bound, and many other of the northern

fleet were seen still further south. Among the arrivals by the Tees was

KILLED BY HIS COUSIN.

peen up to Wrangel.

A Chief Writes Feelingly in Its Defence-Alleged Indian Letter Repudiated.

Fort Ruperts Now Having a Big Dance Send Petition to the Government.

The following self-explanatory letter has been received by the Colonist, and like the communication with which it deals, is printed for what it purports to be—an Indian composition on a matter of absorbing interest to the natives of the coast:

66 BIG POTLATCH AT FORT RUPERT, B. C. (Special to the Colonist.)

"Henry J. Buler ungrounded Mr. Alfred J. Hall's perfidious narrative deforming the character of the potlatch which appeared on the 3rd day of January, 1898. The composition sent to the editor of the Colonist from Albert Bay, Mr. Alfred J. Hall of that place states that the Indians at Alert bay held a meeting to discuss the potlatch and requested him to send their composition to the editor for publication, and he vouches for its authenticity as a purely Indian composition, and as soon as it reaches here an investigation was made to see whether it was truly composed by the selection of the many is the finest ship flying the Chilian colors, a vessel of 8,500 tons displacement. Taking into conwhich appeared on the 3rd day of Januto see whether it was truly composed by the Indians or not. The invisti-gators assembled the Indians at gators assembled the indians at Alert bay, which were about four hundred. Mr. Alfred J. Hall was at the assembling. The investigator asked the audience if they did met to discuss the potlatch, but they all ignored Mr. Alfred J. Hall's imaginary ignored Mr. Afred J. Half's imaginary statement, and he did not mention who are the Indians requested him to send the supposed In-dian composition to the Colonist. He said the newspaper man put his name in it, and the assemblage came to conclusion with the putting up of many hands in token of favoritism of the potlatch. Mr. Alfred J. Hall likewise put up his hand whether it was for favor or otherwise no one knows. The public workings otherwise no one knows. The public must understand that the composition in must understand that the composition in which the writer of this article relating is supposed to be composed by the Indians proven to be utterly groundless, and the public must also know that this Mr. Alfred J. Hall is the same Reverend Alfred J. Hall who was sent out here to Alfred J. Hall who was sent out here to tion, October 13, 1893, when the membership was sixteen, up to the present abomination to the Lord." The writer time, when there are 125 active and found out the individuals who met to eighteen honorary members on the roll.

Rev. Mr. Betts delivered a short addiscuss the potlatch were the handful of Rev. Mr. Betts delivered a short adhalf-breeds called themselves Church dress in which he outlined the work of Army. The writer is going to answer every subject they mention in their deformation of the potlatch.

"Their first subject is the woman go and the Rev. P. C. L. Harris sang a

told them of the famous Whitechapel in London, where the potlatch is never dreamt of? Their second subject is that they sell their daughters in the age of they sell their daughters in the age of 12. Answer—The writer never saw one yet marry at the age of 14. Third subject is that they hate each other, they think they kill one another by witch-craft, a man does not care for any relatives. Answer—Wonder if they read about Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slaw him although he never tried to and slew him although he never tried to get above his brother in potlatch ranks. Children never ran away from parents, the Indians love each other, they feed

Egypt; speak now in the ears of the people and let every man borrow of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor jewels of silver and jewels of gold. They will also break things when they get mad "Their last subject is the hamatsa or medicine man living on dead body when they are subject is the hamatsa or medicine man living on dead body when they are subject is the hamatsa or medicine man living on dead body when the medicine was not subject to the subject is not the subject to the s

in the woods; answer—a hamatsa is not medicine man, and never lived on no dead body (wonder if the public believed such statement.) A hamatsa suppose to stay into the woods naked and live on nothing for six months. One of the hamatsa's told the writer to give a short sketch of his dead body eating on one occasion. He and other boys went to Mr. S. A. Spencer of the A. B. C. Co. to gave them one of his goats which was on some island, and according as they wished Mr. Spencer gave them permit wished Mr. Spencer gave them permit nd a young hamatsa name Moon did eat that dead body, and it looked natural to the audience. As all the winter dancer are all of imagination nothing real about it but to outsiders it may look real, and sometimes people get up such narratives to stired the public, which were only for grudged against the Indians by those who wants to run things as they deen

The Fort Ruperts having a big dance at present and plenty of hamatsa dances, and none of them carry any dead body yet. The Indians more law-abiding than those who giving up potlatch.
"Let the public read this article care fully and let them see if there is any deference between the Church Army and deference between the Church Army and the potlatch army. They done those things which they ought not done as they are God's chosen people to be a light unto us poor gentiles. The Alert Bay Indians talking about, moving over to the Nimpkish River to get rid of the church people as they are huisance in the vicinity.

