CITY COUNCIL HOLDS INQUIRY

STABLE ON MICHIGAN STREET OBJECTED TO

Health and Plumbing Inspectors as Well as Residents Are Heard.

(From Friday's Daily). Whether David Spencer Limited's stable at the corner of Michigan and Parry streets constitutes a nuisance, or is dangerous to the public safety or health, was the subject which took up the time of the city council for over an hour last wight, and is not yet de cided. Following complaints about this stable from residents of the neighborhood, the city council, acting under the advice of City Solicitor Mann, decided to hold an inquiry under oath, and last night this was commenced. A large number of witnesses were heard, including Sanitary Inspector Lancaster and Plumbing Inspector Shade, and several residents of the district. The two inspectors swore that while there might be considerable smell from the stable there was nothing about it that constituted a menace to the public health or safety, while the residents who gave evidence complained of what they considered the unbearable stench, of the fact that the presence of the stable in the neighborhood depreciated the value of their property, and some of them to the fact that actions of the employees of the stable made the loca-tion of it in the neighborhood a most

The result of the inquiry, should the council find against Messrs. Spencer, will be an action in the courts, or at least that was the statement of J. A. Aikman, counsel for the firm, during the progress of the hearing last evening. Mr. Aikman took objection to the hearing on the ground that the notice was not in keeping with the powers given the city by the section of the Municipal Clauses Act, under which City Solicitor Mann had advised the city to hold the inquiry.

Mayor Hall presided over the inquiry, and there were present the following members of the council: Ald. McKeown, Norman, Henderson, Cameron. Hall. Fullerton and Meston. City licitor Mann and City Clerk Dowler were in attendance, and the proceed-ings were taken down in shorthand by L. J. Seymour, clerk of the police court.

The evidence was taken under oath. The first business was the reading of a petition from the residents of the neighborhood sent to the council October 19th of last year. This was followed by a letter from Frank Armstrong on July 17th of this year, asking what action the council intended to take on the petition, and another from A. E. Starr, sent to the council last week also asking what the council propo o do in the matter. Later in the meet ng a report on the stable in question W. Northcott, building in pector, and Thomas Lancaster, sani-tary inspector, in which they pointed out that the stables contravened cer-tain sections of both the health and building by-law. The present inquiry, it appears, however, is not being held ider the provisions of either of these

by-laws. As soon as the first three communications mentioned had been read the mayor proposed that witnesses should be called, when Mr. Aikman took obsired to draw attention to what he He had hoped that after the matter jection to the whole inquiry. He dened the irregularity of the proceedings. The council was construing section 59 of the Municipal Clauses Act away beyond its meaning. Before any uld be taken under that section in regard to any building the city council must first have passed a by-law or motion dealing with that particular building. A general by-law was useless The notice given to his clients set out that there would be a hearing because the firm "occupied and kept same (the stable) in bad and filthy condition, while the section 59 of the Municipa Clauses Act gave the council power only to deal with a "nuisance and dangerous to the public safety or health." If the council went beyo this it was exceeding its powers, and if it did, the latter, a costly lawsuit would follow. The council should have under the health or building by-laws if it wanted to push the matter. All the evidence that could be received would be as to the building isance or a menace to safety or health. He wanted to know how the icil intended to proceed,

Mayor Hall replied that the council would go ahead with the taking of evidence as it was presented, and the would then be in a position to deal with the matter.

Mr. Aikman: "Do I take this as a refusal to give a statement of the scope that he could not work in his studio. f this inquiry?" Mayor Hall: "We will go on as I said. If we go beyond our powers you have

The taking of evidence was then commenced.

Sanitary Inspector. Thomas Lancaster, sanitary inspector, was the first witness. He swore that he had examined the premises and that he found the stable in poor condition There were eleven head of horses in the building. It was right on the street The foors were wood but in good con-dition and the building was connected with the sewer. The building has apparently been up about 10 years. It was situated in a residental district. Naturally there was the usual smell from a wooden floor in a state but there was no accumulation of manure or anything

of that kind. To Mr. Aikman, he said, there was nothing about the stable that was a public menace or a danger to public health Apart from the noise of horses and the presence of men around the place there was nothing in the stable

that constituted a nuisance. Plumbing Inspector. Herbert F. Shade, plumbing inspector swore that the stable was not connected with the sewer but drained into the wash rack which emptied into the surface drain on Michigan street. From sanitary point he could not see that it was any worse than any other stable. No better arrangement could be made ! The case, however, was adjourned un- finally settled by the masters.

