I have moved into my cabin at the back of the church. It is not yet finished, but it is better than the place I was in. I had moved again since I wrote to you.

cort Townsend, in the United States ircuit court, was decided by a decision anded down by Judge Hanford, at Seattle.

The case is known as Lutie Jenns vs. Henry Landes, Christian Landes, the First National bank of Porty Townsend and the Landes Estate Company. In this case demurrers have been sustained to or twelve times as much as when we bought in the case is a such as when we bought in the case is such as the control of the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as when we bought in the case is such as well as the case is such as the ca

it is sometimes fear you are bringing my name too prominently before the people—they soon tire of it. To myself it is also somewhat inconvenient. It brings hosts of letters from every part of the country upon every imaginable subject. I don't object when mothers write about their sons, nor when a brother minister writes about a boat which was stolen (and which I found here for him), nor even when an old friend in. Winnipeg sends a tabulated list of 23 questions, most of which I am unable to answer. These are all a pleasure to receive, and if time permitted it easily it would be a pleasure to answer them all fully. But when an utter stranger writes, and hases his claim to my time on the fact that he had once sat under a minister of my name, and then goes on to ask the usual Klondike questions, finally winding up by saying that he has no thoughts of coming, just wants the information to satisfy his curiosity—well, I found it hard to reply very fully or very civilly. TI sometimes fear you are bringing my

fully or very civilly.

Then a great many of the people herecome to me for information and advice apon all manner of questions. A week ago a young girl came, telling me that her mother was starting a bar and gambling place. She left home and went to wait it a temperance hotel. Later on she came and said that her people were threatening what they would do if she did not go back. I said: "Don't you think of going back?" "No, she replied "I will die before I go back." One of the men about whom I told you meeting with an accident found the Saviour, and is now, I believe, living a consistent Christian life. There are a number of cases of sickness at present.

One doctor has had to leave for the south on account of hemmorhage of the lungs, Another poor woman is dying of consumption. The first time I related her observed. on account of hemmorhage of the lungs. Another poor woman is dying of consumption. The first time I visited her she was telling me how her memory was falling, so that she could scarcely remember even the name of the town. I said: "I hope you don't forget Christ." Her face shone, and she said: "I never forget Him—what would I do without Him now?" She is a Roman Catholic, and from all I can hear did not live as she ought, but on the bed of languishing for several months He seemed to have purified her and brought her near to Himself. Yesterday they brought back a young girl who had taken ill on the trail. It cost \$250. Another party brought back a young man who was frozen to death on the summit. His funeral is to be held today.

get a hospital established, as we fear much sickness in spring. I am in communication with the city council, and they promise to take the matter up, depending upon our assistance. I told them that I believed the ladies of our church would send a qualified matter. ladies of our church would send a qualified matron for the first year. The expense would not be so very great, and I know the ladies are contemplating helping the mission. In no better way could they assist than by sending a consecrated woman to take charge of the hospital. There will be in it great opportunities for working for the Master. Bring the matter before them and let me know. There was recently formed a Presbyterial in Vantouver, which would, I know, co-operate with the Winnipeg Presbyterial.

Road, was dismissed this morning by Mr. Justice Drake, who gave judgment as follows:

"Mr. Dupout applies under section 58 of the land registry act of 1888, to amend a map filed in the land registry office showing certain sub-divisions and roads of a tract of land that had been leid out for building purposes. The heard the old hymns they joined heartly in the singing. Soon after 8 I brought our meeting to a close, and gave the citizens a hearty welcome to the use of the church. The president of the council thanked me and said that as we had extended the kindness to them, some consideration in return from them should be shown, and he suggested that no smoking, chewing or spitting be indulged in while the meeting was in session. The suggestion was loyally carried out, with the exception of one man called "Angel Joe." He runs a dance house. Even in his case I think it was habit and thoughtlessness more than disrespect for the church. He kept the cigar stump in his mouth all the time, and when he would get excited he would light a match. Only once, however, did he get the length of lighting, for a gambler, who satisfied match. Towards the close of the meeting of shots a few blocks distant. The marshal and, a few others left the meeting and soon came back, saying that a band of men had broken in the fence round the first settlers' reserve and were trying to locate lots. He called for volunteers to protect the property. After a lively discussion the meeting went in a body to the scene of action. But the battle was over, no one was furt; only a broken fence and trampled snew showed the spot where the struggle had been.

The announcement of the council that they have marked 50 men whom they mean to deport at an early date gained the applianse

I think she is entitled to object to the proposed alteration. If, however, Mr. Dupont can obtain her consent to the proposed change, then the change can be made unless it be shown that there has been any dedication.

In the meantime the application must be refused with costs."

