One of these bore an admonition re-ferring to "the pit," and McDonald telephoned up: "Say, who is that cheer-

ful persons that wants to rub it in on

The Elks, to which Bailey belongs,

have completed plans for a big banquet

when the men are liberated. He was

told to eat sparingly on the last day

of captivity to be well prepared by

virtue of general emptiness, for the

"You tell them," he said, "that I will

MISSING REGALIA

London, Jan. 15.-The Tribune

nears from a source which it re-

gards as trustworthy that the

for a large ransom and a guarantee

It says that the mystery of the

disappearance can, however, only be solved by a public inquiry, which

would reveal amazing and romantic

ALBERNI FARMERS

issing Irish regalia is held intact

eat three squares a day up to the time of the banquet and they can bury me

over if I don't do justice to it."

ROMANCE INVESTS

roll of tracts.

QUESTION OF

JUDGMENT DEALING WITH THAT SUBJECT

Delivered by Mr. Justice Martin in Connection With Che-

halis Case.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Chehalis collision case is to come up again in the courts of the province This is on an appeal in Bryce vs. Can adian Pacific Railway Company, which is set for argument February 11th. This case has become a noted one be-cause of having been before the courts so often, as well as because of the tragic circumstances upon which the action is founded. The judgment now published for the first time, deals with e subject of the counsel fees of the trial and the principles to be followed in allowing increased counsel fees, which will be of great interest. The judgment is that of Mr. Justice Martin,

"I am asked by the defendants' FULL TEXT OF THE counsel to grant a flat for increased counsel fees on the trial of these six consolidated actions. Seeing that ap plications of this kind are of late be coming more frequent (probably in of the recent greatly increased Decision of Mr. Justice Clement cost of living, which doubtless com pels solicitors to brief leading counsel acordingly) it seems opportune for the information of the profession to give my reasons for granting the application, so that it may be some guide on future occasions.

"These cases, though tried together decided that it would be proper to allow each side to be represented by three counsel, regarding, for the purers' list which was referred to in yesiors and one junior. The court was assisted by two nautical assessors, and the matters in issue were of unusual sustained close attention. The court stored for the vote to-morrow. sat on eight days five of which were long sittings, generally from 10 to 5, with one hour's adjournment for lunch, and the three others were from onebroken days being caused by the usual pected detention an route of a witness 20, sec. 2?

As to all but M. the question is a to all but M. the question is a to all but M.

"Now the mere fact that a case lasts many days is not to be taken as a "Householder thus: ground for increased counsel fees—because cases are but too often, at great expense to the litigants and the incontent of the litigants and the incontent of the litigants are but too often, at great tenement, hotel or boarding house, and the statute or the stat expense to the litigants and the inconvenience of all concerned, regrettably who shall, unless exempt by statute or municipal by-law, have paid directly municipal by-law, have paid directly municipal by-law, taxes or fees tuality, long unnecessary adjourn-ments and unduly short hours of sitting. But on the other hand where current year." a case is conducted, as was the one at trial but the skill displayed in the "exempt by statute or municipal by-handling of it. In other words, it is law" and so are entitled to vote nottrial but the skill displayed in the quality and diligence, and not quantity

and delay that govern my discretion. allow a fee of \$500 to one of the leading impose (and has by by-law imposed) counsel, Mr. Bodwell, and \$750 to the of the leading of which were lost, estimated by some other, Mr. Davis, who was absent on ages of twenty-one and fifty. other, Mr. Davis, who was absent on one day's fractional session. To the junior, Mr. MacMullen, who did not claims to be "exempt by statute."

"(Sd.) ARCHER MARTIN."

MAKING READY TO

INSTAL SAWMILL

By Summer Works Will Be in Operation on Salt Spring Island.

nection with the sawmill project of

that they are planning to start work of two dollars or more, but has

to get their timber to salt water. done the construction of the mill will be undertaken. The machinery for the mill establishment is now on the way from the East and represents the very latest and most approved devices for from the East and represents the very latest and most approved devices for language 14

the making of ties.