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in that part of the city. There was no more smell than from any other well of D. Hermann Robertson, city medical but there always was a cal health efficer, will be heard. mell from a stable.

To Mr. Aikinan he said the stable not unsanitary. He did not think that the stable was a public menace or a danger to health.

Sanitary inspector of a house on Bay street, belonging to a house on Bay street, belonging to a Harrie Ross and occupied by Leonard

assisted in preparing the scheme of drainage. It would have been impossible to have had the washrack raised high enough to drain into the sewer without raising the floor of the stable. It was against the law to drain a sink into a surface drain. He could see why it should be less objectionable to drain a stable than a sink into the surface drain.

Residents Objections.

A. E. Starr, local manager of the C. P.R., company's telegraphs, was the next witness. This matter, he swore, had been taken up nine months ago and the sanitary inspector and the building inspector had made a very adverse report on the stable in question as a result of which the city had posted a notice on the building giving Messrs. Spencer three months in which to vaate. At the end of that time the firm had been given another three months but even yet nothing had been done toward removal. The stench from the stable was so great as to be in his opin-ion a menace to health. Spencers had done the best they could to put the stable in santiary condition but the whole building would have to be re-modelled to render it unobjectionable The building had been up for 15 years and until last year nothing had been done to improve it. Until then there had been a cesspool under the building There were times when the odor from the building was inperceptible but there were others when it was unbearable One night last week the stench was so bad that he had been unable to live in the place. The stable depreciated the value of property in the neighborhood The profanity of the employees of the stable was at times unbearable. After Mr. Armstrong had written to the council in July Messrs. Spencer had had a Chinaman engaged three days in hauling away the accumulation of manure that was there at that time. He wanted to say that the people of the district had nothing personal against Messrs.

he said that the presence of the stable

Mr. Armstrong also swore that the

you won't."

ouncil do if some one built a stable used any differently?" He said he hadn't moved away from the neighborhood until he saw what action the council was going to take.

Depreciates Property. Frank Taylor added his testimony to that of the preceding witnesses. Atheard noises from the stable. In answer to questions he said that the presence The stable had been there when he bought.

Ald. Hall "And you took advantage of the depreciation Mr. Taylor "I did"

Interferes With Work. Percy Cudlip swore that the noise from the stable was so great sometimes Mr. Aikman: "What is your busi-

Mr. Cudlip: "I teach music and do a good deal of study myself" Mr. Aikman: "Don't musicians often make a good deal of noise themselves?" Mr. Cudlip: "Not of the same kind."

Asks for Dismissal This concluded the evidence for the witnesses for no case had been made tors had sworn that there was no nuis- be a straight grant. It is not the prob-

of an action at law. dictatorial."

Mr. Aikman: "It is dictatorial and it should be. I am surprised that a man of your intelligence should have advised council as you have in this matter. also want you to understand that I

no reason to break in. I am surprised." Mayor Ha'l: "Gentlemen, gentlemen." Continuing Mr. Aikman said that the vidence given did not come within the

Another Complaint Following this a complaint from the sanitary inspector on the condition of a danger to health.

To the Mayor he said he had examined the place two years ago and had found objectionable water under it but the place had been drained and a good watertight floor put in.

To Ald, Henderson he stated he had become a regular cesspool.

it was impossible to connect the house as it stood with the sewer, but this could be done by raising the building or by erecting a small addition to contain the sanitary arrangements. In his opinion the house was a menace to health and should be closed until the repairs had been effected. Mr. Lancaster, in reply to a question, also stated that the house should be emp- just come from that district, the men tied at once.

had had rheumatism since they had gone to live in the house, which Dr. Frank Hall had attributed to the lack of sanitation. He would live in the been made," said Mr. Pollock in an along the said Mr. Poll house during the course of the repairs, and would be willing to pay a little minion hotel this morning, "but the size of a Concord grape and the color minion hotel this morning, "but the of a damson plum. In England the fruit were completed.

will be heard on this question also, Mr. sure veins and some fragments of province it is but little known, Accom-Ross, the owner of the property, will quartz have carried an ore value as panying the shipment was a sack of hazel nuts. also be asked to attend.

