## Mr. Dunsmuir Is In Accord

Will Join Hands With Those Who Want Railway to North

Was Interviewed Yesterday By a Deputation of Victoria Citizens.

Mr. Paterson Favors Taking Immediate Steps Information.

James Dunsmuir, M. P. P., is heartily in favor of the movement which has been inaugurated in Victoria looking to the early construction of a line of railway to the Northern end of Vancouver Island. (He is in full accord with the views of the public-spirited citizens at various points throughout the Island who are assiduously working to the furtherance of the scheme, and will use his best endeavors in aid of the successful consummation of the project.

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That much was learned from Mr. Dunsmuir yesterday by a committee of citizens who waited on him; and the greatest satisfaction prevails on all sides throughout the city at the announcement of Mr. Dunsmuir's attitude towards a project which is so dear to the heart of all residents of Vancouver Island.

His Worship Mayor McCandless headed the deputation which waited upon tMr. Dunsmuir yesterday morning, and there were with him, Richard Hall, M. P. P., H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., M. P. P., L. G. McQuade, president of the Board of Trade; and Simon Leiser. On calling Mr. Dunsmuir's attention On calling Mr. Dunsmuir's attention to the agitation among the people of Victoria for the furtherance of the scheme to build a line of railway to the Northern end of Vancouver Island, that gentleman at once assured his hearers of his full sympathy with the aims and aspirations of the people of the Island, and of his intention to do everything within reason which might be in his power to assist in the attainment of the object sought.

What ways and means to adopt so as What ways and means to adopt so as to best further the enterprise were discussed in an informal way, and as a result of the conversation the deputation withdrew feeling that Mr. Dunsmuir's hearty co-operation in the movement had been enlisted to a degree which is cause for universal satisfaction.

The committee, which was appointed to ascertain Mr. Dunsmuir's views, will also interview that gentleman at an early date, and afterwards report to the general committee on Island railway construction, which was chosen at a mass meeting of the citizens a short time

MR. PATERSON'S VIEWS. T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., who is member of the general committee, and who has had large experience in rail-way construction, thinks it is premature tat this time to discuss the question of routes. "To my mind," he says, "any discussion or expense incurred at the discussion or expense incurred at the present time relative to the location of the proposed railway is so much energy and money thrown away. We are unanimously of the opinion that the Island of Vancouver has immense natural resources, but outside of a very narrow strip bordering on the Coast line who knows where they are located? We believe the interior is exceedingly rich. What evidence have we to convince outsiders that our opinion is correct should we spend time and money in deciding on a route? This information would be absolutely worthless to any company proposing to construct the railway unless

proposing to construct the railway unless the location was in the proper place from a traffic point of view. "Before anyone can be induced to inplace vest money in the construction of a railway we must be able to show that railway we must be able to show that the investment will be a profitable one. The first step, therefore, should be to locate the sources from which traffic may be expected, and that can only be done by thorough exploration of the country through which the railway is to pass, and it is up to us now to devise the best means of doing so. We cannot afford to wait with the expectation.

Much of the butter is being shipped to fexchange, and that this basis could be brought about by the co-operation of the gold standard and silver using countries.

Owners of bonded warehouses in Montreal have filed their protest with the Minister of Customs today against increasing charges for the service. Hon.

Wm. Paterson promised to give the subject serious consideration.

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THE FIRST GOLD BRICK.