It is said that Messrs. Betts and Mesher have made contracts already

WILL LEAVE SUNDAY.

J. Obed Smith Is Going to Assume His New Office.

J. Obed Smith, commissioner of im nigration, who for the last few weeks has been staving in this city, and who change places with Bruce Walker, assistant superintendent at London, Eng-land, leaves here on Sunday night for the purpose of assuming his new office. Mr. Bruce Walker will make his headquarters at Winnipeg, but will have jurisdiction all the way to the coast. The idea of the department in making the change is to get those who come out in close connection with those

REWARD OF INFIDELITY.

Irate Husband Drives Wife and Be trayer Bare Footed and Night Robed Through the Snow.

expectedly last night to find Felix Carpenter with his wife. Thompson drove both of them out of the house into the deep snow and biting weather. They had to walk a mile and a half barefoot, and in their night robes. Both of them survived and have fled

the country. Thompson beat Carpenter severely before causing his summary exit.

JUDGMENT ON VOTERS

on the Question of Exemptions.

The full text of the judgment of Mr Justice Clement with respect to a number of applications made to strike poses of taxation, two of them as sen- tenday's Times is now given in full. It them were drowned, but after a deis likely that further action will be taken on the strength of that judgimportance and of a nature to require ment to have the women's names re-

The full text of Mr. Justice Clements

and the three others were from one-quarter to three-quarters as long, these broken days being caused by the usual tion as to all is: Are they duly quali-Saturday half-holiday, and the unex-fied voters under the statute, 1902, c.

because no delay was caused by any within a still narrower compass: Are oversight on the part of counsel or they "householders" within the statute, solicitors.

"Householder shall mean and include

Admittedly all four (leaving M. to bar, with skill, punctuality and expedi- one side for the moment) fall within tion, there results a great saving of expenses and valuable time, not to speak of the minimizing of inconvenience to have paid during 1907 any rate, tax or large number of processes and valuable time, not to speak of the minimizing of inconvenience to have paid during 1907 any rate, tax or large number of processes which a large number of persons, which fee of any description to the city. It thousands of tons of rock and earth should be recognized by the court, because what should primarily be regard-ed is not the mere time taken up in a behalf that they fall within the phrase face. Three men, A. D. Balley, Fred

entributed nothing to the civic treas-"It is just, therefore, in this case ury. I should add that the question in that effect should be given to the fore-going principles and in applying them "Road Tax" which by the Municipal they are combatting forces which would to the facts (which must differ more clauses Act, 1906, sec. 50, ss. 117, the destroy them has been exemplified in or less in each case) I have decided to council of the city is empowered to this case. Buttoned up in a pocket of

that the word "exempt" can apply only to a person on whom a tax or impost that the word "exempt" can apply only to a person on whom a tax or impost that the word "exempt" can apply only to a person on whom a tax or impost that the word "exempt" can apply only to a person on whom a tax or impost that the word "exempt" can apply only the word "exempt" can apply o have with him, for convenient reference, a memorandum (not certificate) ly speaking. This strikes me as a piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece of over refined pedantry. Expense of the registrar showing the hours piece pie

of sitting and the highest fees that the tariff permits him to tax on his own discretion. No argument is heard, but merely a statement is made of such facts as are necessary for the exercise of the judge's and its of to-day means "not subject to," and as the exemption in this case is statutory, I think Blakemore endiscretion.

It was an easy matter to let down food, water, candles, newspapers, to decide on which side the ablest argument was put forward, and also the judge's discretion.

It was an easy matter to let down for improvement in that respect, however him ment was put forward, and also the judge's discretion.

It was an easy matter to let down for improvement in that respect, however, and let of the three judges appointed to decide on which side the ablest argument was put forward, and also the judge's discretion.

It was an easy matter to let down for improvement in that respect, however, as a whole, was below the average, at an other thing.

