the Editor: In reading your articles arrous times on the propriety of rall-cill, I have wondered if such a division time were remunerative alike to the amount of the propriety of the sun and the people. Old-timers underany and the people of the province. It is far-reaching to the street to see its far-reaching to the province. It is far-reaching to the province of the province of

THE ISSUE.

bisputes have the proving a said grant between the province all way company, resulting in waylts, in which Mr. Pooley, as for the railway company's intertaken action against his own governal.

properties owned and controlled by ne syndicate.

patent to everybody that in order ase themselves from this greedy hold a obtain some just recompense for injudges granted by this province to injudge granted by this province to it the E. & N. Railway Company and like monopolies. The question now is it wise to have at the head of rement a railroad official so wrapped the company's interest that his a rains interest inpany's interest inpany's interest in of British Columbia would a secondary consideration? It is a secondary consideration in the secondary is in possible for any is it possible for any is it possible for any and in the Esquimalt, and every oth

fors of Esquimalt, and every other uency wherein a Dunsmuir candidate nomination, ponder this well; if you favor of a free government, a peogovernment, one that will make an endeavor to do what is right, and not the hands of future generations, the opposition candidates your und support. Let them attempt to then out the many crooked acts of resent administration, acts which are trace to any statute book, and have or or or of the people at large, not who have exceeded their just due and crying for more.

VICTORIA.

the Editor: As this is the first ele the factor of the first elec-ntest I have witnessed in this coun-here being no contest in the all district four years ago, I hope be pardoned if I should trespass the s in vogue here, as it seems I did diday evening

the meetings for the chairman questions, and generally he asks ve time they be reduced to written upon that idea I was acting.

McPhillips said that every case whed railways had been a follow America, where for some time I was yed as locomotive engineer driver on tate's railway. I was in Chili during evolution, and although many things said against the president, Balmac'da, his govenrment, I do not remember d be'ng said against the government g the railways. Possibly, nowever, McPhillips meant they had been a from a money-making point of view, rivate companies or individuals; but railways are owned by the state the is that after working expenses are that after working expenses are best possible service should be

t after working expenses are st possible service should be set development of the country possible tariff, instead of secuch can be squeezed out of reforced to use them.

In the Chinese question, I so of their children about the whave been born here and are numbers of their children about the is, who have been born here and are to stay and die here, and the quesarises: who are to be the progenitors of future people of Canada, of British and Anglo-Saxons and others of like and ability, or Orientals? Is our compose worthy of the glorious history of Britain, or to become a second China? also no one should be allowed to settle anently here, unless he is fit to at become a citizen. become a citizen. vaited anxiously for that, and when read sub-section 2 of section 29, my hope ed. I could not take the responsibility other societies of which I could have knowledge, much less voice of control lere are questions regarding the taxing of countries.

emptors, the non-carrying out of the act and the rules in force in conductour civil courts upon which I should to know the views of the candidates, neither my time nor your space will mit. As we hear so much about the cy of Progress and Prosperity, I would to say a few words about the settlet of which I claim to be the planeer-t Renfrew, otherwise known as Post Juan. Four years ago we had a voice's with 33 names on: there was besides with 53 names on; there was besides ousiderable number who had not got nance on that list. At the time of last Dominion election there were only n the place whose names were upon list, of whom 11 woted. Fut on the list there are 31 names, of which I at 16 away. Four years ago we bed we were going to have the best settlent on the west coast and with the

ent on the west coast, and with the nises of the government that wild have roads in the valley, and a road ugh to Victoria. I believe, had there be ould have roads in the vailey, and a road ough to Victoria. I believe, had there began contest there, every man would have ted for the government. But I think they in find it different now. Had it not been the discovery of some mineral ledges place would have been practically decreted, owing to the difficulties of getting ods in and out through the want of roads d the damage done by freshets, caused great part by the log jam in the river, have lived there nearly five years, dury which time I have drawn over £230 om England. The first fall I lost nearly entire outfit, including provisions for or eight mouths, clothing, books, teels; en the grindstone was swept away by six or eight months, clothing, books, townsyen the grindstone was swept away by a sudden freshet one night; subsequent reshets have washed the bank away where had cleared in some places as much as 15 yards, and the remainder had the top soil taken off. I remained there, however, as long as possible, but last December I was forced to come away and try to mise some money to sell an insurance policy, on