PREMIER McBRIDE'S

VISIT TO FERNIE

Will Make No Grant or Loan-What Hon. W. Templeman Promises.

· (From Friday's Daily). Templeman and Premier McBride to poses of a wharf." the stricken area, both having gone there with the object of seeing what could be adone for the sufferers; that which relates to Premier McBride is

given first: Spencer.

In reply to questions he said that he lived across the street from the stable was only 16 feet from Frank Armstrong's house. Neither he nor any of his family had ever suffered any illness on account of the stable.

Corroborates Mr. Starr.

Frank Armstrong was the next witness and corroborated all that Mr. Starr.

Frank Armstrong was the next witness and corroborated all that Mr. Starr-rad said.

Ald, Hall, "Do you notice any odor from the stable?"

Tou bet I do" was the answer and Mr. Armstrong went on to tell about it. In reply to questions from the Mayor he said that the presence of the stable.

Spencer.

Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, reached Fernie via Guntry, too," he added, "which are certain parts of the Guntry, particularly so mession.

Indeed the country can hevel general manager of the Elk Lumber general manager of the Elk Lumber be properly developed until the prospectors, and F. H. Sherman, who pectors, timbermen, farmers, etc., are with a capital of \$50,000, to acquire with the local pheasant (torqua-

he most objectionable.

Setting a precedent, but when confronted with the statement by Frank Sherman that his government had seen fit of grant \$10,000 to the San Francisco disaster, simply replied that that was he had been taken up last year there would be no further cause for complaint "but apparently" added the witness "last would like to real would l year's council got cold feet but I hope the treatment we are receiving at provincial hands is disgraceful and insult-"As to connecting with the sewer," ing is putting it mildly. The Crow's said Mr. Edwards "this could have been Nest Pass Coal Company alone pay in done no matter what the plumbing in-spector says, but if the stable were con-of something like \$10,000 per month, not nected with the sewers and if the floors to speak of others, and yet when we were of gold or marble the stench Fernie people are down and out, they would still be there. What would the can't see their way clear to help us.

Regarding our local member, W. R. next to Spencer's store. Why should we Ross, we must say that we are sorry for him. Everyone generally, likes Billy Ross, but he has failed ut-terly to make himself the power he should be for this riding. We all know he could be in the cabinet long ago but has only himself to blame for not being there. He has the brains and ability ough he lived 100 feet away he often but no sand. Without repeating Mr. Ross' statement made in public less than two weeks ago, we will leave it to kets for to questions he said that the presence of the stable greatly depreciated the value of property in the neighborhood. than two weeks ago, we will leave it to kets for fruit and vegetables are poore thin self to do or not, as he chooses, that this year than they have been formerly which he said he would, if \$50,000 was It is said that for the price which can not forthcoming.

Hon, W. Templeman in Fernie. Hon, W. Templeman arrived in his pecial car Tuesday afternoon and attended the special meeting at which Premier McBride was the central fig-ure. Mr. Templeman's visit came at an opportune time, and it was proper that he should be the one to come from the federal government, being British Columbia's representative in the inet. His attitude was very much different to that of the man of "Better Terms" fame, and while making no rash promises, he gave every assurance of his best interests in our behalf, and signified his utter willingness to do all in his power to induce the Laurier administration to come to our assistance evening and Mr. Aikman said that it at this most critical moment. Just here was not necessary for him to call any we may say for the benefit of all that no money loan will be made and whatout. The sanitary and plumbing inspec- ever does come in a monetary sense will ance and the evidence of the other witnesses had shown that they had the getting them housed before the colder renedy in their own hands in the shape weather sets in, that confronts the committee at this present time, and it City Solicitor Mann: "That may be is to be earnestly hoped that the Doyour opinion but your tone is quite too, minion government will do in part at least that which our own McBride gov-

> ernment refuses to do at all. VACCINATING PUPILS.