The writer has been requested by the chiefe of the many Fort Rupert speaking Indians to send their application to the government through the Colonist, read as fellows: "We, the Indians of the Fort Rupert speaking language," do earnestly

Rupert speaking language; do earnestly entreat of our government not to take away from us our only means of living. What would our fatherless children and ounoid people do, for living, Such men as Seweed the head man of the Fort Rupert he is stone blind firmly supported by the potlatch. If it were really destrucnever stole skything from our Christian friend to give a potlatch. We respect the law, and everything in our Indian

jeyous potlatch. writer is a successor to his chief grandfather and uncle, and he knows all the details of the Indian customs, and been also a student in the Alert Bay mission and knows all about it, and is the son of the late A. Buler, one of the pioneers of Victoria. Every word of my statement are of reality.

HENRY J. BULER.

O'HIGGINS AND THE "O'HIGGINS." Circumstances Rendering It Most Appropriate That This Chilian Warship Should

Fight the Spaniards. In reference to the naming of the world-famous Chilian battleship O'Hig-gins, said to have been purchased on Saturday by the United States, Mr. M. P. Morris, consul-general for Chili in Canada, writes the Colonist that alhough the original O'Higgins was an Irishman, he was none the less the liberator of Chili from the Spanish yoke. Chili became independent in 1810, and ever since that memorable year the name

tons displacement. Taking into consideration the history of Bernardo O'Higgins, it is perhaps peculiarly ap-propriate that the O'Higgins should be chosen by the United States to send shot and shell into the strongholds of Spain should war talk culminate in actual hostilities.

DEDICATED THE NEW QUARTERS. Members of the Y. W. C. A. Take Possession

workings.

spoke on the spiritual part of the work, and the Rev. P. C. L. Harris sang a from home to make money in immorality. Answer—Wonder if Mr. Hall ever shown through the building and many told them of the famous Whitechapel in nanner in which it is conducted.

There are still a few rooms which have anner in which it is conduc

not been furnished and to this fact the ladies in charge wish to call the attention of charitable disposed persons.

STILL THEY GO.

A Gang of Bicycle Thieves Operating in the

It would seem that there is some truth in the rumor published in the Colonist about a week ago to the effect

ot; speak now in the ears of the le and let every man borrow of his learmed over the intelligence that they

MEN OF EXPERIENCE. Veteran Miners of Colorado Outfit Here for

A gold hunting party composed of C. S. Watson, Geo. Roe, E. M. Arthur, J. H. Wilbur and E. K. Watson, all from the San Juan district in the southwestern part of Colorado, arrived in the city yes terday morning, and are outfitting here for their trip to the North. Mr. Watson, who is the head of the party, says his men have all had from fifteen to twenty year's experience in quartz and placer mining. They believe they know just what kind of an outfit is required for the trip they have undertaken, and although they spent considerable time looking around in Portland and Seattle they

were not induced to buy there.

Asked if there promised to be a large exodus of people from Colorado to the Klondike this year, Mr. Watson said that quite a number of people might be expected along this way in a very short time. The newspapers there were de-crying the North country, and trying to convince the people that they had just as much wealth in their mines at home, but most of the readers failed to see it in that light. Mr. Western month that light. Mr. Watson spent all yesterday morning looking through the outfitting establishments of the city, and in the afternoon was busy writing to friends at home whom he believed were

friends at home whom he believed were soon to follow him.

The party leave here in a few days, and will go in by the Stikine route. They intend to prospect on the Pelly river. George Roe, of the party, was until lately superintendent of the Camp Bird mine at Oursy; Colonel and J. H. Willme is known from one end of Colonel. Wilbur is known from one end of Colorado to the other as "Happy Jack."

