B. C. AREA AS REMOTE AS THIBET

A Shameful Isolation ot the Rich Queen Charlotte Islands

SHUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD

C. Harrison of Masset Tells of Conditions and the Great Resources

C. Harrison, of Massett, Queen charlotte islands, is in town for a few days on business connected with the development of Graham island and the group generally. In an enterview with the Colonist, Mr. Harrison said that the great obstacle in the way of progress in these islands was the lack of a proper mail service. "To give some idea," said he, "the latest news I received before leaving for home was through Dawson papers received via Alaska, reversing as it were the order of things. Certainly the surveys of these waters are incomplete, but when I left, H. M. S. Egeria was in Virago sound and it is to be hoped proper surveys will soon be forthcoming to enable and perhaps induce better communication. Many people representing much capital would gladly come to these islands but for the difficulty of access and opportunity both ways; for, having got there, the difficulty is still to get back. Such difficulty exists as to regular passage that business men and prospectors invariably.

where they are able at short notice to engage a gasoline boat in which to make the transit across. Recently a friend of mine, anxious to get back to the mainland, had to pay the Indians no less than \$50 to take him over in a cance.

fishery trouble left on the steamer Pheasant for New Westminster, where six of them will serve six months for resisting arrest and assaulting officers, and one month for barricading the Babine river. The other two are to serve three months for stealing nets.

It is believed that the Indian Department is taking steps to have the Indians released. This step will be strongly disapproved of here, as the sentences are considered lenient to a degree.

A large number of mining men from the Telqua valley and the Dominion geological survey party, which spent the season in this district, left also by yesterday's boat.

ROOSEVELT TO IRELAND. President Sends a Message of Good-will Through T. P. O'Connor.

Washington, Oct. 6.—President Roosevelt today received T. P. O'Connor, M. P., and Michael J. Ryan, of Philadelphia, the new president of the United League of America. Mr. O'Connor had met the president several times and there was a pleasant exchange on both sides of memories of previous meetings. The president, alluding to his forthcoming article on the Celtic sages, declared that his study of them had made him realize more than ever the high

Deputy Minister of Agriculture Thinks Displays Were Most Creditable

designated as of a high order of excellence.

"All these things considered it seems impossible that this island should any longer remain neglected and practically nuknown; and it is condidently hoped by all residents and all the wide circle of persons interested in the islands that the time has come when the government will take the matter strongly in hand and lend to the waiting development of this promising district the same facilities that have been afforded to others."

VISITING NEWSPAPERWOMAN

Miss Cora E. Hind of Staff of Winnipeg Free Press in the City.

Miss Cora E. Hind, commercial editor of the Manitoba Free Press, and one of the most popular and best known newspaperwomen in Western Canada, is in the city, a guest at the King Edward hotel. Miss Hind is at the coast primarily on a holiday trip, but incidently she tiok in the New Westminster fair, where she acted as judge of the art

FACTS ABOUT THE

I. Islay Mutter, late of the Hudson's Bay Company's posts at Babine and Hazleton, is in town, having come to Victoria on a holiday trip. Mr. Mutter has been in close touch with the recent

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All make the arrests, if possible. Mr. Wells and his fellow officers walked boldly into the midst of the crowd, and told them he wanted some of their men for violation of the fishery act. He proceeded ed then to read the warrants to the six men wapted, formally placing his hands upon their shoulders and proclaiming them captives in the name of the King, them captives in the name over 10

and destroy the barrier, placing Messrs. Norie and Rosenthal to guard the east bank, which is shallow and easily waded.

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A Graphic Description of the Trouble Given an Eye-Witness

SITUATION WAS A REALLY GRAVE ONE

Indians Entitled to Sympathy

But They Were IIIAdvised

Babine DIFFICULTY

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Some had Mr. Norie stepped hear to the barrier than he was dragged back by a mob of squaws, and on Mr. Wells going to his rescue he was badly handled. Then then tried to put their threat in execution of drowning him and Mr. Norie. This attempt failed, and, recognizing the utter futility of further efforts, the officers then retired, as to go to further extremitties meant blood shed. Statistics show that those Indians are in no way destitute; in fact, few Indians are better off. Those who wish can have freight to pack all summer, and the salmon caught by them a year ago by nets were ample for their needs, if used with any degree of care. All the Indians in this section have shown a nasty spirit ever since the double murder occurred last spring at Hazelton, and, as the murderers are still at large, they begin to look down upon the white men. Had a proper reward been offered in the first place this Indian Simon would soon have been caught.

Reward Was Paltry.

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ROAN COLOR OF HORSES.

roan-colored horses are usually good tough and hardy ones, possessing strong constitutions and wearing well, and horsemen who have had any practical experience of horses of this color find that this view is quite in according It is a generally-held opinion that

moulting season, which probably deter terd many exhibitors. He wished it understood that as it is well known that moulting takes place at this time of year it should not be allowed to interfere the intention of exhibitors.