New Westminster, Aug. 27.-With the have as much right here as you, al-though you are city selicitor. Further- a large number of the pupils had not pening of schools here it developed that more I am not addressing you but the yet been vaccinated. This discovery was Mayor and the members of the city the cause of about 150 children attendcouncil and until they object you have ing the surgeries of the local doctors to be protected against the ravages of smallpox. Together with the general order for vaccination the usual conscientious objector once again appears section and he therefore asked for a and several children will be absent from school until such time as the matter is

BEING MINED

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT IN QUATSINO DISTRICT

had become a regular cesspool.

Plumbing Inspector Shade said that Lack of Transportation Facilities Holding Back Country, Says F. A. Pollock.

> (From Friday's Daily). According to F. A. Pollock, who has

who have staked claims in the gold Leonard Ayers swore that his wife belt along the shores of Quatsino inlet, Kelly yesterday received a consign-

> high as \$5 a pound. Of course you don't see \$20 gold pieces sticking out GAZETTE NOTICES of all the quartz handled.

"Besides the gold mining, there is also considerable copper and zinc in the Quatsino district, but very little of this has as yet been developed.

"Nearly all the ore shipped from Quatsino has been sent in small lots to Bryant & Co., the Vancouver assayers and analysists, who have been treating it.
"A splendid new wharf is being buil

at Quatsino," said Mr. Pollock. When completed it will be 70 by 40 feet with The following is the manner in which an approach of 120 feet. The lumber the Fernie District Ledger describes re- and planking is being shipped up there spective visits of the Hon. William had a floating dock to answer the pur-

fruits. Apples have also been tried ince of British Columbia: Nello Brink-Hon. Richard McBride, premier of and have given considerable success. worth Maysmith, of Victoria, and

mittee that in making a grant or loan to Fernie at this instance would be setting a precedent, but when confront-

at Quatsino, is in Victoria on business

FOR FRUIT THIS YEAR

Closing Down of Island Industries Affects Growers in Cowichan District.

Duncan, Aug. 26 .- Owing to the closing down of the mines on Mount Sicker and of the smelter at Crofton, and of a num ber of the logging camps, the local marbe obtained it is not worth the trou to gather many of the more perishable varieties of plums, early apples and pears. The hardler varieties will in mos cases be shipped through the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association.

DOINGS AT CLAYOQUOT.

Clayoquot, Aug. 26.-'The bunkers are ull of ore at Sydney Inlet, and they have every arrangement complete for F. A. McDonald was called home from the Migeon river by a telegram from Se-attle ordering him to begin work at once

repairing the wharf at Mosquito Harbor. He brought back a fine string of trout Rev. Mr. Millar, of Ahouset with his new launch, having its engine installed. The Rev. J. Robson, of Nanaimo, presi dent of the B. C. Methodist conference, has been visiting the Clayoquot Metho-dist hospital for a few days.

Miss Rogers, of Nanaimo, has been ecured by the hospital to train as Mr. Brewster reports a very good run

Wm., Sloan will visit Clayoquot in a few L. U. Carter's father is visiting him

here at Chayoquot. Mr. Carter, sr., has been making a tour of the world.

Miss Johnston, who has been acting as assistant matron at the Ahouset boarding school in the absence of Miss McNell, is aving on this boat. The teachers and pupils of the Christle Industrial school are having a few weeks' outing at Mosquito Harbor and the can-

"BLACK HAND" LETTER

Vancouver, Aug. 28.-John Miller was arrested yesterday, charged with having written a letter to John Main, the grocer. in "black hand" style. Mr. Main was told to place two hundred dollars at the corner of his barn, or he and his store can aeroplanist, to carry out his ex- there is a general absence of infected run down the numerous poachers operwould be blown up.

BURNABY RESIDENCE GUTTED. NEW REGULATIONS FOR

New Westminster, Aug. 27.—George E. Clayton's residence at Deer Lake, Burnaby, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, the house being reduced to a smouldering heap less than an hour after the flames had first been noticed. The fire is supposed to have started in a wing which was only partly built, and in which Mr. Clayton was working at the time. Owing to the lifficulty in fighting the flames, there ing no large supply of water imnediately at hand, the fire made rapid rogress and was soon beyond conrol. Besides the house, considerable furniture was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at about \$3,000, the house cil passed by the local government. The being worth in the neighborhood of \$2,000. There was some insurance on the

SHIPMENT OF SLOES.