as forced to come away and try to mise ome money to sell an insurance policy, of hich I have paid upwards of £190. I went of Mr. Gore, the deputy commissioner of ands and works in an endeavor to get ands and works in an endeavor to get ands and works in an endeavor to get to the control to lay before him the losses I had sustained. As soon, however, as I mentioned reshets he stopped me shout in a very mappish manner, saying "it serveed us ight, because we hadn't enough patriotism or cut out some of the trees which for cross the river." He refused to allow me of explain the matter, which is as follows: A passage way had been cut through he old jam, removing about one that of he accumulated logs, a sum of \$100 beins esserved for any case of blocking up. In the winter, two of the settlers were forced to come to the front for provisions in a very wet and stormy time and in thing to they found two large spruce trees the erv wet and stormy time, and in the so they found two large spruce trees blown toross a sharp hend in the river, where the safer runs very swift; and being marrower han other parts was deep also. They referred the matter to one or two other set lers, but as the foreman was away, and its the trees formed high bridges right torost the both banks, the only thing that the same of pould be done was to blow them of my remained of which, to the best provided on the provided of the provided o for the settlers knew nothing the present state of things "serves us right," have all means let them vote for the government. But if they think we deserve some ment. But if they think we deserve some things better, let them not sell themselve thing better, let them not sell themselve there are the server of t

ed himself in their behalf.

ALFRED WIGGS.

and the sale of And The Last Been eceived two despatches from General

Shafter this afternoon. In one Gen. Shafter says: "I feel enemy for any length of time." mand for the surrender of Santiago is

CERVERA'S FLEET
TOTALLY DESTROYED

Demolished by American Warships While Attempting to Escape From Santiago.

ONE VESSEL ESCAPED.

still being considered by the Spanish

One of these despatches was in re-

sponse to congratulations from General

Miles, in the course of which he said:

"I expect to be with you in one week

with strong reinforcements." General

Shafter's answer expressed delight at

General Miles' coming in order that he

Enthusiasm in the Senate.

most indescribable enthusiasm in the sen-ate greeted Admiral Sampson's despatch

announcing the complete annihilation of

Admiral Cervera's fleet, and the sur-

render of the admiral himself and 1,300

Spanish prisoners. Cheer after cheer

rang through the corridors of the state,

Washington Wild With Joy,

Washington, July 4.-The glorious

ing of the destruction of Cervera's entire fleet was read on every hand with joy.

Yet another dispatch, probaly the most

would begin bombarding the city unless surrender was made. Fearing the aw-ful results of a bombardment the repre-

out of the city. It was thought that under the circumstances General Shafter

would give reasonable time for the re-moval of the women and children.

Kong date of July 4, although it came

from Cavite, July 1. It told not only of the arrival of the first expedition, but

also of the capture of Guam, Ladrone

Islands, with a garrison of six officers

and 52 men and the surrender of the

Spanish gunboat Leyte with five officers

Transports Arrive at Manila.

Charleston arrived yesterday.

exhausted her ammunition and food in

repelling an attack by the insurgents She had on board 62 officers and 94 naval

Shafter Demands Surrender

joint representations requesting that the

Spanish Estimate of American Losses

had been received of the report that Gen.

Vara de Rey and two of Gen. Linare's aide-de-camps were among the killed in

the third attack on El Caney. The Am-

sources, to have exceeded two thousand

government has no news from Aguadores

nor from the reinforcements from Man-

FROM THE CAPITAL.

No Bye-Elections Until Fall-Uniform for B. C. Rifle Companies.

lay and under the new lists.

The government has decided

the British coat of arms.

also goes.

Ottawa, July 4.-It is understood that

An order in council dated June 20 appears in the Canada Gazette making

Wardner a customs port of entry under the survey of New Westminster.