Partial Result of Clean-Up at Wilcox Mine. to pass, and it is up to us now to devise the best means of doing so. We cannot afford to wait with the expectation that the Government will take the matter up, nor would it be fair to ask them to do so. This is a large province, and should any Government commit themselves to the expenditure of a large amount of the public funds in an un-known and unexplored territory it would be unfair to the people in other locali-ties who have spent their own money in development and are suffering for lack of transportation and other facili-ties usually supplied by the Govern-

If we want to develop Vancouver Island we must do something ourselves There are a large number interested in this matter, and it should not be difficult to raise sufficient money to buil a system of pack trails, radiating from ocumon centres, at which supply sta-tions could be located. I have no doubt that our wholesale merchants would furnish the necessary supplies at cost and transportation companies would carry them free or at a very low rate. The Government could be asked to locate one or two assayers at common centres, who could act as recorders, and, if necessary, take charge of supplies. Prospectors would then be able to get

tion of a route, and very much simplify the money problem for construction. If properly represented to the Esquimatt & Nanaimo Railway company, it is quite possible that in their own and the public interest they would decide to join hands and contribute to any scheme having in view the getting of reliable information regarding the natural resources of all unoccupied lands, whether in or out of their railway grant. The railway and land grant.

Whether good or otherwise, are with whether good or otherwise, are with us to stay, nothing can be gained by antagonism, but much good may be ac-complished by working in unison.

"Should the proposition, as roughly outlined, meet with fuvorable consideration by those interested in this question, I am willing at any time to be one of a hundred who will agree to contri-bute five hundred dollars each to a fund for the purpose of constructing pack trails to and in the interior of the Isl-

or Island railway exalled to what has been done by the people of Victoria, says:

"Let our City Council act at once in this matter, and call a mass meeting: Oven if we have been disappointed in this scheme before, let the disappointed in this scheme before, let the disappointed in the grand result, the opening out of our the grand result, the opening out of our think of our children and strive to better our conditions. Let us urge railway extension until we succeed."

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tion with the Island railway project: A. W. Neill, M.P.P., E. H. Bridgman and Heavy Wind at Arthur E. Waterhouse

BOUNDARY TREATY. United States Senate Refers Proposa

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—In the executive session of the Senate today the treaty for the settlement of the dispute over the Alaskan boundary and the protocol extending the time for the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty until March 31, were referred to the committee on foreign relations. The committee will meet tomorrow and will also take up the Panama Canal treaty, and Senator Cullom expresses the opinion that a favorable report will follow.

THE WIRELESS. Regular Cable Companies Think It Not Formidable.

London, Jan. 29.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Eastern Telegraph company yesterday, Sir Jno. Wolfe Barry, the chairman, declared that people who were best qualified to speak on the subject still held the opinion that the wireless system of transmission could never be a serious rival of the cables for long distance transmission. He said the reason given for sending by regular cable the King's reply to the United States President Roosevelt's message on the opening of Roosevelt's message on the opening of the Cape Rod wireless station had not satisfied the public.

#### ANOTHER WRECK ON GRAND TRUNK district.

Newtonville.

From Our Own Corresponden Toronto, Jan. 29.—The G. T. R. added to its list of disasters by another bad wreck between Port Hope and New-tonville this morning near the scene of wreck between Fort Hope and New-tonville this morning near the scene of the wreck of a few days ago. The freight trains going at a high rate of speed in opposite directions on the same track came together with terible impact.

JBO. Frost, a brakeman, was seriously light bruises. The engineers and firemen had miraculous escapes by jumping. The wreck took fire and several cars were burned.

Building Damaged to Extent of Fifteen Montreal, Jan. 29 .- Fire tonight gutted the small office building at 18 Hospital street, doing damage estimated at \$15,000. The tenants were principally

stance is large. BOND-HAY TREATY. Newfoundland Talking About Retalia-tion in Case of Failure.

St. John, Nfid., Jan. 29.—The agraation in favor of a retaliatory policy against the United States should the Bond-Hay treaty be defeated, is growing in force. The Free Press, an independent journal, declares that if the pendent journal, declares that if the treaty is rejected the government owes Governments, accompanied by papers St. John, Nfld., Jan. 29.-The agita-

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—C. Marker, superintendent of Government creameries in the Northwest, is in the city. He says that 18 creameries will be in operation in the Territories this year. Much of the butter is being shipped to

Prices of lumber in Ottawa have gone

guards for railways have been made by officials for the Government. Today two the test successfully.