The provided to substantial increase in the members appointed to decide on which side the ablest argument was put forward, and also the popular vote of the meeting as a whole.

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The ment was put forward, and also the popular vote of the meeting as a whole.

The ment was put forward, and also the ment was put for 2. E. A.'s position is the same as Flakemore's and his name too must re-

> nunicipal by-law is set up as exempting him. If he be exempt from muni-cipal taxation, imposed under authority of a provincial act, it is not by virtue of any statutory provision, but as a matter of public policy under our federal system: See Leprohon vs. Ottawa, 2 Ont. App. R. 522, an authority very much weakened but not entirely over-ruled by Webb vs. Outram (1906) 76 L.J. P. C. 25; see also Fillimore vs.

4. J. W. M. is a pensioner of the im-Betts and Mesher, who have, perial or Dominion government. As I nsiderable tract of timber land in any statute or by-law under which, for the district, and purpose making a spe-ciatty of the manufacture of ties.

A reporter was informed by Mr.

that or any other reason, he is exempt, his name must be struck off.

5. F. G. M. is in a class by himself.

A reporter was informed by Mr.

Betts at the Victoria hotel yesterday

5. F. G. M. is in a class by himself.
He has paid water rates to the extent on the roads and other preliminaries necessary to the logging of their areas next week. According to present plans they will require about two miles of road and about one half-mile of flume to get their timber to salt water. As soon as this preliminary work is tice of this court about this time last done the construction of the mill will | year decided in favor of the right to

> January 14, 1908. Judge. NELSON'S NEW MAYOR.

Nelson, Jan. 14 .- S. S. Taylor, K. C.,

WORK DONE BY

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

E. & N. Obtains Four Years' Extension of Time—British Yukon Company.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.-The first busine meeting of the railway committee was held to-day. The British Yukon Railway Co. asked power to extend its line to Tahkeena river, a distance of about 35 miles, to reach the mines. This is

way was in Alaska and part in Canada, and it was therefore impossible to con trol freight rates.
E. Bristol, Toronto, said that Yukon as a placer camp had disappeared. Attention was now turned to the development

son, living in the mountains near Placerville, Idaho, returned home uncore to take a dredge over this line expectedly lest night to the cost more to take a dredge over this line.

Dr. Thompson, Yukon, who had charge of the bill, said that the railway commission had no power to interfere.

Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways, said that he proposed to have a statement from the railway commission before the bill was proceeded with, and it was therefore decided to hold it over.

The British Columbia Southern Railway Co. was given an extension of time of five years to complete the line from Fort Steele to Golden. This is a C. P. R. branch of the Columbia & Southern.

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway bill, of the bill, said that the railway con The Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway bil in charge of W. Sloan, passed, the rail-way committee giving a four-year exten-sion of time. E. A. Lancaster, Lincoln and Niagara, opposed this.

PARIS ICE TRAGEDY. Thirty Young People Submerged-Twe

Were Drowned. Paris, Jan. 15.-Great excitement was caused yesterday afternoon by the breaking of the ice on the lake in the Bois de Boulogne, some thirty young people being precipitated into the water.

It was feared at first that many of tachment of firemen had dragged the lake by the aid of search lights, it was both bodies being recovered.

PIANIST TO TOUR CANADA.

New York, Jan. 15.-Leslie Harris, the English pianist, vocalist and enter ainer, made his first appearance in America at the Hudson theatre yester day. Mr. Harris will make a tour of Canada and the United States.

POCKETED IN EARTH. BUT STILL LIVING

Weird Experience of Three Nevada Miners-Fed Through Six-Inch Water Pipe.

thousands of tons of rock and earth thstanding the fact that they have now with 415 feet of debris between them and liberty and probably will remain there at least a month longer.

"Because of some uncertainty in the practice, I take this opportunity of stating that applications for flats are not made on a formal summons; a no-iffication by letter to the other side of intention to apply at some convenient."