Alexander Smith, Liberal organizer in Ottario, leaves for a trip to British Columbia on Thursday. Justice Lister

by Lord Aberdeen appointing E. A. Cam-

order in council has been signed

Spanish

erican losses are said, from

zannillo under Gen. Pareja.

first demand was sent by Shafter.

and military men. (Signed) DEWEY.

war and navy buildings.

ish authorities.

Washington, July 4.-The wildest and

might see the obstacles encountered.

Admiral Cervera and still being authorities." His Men All Prisoners.

The Loss to the American Forces Was Only One Killed and Two Wounded.

Spanish Advices Say That Admiral Cervera Succeeded in "Making a Sortie".

Great Joy at Shafter's Camp and Throughout the Whole of the United States.

Washington, July 4 .- The secretary of the navy has received the following:

Playa, via Hayti: To the secretary of the navy, Washington: 3:15 a.m., Siboney, July 3.-The fleet under my July present the destruction of the whole of Cervera's fleet. Not one vessel has escommand offers the nation as a fourth of

The fleet attempted to escape at 8:30, and at 2 p.m. the last vessel, the Cristobal Colon, had run ashore sixty miles west of Santiago and let down her

The Infanta Maria Teresa, Oquendo and Vizscaya were forced ashore, burned and blown up within 20 miles of San-

The Furore and Pluton were destroyed within four miles of port.

Our loss is one killed and two wound-The enemy's loss will probably be several hundred from gun fire, explosions and drowning.

We took about 1,300 prisoners, including Admiral Cervera. The man killed is George Ellis, chief yeoman of the

(Signed) SAMPSON. Congratulations From McKinley. Washington, July 4.-The following

message was sent to Admiral Sampson to-day by the president: "Admiral Sampson, Playa del Este,-

You have the gratitude and congratulations of the whole American people, Convey to your noble officers and crews, through whose valor new honors have been added. America's grateful thanks and the appreciation of the nation. (Sd.) WM. McKINLEY."

Spain's Version.

Madrid, July 4.—(Noon)—Official despatches received here from Santiago say that Admiral Cervera's squadron succeeded in "making a sortie" from Santiago. No details are given.

Jollification at Glen Ridge.

New York, July 4.—The news from Santiago that the Spanish fleet had been destroyed was received this forenoon in Glen Ridge with demonstrations of joy. Admiral Sampson was a resident of Glen Ridge, which is a few miles from here. His family, consisting of his wife, son and daughter, had been anxiously waiting news from Santiago, and when they read of the destruction of the fleet and that Admiral Sampson and his men did not suffer, they gave vent to their thusiasm. There was open house at he Sampson residence to-day, and many illagers called to congratulate Mrs. apson on the work of her husband in reventing the Spanish from escaping. here will be a big jollification at Glen Ridge to-night.

Joy at Shafter's Camp. men. It is reported that Gen. Linares Washington, July 4.—The war depart. has succumbed to his wounds, but the washington, July 4.—The war departs has succumbed to his wounds, but the next has posted the following from Gen. report is not confirmed. The Spanish

Playa del Este, 9:30 a.m., July 4. leadquarters of the fifth army corps, (ar Santiago)—When the news of the ister to the Spanish fleet reached the nt it was during a truce, and the smental band, which had managed to its instruments on the line, played 'Star Bangled Banner" and "There be a Hot Time in the Old Town ight." The men are cheering from end of the line to the other. The officers and men are without even shelter; tents have been soaking for five days

n the afternoon rains, but all are happy. (Signed) SHAFTER. Shafter Master of the Situation. Washington, July 4.-General Miles

n master of the situation and can hold In the other Shafter says: "My deeron, London, registrar of the supreme court.

Mr. Maxwell arrived here to night. He is here about the chief justiceshup. Lord and Lady Aberdeen will leave on Thursday for British Columbia to spend some time on their ranch.

OUT FROM KLONDIKE. Twenty Miners Down From Dawson With \$35,000.

Seattle, July 4.—The first miners to come out from Klondike this season arrived here to-day from St. Michaels on the steamer New England. There were twenty of them and they brought gold dust and drafts to the amount of \$35,000.

Commander of the American Forces Tells of the Grave Situat on.

Washington Authorities To Send Help to Santiago as Soon as Possible.

