Canadian Commissioner Larke Arrives Here on His Way to "the

Confident That the Dominion Will Get Her Full share of the

Mr. John S. Larke, the Canadian trade ssioner to Australia, reached Victoria from Ottawa yesterday evening and will spend to-day in consultation with the representative business men of this city. He leaves for Sydney, his new home, by the Warrimoo to-morrow, Mrs. Larke and amily accompanying him. Mr. Larke's commission is an important one and his instructions from the government are broad in the extreme. sentative business men of this city. He in the extreme. He is to do all in his power in the extreme. He is to do all in his power toward the development of Canadian trade with the colonies over the southern seas; in the execution of this important mission almost everything is left to his own good judgment. Of course the construction of the Pacific cable and the attainment of a preferential tariff with the Australasian colonies are two big points to be leoked to, and to secure their accomplishment will engage Mr. Larke's best endeavors. While they are still only sought and hoped for, he will, however, hend his energies to the building up of a market for Canadian products in the Colonies—in exchange for what Australia supplies and Canadia deep

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not, though the United States has now a
firm footing in the colonies.

Mr. Larke does not doubt for a moment
that Canada will get her full share of the
trade. What must be done, he thinks, is to
first of all find out what the Australians
want—and then supply it. Canadians can
compete successfully, both as regards quality and price, with the United States in almost everything that the latter country now

## THE CITY

There will be a reception under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Templars on New Year's Day.

THE fine collection of West Kootensy minerals just added to the Board of Trade cabinet was presented by Mr. J. F. Hume,

THE Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, of which Cheaf Desay, of Victoria, is vice president, is to meet in Los Angeles next April.

Work, which has been at a standstill for several days past on the new provincial buildings, was resumed yesterday by Contractor Adams. It is hoped and expected that there will be no further interruptions.

GENERAL HERBERT and staff spent yes-terday at the Royal Marine Artillery bar-racks and the fortification works, and last evening attended at the drill hall to witness the operations of the class under military instruction there.

The treasurer of the British Columbia Benevolent Society acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions: Mrs. R. Finleyson, \$10; C. Kent. \$6; Steve O'Brien, \$6; B. W. Pearse, \$20; H. Man-sell, \$6; and T. N. Hibben & Co., \$6 Ar the Presbyterian Manse, 173 Pandora

houses of Great Britain and Eastern Canada as illustrations where this work had been carried on successfully. A committee was formed to lock up suitable rooms and to report at a future meeting what the expense of the undertaking would be on the lines laid down by the chairman.

The board of licensing commissioners opened their quarterly session vesterday.

The board of licensing commissioners opened their quarterly session yesterday, the full heard neing present. Several transfers were applied for and adjourned, including that of the license for the Trade Dollar saloon, which was held originally by S. Whitely and was temporarily transferred to W. Kirk. The desire new is to invest Philip Phillips with the rights of proprietorable. The manner in which the licensed premises have recently been conducted was incidentally the subject of sharp comment by the commissioners, who deferred action for a fortnight, while ratifying the temporary transfer issued by the Mayor.

Ar last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a committee was appointed to draft a resolution to be forwarded to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa, protesting against unsea worthy vessels being allowed to go to sea, as in the cases of the Detroit and Melrose. A number of communications were read from Toronto, bearing on the subject of day labor vs. the contract system, showing that by the former there is a saving to the corporation of that city of 25 per cent. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the postoffice employes and condemning the action of the Dominion government in withholding the \$50 provisional allowance due them. Other important business was also transacted. AT last night's meeting of the Trades a

At the Presbyterian Manse, 173 Pandora street, on Wednesdsy evening, Rev. Dr. Campbell united in marriage Mr. R. C. Andersen and Muss Anna Uisen, of Nanaimo. Mr. J J. Campbell and Miss M. E. M. Rogerson were groomsman and bridesmaid.

The partnership heretofore existing between Me srs C. J. V. Sprast, Andrew Gray and A. K. Munro has been dissolved, Mr. Munro retiring. The business will infuture be carried on by Messra. Sprast & Gray, the latter assuming the sole management.

The funeral takes place to-morrow of Heywood avenue. The decessed lady was a native of Ayrahire, Scotland, and was one of the earliest setulers here. She was, at the time of her death, 56 years of age, and had long been an invalid.