How to Keep Well. Rupert he is stone blind firmly supported by the pollatch. Listiwere really destruction to our lives we would give it up long ago off course we must die like other bearing. Yes we give a way our own things, icn. Frice 25c. All druggists.

Mr. La Mont of St. Louis Visits Victoria to Establish a Business.

Talk With the Man Who Solved the Problem of Preserving Eggs.

Mr. C. Fred. La Mont, inventor and side of Wrangel, after having been wind manufacturer of the famous crystallized egg, so much handled in the Klondike trade, is in the city a guest at the Driard. He is alive to the fact that a great amount of the Klondike trade is being done in Victoria and his mission here is to extend his business. Victoria is to be made a headquarters for the sale and distribution of crystallized eggs in the province and Northwest. Offices have been secured over Salmon's tobacco store at the corner of Yates and Government streets, where Mr. F. S. Timber-lake, who has been appointed Canadian agent, will hereafter hold forth. It is his intention to give within a short space of time exhibitions of cooking with crys-

which is proving such a boon to the gold hunter in the cold North.

inter in the cold North.

"Crystallizing, as you may know," he cid, "is not new. It has been in use Ex-Champion Corbett Knew That He Would said, in many of the principal bakery shops in many of the principal bakery shops throughout the United States for years back. It is not always used by the baker, because there are times of the year when he can buy the eggs in the shell cheaper. When this is the case, he simply puts his crystalized egg which he keeps in a barrel, to one side in the same manner as he would flour and holds it over till it is more profitable to use it." profitable to use it."

"The Klondike rush has increased

your business to a considerable extent, has t not?" asked the reporter. "It has," was the reply. "Just now we are paying particular attention to the Klondike trade. While the output of our factory before the gold rush commenced was equal to about 15,000 dozen eggs per day it now runs to nearly double

that amount."

"Do you claim for your preparation that it is just as good as the fresh egg in the shell?"

"There is no longer any doubt of that point. All the nu-triment of the egg is pre-served in the process as an analysis will triment show, and more than that I will chalenge anyone to detect the difference in taste between the crystallized egg when cooked and the shell egg; but as we are going to give the people of your city a chance to sample the preparation when cooked alone and with other mixtures they will, I am satisfied, be con-vinced without any further argument." The discoveries which led to the per-fection of Mr. La Mont's preparation

were not by any means accidental. They were the result of many experiments made by himself and others, and of years of earnest application to the work. It the Indians love each other, they feed strangers without charges.

"4th subject is, a man after giving a potlatch sits down his children without food and clothes as he has giving away everything and he borrowed half of it, and another thing is when they are mad with one another they will break canoes, etc., the potlatch is one fight and quarreling. Answer—The writer gave three potlatches last year and is about to give one in a few days. He paid 450 blankets for his wife, and have plenty to eat and clothes. The Church Army once were in the potlatch and did borrowed blankets, etc., from the Indians, which they describe that an organized gang of bicycle thieves that the solicy that an organized gang of bicycle thieves to solve the problem of preserving eggs. Before his appearance was made in the business, large amounts of money and many years of time had been carried off the island in a sloop which was said to have been seen at anchor in Cadboro Bay. Whether this is so or not, it is made evident by the fact that the police can get no trace of any of them, that they are being put out of the way in some of the way in some potlatches last year and is about to give on trace of any of them, that they are being put out of the way in some potlatches last year and is about to give are being put out of the way in some potlatches last year and is about to give are being put out of the way in some potlatches last year. Since this report half a dozen more bicycles have disappeared beyond any trace of recovery. The son of Magiscli tion of youth, and after about fifteen years he was able to give to the world a reparation which some of its most cientific men had been unable to produce and which governments were en

> ouraging as a necessity. The work of manufacturing the improved crystallized egg is of a most interesting nature. A fleet of barges nine athering up eggs. These arrive at the actory and discharge their cargo. Every handled singly and egg is not exactly fresh it goes into a vat, out of which an oil which tanners use on leather is manufactured. If it is decayed it goes into another vat, out of which a lubricating oil is made. Mr. LaMont says that this oil is the same stuff exactly as is being sold in Russia for healing purposes, and which has been advertised as a great secret discovery. The factory employs 300 hands and uses up about 360,000 eggs per day Since he has commenced the manu-facture of the preparation now on the market, Mr. La Mont asserts that there has not been a single case where i roved unsatisfactory.