Vancouver, Aug 27.-Market Clerk ment from Port Kells for sale at the more rent for the place after they were completed.

This inquiry was also adjourned until Monday night, when Dr. Robertson is carried in small fistil Monday night, when Dr. Robertson is

FOR THIS WEEK

Appointments Made and Companies Which Have Been Incorporated.

This week's Provincial Gazette con- tering or having in possession untanned pelts of beaver be, and is hereby ex-tended to and including the 31st day of tains notice of the following appoint-

Joseph William MacFarlane, of Bella August, A. D., 1908. Coola, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Co- IMPROVEMENT OF

To be notaries public for the prov-

he said that the presence of the stable depreciated the value of property in the neighborhood and that if the stable were not removed the people living near it would have to ask the assessor to lower their assessment. He could not trace any sickness to the stable. They are in duty bound to build the government of this province will do not trace any sickness to the stable. They are in duty bound to build the government. What do the voters thing and this riding a supporter of that government. What do the voters think of it and will they forget all as a paint shop, "but then" added Mr. Armstrong "I had to pay extra insurance on account of the turpentine stored in the building."

Sometimes, etc., are headyning site of a railway. There is talk of the country being the advantages of a railway. There is talk of the country being stock of \$100,000, to take over the mind the province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover the mind the province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover ment of this province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover ment of this province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover ment of this province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover ment of this province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover ment of this province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover ment of this province will do not sufficiently populated to give prover ment of the matter is it never will be populated until better that government. What do the voters think of it and will they forget all about it at the next election? What do the voters the matter is it never will be populated until better that government. What do the voters the matter is it never will be populated until better that it never will be provinced and the provincial buildings (which the advantages of a railway.

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There is talk of the country with a capital of \$50,000, to take over the min pany, with a capitalization of \$10,000; perimenting with Mongolians for some Skeena Lumber Company, capitalized at \$75,000; Skeena Land Company, with to British Columbia at practically the a capital stock of \$10,000, to do gen- cost price. Material eral business: Structural

Officials of Organization Plan Campaign

Company, with a capital of \$100,000, to manufacture concrete blocks, etc. a few enthusiasts and a little energy LABOR ON SIDE OF BRYAN. collect this sum. All the preliminary details have been arranged and all that

on Behalf of Democrat. Deputy Game Warden Scott, of Co-Washington, Aug. 28.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, had a conference yesterday with number of labor leaders who are to paricipate in the political campaign as speakers. Yesterday's issue of the Fedbirds have now bred each year since they were given their freedom, rationist, the official organ of the ornization, contains expressions of opin ion on the political situation, pledging loyalty to the Federation's attitude from John Mitchell, formerly president of the VANCOUVER WANTS THE MINTO TROPHY Inited Mine Workers of America, and vho still is vice-president of the Federa Vice-Presidents James Duncan and Daniel J. Keefe, of the Federation, and a number of officers of a number of labor B. C. Championship Game Will

organizations throughout the country. FINED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR STARTING BUSH FIRE

Act of Cowichan Lake Rancher Responsible for Big Conflagration.

whether the reinforced Vancouver aggregation has been brought up to Nev Westminster's class and will also prac Duncan, Aug. 26.-Charles Baily, lowichan Lake, appeared before A. H. tically settle the outcome of the cham omas. S. M., charged with breaking the Bush Fires Act. Mr. Baily was fined \$50 and costs. The fire that he started to pionship and the fate of the Minto cup Vancouver has contracted a fond af-fection for the Mintoware since its arclear a fence line has burned miles of timber owned by the Cowichan Lumber rival on the coast and, as the only hope of getting it, they persuaded the Maple Leaf club to fade away and deliver up its best men to the Vancouvers. Since the patching-up process, practice has Company, the Victoria Lumber Company ATTEMPTS MURDER. been in order every evening in the Van Vancouver, Aug. 28.-Mrs. A. Goddard, couver camp and they are no doubt in

who lives with her husband at the corner of Seventeenth avenue and Ash street, was dangerously wounded last night by Lorenzo LaFortune, a Frenchman, who had been annoying her. LaFortune followed her home and fired four shots out of a revolver as the woman closed her door. The gun-wielder was arrested at 9 o'clock three miles away from the scene of the shooting. The woman will recover.