### IMMIGRATION

Raise Entrance Tax-Reports Denied.

as many years.

"If we can show that the mineral is there it will not be necessary to spend time or money in the selection or location of a route, and very much simplify."

50 per cent. of the head tax collected in the province, and an agreement was pleted and the exact result of the mill practice established, the richer ore will be sent down. In addition to the contents of a route, and very much simplify.

and, and am confident that, even should no large bodies of ore he found, the opening of a sportsman's naradise, such as we have in the North, would be worth to this city much more than the amount expended."

(COMOX PEOPLE AROUSED.

The people of Comox have also taken up the question of Island railway expended to the care when an attempt was made to eject them they pulled knives and a lively fight took place, in which the crew were victorious and drove away the robbers. At Dog Oanyon, Sheriff Hunter saw three Mexicans who took to the brush A cell to

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

The sweetheart of a bachelor he still remains, Because the maiden's "Yes," And that presumably explains that presumably explains why he is now a Pessimist.

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CURRENCY AND COINAGE.

treaty is rejected the government owes it to the dignity of the British colony Governments, accompanied by papers to act promptly and decisively. It is thought the retaliatory legislation will probably be adopted without meeting opposition in either branch of the legislature.

sage in relation to the currency and the coinage of the Mexican and Chinese Governments accompanied by papers from the representatives of those Governments, He recommended legislation which will enable the Government of the United States to assist in carrying lature. Industry Is Growing Rapidly in Terricountries, and if the stability of the metals were injured the imports of silver using countries would increase very largely. The message also says that ree coinage is not expected, but that refinite relationship should be estab-ished between gold and silver as a basis

The result of the seed test competition instituted by Prof. Robertson will be made known next week.

For some time past tests of cattle guards for railways have been made by officials for the Government. Today two guards, one an Ottawa invention, passed the test successfully.

The first gold brick from the Wilcox mill, Ymir, taken to Nelson by John F. Burne, the secretary of the Broken Hill company, last week.

This brick, which weighed seven pounds, is, however, only the product of a partial clean-up, after a run of 16 days. The gold is found to be much freer than was estimated, necessitating freer than was estimated, necessitating.

OF ORIENTALS

The mortars, from which no clean-up has been made yet.

Philip White, the superintendent of the property, states that in order to get stoping ground on the richer shoots of ore, a quantity of low grade ore had first to be taken out, and this was used for the preliminary run of the mill.

The ore in question did not average over \$12 pen ten which although a fein over \$12 pen ten which althoug over \$12 per ton, which, although a fair value itself, is low grade compared to the general average of the ore taken from the Fourth of July vein. From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—All sorts of erroncous reports have been sent out as to

Suprages given be the concentration. The concentration of the balance in
the concentration. Prospectors would then be able to get supplies on the ground at prices almost as low as Victoria retail rates. This would induce a large number to take months more valuable information than can be got under present conditions in the poll tax. British Columbia will get as many years.

"If we can show that the mineral is the province and an account the concentration. Previous to the alsourances given by the Dominion authorities to Col. Prior and Mr. Eberts on the Oriental immigration question. No promise was made of an increase of the poll tax. British Columbia will get some ready to be shipped, and the first complete clean-up will probably be some province and an account to the poll tax. The province and an account to the distance in the concentration. Previous to the alsourances given by the Dominion authorities to Col. Prior and Mr. Eberts as the concentration is considerably reduced. The first carload of concentrates is complete clean-up will probably be some province and the province and the

Foreigners Afflicted With Disease Refused a Landing.

Halifax. N. S., Jan. 28.—(Special)— Ten of the Numidian's 200 steerage passengers were rejected and sent back by Mr. Ellis, Dominion inspector, and the United States commissioner reject-ed six. making 16 in all. The rest are a healthy lot. Those stonged were a healthy lot. Those stopped were mostly Finns and Syrians, afflicted with

An Optimist he was when first He heard the maid descant on him. Nor thought how every word is cursed, With one that is its antonym.

