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THE STREETS.
Much grumbling is being indulged in because of the muddy condition of the city streets, and as usual the council, and the engineer's department comes in for a good deal of indiscriminate censure because the citizen who leaves his home with well shined shoes reaches his office looking as though he had been taking a personal hand in digging the trenches for the new water pipes.

dices, and passions, as well as by self-interest, it will be very difficult to secure common action with regard to candidates. But we are of the opinion that no man should run, who has not been requested to do so by fellow citizens who either in number or because of what they represent, can be fairly regarded as voicing the views of a considerable section of the community.

THE MARINE INQUIRY.
The evidence being adduced in the Marine Department inquiry, is disquieting to the public, as it certainly should be to the Purchasing Agent Gregory, who seems to admit accepting commissions, from contractors doing business with the department. Pending the completion of the investigation it is perhaps better to suspend judgment with regard to this official.

not exceeding a dollar a month for ten years. There is no portion of the city which lends itself more readily to an inexpensive scheme of beautification than the plot in question, and knowing how desirous the residents in that section were for the work a few years ago we feel sure they will lose no time in setting in motion the machinery for carrying out this plan.

WHY MR. PRESTON WAS ATTACKED.
The mystery of the attacks upon and misrepresentations of the position of Mr. W. T. R. Preston by the newspapers of Japan printed in the English language has been revealed. At first, says the Ottawa Free Press, it seemed difficult to account for the assaults upon the Canadian Trade Commissioner to Japan, unless they were inspired by some person or persons on this side of the Pacific who were desirous of pursuing Mr. Preston for political reasons; and that seemed out of the question in the case of newspapers which were in no sense interested in our domestic differences. Now, however, the explanation comes from Mr. Preston himself, although the Commissioner does not refer to the newspaper attacks directly.

the expansion, for the reason given, as well as for others, in my humble opinion, must take place upon the lines of direct trade between the Canadian dealer or producer and the Japanese dealer or consumer. This has to be done regardless of the criticism or unkindness on the part of those in the East who may consider the carrying out of this policy as detrimental to their own personal interests.

REALLY OUR TRADE COMMISSIONER TO JAPAN.
Really our trade Commissioner to Japan, Mr. W. T. Preston, is an abnormally stupid person. Can he never be made to realize that his presence there is distasteful to the Colonist? Even his trade reports, which to the ordinary reader seem to reflect fairly good sense, are criticized as showing "customary lack of judgment." We fear Mr. Preston will never be forgiven by our neighbor for not having said what is likely to be done every month in his now famous article in the National Review. For twenty-four hours the things which Mr. Preston said were in the opinion of the Colonist "easily the greatest issue of the campaign." We are hoping that on New Year's day when our devout neighbor makes his resolutions for 1909 it will publish that article of Mr. Preston's in the hope of shriving its journalistic soul.

TIMBER MARKET LOOKING UP
ORDERS BEING BOOKED BY MILLING COMPANIES

During the past thirty days the lumber market of the Pacific Coast has stiffened from \$2 to \$3 a thousand. The Australian and Mexican markets are in particular looking up. The Fraser River Saw Mills, Limited, and the Victoria Lumber Manufacturing Company of Chemalain, have within the past thirty days placed considerable business at an advanced rate. These two firms are among the largest in British Columbia, and what they do is an index of the state of the market.

DEATH OF MRS. LISTER.
Deceased Formerly Lived in Victoria With Her Granddaughter.
Mrs. Eliza Lister, widow of David E. Lister, a pioneer of Puget Sound and first mayor of Tacoma, died at Seattle on Monday in her eighty-eighth year.

CAPT. J. PATERSON FOUND DEAD IN BED
Former Resident of Victoria Dies Suddenly at Nelson.
Captain John Paterson, a former resident of Victoria, and one of the best known pioneers of Nelson, was found dead at his residence in the latter city by Chief Devitt, of the provincial police, a few days ago.

STEAMER VADSO BRINGS SALMON AND PASSENGERS
News of the Development of Copper Mine at Goose Bay.
The steamer Vadso, which arrived from the north on Monday, brings with it a large quantity of salmon and a number of passengers.

CANADA'S TRADE RETURNS.
Increase Shown in Exports of Domestic Products During Past Month.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Nov. 19.—During October the exports of Canadian goods, exclusive of coal and bullion, totalled \$2,352,320, an increase of \$2,215,516 compared with October last year.