It is hardly probable that he will be in

AMERICA'S FLYER.

Berlin, Aug. 28.-The war departmen

periments in Berlin.

RATIFY TREATIES BY MAIL. placed by Latham. The question of appointing referees Washington, Aug. 28.—The exchange of ratifications of the arbitration treaties between Japan and the United for Saturday's game is now being neticed by C. A. Welsh and Archie Mc-Naughton. Mr. Welch suggested that States is now being made by mail, behe choose a Vancouver man and Mc-Naughton chose a New Westminster cause of the absence from the city of Ambassador Takahira. man, to handle the game, but Mr. Mc-Naughton replies that there are men in

The matter is still in abeyance. according to a semi-official statement, Thomas Cunningham, inspector of has invited Wilbur Wright, the Ameritrees as a result of stringent methods.

Vancouver whom he would not have.

MISSION WORK IN HAWAIIANS

Time Has Been Extended for FORMER VICTORIA PASTOR SPEAKS AT METROPOLITAN

BEAVER SKINS

Trading in

Them.

(From Friday's Daily).

The date for trading in beaver skins

That order in council, dated the 17th

day of December, 1907, exempting In-

dians residing in that portion of the

"Game Protection Act, 1898, amend-

ment Act. 1905," relating to the trap-

of dealing with such Indians in the

mentioned are concerned:
And it is further ordered that such

And it is further ordered that the

LOCAL PHEASANTS

exemption relating to the selling, bar-

A similar offer is now made to Van-

is required is to collect the money.

Capercalizie.

Be Played on Sat-

urday.

The all-important lacrosse game of

the season in British Columbia cham-

pionship series will be played at Queen's

and the Vancouvers. It will decide

first class condition. On the other

the field on Saturday, but may be re-

the 31st day of March, A.D., 1909:

in the northern part of the province

new regulation reads as follows:

Rev. J. W. Wadman Gives Interesting Talk on Church Work in Hawaii.

(From Friday's Daily). Missionary work in the Hawaiian province of British Columbia lying to islands, formed the subject for an inthe north of a line drawn east and west teresting address given by Rev. J. W. through a point at the junction of the Wadman, in the Metropolitan church Blackwater and Fraser rivers, between last night. Mr. Wadman has charge from the provisions of section 25 of the pal church of the United States in these islands and is paying a short visit to Victoria, where he was formerly pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, on his way to coast con-

ferences, to make his report upon pro-

such Indians and persons in the habit gress of the missionary work, "It is just nineteen years and two of dealing with such indians in the aforesaid portion shall be exempt from weeks ago to-night that I set sail from Victoria to Japan under the austhe provisions of the said section 25 pices of the American Methodist Episrelating to the selling, bartering or having in possession untanned pelts of beaver, up to and including the 31st day of August, 1908, be, and is hereby been stationed. Let me give you a amonded in so far as the dates therein short retrospect of the history of the islands.

And it is further ordered that such exemption from trapping, killing or taking of beaver as aforesaid be and is hereby extended to and including landed at the Hawaiians, then the Sandwich islands, almost upon the same beach where the intrepid navigator, Capt. Cook, was murdered a quarter of a century before. This lit-tle band brought over to these south sea islands the first printing press which had ever passed west of the Rocky mountains. The difficulties they acountered seemed almost unsur nountable but they toiled on among the savages and their patient work bore fruit in proportion. Titus Cohen, one of these early missionaries, baptized with his own hands, no less than

10,000 natives in two years. "The great work was progressing favorably when the American missic ary board put a damper on it by withdrawing their support on the plea that the work was now self-sustaining. The people did not exactly relapse into their former paganism, but many of them sank into an even worse condition. The women were terribly degraded and infanticide was widely practised. The practise was common natural mothers to dig holes in their wretched huts where they would bury their helpless offspring, stuffing the little mouths with grass and mud to stifle the cries.

