of his position in respect to the railway policy, which he has adopted. He province is in a position to give rea-out to do in the manner in which he sonable aid to railways, whereby its out to do in the manner in which he has promised to do it. He has burned his ships and left himself no means of retreat. This course has not been taken without deliberation, and a brief review of the events leading up to this somewhat unusual, although not wholly unprecedented course may

ince was serious. Recent arrivals in in so doing. ince was serious. Recent arrivals in British Columbia can hardly appreciate the political chaos which followed the dismissal of the Turner administrate of the dismissal of the Turner administrate of the stand or fall by his railway proposed docks will be 1,000 feet long tration by Lieutenant-Governor McInnes. The administration of Mr.
answer was that he said it because be required for their construction. The Innes. The administration of many answer was that he said it because the meant it. He added that he did assistance is not simply to be in the form of a guarantee by which the government would make up any deficit in that he proposed to do something in the earnings of the docks, but a ture, which was not allayed when the way of development that would straight four yer cent payment yearly he laid down the reins of power after a short but successful adminis- after a short but successful administration, and was succeeded by Col. tration, and was succeeded by Col. The would make way for some one else, who might be able to succeed. This reation, and was succeeded to succeed. This by a single company, perhaps, which was too brief for anything to be was too brief for anything to be with capitallists to advance the money. accomplished that would serve to give an impetus to provincial progress, and the absence of any lines of party cleavage militated against the adop- sons to occupy the position of Pre- company would have a margin to meet tion of any fixed line of policy. When Mr. McBride was called to the premiership, he determined to form his ministry on federal political lines, and ministry on federal political lines, and position that a man had better fall by city and Esquimalt. If the govern-being a Conservative, he called Conministry on federal political lines, and servatives only to his councils. Some to do his best for his country; a duty struction of dry docks at Levis and St. adverse criticisms was made upon which devolves upon every man, who John, it is reasonable to expect that, this at the time, but the majority of has his home in this great province. In the same connection, construction at the Liberals in the House at that time approved of the course, although lit consigned them to the left of Mr. Speaker. Mr. McBride, therefore, was able to enter upon his duties with a united party behind him and perhaps of whom this could be said.

The first matter which called for consideration was the financial condition of the province. He resolved upon a policy of rigid economy and set about to find means whereby the revenue could be increased. His expedients proved successful; a deficit was converted into a surplus; a more generous scale of expenditure soon became possible and the condition of the province from the standpoint of finance became eminently satisfactory. From the outset Mr. McBris. of the province had reached an enviable position, Mr. McBride felt that it was time to enter upon his plans for provincial development. To accomplish this, three things were necessary, surveys, highways and railways. The first two could be undertaken by the province on its own initiative and they were undertaken and are now being carried on upon a scale of unprecedented magnitude with excellent results. We are learning more about the province than ever we knew before, and the knowledge shows that the room for settlement is much greater than the most sanguine of the pioneer explorers believed. The survey of the public lands and the construction of roads, trails and bridges and all the other things necessary to stimulate settlement have progressed in a highly satisfactory manner, and stimulate settlement have progressed such competition.

something definite to propose before he suggested a railway policy, and by something definite he meant something that would be done. The desire of the Canadian Northern to extend its line to the Pacific Coast gave him his opportunity. The negotiations extended over many months, the railway company very naturally seek-ing to get as liberal aid as it could and Mr. McBride endeavoring to commit the province to as little as possible and yet secure the construction of the railway. We shall not attempt to outline the nature of the negotiations, for in the very nature of things they were confidential, but the Colonist can say, from its own knowledge of Mr. Mann's intentions, that they did not originally include construction on Vancouver Island. The fact that the railway to Barkley Sound is to form an integral part of the Canadian Northern system and to be connected with the mainland portion of

the line by the best available means sended that, if companies not

the beginning of them. He believes the DRY DOCKS.