"Mis Rose, who was acting as judge to the dairying department, expressed the herself as very much pleaked with the intention of exhibitors.

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DAVID SPENCER, Ltd. WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE.

"The unfolding of the Scroll of Time will never see this store lessen the standard of its merchandise for the sake of low prices."

In order to sell merchandise in keeping with this policy, it is essential to maintain the standard of the merchandise at any cost. This principle, kept continually in mind, has developed a system of careful buying, until the principles, "best quality and low prices," are certainly blended in our storekeeping; we are selling merchandise at low prices, but it is the reliable kind.

You will agree that it is not so much what you pay for a thing as the satisfaction it gives. We would sooner have the reputation of charging you a little more than the credit of selling unsatisfactory merchandise at low prices.

We have to sacrifice profits to do it, but we are increasing our business every month,

It takes years of experience, fine figuring and shrewd manipulation, to provide the highest grade of merchandise at the lowest prices, as well as years of honest endeavor and straightforward business methods to establish our reliability and superiority as we

CURTAINS

For every room in the house at the head of the procession come the heavy tapestry curtains, which can be used for either doors or windows, rich artistic draperies, in the new fall patterns and new

PLAIN MERCERIZED CUR TAINS \$5.00 to \$12.50 TAPESTRY \$3.75 to \$17,50 LACE CURTAINS.

Dainty and fresh and you need not there are quantities of novelty curtains which will look and wear well and cost very little.

KITCHEN

COSTUMES, JACKETS & FURS We are devoting all show windows

We are devoting all show windows (Government street) to the dfaplay of New Costumes, Jackets and Furs from our own factory. Some of the values shown are: Ladies' Tweed Costume; tight fiting jacket, with black collar, and pleated skirt, \$17.50. Ladies' Light Gray Costume; tight fitting jacket with gray velvet collar, trimmed with military braid and buttons to match collar; nine gore pleated skirt, \$25.00. Ladies Short Peplin Coat; lined

\$25.00.

Ladies Short Peplin Coat; lined with good quality of silk, with seven gore pleated skirt. \$35.00.

Ladies' Shepherd Plaid Costume; Shepherd Plaid Costume; Stripped with Ladies' Shepherd Plaid Costume; tight fitting coat, trimmed with black velvet and buttons to match; nine gored skirt trimmed with stitched straps, \$35.00.

Ladies' Venetian Cloth Costume, wine color; short Eaton jacket, with white satin collar trimmed with narrow gilt braid, circular skirt trimmed with stitched bands and buttons to match,

Ladies' Gray Costume; long hip length, semi-fitted coat, with black veivet collar and buttons to match, lined with gray satin, with pleated skirt, \$35.00.

Ladies' Navy Blue Venetian Costume; peplin coat, with black velvet collar and cloth buttons, also stitched braid so as to form vest effect. Coat lined with black satin; seven gore pleated skirt, \$37.50.

tume: three-quarter length tight fitting coat, velvet collar and cuffs, black satin lining; seven gore pleated skirt, \$37.50.

Ladies' Brown Venetian Cloth Costume; short coat, trimmed

LIBRARY AND SITTING ROOM

curtains, Nottingham in fine mesh, \$1.75 to \$6.50, applique curtains, \$3.50 to \$25.00. Bonni Femini Curtains came in different widths, \$3.75 to \$15.00. FOR BEDROOMS Nothing is fresher or sweeter than ruffled Swiss Curtains, which can be washed, and we have bed sets to match.

CURTAINS BY THE YARD.

Haven't you seen rooms which were a delight just to sit in. Very likely sheer curtains of some kind were used which let the light through and mellowed it and made everybody feel oheerful.

with wide military braid, brown velvet collar and cuffs lined with brown silk, thirteen gore pleated skirt, \$40.00. Ladies' Costume in Navy Blue Broad Cloth; coat trimmed with wide military braid, black velvet collar and cuffs, lined with white satin, seven gored skirt trimmed with wide military braid to match skirt, \$55.00.

Ladies' Three-Quarter Length
Dark Brown Tweed Coat; blas
back, velvet collar, \$8.75.
Ladies' Three-Quarter Length
Light Gray Tweed coat; light
velvet collar and cuffs, \$10.00.
Ladies' Three-Quarter Length
Dark Gray Tweed Coat; velvet
collar and cuffs, \$12.50.
Ladies' Three-Quarter Length
Dark Gray Tweed Coat; trimmed
with stitched strape, black cloth
collar and cuffs, \$15.00.
Ladies Three-Quarter Gray Tweed
Coats collar and cuffs trimmed
with leather, \$20.00.

th leather, \$20.00. strap and green velvet colli-and buttons to match, \$18.50.

