amply equipped with men and tools, and actively at work. The first camp i-located at Kuhn's Spit, half way be tween Port Townsend, the military post and Irondale. The contractors' tools and Irondale. The contractors' tools etc., have been arriving on the Olympianad North Pacific for several days. The line as surveyed and proposed skirts Port Townsend bay, thence through Chimacum and Quilcene valleys to the shores of Hood's caual, which is encircled, thence towards the south, direct to Portland. Real estate has been advanced 100 per cent. within the past few days. Portland Adopts Electric Cars.

A Portland, Ore., despatch says the Multnomah Street Railway Company to day signed a contract with the agents of the Sprague Electric Motor Company to furnish plant, cars, etc., and to changtheir lines on Washington and B streets from First street to the City park, to an electric motor line. The change is to A Portland, Ore., despatch says the Multnomah Street Railway Company to day signed a contract with the agents of the Sprague Electric Motor Company to furnish plant, cars, etc., and to change their lines on Washington and B streets from First street to the City park, to all electric motor line. The change is to be completed by December 25. Teicars have been ordered, the motors at tached to which will have sufficient power to draw a second car, and in case of emergency one of the present cars can be attached to the motor car. The new cars, when crowded, will carry 90 people each. The present stables of the company will be changed to a power-house, in which will be two 80 horse.

entrance to the harbor. It is supposed that a perfect net-work of wires is now in position; and in the event of such a thing being desired the harbor could be made instantly impregnable to any craft not piloted by an officer of Her Majesty's navy. The object of the present operations is said to be to make a test of the electric circuit. If it is all right, as it is no doubt, any ship venturing into the harbor without a pilot would do so at the risk of demolition.

MARINE.

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Steamer Ancon is due to-day from Alaska.

British barque Lebu is almost due from Liverpool.

Steamer Maude and tug Lottie have gone to Nanaimo for coal.

Barque George will have completed discharging her cargo of paddy before Monday.

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Although not in a position to make places visited or the mineral sexamined. Mr. Gifford in a chat with a COLONIST reporter last evening expressed the greatest surprise and pleasure with the Colimate and character of the entire country. He had expected, he said, to find British Columbia cold and undeveloped to the contrary, he found even in the most mountainous mining parts of the subject of the Northern railway as the one thing necessary to make famous the Cariboo country, providing, as it will, a means of transit for labor and supplies to the mines, and of ore to the market. He also expressed surprise at the action taken by the Government in regard to the free admission of mining machinery. It was a policy which he thought would before long be found to be ruinous to the mining interests of the province.

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amining thorouguly alter condition and value of the mineral resources of British Columbia.

In July he visited Pexada, where he spent about a week; and afterwards passed on to the McMurdo district, where he remained somewhat longer.

A recent brush fire seriously jeopard passed on to the McMurdo district, where he remained somewhat longer after completing his work in the McMurdo country, Cariboo was visited the safety of the bridge near the hotel on the Burnside Road. It is supposed that a picnic party carelessly left their fire burning, and thus started the blaze.

Complaints are becoming very frequent in regard to the existence of a degion of the Revely property. The attention of the Revely property. The

Miss Barron, who leaves the Central school to take charge of the Spring Ridge Ward school, was also the recip-ient of a beautiful souvenir at the hands

Merived safely in Japan.

D. Chisholm, M. P., New Westminster, is at the Driard.

Thos. Earle and wife returned from Vancouver on the Islander.

J. J. Southgate and R. P. Rithet are going to San Francisco next week.

G. B. Martin, M. P. P., Kamloops, were king the pastorate of the Nanaimo Methodist church.

Rev. W. W. Baer has been offered the pastorate of the Nanaimo Methodist church.

Geo. S. List, of the Dominion Express Co., Vancouver, arrived down later.

H. E. Field, of the Hudson's Bay Co, in this city, left by this morning's boat for to Vancouver.

Thos. E. Ladner and J. A. Laidlaw are at the Driard.

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J. Morman Bole, Q.C., and ex-Mayor Hendry returned to Westminster this morning.

Thomas H. Buckingham and wife, of San Francisco, are at the Driard.

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Marine returned from Vancouver, arrived down late at the Driard.

John Cran, a well known merchant of Portland came over by the Sound steamer last evening.

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