A. P. Luxton for Major Dupont and Frank Higgins for Mrs. Clearihue, In Shaw vs. Atherton, Mr. Justice Walkhem in the County court this morning gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$65. Joseph Shaw before the formation of the Gold Miners' Potwarding and Investment Co., limited paid \$65 to Atherton for 300 shares in the company, and which opere to be issued to him when the company was formed. No shares have ever been issued. The company is if that were fated to be the day on which, more than any other, steamers arrive and depart. Our bell arrived last Monday, and we have got it mounted in a neat little belfry, where it is now stlently waiting to call God's people to worship to morrow morning. It will be invaluable to us here; not only to remind the people of the Sabbath, but to give a standard time to come to church. When we compare, sometimes there are variations of a whole hour in our time. I have been waiting every boat for time. I have been waiting every boat for the arrival of Mr. Grant or else for a letter from you. Neither has yet come. I earnest-ly hope Mr. Grant will soon come, as the work is pressing heavily on me. For him

think it will be easier, as he has experience. There are gathered roun now a band of men who are heart and in the work and that can be depended in every good work. Our week night ings are sometimes entirely compose men.

men.

A gentleman from Tagish promised \$50 and a thousand feet of lumber to start a church there when I come. Others have promised help at other points. I shall, or course, feel keenly the parting with the people here, as we have grown attached to one another. But when they speak of it I tell them simply that the work I was sent out to do lies across the mountains, and I must go. I am glad to say my health is excellent, with the exception of a slight rheumatic pain in my knee. It gave me a little uneasiness in view of the journey ahead, but I think it is almost better now. I am glad to hear of Dr. Robertson's improvement in health. With kindest regards, yours very truly.

R. M. DICKEY.

COTTAGE CITY AFLOAT.

Steamer Queen, which arrived on the Sound yesterday, reported that the Cottage City had been floated. She was met in Wrangel narrows, her bow covered over with canvas to keep out the water. The Corona, which went ashore on a reef off Lewis island on the morning of the 22rd of Lewis island on the morning of the 23rd of January, it was expected, would be raised yesterday. Two pumps have been at work on her and a third was to be put to work yesterday morning, when it was expected the Corona would be floated and towed to Victoria.

VANCOUVER'S CHARTER

Mayor Garden and Alderman Townley, of Mayor Garden and Alderman Townley, of Vancouver, are in the city to urge upon the government the desirability of so amending the municipal clauses act as to exempt Vancouver from its provisions, so that the administration of the affairs of the city shall be controlled only by the provisions of its charter. An amendment to the charter is also sought to allow of the city granting certain exemptions to fo the charter is also sought to allow of the city granting certain exemptions to the C.P.R. Mayor Garden is not unduly sanguine in regard to the result of the plebiscite upon the question of granting a music cite upon the question of granting a music hall license in Vancouver, which takes place to-morrow. A public meeting was held last night in Vancouver, at which the subject was discussed from the different standpoints of the supporters and opponents of the proposal, and as those who do not favor the licensing of a music hall are working very hard for victory, the result is doubtful.

SMOTHERED BY COAL GAS.

Forth Worth, Tex., March 4.—Four men were found dead in a refrigerator car today. Death resulted by gas from a fire bullt with coal. Six men, supposed to be tramps, entered the car last night, closing the door behind them. Two of the men escaped this marriag in a divince could be supported by caped this morning in a dying cond but were resuscitated by physicians.

-A number of tenders were received yesterday for the excavation of Messrs. Weiler Bros.' new business premises in accordance with the advertisement, and the contract has been awarded to Messrs. Adams & Snider, who will start work on Monday morning.

STAR WORSHIPPERS. An Unknown Religion Found in Meso-

Our Arabian missionary, the Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, before the American Society of Comparative Religions, last week gave an interesting account of a curious religion which he encountered on a trip to the Lower Euphrates and Tigris. He said of this peculiar

the Star Worshippers, Sabeans, Nasoreans, or St. John Christians, designate themselves as Mandaens, and, although they number only a few thousand, remain entirely distinct from the Jews main entirely distinct from the Jews, Moslems and Christians, among whom they have dwelt for centuries. Their origin is fost in obscurity, and their number is rapidly diminishing. Their religion is compounded of Christian, heathen and Jewish elements; the language they speak is entirely different from that of their neighbors. Thep are a moral, was geful and prospersus, neonle. They believe that the stars embody the good of the universe and the planets the evil Unlike the Parsees, they do not worship the sun and the moon. I found that their knowledge of astronomy was thor in many respects.

He further said that their moral code is that of the Old Testament in every particular, and that he found them an easy approachable people, though it required a long acquaintance before they allowed their literature to be seen.

SHADOWS. I am sailing to the leeward, Where the current runs to seaward.

Where the sleeping river grasses.

Brush my paddle as it passes.