He sought her in and out of town, With candles in his satchel, or A bunch. of roses fit to crowm The sweetheart of a bachelor.

ROYAL DIVORCE COURT. cial Sitting on Case of Crown Prin

Dresden, Jan. 28.—The special cassembled today to fry the divbrought by the Crown Prince of Sazagainst his wife, met secretly and journed until February 11.

Change That Will Take Place in

MINISTER OF COMMERCE.

London, Jan. 28.—The Right Hon. Gerald Balfour, president of the Board of Trade, speaking at Newport tonight foreshadowed the elevation of the Board of Trade into a ministry of Commerce. He personally said he favored the change, and was willing to stand aside so as to enable the unfettered choice of a Minister of Commerce.

Freight Trains Smash Together

Between Port Hope and

Newtonville

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Restaurant of a charge of administering a powerful drug to the undoing of a young girl. Dunn was released on bail, the hearing of the case being adjourned till tomorrow. Sensational developments are expected.

Trade in Grand Trunk

Project.

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position. The only new man is D. Mc-Kay, recently arrived from San Fran-cisco, as chief accountant.

The Canadian Northern has been under-construction for the past two and a half years at several points from the province of Manitoba Westward. As yet there has been no work of construction done 'n British Columbia although most of the surveys have been made and the fran-chiese granted for nearly all of the right-

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It will be from three to five years before the Grand Trunk expects to get its
trains through to the Pacific Coast although they will be run on several divisions before that time, according to the
latest official statement. The reason for
this is that as soon as all the franchises
necessary have been granted to the Grand
Trunk, then it is the promise of the officlais to begin construction at North Bay,
Prince Albert, Fort Edmonton and Port
Simpson at the same time and rush each
part of the work to meet the other.

The undertaking on the part of the The undertaking on the part of the Grand Trunk, with four roads already in the field seeking the control of this trade and another one building, is a large one. The main line will involve the construction of about 2,500 miles of track and there will be at least 1,000 more in hyrauch.

l'ues, absolutely necessary. The expenditure on a rough estimate including track, equipment, stations, bridges, shops and other facilities, will be about \$100,000,000.

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CHARGED WITH MURDER. Canada Will Ask Extradition of Two

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 28.-(Spe apt. Walker of the Northwest Mounted Police has left here for Sing Sing pris-oner, New York, to bring back an al-leged murderer named Morgan and ac-complice, Jas. Larson. They are charged with killing a companion named William Johnson rear Red Deer about two and a half years ago, and efforts will be made to have them extradited. The accused are known criminals and are just completing a term at Sing Sing for a robbery committed in New York.

ANOTHER RAILWAY DEAL. Reported Negotiations by the Canadian Northern.

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Quebec, Jan. 22.—Negotiations are pending between the Canadian Northern railway and the Great Northern railway and the Great Northern railway to Whitney; it will give the Canadian Northern is in specting the Great Northern property, and Col. McNaught. of New York, first vice-president, and H. H. Melville, of Great Northern, will meet him, ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

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Favorable Words Regarding Their Physical Welfare and Industrial Progress.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Westminster, Jan. 29.—Last night's early winds from the Gulf followed on the heals of a light snowfall. Some damage was done to old telephone poles, one of which in falling nearly killed a man. The caving in of the bank at the Fraser river bridge will necessitate re-cribbing. Sufficient slope had no been left when cutting away the face of the bluff.

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crease of too, and the difference between that number and 151, the gain through natural causes, is no doubt attributed to immigration. The Indian population by Ontario ..... 
 Ontario
 20,763

 Quebec
 10,865

 Nova Scotia
 2,020

 New Brunswick
 1,655

 Prince Edward Island
 315

 British Columbia
 24,567

 Manitoba
 6,840

 Northwest Territories
 17,927

 Outside limits
 14,568

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there will be at least 1,000 more in branch crease over their earnings from the same lines, absolutely necessary. The expensional source the year before. By fishing, the source the year before. By fishing, the large sum of \$491,150 was realized, an increase of \$42.910. In the Northwest Territories not many

the fiscal year the capital of the Indian trust fund, which at the end of the preceding year had amounted to \$3,941,393, had increased to \$4,045,945. Collections

aggregated \$167,302, and disbursements \$276,749.