Washington, July 3.—The following despatch from General Shafter was received to-day and made public in the "Camp near Sevilla, Cuba, July 3.— We have the town well invested on the

north and east, but with a very thin line. Upon approaching it we find it of such a character and the defense so strong that it will be impossible to carry it by storm with my present force. Our losses up to date will aggregate a thousand, but the list has not yet been made. "But little sickness outside of exhaus-tion from heat and exertion of the battion from heat and exercise of the day before yesterday, and the almost constant fire which is kept up on the trenches. Wagon road to the rear is kept up with some difficulty on account of rains, but will be able to use it for the present. General Wheeler is seriously ill and probably will have to Washington, July 4.—The glorious news of the American successes thrilled the avenue and stirred every heart in the national capital to-day. It is a glorious 4th of July. Word came from Shafter, from Sampson and from Dewey telling of successes already achieved and those hear at hand. That from Sampson telling of the destruction of Corvers's entire go to the rear to-day. General Young also is very ill, confined to his bed. General Hawkins was slightly injured in the foot during a sortie the enemy made last night, which was handsomely -re-pulsed. The behavior of the troops

Seevral of Shafter's dispatches were made public. One of them stated that he had the enemy surrounded on the north and east. Another contained this "General Garcia reports that he holds the railroad and has been burning bridges, also that General Pando has arrived at Palmaer; and that the French consul with about four hundred French from Santiago. Have decided to treat the demand for the surrender of Santia-go was still being considered by the Span-

them with courtesy.

"(Sd.) SHAFTER, Major-General." Yet another dispatch, probaly the most important of all, was not made public up to 1 o'clock. It was of great length, covering fifty or sixty typewritten pages of telegraph paper. Briefly and semi-officially its contents are as follows General Shafter made a demand for the surrender of Santiago. This was at first Secretary Alger sent the following reply to General Shafter.
"The Presidents directs me to say that you have the gratitude and thanks of the nation for the brilliant and effective work of your noble army on Friday, July 1st. The sturdy valor and heroism of officers and men thrill the American people with pride. The country mourns the brave men who fell in battle. They have added new names to our refused by the Spanish commander, but the demand was apparently taken under General Shafter's notice was that he

sentatives of the foreign countries stationed at Santiago assembled and asked that another day be given the women and children and non-combatants to be taken ditions at Santiago said the government did not intend to make any of its plans public and give the enemy an opportunity to know what was intended. It is understood that General Shafter will moval of the women and children.

The news from Dewey is equally stirring. His official dapatch bore a Hong partment officials have been in confer-

All of General Shafter's desnatches were not made public for reasons of expediency. It is understood he will withdraw to the hills near the sea and await reinforcements which will be sent tary Meiklejohn is now busy arranging for transports. General Miles said the result at San-

Washington, July 4.—The following telegram has been received by the navy department from Admiral Dewey:
Cavite, July 4.—Three transports and tiago appears to be a drawn battle. He also said that the withdrawal of General Shafter to the highlands of Siboney near the sea, would be temporary enaling the troops to rest and prepare for future work. General Shafter would probaly give up El Caney and the plain not far from Santiago. the Charleston arrived yesterday. Inc.
Charleston captured Cuam, Ladrone's
islands, June 21. No resistance. She
brought the Spanish officers from the
garrison and six officers and 52 men to
Manila. On June 29 the Spanish gun
vossel Leyete came out of a river near
Manila and surrendered to me having-

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN FRANCE

Frenchmen who find fault with us cause most of our medical schools require only four years of study, says the New York Medical Record, conveniently overlook the fact that they themselves devote less than ball a year of their student days to work. The British Medical Journal says that the students of the University of Paris are not likely to suffer from intellectual corresponding to the following list of holidays, which they enjoy. One of the students has used some of the abundant spare time which the bounty of his alma maler in the matter of "free days" leaves him to compile the following list of holidays: "The great summer vacation, 64 days: Att Saints' holidays, 3; Christmas and New Year, 10; St. Charlemagne, 2; cause most of our medical schools Washington, July 4—The secretary of war has received a lengthy and most important dispatch from General Shafter. It is one which excites much rumor, but its essential points can now be given authoritatively. It states that Shafter has demanded the surrender of Santiago at noon today on pain of bomardment. Thereupon the censuls at Santiago made vomen and children in the city have until and New Year, 10; St. Charlemagne, 2 free days in Lent, 2; the Easter vacation, 15; Whitsuntide, 3; the National Fes-Tuesday noon to withdraw before bom-ardment begins. The Spanish general tival 3; Sundays, 52; Thursdays, 52; memorial days of great men, 10; total, eclined to surrender at the time the 216 days. Thus it is seen that the future dectors of France devote 149 days out of the 365 to the business of their educa-Madrid, July 4.-At the conclusion of yesterday's cabinet meeting the minis-ters announced that official confirmation