"If it hadn't been for the missionaries it is believed that the whole race would have perished within a short

"After the annexation of the islands in 1898 the missionaries once came into their own, and the islands have since prospered spiritually and materially. The great industry of the islands is the cultivation of sugar plantations. There is about \$100,000. 000 invested in sugar, representing the constant employment of 50,000 me This year the profit on sugar was \$14,-000,000, and the total amount of the exports and imports was \$62,000,000 There are a large number of Orient-

als now on the islands, the majority of whom have made settlements here since the Russo-Japanese war. The poorer classes of the Japanese are very much attached to the Buddist religion and bring their priests and idols over with them. Consequently the progress of missionary work is rather slower among these people than among quitlam, reports having seen a hen the Corean coolles who have really no capercailzie, with several young ones, tangible belief and are easily influenced either for the better or wo is good news, as it shows that these The missionaries have made great progress among these neonle.

> work of the Methodist Episcopal church, which was founded on the islands in 1902, three years ago. "You can always tell whether Korean is converted or not without communicating with him," remarked Mr. Wadman. "If he is converted he is sure to wake you up early in the morning singing joyous hymns and psalms which he continues all day long

Mr. Wadman assumed charge of the

at his work." The speaker instanced some remarkable conversions among the Japanese, and which were shining examples of the tremendous work of the gospel. In closing he gave some statistics There were now 32 Sunday schools established upon the islands scholars and the value of church holdpark, Vancouver, on Saturday after-noon next between the Royal City team the past three years. A hearty and unanimous . vote

thanks was given Mr. Wadman for his

SEEKING TO ENFORCE

lluminating discourse.

THE GAME LAWS

A Launch May Be Used Among Islands Next Year.

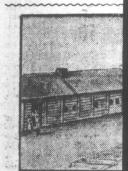
Mr. Gillespie, deputy game warden has been in the Nanaimo district recently. There have been many complaints of game being shot out of season, and from all that can be learned there is no doubt that many of them are true and that a large am game is being needlessly slaughtered out of season. With so much of it going on it is to be regretted that some convictions cannot be made. The trouble is that there is not an adequate sys tem of game protection, although, for that matter with 500 game wardens appointed the same would still be the case to a certain degree. However, the government, it is understood, is inaugurating plans that will tend to give much better protection. Next year, it is said, a fast launch will be supplied to potrol the coast islands and try and Bygon

BY R. E. GOS

er trail-l lttor. Hon. Edgar De minister of Her Majes

at Ottawa, Lieutenar Northwest, and Gov Columbia, was a pionee and served it in many entering the wider fi-polities. Since retiring polities and official returned to his first voted himself to var associated with the British Columbia inte lows relates to a chapt experience intimately the opening up of the mining country, prelim siar excitement and Yukon, Atlin and ot The story is told in his will be read with in of the narrative itsel cially at the present the discovery of gold river and the incip taken place:

An Old Interest "The interest which taken in reference to which are said to have the Finlay River



FORT ST. JAM

juestions of the best ro ocality being one upo is a difference of opinion me to dot down my is some forty years ago w quite a fight over which route to reach what was same district, then know River country, where yer extensive alluvial diggin discovered. And being who took an active part fitting a party of miners discovery of what is k Peace river mines, I though the party of readers if I gave you a (somewhat ancient) of stances in connection wit ery of the mines in that di "During the early days of excitement there were some of the old California had penetrated the cour the Cariboo district, had reported most favor probable gold-bearing of the spring of 1869 some and business men of So Quesnel met together f

A Well Outfitted Prosp bringing this about we of the steamer which ra Creek and Quesnel; J. Hawks, farmers of Deep of the 150-Mile He wards Senator; E. Dewdr ing at Soda Creek and st local government. I bel the writer are now dead posed that we get sub-wards this expedition, a quested to communicate governor, Frederick Muss for assistance from the

of endeavoring to send i



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we proposed he at once able and substantial inter quest, and said, We wi \$1,000, the amount that friends subscribe.' In a we collected \$1,200, and gave us the \$1,000. "We lost no time in gett ready. We built a fine bo fourteen, men and placed name of Kelly in chars quite early in the season Fraser river to the Gisc where they hauled the h old Hudson's Bay Compe took the waters on the worked their way into the had been instructed to summer passed, and we of the party until a repor

Creek late in the fall, I

tober, that the party had