I that the word "exempt" can apply only to a person on whom a tax or impost is first or prima facile laid, and then by a clause of exception removed or remitted; and that as under ss. 117 no by-law can be passed imposing what intention to apply at some convenient. I may call an initial or prima facile.

The weather here is very cold and snow coverage the ground. Down in the pump-house it is much warmer, but the men needed blankets. The only means by which articles can be lowered is through whether the second and snow coverage the ground. Down in the pump-house it is much warmer, but the men needed blankets. The only means by which articles can be lowered is through the control of the latter of the second and snow coverage to the district needs now is a mail three times a week overland.

Debating Club.'

The forting that the word "exempt" can apply only to a person on whom a tax or impost is first or prima facile laid, and then by a clause of exception removed or needed blankets. The only means by which articles can be lowered in the control of the latter of the second and snow coverage the provided and snow coverage the second and intention to apply at some convenient I may call an initial or prima facie a six-inch water pipe, each made into Social Club took place on the 8th inst. ters have been written, and 6,785 miles thour is sufficient. The applicant should liability on a man over fifty, his posi-

Blakemore's and his name too must remain on the list.

3. J. G. B. is an official of the Dominion government. That does not make him "exempt by statute," and no remained hydrographyllow is set up as everything.

The problem was solved, however, by Mrs. Bailey, wife of one of the prisoners. She tore blankets into small strips so they could be stuffed into the carriers. More than a dozen trips were remained by law is set up as everything. quired to lower a single blanket, and all single men, to champion married it took half a day to send down three life,, while three benedicts in the per-

the cylinders with thread and needles blessedness, and telephoned instructions to her hushand about the sewing. It took them a day to complete one blanket and it
probably is a weird looking thing.
Every hour or so would come a call for
more needles; they are breaking them

A. B. Wood, formerly connected with
the Barclay Sound Cedar Co., has started in business for himself as a house
builder and contractor.

Dancing classes were inaugurated in Active operations are about to commence on Salt Spring Island in commence found, cots had been constructed,

however, is attested by the amount of food which is sent down daily.

Everyone in Ely agrees that Brown, on the 6th inst. Bailey and McDonald are having a far easier and more comfortable thing of it than are the men of the rescue party. The latter are exposed to the hardships

future possibilities and sent down a WIFE DROWNED

HERSELF IN BATHTUB

Husband Found Body Lying in Foot of Water-A Runaway Match.

nusband to obtain employment is believed to have led Mrs. Louise McClure from Hood River and Wenatchee. The to end her life to-day. Her body was value to the province of this splendid found lying in a foot of water in the bath tub in their home in West 24th dollars and cents. street by the husband when he arose this morning.

The couple were married in Canada to accede to our repeated requests for cessful in getting any regular work since that time.

a few months ago, she worried continually over the family's desperate condi-

OPPOSE GUN TAX

Annual Report Shows Flourishing Condition of Institute-Damage From Gale.

Alberni, Jan. 14.-The annual meeting of the Alberni Farmers' Institute was held at the court house on the 17th inst. The accounts showed a balance on hand of \$115. The report showed that during the year, weighing scales for weighing wagon loads, cottle, etc., had been erected under the auspices of the insti-tute in a central part of the town and

though only in operation for half the found that only two had been drowned, year, had made a return, from weighing fees, of eight per cent. on the original cost after paying the commission of the caretaker.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, F. Cowley; vice-president, A. H. Stephensen; secretary, H. Hills; directors, G. A. Spencer and A. W. Heath; auditors, J. McLaren and A. W. Neill; delegate for the meeting of Central Farmers' Institute next year, F. Cow-ley. Thereafter a desultory debate followed on what instructions should be given to the delegate to the central eeting next month. He was finally advised to oppose a gun tax in any form and to advocate a tax on dogs, each resident farmer to be allowed one

sheep or cattle dog free. Alberni as Cable Station. Petitions are in circulation suggest ing the removal of the Pacific cable station from Banfield to Alberni, and Ely, Nev., Jan. 14.—Just one month take over the Banfield buildings as a central post on the West Coast for their