RETURNED THIS MORNING.

The "Tees" Arrives But Brings No Ba Reports of Northern Conditions.

No ships are in distress, no alarming health conditions prevail at Skagway and the weather has been clear and fine Such is the best news brought by the C.P.N. Tees, Capt. Grosse, which returned from the North at an early hour this morning. The ship Prussia reported a wreck in Wrangel Narrows by previous rees' trip, and the conclusion arrived at by the crew is that she is off and wa passed somewhere on the home run, as vessel had been noticed. The loss Canada is rapidly breaking up, how-ever, and will soon be a complete wreck. It was on Tuesday officers of the Tees say they had heard of but four deaths at Skagway. It is a place, they say, where colds are easily got, but where no epidemic prevails. The Tees brought no Dawsonians and no one from over the trails. From elsewhere the passenters which call the same and the same startling. Dispersion of the Upper Stewar Prospectors on the Upper

gers numbered twelve, the greater number of these being from British Colum covery. bis northern ports. The steamer called at Skidegate on her way South, and picked up a quantity of oil as freight. The Hueneme, the vessel of many re-cent troubles, was passed near Skagway bound south and in the same vicinity bound north the Wolcott, Resolute Cause a Stampede Thither. Navarro, and a steamer with a scow in tow was met. The Louise was met this

Murder and Disease on the Trail-

Engineer Carter, of the C.P.N., who had Two handred miles un the Stewart Basil James the Latest Victim of Firearms

Carelessly Handled-A Verdict of Accident. There is wailing among the Indian esidents of Cowichan, and particularly on the Comiaken reservation, Basil James, one of the most popular mem-bers of the tribe being dead, and his little agent, will hereafter hold forth. It is his intention to give within a short space of time exhibitions of cooking with crystallized eggs. Show windows of stores on all the principal thoroughfares will be occupied for the purpose, and a variety of delicacies will be prepared within the view of the passer-by. The multitudes will be invited to step in at the different places and sample the cakes, omelettes, custards, etc.

Mr. La Mont was seen by a Colonist reporter last evening, and asked for the story of how he came to discover the art which is proving such a boon to the gold

bers of the tribe being dead, and his little cousin being almost crazed with grief, from the making of history in the north—as much a mystery as the identity of the unfortunate prospector who apparently perished in the wilderness while man's rifle carelessly, with the result that it was discharged and the owner fell dead. An inquest was held on Saturday by Coroner H. O. Wellburn. When after the hearing of considerable evidence, a verdict of "accidental death was returned."

Be Ill When He Came to Visit Victoria.

Ex-champion James J. Corbett has added another to the list of his varied accomplishments. Besides being a boxer of renown, a passable actor, and a walk-ing advertisement of "Yigoral," he has developed remarkable clairvoyant powers. As yet he has not proclaimed himself the seventh son of a seventh son and announced himself ready to peer into the future for the unwashed rabble at so much a peer, but he has given practical demonstration of his new accomplish-

did not play—and therein is the story.

Manager Jamieson had no intima-ion that there would be a tion cancellation until late on Sunday night, when he received a personal telegram from Fitzeimmone' victim explaining that he had been so ill that he could barely get through the Sunday night performance in Seattle, and positively could not keep his dates for Victoria and Vancouver. The booking for both had been above the average, and Manager Jamieson accordingly loses three or four hundred dollars, besides the hundred or two expended in the preliminary arrangements in advertising, etc., both here and on the Mainland.

Of course Mr. Corbett could not tell that he would be so unlucky as to take sick at a certain day had he not been something of a reader of the occult himself. This can be the only explanation of the fact that while Manager Jamieson was spending his good money in advertising his show, according to contract, Corbett was telling the members of the company over in Seattle that he did not intend to play British Columbia. That he did not convey the information to the house manager was a lamentable example of absent-mindedness. Per-

journed until next Monday.