GOLD THEFTS IN TANANA DISTRICT
Alaskan Miner Confesses to Systematic Robberies—Nugget Worth \$400.
Seattle, Wn., Nov. 19.—B. R. Reed, formerly employed by H. T. Barnett, owner of the Dome Creek mine, near Fairbanks, Alaska, who was arrested last month on a charge of stealing gold from his employer, yesterday confessed his guilt and implicated other laborers in the stealing from mine owners.

DUTCH WANT THIRD PEACE CONFERENCE
Foreign Minister to Seek Declaration of Neutrality From Powers.
The Hague, Nov. 19.—The government of the Netherlands proposes to invite to a meeting of an international committee to arrange for a third peace conference.

DISGRACED FINANCIER.
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19.—Peter Vilascent, a prominent real estate dealer and a self-confessed forger to the amount of more than \$100,000, was taken to the state penitentiary at Joliet to-day under the guard of Sheriff Strassheim.

THE EXCLUSIVE AN ABUNDANCE OF GOODS
Every day brings just the things we want.
THESE ARE THE OVERCOATS
Take them all in the way they're tailored.
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CRAIGVAR HAS PERILOUS TRIP
FRAMEWORK OF VESSEL TORN DOWN FOR FUEL

Held Back From Reaching Puget Sound by Succession of Gales.
(Special to the Times.)
Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 19.—With fragments of her framework torn down and converted into fuel, thirteen days overdue from Tokohama, and with a report of one of the most severe encounters with gales throughout the entire voyage, brought to Puget Sound by the Craigvar, of the Waterhouse-Wash. Oriental fleet, arrived this morning. Three days ago, with her bunker supply of coal reduced to less than 500 pounds, sufficient only for two hours steaming under a slow bell, Captain Edmunds ordered the boat platform, the hold planking and the other frame work converted into fuel. The remaining coal was withheld for an emergency to carry the steamer out of danger in case the improvised fuel gave out before land was sighted and she commenced to drift.

WORLD'S RICHEST MAN
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which the exigencies of time demanded.
During a brief afternoon Mr. Rockefeller returned to the reporters on growth, saying: "Any thing that has been done in this business, it all I dream to me, and he of doing the very best thing a good article at any one else.
'This testimony he back to my mind for days in Cleveland with well I remember that when I went into the my dear friend, I saw row money but I do lateral security nor do I want my note. I to do with it as one how much I want it," said, and I got I attribute whatever had in life since."
The taking of Mr. timony will continue To-day's He
The hearing was then a larger room in order a number of reporters, stationed in the court those having made the proceedings were per Mr. Rockefeller was took the witness stand.
Mr. Rockefeller's cou his attention to the oil business in the east raw material had the most money he had must always have sue we never know when give out, rendering the refining of oil. Mr. Rockefeller was ed that in the early supply of oil was limited, principally from the oil business was business because of exhausted. Some of the Mr. Rockefeller's col him if he recalled the union was formed at agitation regarding the "Yes," replied Mr. was formed a little la of a large prop to the oil refiners who were a supply of crude oil controlled by interest them and the refiners material. We denied with the producers."
In December, 1872, said the Processors' ere an association enter to secure as high a p all as possible, and to ment of regularly g and he had been Mr. Rockefeller said give the number of union, but it included age, and the Refiner's material a large prop ofiners.
By direction of Rockefeller noted that fixed the price of oil based at common price of that agreement later an over-product what the refiners col. The temptation of Producers to dev they had promised to refiners could only tak the public would cons producers violated and sold oil under the been fixed.
The agreement did Rockefeller. In order to purchase oil at comm the Standard Oil Compa the Standard Oil of Seattle, who has for some time had 75 men working there. The reports say and he had been on the north with some fog on the way up, The Amur was passed near Cape Mudge without collision.
Prominent among the passengers was Mr. Drane's Dwayne of Namu. Mr. Draney is the owner of the Nama and Kimsquit canneries, both of which have just closed a good season. Another passenger was R. H. Bennett, who has been looking into the possibilities of the Queen Charlotte Islands as a base for fishing. He was very reticent as to his intentions, but it is understood that he is representing capital which in all probably will be going into the industry there.
News was brought of the work being done by the Hidden Creek Mining Company on Observatory Peak. This copper property is being developed under the direction of M. K. Rogers, of Seattle, who has for some time had 75 men working there. The reports say and he had been on the north with some fog on the way up, The Amur was passed near Cape Mudge without collision.