Mr. Alex. McGibbon, of the Edmonton aggreated as to keeping Sunday, it is only when they are once out of sight, they will be found gambling, hunting and dancing. This is as I have found it. I trust others will have had experience that will more favorably impress them."

Mr. Alex. McGibbon, of Qu'Appelle, furnishes a reply to Mr. Gibbons, Speaking of the Indians at Pelican Narrows, nearly a three weeks' journey northward from Prince Albert, he says:

Mr. Gibbons, of the Edmonton and attack of paralysis of the right side while being received in audience with King Victoria Emmanuel to doay. He was removed to his home in a serious condition. The ministers were tholding their semi-weekly conference with the King at the Quirinal, when Signor Prinetti, who was addressing His Majesty, suddenly threw up his arms, staggered and would have fallen but for the fact that he was caught by his colleagues. The incident caused great excitement. The King rang for assistance and Minister of Commerce that will more favorably impress them."

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Chatham, Ont., Jan. 28.—(Special)—A gusher rivaling the Guard well was struck this morning by the Chatham Oil Company on Edward's farm, experimenting at greater depth. The oil transit from El Paso smelter to Chicago, loaded with 600 bars of silver bullion, has been entered by robbers and eighty of the bars stolen. At Jarilla Junction the broken seal was discovered and an investigation revealed three

BOYAL ARCH MASONS.

District Superintendent fon British Columbia a Nanaimo Man.

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 28.—(Special)—The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada gathered in annual convention at the Masonic hall today. Grand First Principal Hon. William Gibson presided. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter. The election of grand officers was unanimous. District Superintendent William Schoffheid, Nanaimo, was elected for British Columbia, and George McDonald, M.A. Calgary, for Alberta.

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three days—namely, July 24, 25 and 26.
These large gatherings are of a very injurious character; much valuable time is wasted when they ought to be occupied with their hay-making. I have not ascertained that the illegal features of this dance were at all prominent, but it can scarcely be doubted that besides the loss of time, immorality, gambling and other such evits were practised. A similar dance, the second in five years, was held on the Peigan reserve during the week ended July 12, but the agent reports the ceremony was five years, was held on the Peigan reserve during the week ended July 12, but the agent reports the ceremony was devoid of objectionable features, and nothing worthy of note occurred. In a few years it may be hoped that these foolish practices will die out, but measures must be taken to hasten their end. They are vestiges of savage life, and while they continue among the Indians of any band the work of civilizing them must be, comparatively, at a standstill, The farming instructor, the teacher and missionary cannot accomplish much among people who give themselves for weeks' together for the excesses of a heathen celebration."

LIBEL SUIT.

Burrard Election Making Things Lively

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Writs were served today against Mr. F. Carter-Cotton, of the News-Advertiser, and Mr. Murray for libel and slander, for all-tion of a Chamber of Commerce, was leged charges of corruption against Messrs. Macpherson and Kelly, in the political campaign.

**OUTBREAKS IN** NORTH CHINA J. L. Beckwith, Esq.

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Messengers Rydbog and Eoderstray. missionaries who have reached Shang-hai from Singan, having come from the hai from Singan, having come from the interior because of the threatened revolt, in an interview given to a German daily of Shanghai, state that Tunk Fu Hsiaug is gaining ground and intends to lead his armies to Singan, where he will endeavor to make his capital, and place Pu Chun, who has been proclaimed emstrengthen the present Roard of Trade

Pekin correspondents also tell of the threatened outbreak in the Northwest, and credit Yong Lu, the "real ruler of China." as being behind the movement.