Great Lumber Loss. From the West Coast it is reported that the heavy gale at Christmas resulted in a serious loss to the Sutton Lumber & Trading Company's holdings at their mill at Mosquito harbor. The dolphins to which the boom logs in the harbor were attached had been attacked by teredos, and wakened by this, the high tides and wind of the gale ntioned proved too much for them, and a number went down, releasing a

Mail Service. The Nanaimo-Alberni mail stage has

dell, and J. Redford, received the verto announce a substantial increase in dict of the three judges appointed to the membership. There is still room sons of Messrs. Marcon, Tebo and Tay- 90 per cent. Then Mrs. Bailey filled up one of lor will uphold the merits of single

Gleanings.

a good initial attendance. Messrs. Betts and Mesher, who have, during the past few months, secured a was not referred to, nor do I know of nia; in fact, has not slept more than ling her sister Mrs. G. Forrest, left for with regard to the fruit, more especialan hour at a time since his imprisonment. That their appetites are good,

S. McB. Smith, provincial assessor,

quality of the fruit over past years.

on the New York stack exchange. He the royal mint up to November accompanied by D. Stephenson, chief This very satisfactory condition is

> Three finely executed memorial windows have been placed in the Anglican | before in the history of the industry

the shaft.

Business in the town is almost at a standstill, owing to the general interest taken in the situation. Housewives viewith each other in cooking dainties for the men and there is nothing in the lime of liquid refreshment too good for them. One excellent woman, believing the time had come for the trio to think seriously of matters pertaining to the future life and to seek salvation, won out over certain obstructionists who thought the carrying out of her purpose might be too suggestive of immediate

C. Bayne, of Beaver creek.

G. A. Smith, P. L. S., and party, left on Monday to resume work on the route only by our ability to supply it.

With the constantly increasing markets in our own country, Great Britain and Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Knie, Japan, Siberia and Mexico, no branch of agriculture offers better opportunities for profitable investment than fruit growing in British Columbia, and no province in the Dominion is so favorably situated with regard to these might be too suggestive of immediate

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With the constantly increasing markets in our own country, Great Britain and Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan, Siberia and Mexico, no branch of agriculture offers better of the men were arrested, bound hand and foot with ropes, and dragged through the streets to a magistrate.

Though increasing mar

New York, Jan. 15.-Inability of her

wo years ago It was a runaway experimental orchards on Vancouver match. Mrs. McClure's neighbors and Island, in the Kootenay, and in the dry her parents having objected to the mar-riage. For some time after their ar-paid to our reasonable request, backed rival in New York everything went by the late Dominion conference, to well, but about a year ago McClure compel manufacturers of jams and jellost his position and had not been suc- lies to print the formula on their labels.

her strength, after the birth of a child at their hands.

COSTLY BLAZE.

Entire Annex Destroyed in Kansas City-Damage \$250,000.

Kansas City, Jan. 13 .- The Union stan annex in Union avenue, adjoining the Union railway station, was destroyed by fire early to-day. The Union station proper, one of Kansas City's landmarks, was saved by the firemen after a hard fight.

The burned building contained the re-

ceiving offices of the Adams, Wells-Fargo and Pacific Express companies, a branch mailing room of the post office, the of-fices of the Fred. Harvey Eating House Co., the Pullman Palace Car Company's linen room, and the Railway Y. M. C. A. The loss is estimated at about \$250,000 The fire started from a crossed electric

The human skeleton consists of some 200 ones which are distinct in early life beome fused in old age.

"MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND."

Baltimore in 1843. "Maryland, My Maryland," of which Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "My only regret is that I could not do for Massa-chusetts what Randall did for Maryland."