Ald Humphrey yesterday bulletined

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A TRY SUCCECOS

Very Hotly Contested by the Victorias.

Junior Football Arrangements — The Cricket Tour Abandoned—The Yachting Challenge.

NANAIMO, Dec. 15 - (Special) - The match day between the Hornets and the Victorias brought out a large crowd despite the disagreeable weather. The teams—although the visitors were without seven of their best men—were very evenly matched, and the play, though loose at times, was decidedly interesting. In the first half Hilton secured a try for Nanaime, which was not improved on by the kick. The Crease brothers, Ward

TELEGRAPHIC advices from Halifax, N.S., Clarence Cox. All these gentlemen have been down on the Coast securing Indians for their sealing expeditions now about to begin. In this they were quite successful, and although the retired did not like the men-were very evenly matched, and the

which were distributed free to subscribers to the DAILY COLONIST. But this time the Christmas edition is limited, and it is to be hoped that no person will put off buying a copy in the vain expectation of having one delivered free, as by the time the mistake is discovered the entire stock may have been disposed of. The price of the complete work is fifty cents.

# THE CHANG

THE Victoria theatre has been secured for General Booth's lecture of January 2.

Minons caught smoking are being summarily dealt with by Magistrate Macrae. The first of these cases was up for hearing yesterday morning, the guilty one being a professional under 15 years.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The "Maude" Returns From the West Coast-A Taste of the Recent

Departure of the "Warrimoo"-The Scottish Dale" Libelled for \$100,000.

Yesterday morning the C.P.N. steamer Maude, Capt. Roberts, returned from her West Coast trip, bringing home Captains Heater, Macaulay, McLean, McLeod, Mc-Riel, Herrold, Gould, Hackett, Sieward, stary for Namine, which was not improved as try for Namine, which was not improved as try for Namine, which was not improved as the name of the control of the state of the st

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Mr. Flumerfelt opened by explaining the reason of said that owing to the non Vancouver but the Mainla were unable to be present.

Mr. Larke in a short inforthe chief of the control of the control of the chief the object of his mission ext Dominion government were Australia. It had been noti

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glad to answer every inquiry him from Canada and give al Speaking of the desire of Ma Mr. Hendry to discuss a bo building, he said they had sr upon the subject and had dra tion to the fact that half the ve in the British Columbia timbe Australia were American.
anxious to have ships built h anxious to have ships built is business. He spoke with diff the subject as he was not fam Mr. Rithet explained that t many American vessels were was because the American co was so dull that the vessels he on foreign charters. There we of that particular class being sent, as iron vessels were taking it would be a strange thing for

It would be a strange thing for ment to take up a trade whice abandoned by our neighbors, thing used to be the case in the but wooden vessels were being Mr. Carmichael, in regard to Mr. Carmichael, in regard to that the greater part of the pap to Australia came from Norway. mill would, on account of its well able to compete should free favorable. One of the princip commissioner could do in Australia. furnish the market quotations

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Commissioner would impress us
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After some general talk on tre
the meeting adjourned. Hon. M
behalf of those present, thanking
for the information he had given

SIX MONTHS IN PRI

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Eugene

dent of the A.R.U., has been of contempt and sentenced to imprisonment for his connect recent railway strikes. The res fendants received three mont exception of McVein, who he entenced yet. In his decision J sentenced yet. In his decision J reviews the case against Debs at length. He says the defendat denying that any violation of the had been proved against their that the injunction was invalid or that the court had no jurisdictic going into details, Judge Woods "The charge made against the was that they were engaged in a confinder and interrupt interstate and the carriage of the mails on centring in Chicago." The quotes a number of law authoritic constitutes a public nuisance. quotes a number of law authoriticonstitutes a public nuisance, a quotes the law to show that to courts have authority to protect of interstate commerces. The rederal government to obtain an against the defendants was also upon the grounds of proprietary the mails. Judge Woods, in rethe contention of the defendant act of congress of July 2, 1890, in at capital and not at organization at capital and not at organization in any form, helds that combin condemned by the act, not only trusts, but in whatever form four tend to restrain trade. He dec