Tenders are being invited by the dewooden lighthouse and fog bell tower on Prospect point, at the entrance to Vanmonths out of the year is kept on the couver harbor. The tenders must be in rivers in the south of the United States by the 9th of April and plans and specifications of the work to be done are to be seen at the local office of the agent of the department. Notice has been given fore a candle to ascertain its grade the marine department that California before being broken. If it is perfectly rock buoy, Favorite reef buoy, Pound-fresh, the shell is broken by hand, the stone reef buoy, and Vanderbilt reef contents go into the vat, out of which the crystallization is commenced. If the straits, are missing.

The passengers on the C.P.N. steamer pleted trip to Wrangel had the good lucl to fall into the care of those thoroughly experienced and tireless steamboatme Purser Leigh and Steward Brown. Wha these passengers thought of their treat-ment may be gathered from the fact that before leaving the steamer at their des tination they insisted on drawing up and presenting, with the signatures of al attached, the following testimonial:
"We, the undersigned passengers on board the steamer Princess Louise, beg through the columns of your paper, knowing it will reach many of our friends and others contemplating a journey north, to thank Mr. Brown, the steward, and his assistants, and Mr. Leigh, pur-ser, for their kind and courteous treatment during our voyage on the above vessel to this port."

NELSON MURDER TRIAL. The Kuskanook Case Before Assize Cour

Judge Irving Presiding. Nelson, March 21.—(Special)—The assizes opened here to-day, Justice Irving presiding. His Lordship in opening the court congratulated the jury on there being a light criminal docket the only serious case being one of murder against Doyle alias Sullivan. He then recited the circumstance of the murder, which took place at Kuskanook on the night of February 13, as brought out at the preliminary trial.

Prospectors on the Upper Stewart Make a Startling Dis-

Rich Placers on the Big Salmon

Latest News of the North.

river, in what is known as the great most of the time. Business seemed to desert, the skeletons of a man and a dog have been found, and not far from them a nugget of pure gold weighing a trifle over nine ounces, with several smaller lumps of yellow metal that are themselves quite enough to create a stampede. Where the treasure came from is as yet one of the many mysteries inseparable

the river, for two years or more, so there lis little hope of ascertaining the name and story of the dead man. Wilkinson's companions hope to be more successful in establishing the location of the ground in establishing the location of the ground the companions have to be more successful in establishing the location of the ground the companions and the companions are the companions. The chairman said: You will observe from which the gold was taken. They that considerable progress has been made take their gruesome discovery as pointing indisputable to the fact that there is auriferous territory beyond the desert, £5,129,962 12s. 7d., as against £4,884,-

Captain John Roberts, from the North transferred to the officers' widows and

the sure-thing gamblers are accepting dustry and an improvement also conse-the situation philosophically and vacat-quent on the discoveries of gold. It ing the town. Our passengers were cannot, in fact, be doubted that the mostly Skagway and Juneau merchants trade of Canada is in a far better condiwho have come down to replenish their tion than it has been in for some years stocks."

past. We are thoroughly in a position

The steamer Centennial also arrived trust that the present state of things from the North yesterday, making port in the morning, with a passenger list of five, Messrs. Emerson and McLaren, guests of the company; G. Schwinn, of Skagway; Jas. Cummings, of Dyea; and onded by the merchants and traders of Frank Faircloth, assistant manager of that part of the world. From time imthe West Publishing Co., San Francisco, memorial it has been our habit to have a who has been on a trip to Lindeman.

Mr. Faircloth left that point from our general manager giving his

a little over a week ago and opinion as to the future prospects of reached Dyea by the Chilcoot trade. We have not obtained it this trail. He says that there are not many year, but instead I will read you a telea quarrel between two partners at Sheen

so many as reported but still enough to wote of thanks their able secretary, Mr. make matters look serious. He knew of several people who had become disheartened with this aspect of the situation and turned back. The trail west of Lindeman he said was in had shound and the world are serious and the world are serious as the said was in had shound and the world are serious as the world are serious. Lindeman he said was in bad shape and dogs were no longer of any service. The dead horses were already beginning to stink and this objection was made worse by the large number of dogs that had

Captain Thompson of the Centennial had nothing to report except that his trip had been an exceptionally smooth one and that the weather was delightful be brisk at Skagway, but there was no noticeable disorder. Gambling was go-ing on but it was pretty well regulated.

BANK OF B.N.A.