FRUIT GROWERS ARE MEETING IN CITY

Annual Report of Secretary W. J. Branduth on Work of Year.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association is being held this afternoon in the

city hall. A great deal of interesting business is slated for discussion, including the reading of papers on various topics ssociated with the fruit-growing in-

The association will hold a meeting this evening and another to-morrow morning in the same place. During the session this afternoon W. J. Brandrith submitted his report as secretary of the association, out-lining the work of the past year. The

report read as follows: To the Officers and Members of the B. €. Fruit Growers' Association: Gentlemen: I have the honor to sub-

During the year I have attended forty-three meetings, held for purposes of instruction, or in the interests of cooperation amongst the fruit growers. Eight hundred and seventy-five let ters have been written, and 6,785 miles

It is very gratifying to me to be able

tions, hail in others, and drought in The strawberry crop would average

ot more than 85 per cent. Raspber- W. B. Niven, Formerly of Vancouver, ries about the same. Blackberries, beng later, got the benefit of the early fall rains, and would round out about The sweet cherry crop suffered the ost, there not being over 60 per cent.

of crop. Sour cherries were about an A. B. Wood, formerly connected with average. White pears were above the brother of Mr. Fred Niven, a real esaverage. Peaches were a full crop, except where the trees had suffered from the severity of the preceding winter.

Early apples were not as heavy as last year, but late verieties rounded out a full crop.

vation.

Prices have been better than ever church here in memory of Dr. A. M. The increased railway mileage opened Watson, long a resident here, his son up by the C. P. R. and G. N. R. in Alof a Nevada winter, as well as to the Edward, who died in Toronto, and his berta and Saskatchewan has given us dangers which beset those who work in daughter, Marjorie, late wife of P. R. a wider market, and the rapid filling

the high class fruit these markets call

Taking all things into consideration, notwithstanding the occasional reverses to which the fruit growers are subjected, the outlook for the careful grower is most encouraging. The province is to be congratulated on the continued successes achieved by our fruit in Great Britain, under the careful management | GROWING DISTRUST OF of Mr. R. M. Palmer.

The result of the competition at the N. W. F. G. convention, held in Vancouver in December last, was as great a surprise to us as to our competitors We have yet to learn of any steps be

ing taken by the Dominion government compel manufacturers of jams and jel-In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and members for their forbear- alternative resignation of Yoshiro Mrs. McClure became deeply despondent, and when she did not recover

Respectfully submitted. W. J. BRANDRITH.

Secretary. LOGGING INDUSTRY

HAS GREAT FUTURE

Officers Elected. The British Columbia Loggers' Association, incorporated, held its an- katani, who is responsible for the nual meeting on Monday night in Van- get, and who is blamed by the ca couver, with a representative attend-

ance of members.

The first business transacted was as follows: President-Mr. W. I. Patterson, Vice-President-Mr. J. A. Tolminson

Secretary-Treasurer-Mr. J. MacQuil-

Directors - Messrs, D. J. O'Brien Gulf Lumber Company, Limited; Cap-Augusta, Ga., Jan. 15.—James Ryder tain Theodore Magnesen; C. A. Mac-Randall, of this city, famous as a war kinnon, Norton & MacKinnon; L. L. Dickersman, Columbia Lumber Company, Limited; George E. Davenport, Jervis Inlet Lumber Company, Limited; John Heaps, The Heaps Lumber Company, Limited; William Norton, Norton & Mackinnon: W. C. Kiltz. The Kiltz Logging Company, Limited; T. F. Paterson, The Paterson Lumber

Company, Limited; Herbert Gliey.

Logging generally and its allied ests were discussed at considerable length, the consensus of apparent opinion being that the prospects of the industry and the timber situation at large were good, and that while there was always room for improvement in methods and so forth, the tendency all senting to combine their portfolios is senting to combine their portfolios is round was toward steady improven Some notable speeches were made by Mr. John O'Brien, of the John O'Brien Logging Company, of Sechelt; Mr. W. Kiltz, of the Kiltz Logging Company, Limited; Dr. Davenport, of the Jervis Inlet Lumber Company, and others, All spoke in favorable tones of the future, in the budget, and the diet may decide and of the considerable influence for good in the development of the pro

vince's timber resources that lay with the association.