AN HEROIC BANK PRESIDENT.

It may be recalled that some months ago the People's Bank, Philadelphia, was compelled to close its doors as a consequence of the suicide of its cashier. John S. Hopkins, and that tion showed that its resources had been impaired by \$800,000, through loans made to Richard F. Loper and the Guarantor's Finance Company, of which Loper was manager. The receiver of the bank, to make the very gratifying an-nouncement to the depositors and other creditors, that he was in a position to pay them a dividend of 90 per cent., and that the remaining 10 per cent, will follow in three months. President Mc-Manes, to whom Hopkins' doings came the government have decided not to hold and Dominion bye-elections until fall. They will all take place on the same as a terrible shock, heroically announced rifle companies. The tunic is of soft grown Halifax tweed, with bright green that he would personally guarantee that no depositor or creditor would lose a dollar by the bank's failure, and he has made his word good to the very letter. James McManes is another of the men facings and shoulder straps and brass buttons. The hat is soft felt with a turn up on one side and the buckle bears of whom Philadelphia should be proud.

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY. His sweetheart stood, with face intent to and pale, to see him go. Though sank her heart within her breast, She did not dare to dry.

She'd heard in wartime it was best To keep your powder dry.

—Indianapolis Journal.

such as an investigation into the origin of every fire a fairly efficient remedy

Steamer Boscowitz Brings Down the First Considered of This Season' . . aca.

Dufferin Survivors Arrive-Another Sternwheeler Obliged to Return to Port.

Steamer Boscowitz, which arrived from northern British Columbia ports this morning, brought the first consignment of this season's salmon pack, having 500 cases from one of the Skeens river canneries for Vancouver, Capt. Steele reports the sockeyes are running well both on the Skeena and Namu, and at River's Inlet, and fishing is in full blast. From all appearances, he says, the run will be a very good one. The fishermen are receiving the same price as was paid last season, and the talk of as was paid last season, and the talk of The Union hospital should receive a The Union hospital should receive a strike and discontent heard a fortnight ago has now all ceased. One or two of ago has now all ceased. One or two of the canneries have already over 2,000 and dollars annually, which I shall use every endeavor to get.

One industry I should like to see in siderable fish, and should the weather continue fine, the pack will be a very large one. At Alert Bay S. A. Spencer's cannery has 1,000 cases up, but a number of the state of ber of these are spring salmon. The Boscowitz brought down the following passengers: Mr. Walkely from Kitamaat, Miss Pauline from Namu, Misses Tite and Johnson from Metlakahtla, Capt. Miss Fauline from Metlakahtla, Capt and Johnson from Metlakahtla, Capt Paxton from Port Simpson and several prospectors. On her way down she passed the steamer Del Norte off Bella Bella with several stern wheel steamers by having a smelter means the employment of hundreds of men, which will give the farmers a market for their pro-

Manager G. Hinde Bowker, of the British American Corporation, owners of the lost stern wheeler Marquis of Dufferin, and Capt. Connall and the erew of that vessel have arrived from Alberni. They say that the lost steamer seemed to go to pieces all at once. The hog chains, hog posts and everything that held her together broke simultaneously, and the forward part of the hull spread out like a pile of loose lumber. The rescue of the crew by the life boats of the Progress caused great excitement on the company will soon have completed a transfer service between the city of Vancouver and Union Bay, which will carry the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between the city of Vancouver and Union Bay, which will carry the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between the city of Vancouver and Union Bay, which will carry the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between the city of Vancouver and Union Bay, which will carry the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between the city of Vancouver and Union Bay, which will carry the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between those two points, and I shall make the country the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between the city of Vancouver and Union Bay, which will carry the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between those two points, and I shall make the country the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between those two points, and I shall make the country the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between those two points, and I shall make the country the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between those two points, and I shall make the country the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke making a daily service between those two points, and I shall make the country that the country the C. P. R. Manager G. Hinde Bowker, of the rescue of the crew by the life boats of the Progreso caused great excitement on the big steamer, as the work of the rescuers could not be seen in the dark.

picked up.