Proceedings and Balance Sheet Presented at the Sixty-Second Annual

From the Canadian Gazette, March 3) from the making of history in the north
—as much a mystery as the identity of
the unfortunate prospector who apparently perished in the wilderness while
on his way out to proclaim his good
fortune.

The skeleton, according to Henry

The skeleton, according to Henry The sixty-second annual meeting of The skeleton, according to Henry Messrs. J. H. Brodie of the directors—Wilkinson, who brought the news to the mouth of the river, might have lain where discovered, on the upper bank of Lubbock and G. D. Whatman—were

and although running dangerously short of supplies, they are pressing forward find that there has been an increase in into this unknown land, the sight of the skeleton's gold having given them fresh current accounts amount to £2,310,-148 5s. 4d., as compared with £2,119,-They had started up the river on a prospecting trip in August last, and had just about concluded there was nothing in the country but starvation when they made their ghastly but electrifying find, the last fifty miles of their journey to this point having been through interminable stretches of brown rock, shunned by hirds and wild bearst up. ment, of which Victorians are the victims.

Corbett, it may be noted, was to have played at the Victoria last night, in his latest success, "The Naval Cadet." He did not play—and therein is the story.

In this latest success, "The Naval Cadet." He did not play—and therein is the story. himself. He was as bent as the others day on which you make up your actupon continuing, after they had given the skeleton decent burial, but failing health deterred him, and it was agreed curities have been reduced. They are that he should come out for fresh sup-plies, retaining an interest in the expe-time to time. The bills receivable, loans dition. The supplies with a party of on security, and other accounts show an twenty have already started from the increase, being £3,924,415 18s. as comsettlement at the river mouth.

The story told above is not the only half-year after deducting current charges important piece of northern intelligence and providing for bad and doutful debts received by the arrival of the Farallon, amounts to £39,435 6s. 4d. We have Captain John Roberts, from the North last evening. Her captain and passengers also confirm the reports of rich placer ground being struck on the Big Salmon, 280 miles from Skagway, to which point hundreds are hurrying from Lake Lindeman and the other camps along the trail. It is said that in richness and in extent the Big Salmon bedrock is equal to anything in the Klondike country, pans of \$40 and even \$50 being recorded, although Mr. Worth, of Skagway, who tells of these, cannot youch for the truth of these reports. He is officers' widows and transferred to the officers' widows and ordered in the side of the seen and £3374 1934, and to the officers' widows and ordered in the side of these are transfers which have also all these are transfers which have also all these are transfers which have also all these carnot ordinally approved by the proprietors. (Hear, hear.) The profits for the half-year show some progress, as they are £31,000 odd, as compared with £21,000 odd for the half-year ending December, 1896. Out of it we propose to declare a dividend of 25s. per share free of income tax, which is equal to 5 per vouch for the truth of these reports. being recorded, although Mr. Worth, of declare a dividend of 20s. per share free Skagway, who tells of these, cannot vouch for the truth of these reports. He himself has sent three men into the new treasure ground, and hopes to share in the fortune to be made there. He knows of pans of from \$1.50 to \$3 being secured £3,726 odd to carry forward. On the whole the fortune to be the thought retained to the state of the st the nouse manager was a lamentable example of absent-mindedness. Perhaps the circumstance that he has been especially lucky in playing the races of late may have had something to do with his regrettable attack.

The case of Pierre vs. Western Assurance Company, a suit arising out of disputed payment of a policy, which was to have been tried by jury in the Supreme court insteady morning, has been adopted the position of the suppose that she would not get through to ber destination. Just date, and I am glad to say that those not get through to her destination. Just date, and I am glad to say that those before the Farallon sailed south—on the working now are quite up to what the 17th—all the breweries in Alaska had directors expected from them. Of course been closed down for an indefinite period, the opening of new branches is an exinaccordance with instructions received from Washington, and three San Franciscans had been arrested at Dyea in but all our new branches, I think, are but all our new branches, I think, are connection with the murder of Sam working very satisfactorily. We have Roberts, the faro dealer shot dead on suffered during the past year, of course, Saturday week. One of the trio, Corbett by name, received a bullet in the rates for the half-year ending December bett by name, received a builet in the shoulder while resisting arrest.