A Shanghai correspondent says: "Private information received in Shanghai correspondents also tell of the for the reorganization of the Board Trade with the eoliget of taking ste for the reorganization of the Board Trade instead of the formation of new association. The motion was the put and carried unanimously. the lumbermen and miners in the district.

In the Northwest Territories but few openings exist beyond engagements as farm hands with neighboring farmers.

In British Columbia the fish canneries, the mining operations and the various works connected with the opening up of the province afford many opportunities for employment, and of these the Indians are availing themselves more and more and proportionately discarding their more precarious and supplementary methods of providing for their wants. The Indians of British Columbia to the province of revenge. They conduct sacrificial ary methods of providing for their wants. The Indians of British Columbia the firm of these pursuits, being a slight increase over their earnings from the same of the read of the province of the pro

"No action is being taken by the government, and the local officials are aparament, and the local officials are aparament. "No action is being taken by the government, and the local officials are apathetic, in many instances giving secret encouragement to the Boxers. If troops are not moved into the province soon the rebels will have it all their own way in the winter months, when the roads will be impassable."

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4. That the fee for membership shall be as follows, viz.: For entrance fee to charter members, \$2.50, and 50 cents each month as dues.

5. That there shall be a paid secretary under a monthly salary who shall be elected by ballot and hold office subject to the wishes of the organization.

6. That a president and vice-president.

Advices from Pekin state that two new organization shall be carried out by Treaties are now being made with the empt from further service until Chinese government in this connection. available

CABINET MINISTER STRICKEN.

Signor Prinetti Attached by Paralysis Signor Prinetti Attacked by Paralysis in King's Presence.

Rome, Jan. 29.-Foreign Minister Prinetti had an attack of paralysis of the right side while being received in audience with King Victoria Emmanuel

# Chamber of Commerce

Organized at a Meeting of Business Men Held Last Night.

Membership Confined to Those Engaged in Trade and Manufacture.

Constitution Adopted and Offi. cers Elected-Large Number of Members Enrolled.

A meeting of citizens, for the purposa held last night at Pioneer hall, with Mr. J. L. Beckwith in the chair. There was a good attendance. The meeting was opened by the reading of the follow. ing letter from Secretary Elworthy the Board of Trade:

Chairman, Meeting of Citizens, 22nd January.

Victoria, Jan. 26, 1903. Mr. Mowat moved that the letter !

many engage in these pursuits to some extent that the aggregate result is considerable, and for the year presented a value of \$139,366, an advance of \$27,482 over the last year's total. Throughout the provinces, with the single exception of Manitoba, there has been an increase in the amount earned as wages. The aggregate amount was close upon \$1,181,160, an increase not far short of \$150,000. While the aggregate enrolment is satisfactory to note that the number of pupils in the respective schools have of pupils in the respective schools have increased. The aggregate enrolment was 9,669, of whom 5,177 were boys and some constant of the special constant of the correspondents of Japan papers report that in an audience with the Empress Dowager at Pekin, United States Gen. Miles praised the virtues of the Empress Dowager after she had eulogistically referred to United States achievements in the Philippines. He is quoted as saying that her qualities surpassed those of Queen Victoria. The despatches state that Britons at Pekin were much amused in this regard.

NEW CHINESE RAILWAY.

Advices from Pekin state that two new regalization shall be carried out by specific to the wishes of the organization. 6. That a president and vice-president and vice-presiden members have served;

8. Personalities or party political erences shall not be allowed in meetings.

9. Bylaws shall be formed from to time as may be found necessary.

10. This constitution shall only amended by a vote of the majority the members present a proving the members present at a meeting this organization, on a notice of weeks being given by the mover. Signed on behalf of the comm GEO. CARTER

A. J. MORLEY, H. SMITH, PHIL R. SMITH Clause three, as to eligibility for men bership provoked much discussion, which Mr. Carter stated that the obje he committee had barring of lawyers. He said a lawyer business was to talk. He was a fessional talker, and anything any was to talk. He was a dividual or association wanted to a lawyer was engaged to get it such a lawyer thinks his place

association—a trader's movement, those who held contrary views were liberty to start an association in comon with their views. This movement was to consider rate and trade naters, and lawyers and was are interest.