Information has been received from as Commander M. H. Smyth, H.B.M. surveying vessel Egeria, of the existence of a shoal, now named Sentry shoal, lying to the south eastward of Mitlenatch island. The shoal within the limits of the 12 miles the least depth found being 5 fathous, from which the summit of Mitlenatch island. The shoal water also appears to extend about 1-2 mile from the uorth side of Mitlenatch island. The approximate position of the 5 fathom patch is latitude 49 deg. 55 min 100cc. N. In a yery good condition, and the yery good condition, and the picked up.

That is another thing which affects my interests, and yours also. The better condition the roads are in, you will be able to sell much more land and get the country settled up, which will be a benefit to you and me. So I will use every endeavor in my power to get good roads in your district.

I would recommend the district to be divided into sections, and from each section, a road commissioner should be appointed by the settlers; and those commander chance. Everywhere throughout the money should be expended on the latitude 49 deg. 55 min 100cc. N. In agree the country settled up, which will be a benefit to you and me. So I will use every endeavor in my power to get good roads in your district.

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By his magnatimos act, Gaudaur has caused happiness to take the place of gloom and made it possible for Johnston and hade in the utmost attention

lishoo and other points included in the excursion run.

Steamer Navarro has returned to Port Pownsend with the stern wheel steamer Minneapolis in tow. The Navarro left as soon as possible. Assistant Secret Scattle with the Minneapolis about a ago. She got outside the cape the stern wheeler broke two hog when the stern wheeler broke two nog

> Steamer Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco last evening about twenty hours late, having encountered heavy head winds during the whole of the voy-She had 249 passengers, of whon 112 were for Victoria. She had 111 yourself differently. I was drunk, sir

Among the latest charters reported are bark Sonoma, 998 tons, to load at Chemainus for Adelaide at a rate of 50s., and the American ship J. B. Brown, 1,407 tons, to load coal at Nanaimo on account of Rosenfeld's Sons

The C. P. R. bulletin notes the arrival of the White Star line Britishis at New York from Southampton yesterday afternoon.

Steamer Glad Tidings, with Ref. Thus, Crosby on board, will leave is morrow on a missionary cruise to the northern British Columbia missions between this port and Port Simpson

port and Port Simpson. Steamer Queen sailed for San Francis-co this morning. She had a large number of passengers from this port. Steamer Tees arrived at the Fraser

iver last night from the north. She is due here this evening. Steamer Tartar will sail for Wrangel and Skagway on Thursday evening.

Steamer Cottage City will sail for the no th to morrow.

INVESTIGATE FIRES. Investigation into the causes of fires

is as much a public duty as fire ex-tinguishing. Naturally the insurance offices shrink from habitually disputing payment for loss. The elements of prudence and safety have to be considered and in practice questions are raised in glaring cases. There is no or ganized system for dealing with the orig bank, Mr. Thos. W. Barlow, was en-abled one day last week, as a result of receiving a cheque for over \$400,000 in of fires, and the danger of detection from James McManes, president of the is only in a limited degree preventive. An isolated enquiry has little influence beyond its own case. Anything short of an investigation into the cause of all fires, without exception, will fail to reduce in any appreciable degree the per-centage of wilful fires. If it were known that every outbreak of fire would be examined into by the coroner, could the deterrent effect be doubted? There is has no want of agreement, indeed, that such investigations are a public duty, but public feeling does not seem to be sufficiently strong to give the impulse requi site for legislation. Nor will sympathy be easily aroused, since the immediate sufferers are generally wealthy insurance companies. It is not creditable to the insurance offices that they submit to be defrauded from year to year by dishonest insurers, and it is deplorable that the government should allow the crime of arson to be committed almost with impunity, when by a simple process