"We had fine weather the whole trip," says Captain Roberts, "and found little sickness in Skagway. People are going over the trail from there to Lake Lindeman in two days. If the worse rates than we could have got in London. It was not until September weather continues as warm as it was when we were there, the old trail is apt lasted for only a very short time. Now, to break up soon, but there will be no I think we may at any rate take a cheertrouble in getting over the wagon road ful view of the present position of Canat any time. Business is good and all ada, an improvement in the farming in-

trail. He says that there are not many pear, but instead I will read you a telepeople at Lindeman, the few who have reached there this year pressing on to 21st inst. It is dated Ottawa, February Bennett. Before leaving news had 20th, and says, "Canada's trade conreached there of a rich strike on the Big tinues to expand in an extraordinary Salmon river. Everything on the trail was very orderly, the only disturbance of any kind which he heard about being by \$2,421,000. The total trade returns a quarrel between two partners at Sheep. [or the year seven months show an infor the past seven months show an in Camp, which resulted in the shooting of one of the disputants, Frank Clements, from Oregon, being the victim, and Gothave nothing more to add, and will move the control of the control of

at night. It looks like a large military moved that the thanks of the meeting be camp in the time of active service. It is a given to the chairman, directors and of a very busy place, too, and boarding houses are being rushed up at a rapid to hear of the great development which to hear of the great development which had taken place in the mining and agrion the trail, Mr. Faircloth said that there were a few deaths from pneumonia and spinal maningstia.

compliment, said he would not say whether the directors deserved it or not but certainly the staff did for their painetaking work during the year. (Hear, hear.)
This was all the business.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1897 

 Capital, 20,000 shares of £50 each, fully paid
 £1,000,000

 Reserve fund
 285,000

 Deposits and current accounts
 2,310,148

 

ber, 1897..... 25,000 Net profit for half year after deducting current charges and providing for bad and doubtful debts....

..... 31,111 Deduct: Transerred to reserve fund...£10,000 Transferred to officers' widows' and orphans' fund.... cers' life insur-ance fund.....

333 -£10,708 Balance available for April Dividend .....

By cash and specie at bankers and in hand...£577,523
By cash at call and short 339,868 £ 917.401 By investments-Consols £150,000@90... 135,000 Other securities..... 36,383 By bills receivable, loans on security and other 3,924,415 and at 116,762 £5,129,962

WEAKENING ON PLEBISCITE. Report That the Liberals Cannot Agree Upon the Promised Measure.

TORONTO, March 21.—(Special)—The Mail's Ottawa correspondent says it is cite and franchise bills this session. The themselves as to the details of the pleb

COWICHAN.

Returned From the Yukon-Enterprises of the King's Daughters.

DUNCAN, March 19.—Mr. H. T. Fall and Mr. Charles Jordan returned last week to Cowichan from the Yukon. The former gentleman reports that while returning he saw Mr. G. F. Wake on the trail to Dawson, and in good health, contradicting a rumor as to Mr. Wake being

An entertainment under the anenices of the King's Daughters is to take place at The Knoll, Quamichan, on Saturday next. The annual Easter concert with light refreshments will be held at the Agricultural hall on Easter Monday.

pladder and urinary organs only. The ture backaches, weak back, rheumatism diabetes, congestion, inflammation, gravel, Bright's disease and all other diseases aris-ing from wrong action of the kidneys and bladder.

HER CLOTHES CAUGHT FIRE. Mrs. Charles Marsden Burned by the Explosion of a Lamp.

By the explosion of a kerosene lamp last night Mrs. Charles Marsden narrowly escaped losing her life, but luckily, though the shock was naturally a severe one, she was not badly injured. It is not often now-adays that such accidents happen, though a few years past, before the improved methods of refining and testing oil came into use, lamp explosions, very often atinto use, lamp explosions, very often at-tended with loss of life, were by no means

Last night by some means one of the lamps in Mr. Marsden's house on Niagara street exploded, scattering the oil around. Mrs. Marsden being in the room some of the blazing oil fell upon her dress and in a noment the lady's clothes were aflame Luckily help was at h2nd and the flames were extinguished before they had inflicted more than some painful burns that will be an unpleasant reminder of the accident for a short time to come. Mr. Marsden was not at home at the time, but a member of the Fifth Regiment who was passing the house on a bicycle at once rode down town and summoned him.