To and fro.

On the shore the heat is shaking.
All the golden sands awaking
In the coxe;
And the quaint sandpiper, winging
O'er the shallows, ceases, singing
When I move.

On the water's idle pillow
Sleeps the overhanging willow,
Green, and cool;
Where the rushes lift their burnished
Oval heads from out the tarnished
Emerald pool.

Where the very water slumbers, Water liftes grow in numbers, Pure and pale; All the morning they have rested, Amber crowned and pearly crested— Fair and frail.

Here, impossible romances, Indefinable sweet fancies Cluster round;
But they do not mar the sweetness
Of this still September fleetness
With a sound.

can scarce discern the meeting Of the shore and stream retreating, So remote; For the laggard river, dozing, Only wakes from its reposing When I float.

Where the river mists are rising, All the foliage baptizing

With their spray;
There the sun gleams far and faintly,
With a shadow soft and saintly
In its ray. And the perfume of some burning Far-off brushwood, ever turning

To exhale; All its smoky fragrance dying, In the arms of evening lying, Where I sail.

My cance is growing lazy,
In the atmosphere so hazy,
While I dream;
Half in slumber I am guiding
Eastward, indistinctly gliding
Down the stream.

—Pauline Johnson.

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"I hope you find that book I gave of absorbing interest," said Willie W of absorbing interestington.
"I do," said Miss Caynne. "It was very fortunate that you had it printed in that very expensive, soft paper. I keep if on my, writing table all the time. Whenever I need a blotter, I tear out a leaf."—Washing-

Spinner—I'm surprised to hear you talk as you do about Belle Sprockets. You used to say she was the most foolish girl you ever knew. Now you simply rave over her, What's happened, old chap?
Scorchley—What, me say she was foolish?
Never! Why, say, do you know that she's rode her wheel every day this winter?—Chicago News.

PROVINCIAL HO

Mr. Braden Moves His Resolu cerning the Ruthven Cor dence of the Governme

> Members of the Cabin Having Had Connection the Matter.

The speaker took the chair at Prayers by Rev. R. W. Trott The following petitions were and received :-

By Mr. Cotton, from George ris and others, opposing amend the Vancouver city charter.
By Mr. Booth, from J. H. others, for leave to present a p a private bill to incorporate "T Bailway and Navigation Compa By Mr. Helmcken, from McArthur, for leave to present a private bill to incorpora Mr. McGregor, from A. A

The following petition was From G. F. Wake and of From Cowichan-Alberni dents of Cowichan-Alberni deport of "The Cowichan Luniny's" private bill. Committee Reports.

Booth presented the thi m the railway committee as 1 select standing committee beg 'leave to report as lys beg 'leave to report as in that they have examined and reamble proved of
Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act
orate the Alice Arm railway,"
Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act te the South-East Kootenay submitted with amendmen Hunter presented the ele :-Your select standing rivate bills and standing to report as follows:—

have considered petition Mountain Tunnel comp nd beg to recommend that on and its reference to this Mr. Turner moved, se Baker the formal resolution "That the speech of his he enant-governor at the open ent session be taken into on on Friday next."
Mr. Semlin recorded his oppose government's programme of own the estimates before the o ant matters were brought b

ouse. He contended that the ent would only be doing justice e if it brought down the re measure before the estimate on. Mr. Turner in reply said deration of the estimates important matter that cou e the house which had be d in the speech. Why the any other measure he could tand. The redistribution que affect the consideration of ites, the prosecution of the r. Cotton expressed the opini remarks of Mr. Semlin were le it was true that the finan had moved merely a formal yet this would be the founda resolutions. Mr. Semlin ted that the house should istribution bill down before tes were brought in. In accept that view Mr. Semlin had led the attention of the finan r to the matter. With resp the redistribution matter the do with the question of su admit that such was prahad only indicated that the or ers were inclined to take a nght down first, for which the

He expressed the opini ader of the government that under such ad a perfect right to take Baker pointed out that the posed by the finance minis a formal resolution. He position intimated by s a very strange one to tal at redistribution bills were m at the close of the se resolution was agreed to. pext three resolutions were bout debate. They were: Semlin, that an order granted for a return ount of fees collected by J. forin, stipendiary magistr. "Small Debts Act," prior

would refuse to vote supp vere satisfied upon certain

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Hunter said that he had to the resolution, but he is to the resolution, but he is was a matter which shot fore the house. He appree a papers which Mr. Braduld have been produced in the court. The resolution a matter which had as in the city of Victoria. the city of Victoria. which religious strife itableness had been stir ous part of the commun ged in strife against part of the community at such matters should of the walls of the could not see the advianything that tended ligious strife to the ot to the house. He ask withdraw the resolution alkem expressed the opinio of Mr. Hunter w

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