TO THE ELECTORS OF COMOX

Gentlemen: Finding it impossible to An Abrupt E. ding to the Boat Race see all the voters of this district before election day, I hereby ask for your support on the following platform:

My policy is a progressive policy, and
I shall support the present government
in all measures that I believe to be for

erecting brick works for manufacturing bricks and fire clay. We have also all fluxes required on Texada Island, and by all accounts abundance of ore at Shoal Bay and the northern part of your district. It is to my interests to

My company will soon have completed a transfer service between the city of Vancouver and Union Bay, which will carry the C. P. R. railway cars, with coal and coke, making a daily service between those two points, and I shall use every means with your member for the Dominion to get for your district a daily mail service; and it will not be the fault of your focal member—if I have the bonor to be so called—if this is not done.

Since my visit in canvassing in your district, I have travelled over the most of your roads, and I find that some of them are in a very good condition, and others I must say are almost impassable.

Over an hour elapsed ere the first boat of your roads, and I find that some of the survivors were others I must say are almost impassable.

mate position of the 5 fathom patch is latitude 49 deg. 55 min, 00sec, N., longitude 125 deg. 01 min. 30 sec. W.

Aaskan ports to morrow morning on her first voyage in her new service, having been placed on the excursion route, in opposition to the Panific Coast liners. She will call at Sitka, Glacier Arm, Killishoo and other points included in the control of the control o JAMES DUNSMUIR.

COULDN'T HELP IT. And the Colonel Couldn't Help Forgiv

ing Him. A corporal in one of the regiments down at Chickamauga Park had become entangled with a difficulty, and as a esult of it, added to an accumulation of similar such, he was called to appear before the colonel of the regiment. "Corporal Jenkins," said that officer. severely, "you are a fine soldier and a sensible man, and you ought to conduct "I was drunk, sir," explained the corporal, very contricely. "That is no excuse.

Don't you know it is wrong to get drunk?" "Yes, sir," admitted the corporal, without cavil.
"Then why did you do it?" can't help it, sir.' "You cannot excuse your fault that

way, sir," said the colonel, sternly "You know you can if you want to."
"But I can't sir."
"Yes, you can," insisted the colone!
"A man can help doing anything at no puts his mind to it."

"A man can help doing anything at ne puts his mind to it."

The corporal steod up straight and salured.

The corporal steod up straight and salured beggin by a gun and solured that the dirty, cigarette-smokin' Spanny-ards and was askin' his boys to take a hand with him to lick 'em off the face of the earth that I could help doin' pist what I done and bein' right here ready when he says the word?"

The colonel was stumped for an instant. Then he got up and took the corporal's hand.

"Get out of this," he said hurriedly; "get out, and if you ever get drunk again I'll have you put in the guard house and nailed up until the war is over."

MY GOOD ANGEL.

Her eyes are sweet and gentle: Hair, a golden brown, Her cheeks are soft and tender As any girl's in town.

Her temper is the mildest, Spirts, bilthe and gay; She never carres to wander Far from my side away.

She follows close behind me, Oler mountain, nain or bog:

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She follows close behind me, O'er mountain, plain or bog; She loves me foudly, truly— "A woman?" No-my dog. -Truth.

-Saturday, June 23rd, has been decided upon by the Foresters' organizations in the city as a day and Caledonia grounds will be the scene of the sports and other attractions, which are in process of arrangement. The various subcommittees are getting down to business and the members of the order promise a renewal of the old-time picnics, of which pleasant recollections are entertained by old residents of Vic-

B. H. John, F. S. Maclure, Robert Cashidy were home-coming Victorians on last night's Charmer.

Between Gaudaur and Johnson.

I shall support the present government in all measures that I believe to be for the benefit of this province, and especially Comox district. If the government should bring in any measure into the house which I consider would not have the support of my constituents, I will notify them to send me their approval of any such legislation before casting my vote. I believe I am in a position to be of great service to you all; and if you honar me with your support by electring me as your representative in the local legislature, I can assure you that I will look after the interests of your district; and all communications addressed to me will be carefuly attended to.