SAVE YOUR FEATHERS.

Diamond Dyes Will Make Your Faded Hat and Bonnet Feathers As Good As New.

It may be that some ladies are not aware of the fact that old hat and bonnet Feathers can be made to look as good as new by the Diamond Dyes, those universal home friends. Let us tell you how to do the

work.
"Use the Diamond Dyes prepared for Wool and Silk that can now be bought from any dealer. Clean the feather by soaking it in strong soap-suds fifteen minutes, then draw gently between the thumb and forefinger a number of times, and rinse in warm water; dip and redip in the dye-bath until the desired shade is obtained; rinse in cold water, and pressently between two cloths, to remove the Canada is rapidly breaking up, however, and will soon be a complete wreck. It was on Tuesday morning last that the Tees left Skagway, and the day previously the City of Seattle arrived with nearly 600 passengers. Nearly all of these had tickets for that the afternoon the court apport, but alarmed in case of an epidemic—unjustifiably so think the crew of the Tees—only 38 crew of the Tees—only 38 debarked, the others all coming back as far as Dyea and there landing. The gently between two cloths, to remove the water; now hold before a gentle fire, shakTHE COUNC

Mr. Lovell Withd Another Site posed F

Final action on th the new fire hall has by the city council, whether Mr. J. B. Lo corner of Johnson road should be pur decided in the negati fire wardens in the recommended the pu for \$2,600. Mr. Love the council stating th they did not want hi fore he had pleasure fore he had pieasurr
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the motion carried. An invitation fro An invitation from Mining Congress to the men to attend their sheld at Salt Lake City was acknowledged without. E. G. Prior, that he had again interfisher, minister of aging the Dercey island to to the Darcey island unable to get any f him. The commu and filed. Hewitt Bostock,

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Mr. K. Chungranes of Mr. K. Chungranes of windows of his house Toronto and Catherine broken by the blasting opposite, and requeste tions cease. The mat the street committee an James Wilson asked pairs to his buggy, dar service. The request we the figure license act pairs to his buggy of the liquor license act pairs to his buggy of the liquor license act pairs to his buggy of the liquor license act pairs to his buggy of the liquor license act pairs will look into the Anumber of local impuned by the streets of proyed.

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The recommendation committee were adopte and McGregor raised a titem of \$70 for a sidewal of Lansdowne road, but of Lansdowne road, but ted by the majority.

In connection with which came up for the petition from J. G. Mothers was read requestipass the by-law as it st protest sent in by a num week. McMillan Bros., and Henry Clay also aplaw as originally drafted Ald. McGregor moved the bylaw. Ald. McCand motion, which was car dless, Hall, Humber, Hu Gregor voting yea an Williams, Kinsman an nay.

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The second reading of by-law was moved by whose place in the chair time being by Ald. Wilso ed by Ald. McGregor a council then went into co Wilson in the chair, and sion rose and reported p the privilege of adjourn until next week, which we have by-law a in committee of the who propriations of \$1,500 for added to the isolation hot the consolidation of the were passed. The commonted to that effect, and then read a third time an On motion of Ald. Mothard the consolidation of the provincing overnments to the undaving the Indians resonghees reservation

Songhees reservation ments be made whereby the reserve lying north of bridge shall be deeded to purposes, at the same ti-lic free access to and fro ing to the Gorge. The council adjourne THE KINE

Description of the Rou Twenty-five Miles U Dogs Better Th

(From the Vanco Two letters, dated I respectively, have be member of the Yerexleft here some time as gold-fields by way of The information conve of affairs along this ro esting. In the first let that they were campe up the river, and do r until the Tupper part breaks the road, as undertaking for a s this time and point," "there is two feet o

eight inches of wate have broken the road the river to here a our horses and so hav The Tupper party can days ago with 10 tes any further just now. up 75 men to break ro teams, and expect to for 25 miles. After th that the ice will be that distance we will coast range of mount ting together his two between them all we good road. Outside and Mackenzie & Ma 150 horses on the rive about 100 men per ds with hand and dog sle making good time. Ea 300 lbs., and the dogs a Those fellows hand un Those fellows haul up go back for another lo between here and the single horses can hau There are hundreds here that are of no us the only ones of any twhich are worth fro Some dogs sold for a are given away for no