Mr. Taylor said he thought the id of the meeting was for the formation a Chamber of Commerce. It should be he narrow and everyone should be mitted. If it was the intention to for a trade's protective association on t lines mentioned by some, it would not a Chamber of Commerce. He thoughthe name should be changed to a pitch that the changed to a pitch that the change of the chan The Islan

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a committee to in of the E. & N. rail of the E. & N. railwing the proposed rae end of the Island, the merits of the proposed rate of the Central com afternoon by C. H. led the following: C. H. Lugrin, H. D. M. P. P. A. E. M. Dr. G. L. Milne, R. P., C. F. Todd, T. P. J. L. Beckwith, D. R. Harris, C. E., Piercy, Ald. Graha and Ald. Yates.

Through the court Croft, the Colonist is ing to publish, two ports of surveys whith eyear 1892 at the of the Canada Weslpany was before the change of the Canada Weslpany was before the change of the Canada Section of the Section of the Section of the Canada Section of the Mr. Croft sent out parties from Victori which was Mr. D. purpose of locating a to Cowichan lake. made two explorato SOOKE TO COW Henry Croft, Esq., C.

Sir,—I have the hono port of an exploratory linet to East end of Co under your instruction along with a sketch me along with a sketch in-lowed.

I left Victor's on Mor I left Victor'a on Mon charge of survey party, Inlet, taking the wagou up the valley, where I I started up Sooke rivup to Sooke lake. For from the beach there stretch of fairly good side of the river, conterraces. From here the land for the next mile the junction of Leech rew and small, the rithough rocky gorges with our sides. There is on mile long and about a man low Wolf creek, where and So feet high. The a bed is fairly gradual an of rapids. I only saw on feet. The rocks of this sect

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narrow, with no flat ha and what there was of and what there was of extended for three miles main river and its two main river and its two mere ravines with very and numerous falls. One s 400 feet high. Leavin owed a trail from Soob Meadows, where Leeching a mountain 2.800 fe saved time by doing so, the river is extremely rouside of Leech river there hass of blue shale with of quartz running East any vertical. I kept follow hose beds the whole Meadows. REALLY GOOD te, besides the meadow ady taken up, but most the a dense growth of be desmall timber. There is dar, fir and hemlock he

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I now proceeded, according to the proceeded according to the course we have the co e land is mostly fairly tracts of several hur there, with a few s stretch I crossed the iderable streams flo silah. The derable st Dissilah. The

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cedar and hemlock, was there. The North limit marked by a small lake from here North to the lossilah stream there is secession of mountains and the some very good timbe for cultivation and quit any kind of road. The very fair land down the limit of the lossilah stream for cultivation and quit any kind of road. The very fair land down the limit of the lossilah stream for culd see, about a quarte de, and very fine timber, and hemlock. From the headwaters of the Koksilah I struck y a divide 2,200 feet abovabout two miles to a conning about N. E. to the wing through a ravine I cilimbed a mountain ne con feet high, and had a the Cowichan and Koke East, to the West there ountainous ground tows yer.

I left this stream by a steet, and after crossing two the continuing through deep gorg bout three miles of commany ground, height about this brought me to the cent into COWICHAN VAL

A FURTHER RI A later report by Mr. Ir

d as there was some very one high mountain over one high mountain over een me and the end of nee descended to the river took the wagon road to scent to the river was very own 1,500 feet in one mile Cowichan valley up to the river miles wide with all we gravelly benches.

Inoticed one large mass mestone in the first streaming into Cowichan river; won, all the rocks seen sin an Meadows were basalt Having reached the lake tage leaving for Duncanhere for further instruction I enclose map showing technical or the seen of the later that the seen of the river instruction in the form of the seen of the later that the control of the seen of th

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