I shall endeavor to have established at Comox a creamery and make every effort to make the same successful.

The Union hospital should receive a grant from the government of three thousand dollars annually, which I shall use every endeavor to get.

One industry I should like to see in Comox district; that is a smelter. We have the coal, coke and fire clay to make the bricks, and my company is now erecting brick works for manufacturing the course alone, although pulling under difficulty, his fin having been bent until it acted as a rudder, causing him to puil much larder with the port oar.

Referee Russell, from the hurricane deck of the stevn-wheel boat Tyrell, ordered saudaur to return to the starting line after the accident to Johnston, but the veteran erecting brick works for manufacturing

Gaudaur to return to the starting line after the accident to Johnston, but the veteran kept right on with his swinging stroke and finished the three miles in twenty-three after extricating himself, Johnston, seeing that he was hopelessly out of it, rowed back to his boathouse and alighted from his damaged shell.

The sudden and unsatisfactory outcome

The sudden and unsatisfactory outcome of the race was a great disappointment to the thousands of spectators who had gathered to witness the battle, and much dissatisfaction was expressed at the failure to keep the course clear of driftwood and other obstructions.

Referee Russell declared all bets on the race in statu oue until a conference could

to extend about 1-2 mile from the north side of Mitlenarch island. The approximate position of the 5 fathom patch is latitude 49 deg, 55 min, 00sec, N., longitude 125 deg, 01 min, 30 sec, W.

**Capt. Christiansen, of the schooner Eliza Miller, reports to the Hydrographic office at Port Townsend that he passed June 22, in latitude 43:19 north, a vessel bottom up, and with a keel between 130 and 140 feet long, newly coppered and lead on the forefoot. She was about twelve feet above water and very dangerous to navigation.

**Steamer City of Seattle will sail for Aaskan ports to morrow morning on her fast voyage in her new service, having been placed on the excursion route, in opposition to the Pacific Coast liners.

deavoring to keep overly anxious sight-seers from trespassing on forbidden water. Over deavoring to keep overly anxious sight-seers from trespassing on forbidden water. Over the rails and perched in fighting tops of the warships were bluefackets and marines intently watching for the big event, while the big passenger ships along the seawall were simply packed with human freight, all anxious to get a view of the athletes in the race for fame and fortune. On the wharves, box cars, freight sheds and tops of neighboring buildings, thousands of others sat for hours to see the race, which ended so abruptly and unhappily.

Promptly at 6 o'clock Gaudaur and Johnston left their respective training quarters for the starting line, the champion drawing forth cheers along the line of steamers, and Johnston from those in the vicinity of his quarters. Gaudaur wore a blue jersey, knee trousers and a red jacket with a red and blue striped cap, while the Vancouver lad wore a blue jersey suit and red cap. Each used a Clasper shell. Phere was a slight delay in taking out the buoys marking the starting line and in driving the craft back out of the course.

In the meantime the scullers were scoring for a start, Gandaur invariably spurting away for several boat lengths.

Finally, at 6:15, the pistol cracked and the race for the championship was on. Johnston seemingly caught the water first, racing away at 36 strokes to the m'nute, Gaudaur pulling 32. Johnston't stroke was much shorter than the champion's, and not so powerful. For a few seconds he kept the bow of his shell slightly in front, but gaudaur struck his long, swinging galt and, forged slightly ahead. Johnston uppeared to splash more than his opponent, but it was not the kind of splashing that hait.

Alongside the Canad'an Pacific liner Empers of Ching Gaudaur was leading by

CHILLIWACK OUT IN THE COLD. To the Editor:-The latest official map 1897) of the southwest part of British Columbia does of condescend to locate Chilliwack. You will find the names of a great many small places, but Chilli-wack was too small to be marked on that map. Oh, how small Mr. Turner must feel now, since he is seeking election from a place too insignificant to be placed on his map.

Does Mr. Turner really expect that the

people of Chilliwack will swallow the insult, and that they will support such bungling and a continuance of it by voting for him? If he was willing and anxious to repesent us why does he seek to be elected

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at Victoria also?