ROSS RIFLE FACTORY. onspiracy Exists in England to Close Up Firm, Says Wallace Nesbitt.

unts meeting of the committee tolay Wallace Nesbitt, on behalf of the Ross Rifle Company, said that a con-

By-Law Submitted at Annual Meeting to Increase Capital Stock by \$5,000,000.

roronto, Jan. 15.—At the annual meeting yesterday of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, B. E. Walker, president, dependent of the army and navy for the commerce of the commer livered a lengthy address reviewing the financial situation both at home and abroad. It was in a most optimistic tone and foreshadowed brighter conditions in world wide finance and great prosperity for Canada. A by-law was submitted to increase the

een million dollars.

Killed in New York. Word was received in Vancouver on HALF A MILLION Monday by Mr. H. H. Cooper, of A. Macdonald & Co., of the death by ac cident in New York city of William B Niven, formerly of Vancouver, and

Fovernment street.

The dispatch briefly stated that Mr. Niven had been killed in a car accident, but it did not give any information as to whether or not it was in tram line or on one of the steam rail-

Mr. Niven left Vancouver

was a resident of Vancouver for nearly constable of Nanaimo, arrived in town mainly due to better methods of culti- two years, living in the West End.

BRITISH AND CHINESE.

According to news from Hongkong made by the imperial authorities, there has been a serious fracas at Wu-

JAPAN FACES CABINET CRISIS

SAIONJI MINISTRY

Policy of Increasing Expenditure and Limiting Emigration Not Approved.

Tokio, Jan. 14.-The resignation he entire cabinet was narrowly avert ed to-day.

red his resignation to the emp this afternoon at 4 o'clock, but his jesty declined to receive it, while kakani, minister of finance, an Minister Yamagata, minister of munications, were accepted.

Yoshiso Matsura, minister of justi combine the portfolio of financ and Keihara, minister of interior w bine that of communications. This leaves the cabinet without ne lements, and removes the disputar who have been the disturbing factor for some time past.

The information about the resignation of Isaburo Yamagata as ministe of communications, announced by Associated Press on Jan. 11th, was evi dently correct, and the official denia nade on the following day was pro bably intended to tide over a per during which there was a pos adjustment. The cabinet council to-day gave ris

o some heated debates. Yamagata i

sisted upon the resignation of net ministers because in 1907 he p ised that there would be no increa made in the taxation, nor would the election of officers, which resulted be any resort to foreign loans in 1908 An investigation of the situati convinced the cabinet officers and der statesmen that an increase of tax ation, or in lieu thereof a foreign loan would be unavoidable. Sakatani er deavored to reduce the appropriat for the army and navy, to which these factions objected and they finally succeeded in carrying their point. Sakatani thereupon attempted to reduce the appropriations for railroads, and to this Yamagata made an objection Sakatani then increased the generataxation, but this found strenuous of jections among the leading financia and bankers. Sakatani finally decid to resign, and also insisted that his resignation should be accepted. Man the cabinet who agreed with him, fin ally decided on the following pro gramme: Marquis Saionii's resigna tion would be offered. If the emperor declined to accept it then the resigna-

the pursuance to this agree Premier Saionji and Prince Ito wait ed on the emperor this morning. The emperor refused to accept the resignation of Saionii, but accepted the resig nations of Sakatani and Yamagat There probably will be some changes not to increase the taxation, bu stead reduce the appropriations for the army and navy. It may be decided to

issue a loan to cover the deficit. Distrust Financial Policy. Washington, Jan. 14.-Cable atches received here from Tokio dur ing the past month have indicated tha the Saionji ministry was meeting with growing opposition throughout country, particularly because of the re duction made by it in the appropria tions for military and developme spiracy existed in England toc lose up the factory. English officers in Canada were against the rifle company. If further orders are not given the factory will have to close up.