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question of fire insurance written on ter worthy of attention by represenhe was the first provincial premier Canadian property by companies not tative delegations sent to Ottawa for having offices in the Dominion. As is that purpose, and it is worth while for The first matter which called for ment proposes to re-introduce the such a course ought not to be followed finance became eminently satisfactory. From the outset Mr. McBride was resolved upon a policy of provincial development; but he realized that the first thing to be done was to restore the financial standing of the province. This being done, when it was no longer possible for any one to raise a question on this point, when the money market had come to look upon British Columbia as a safe look upon British Columbia as a safe field for investment and the credit mlums. We understand that the avoided the collision by a quick turn ned an envi- great departmental stores adopt a

The Colonist Printing & Publishing fair to say that the Canadian Northern's representatives, when they were given to understand that the Island division must form a part of the project and stand upon identically the same foundation as the maintain section, investigated the subject from the traffic-producing standpoint and became satisfied that the road would be profitable; nevertheless it is a fact that the consummation of his plans of his position in respect to the rail-way policy, which he has adopted. He

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Esquimalt will be considered, if it is considered at all. What we wish es-We understand that the Board of pecially to say in this connection is Trade will be asked to consider the that the Eastern cities thought the mat-

stimulate settlement have progressed in a highly satisfactory manner and the plans for the future are on a comprehensive scale. Closely related to these things was the policy of making known the agricultural possibilities of the province. These things covered provincial development, as far as it could be dealt with by the province alone. There remained the question of railways.

Mr. McBride almed at results. He has shown all through his public catreer that he cares little for spectacular politics or "grand stand play."

Therefore, he waited until he had something definite to propose before



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SIX-PRONGED DEER · IS SHOT NEAR

This is the short tale of a rem six-pronged deer that erstwhile the forest free in the vicinity Goldstream lakes, in the elector sion of Esquimalt, and therefore constituency of Mr. Jawn Jardine a short tale, because natural tells us that the tale of a deer variably abbreviated. Otherwip particular deer is sufficiently table to have a tale at least one long.

able to have a tale at least one long.

The deer was shot last Satur a well-known young dental surge relieves the suffering of humani or without anaesthetics, not for the corner of Yates and Broad and who modestly does not de identity to be revealed in cor with even a short and o'er true when he first made the acque of the deer, it was about fort away from him, and he fired a salute in its honor. Instead of politely prostrate, as have the rost of other deer to whom he he similar homage, the doctor was to see this antier-crowned der the mighty wild lower his he charge directly towards and, imagined, at him.

Amazement held him paralyze instant.

Then he "let go the second

and that deer was venison.

Such a thing as a deer being of aggravated assault is without dents either in local criminolo the memory of the oldest hunter only explanations or excuses a are in the direction of temporar ity—in other words it is deem able that the first shot, while effect in the head, either blin animal, or so crazed it with particles and the short of t plunged madly forward, with clousness that it was rushin

fate.

The buck was one of the lar best antiered brought into the season.

Over at the Provincial Museutor Kermode has just received to some specimens from William Quatsino Sound, these being an panther and a medium black with the control of the contro latter no especially worthy trop had been killed in the summer of panther, however, is as large ever known to be shot on the being 7 feet 3 inches in lead built on massive lines.

ROBBERS RUE

MODERN MET Knights of the Road in Carib appointed in Capturing Ch Instead of Gold.

Up to noon foday the police yet brought in either of the ting highwaymen who early on morning stuck up the Caribo securing the mail bags, one of held registered letters and p. The police and Indians have inforced by many volunteers lated to activity by the gover offer of \$500 reward for the ajoin of either of the robbers.

The belief grows that some miliar with the country and monetary conditions was the izer and director of the hold-u at this there is a suggestion raid resulted infinitely less p to the robbers than at first s the greater part of the \$5,000 in the registered bag being form of a cheque, payment of has been stopped. has been stopped.

There was no shipment of had been expected, on that structure to the vanish bers known to have been secrification of well define prints indicating that the robigot away in haste from the Impounted. has been stopped.

Arbitration Treaty GUAYAQUIL, Nov.3.—The tion treaty between Ecuador United States was approved gress yesterday. The treaty wast Washington by the Euminister and Secretary Root uary 7 last, and was ratified United States senate on January