Ladies' Three-Quarter Length Check Coat, two inverted box-pleats in back at top so as to form yoke velvet collar and cufts, \$22.50. Ladies' Seventh-Eighth Gray Tweed Tight Fitting Coat, col-lar and cuffs trimmed with wide

plack velvet, \$25.00. Ladies, Seven-Eighth Loose Fit-ting Coat, large invisible check, trimmed with stitched bands so as to form yoke effect at back, fancy collar, \$30.00. FOR THE PARLOR

starting at \$8.50; if you want something heavier, try Paintede Paris, or Irish, \$4.50 up. FOR THE SITTING-ROOM

Madras, 35c to 75c.

DEN

Madras, green and red tints. BEDROOM

White bobbinet, 25c. to 50c. Scotch Muslins.

A NEW LOT OF FURS PUT INTO STOCK TODAY Mink Ties, \$21.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00. Thibet Stoles, \$15.00.

Martin Ruffs, \$25.00.

ABOUT RELIABLE CARPETS

Once upon a time Department
Stores were looked upon as
keeping a lower grade of goods
than the Specialty Store.

The Modern Department Store of
the day is looked upon in a very
different light.

The Modern Store caters to all classes of trade. The highest as well as the medium. As a rule the assortments shown in a Department Store are much larger than Specialty Stores as the output is much greater for clearing out any surplus stock that does not appeal to the general run of people.

large a stock as the trade de-mands, and we are also in a pos-ition to get quotations for quan-titles that have made a difference in our own very low this season. For instance; Brussels Carpet, our special, at

at \$1.25. Many new designs shown at this price. Orientals in red and fawn grounds, figured designs and small patterns, suitable for halls, dens and stairways. Melton Carpets at \$1.50 a yard;

new designs in red and green



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G. T. P. TO REACK **EDMONTON** IN

Construction Proceeding R -Yellow Head Pass Is · Favored Route

PROGRESS OF SURVEYS IN MOU

No Decision Has Yet Be Followed

INNIPEG, Oct. 11.-C wood Schreiber, co engineer to the De int ,and chief engineer ern division of the Grand oific for the government, or iterviewed here, stated that the struction was proceeding fairl insidering the great difficulty ntry, and cannot be obtain marked. "That is the trouble working from Portage la up as far as Edmonton. The generally pretty well covered. The tance is 730 miles; and of the would probably be some 200 graded. I fully anticipate the rails will be laid to Edmonton the show files next year. Of this depends much upon the master; if there is any shortage take longer. A considerable amo construction will be done duri wheter. They have to pierce and there are a great number of tings to be excavated. Then they will have to get together the ber ties, and distribute material the line. So there will be doing."

Mountain Surveys.

The interviewer next inquired cerning the progress of the surv "There are a number of surv parties in the mountains and various passes," he said. "But government have not a report a on which to come to a decision which is the best and most is to adopt. They hope, however, to ever the necessary information short time, and it is generally lieved that by next spring the construction will be in prothrough the mountains.

"Neither the government or G. T. P. know where the line traverse the Rockies. The favoute of the company is the Ye head Pass, but the government demanded information on all the sible routes. Explorations have sequently been made over the River pass, the Smoky River pass the Sheep pass; while the Yellow and Peace River passes have surveyed."

STORM KING ROARS

Heavy Snow Sleet and Rain a First Taste of

POCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. by a severe sleet storm early morning carrying down limbs of nication with Buffalo was cut of ere both telephone systems conn the latter city.

Storm Was General. New York, Oct. 11 .- The storm v as cut off Buffalo from telegraphi 'phone communication, extended western New York, western Pennsy in, and a large portion of On Telegraph wires are unworkable ear London, Ont., and west of Montrea Snow in Pennsylvania.

Cory, Pa., Oct. 11.—A snowstorn nunual severity for this time of the; is raging throughout this section. U 9 o'clock this morning six inches of s

A Low Temperature Record.

Pittsburg, Penn., Oct. 11.—All rec
for low temperature in October a
that established in 1871 were be
today when the mercury dropped to

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 11.—The st continued unabated today heavy s falling steadily. John Reese 65 y of age was found frozen to deat his home today. He lived alone. Vermont Gets Tail-End.

Bennington, Vt., Oct. 11.—Follow a rainstorm which lasteed 48 hours first snow of the season fell here to There was a brisk squall which lasted

Plays Havec With the Wires. Toronto, Oct. 11.—A heavy sr orm which set in last night and tinued ever since in the Niagara t has been one of fully six in the result that telephone and graph wires are down in all directi Fruit growers of Niagara and Stams state their losses will run into the ti

THE VICE-REGAL TOUR.

Indian Head, Man., Oct. 11.— Sovernor General and party arrivere today and received a most convelcome by citizens. He was entertain