> increasing taxation and limiting emi-The financial programme was for mally settled at a meeting of the coun cil of Elder Statesmen held on Dece ber 17th. It was one of retrenchme

The other departments declared that capital stock of the bank from ten to fif- a miscalculation of \$20,000,000 had aroused widespread distrust in the fin-ancial policy of the Saionji ministry, and three days ago there was a serious difficulty in the cabinet because of the reduction in the appropriation for rail-

FOR ROYAL MINT

tate agent of Victoria, with offices on Sum of Nearly \$300,000 Already Expended on Canada's New Establishment.

Ottawa, Jan. 14 .- According to a reurn brought down in the House commons yesterday the total cost was \$402,953. The site cost \$21,150; to building proper \$286,836, and the equi ment \$94.967. It is estimated that further sum of \$94,000 will be requ to complete the establishment, mal Bluejackets Bound Hand and Foot and it nearly a half million dollars.

Dragged Through Streets. The staff of the establishment n

bers 72. All appointments have been

NO IRRIGATION

PROF. CARPERTER HAS NOT FORWARDED

Government Has Not Rec From Expert Result of Investigations.

So far as can be gathered from rnment sources there will not ning specially remarkable in t amme to be submitted to roaching session of parliamer There seems to be some doub the legislation affecting th on of irrigation, which the ent had in mind when it st estigations, with the assis ofessor Carpenter, will be vn. For as explained by ulton this morning, the profe ough some unexplained ailed to make his report. And rofessor Carpenter's report government was looking to ace in framing the propo ents to the Water Clauses A Of course Professor Carpe ort may come in any day, hief commissioner had been e in time for utilization bef ening of the House, so that sed changes might have h for the advisement of the terested, and suggestions ooking to the perfection of act. All these plans of the ave been spoiled by the failt sor Carpenter to send his rep

e government. it will be remembered that Carpenter was employed as an on expert, to assist the gove eveloping an improved sche eference to the administrat rigating water powers, etc. company with the chief con of lands and works, the profe me extended tours and inspec rigation systems prevailing the Western States, and als borate investigation of the affecting the irrigation que he interior parts of the prov The department, it is said, h oking anxiously for his rep veral weeks past, expecting day, and now the fear is gro after all the painstaking en the commission, its work will be tically impracticable for use dur session of the House. partment is now making a mo view to hastening Professor ter's report.

NEW MARRIAGE LAW

Gibbons said to-day that the ne clating to marriage in the C urch, which have recently ued by the Holy See, will not any important particular th ing laws in the church in this c The new laws are aimed to phasty and ill-advised marriages new regulations will, it is said, nounced after Easter.

HAWAIIAN FORTIFICATIO Honolulu, Jan. 13.-The award material for the fortification harbor has been held up for the hat it is believed the lowest biddiummy for some Japanese contrals probable all bids will be rejected. war department will

COMPLIMENTS GIVEN AT COUNCIL B

Last Night's Meeting of and Aldermen Resulted Little Business.

The meeting of the city cou night was more in the natur valedictory than anything else forded the aldermen opportuni hey took advantage of, to c lesks of accumulations of and leave them clean to the ors. For every one of th hose whose temerity was againg them into the field—were ntly building on the possible would not sit at the country

ring the coming year. Then there were address ote of which was that of fare Mayor started the speech m saying some nice things about ns with the council: that t casional disagreements wa expected in an independ and he renounced any feeling lice or pique on his part as his associations with the aldedividually or as a whole. H success to everybody—in wha fate might choose for them—w the aldermanic halls or in walks of life.

Then each of the aldermer arose in his place and duplic Mayor's good wishes to ever Ald. Fell took occasion in f his farewell to suggest the two years of his service in were more happy than the during which he had, he ced into the position of a nunciated the idea as which he thought might be the new council, if observed mayor was not supposed to the debates of the council as pant, from the chair-but s mit the greatest latitude to

There was practically no bu fore the council. A couple of mbodying requests to be pr the legislature for amendm Municipal Clauses Act, were to the incoming council; as als munication from Mason & Ma nending that amendment be he Municipal Elections Act ne more clearly the odger" to vote, etc.