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AND INSURANCE.

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vincial Manager Unien nce Co.—It is the best ver had in British Colny have great faith in ovince, and Mr. Chase, of agencies, is coming in te some investments. urance and Real Estate business is ahead of last o the opening up of the has increased fully 25 ear to date, while prehat they were four years selling somewhat better pere is quite a demand rty in the West End. ederation Life Insurance and loans are heavier

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MERCHANTS.

Cash Transactions Be ral and New Sources d in Prospect.

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H. Kent, manager Westminster and B. I.

& Co., gents' furnishings-Trade has shown ment. a steady increase the past three months,

for some months past. Customers buy only afford to buy, what they want and pay for it. People seem W. J. Pace.

R. Ralph, for Wm. Ralph, stoves, etc.-

J. R. Seymour, druggist-Business is improving. There has been an upward tendency since the beginning of September.

T. Atkins, wholesale and retail drugs-Every month this year has been an im-

-We have had a better summer this year than for the past eight years. Ald. Bethune, retail boots and shoes -Trade is steady. New business for the past two months is more satisfactory. There is

a better feeling everywhere. Henry Collins (Mayor), dry goods — Trade is improving a little and will be very

Chas. E. Tisdale, wholesale and retail sporting goods—This has been the best year for business I have ever had since I came to the country. The most satisfactory increase comes principally from Kootenay and Cari-

J.J. Trorey, jeweller-Sales have increased

Wadds Bros., photographers—In the last six months business has been better.

better feeling all over. Diplock Book and Stationery Co. -Busipresent time over last year.

born of a healthier condition of affairs in the | tion.

quiet, but money is easier. the full W. A. McIntosh, Mainland meat market affairs. Business has been improving in our line for some time. It is now on a solider basis, and people are paying for what they get.

If we have a fine winter we will have ever before. enough cattle on the British Columbia ranches to go round, but if our cattle are killed off by severe weather I don't see how the markets of this province are going to be The Travelling Public Attracted to British supplied.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Confident That Recent Increase in Demand Is But the Beginning of Permanent Growth.

Works—Trade in the province is in a healthier state with a better feeling, industrial institutions are in better shape. stuff in there; We are shipping lots of stuff in there; but it is only a "flea bite" to what is going in from Chicago through the C.P.R.— Spokane, and all free of duty, too. We are

pense constantly at work in the district. R. H. Alexander, Hastings lumber mills

—As far as our local trade is concerned, far as the lumber trade is concerned, though the demand is very great and we can sup-ply the markets of the world with as good and probably better article than any other section of America, the prices are not sufficiently remunerative. demonstrated to me that such countries as ago.

Chili, Peru and Australia must have our J. Stevens, Dominion Express Company lumber, and while they would take no no tice of an advance of \$1 a thousand, owing to the great competition on the coast they are getting it from us at extremely low rates, a standard price for all mills on the coast seeming to be out of the question. The active continuation of the lumber business, however, is a great benefit to the pro-

cations prospects are very good.
W. S. Flumerfelt, for Ames, Holden & August, but as far as can be ascertained from careful inquiry, busing been improving here for several mount. Numbers of customers coming to us from inland provement in trade in the near future.

finery - Lately there have been indications pard will be into Rossland as soon as they that times were improving all over the province. We have been doing a lob of busi- American side. The Canadian Pacific are ness in the Kootenay country—a new de-parture for us. We are selling more of our vellous wealth at Trail Creek district is one products in the Northwest just now than of the few things that some of the papers ever before.

A. McQueen, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co.—Business is good at present. It has been improving slowly for some time. M. Costello, of the Star cannery-I think that British Columbia is the finest country on earth. Friends of mine, whom I have business is better than last year. been asking the all important question. How is business? answer with a cheerful Cab Co.—Trade has been steadily improving countenance, "splendid, picking up." I with us for several months chiefly in transthnk the canneries of the Fraser rive paid to working men this year \$750,000. Alex. Calley, Aerated Water Manufac

tory.—Business is fair. Collections are first class in the city but poor in the country. REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

Agree That Prospects Have Brightened Considerably and That Progress Will Be Sure if Slow.

G. E. Corbould, M.P.-The prospects of the province never looked more favorable, Our farmers have had splendid crops, but unfortunately prices have been low. If our farmers could be educated to convert their roots, hay and oats into milk, butter and pork, they would be more prosperous for there will always be a demand for these pro-

ducts at good prices.
A. Williams, M.P.P.—I believe that our

the province. In Rossland alone one month Telephone Co.—Our business keeps up well ago there were three mines shipping ore, today there are five mines and six others J. Sheasgreen, manager Dunlap, Cook putting ore on the dump ready for ship-

J. W. Horne, ex.M.P.P.-Trade is cerwhile the average is so much greater than tainly improving. I had eight empty stores for the corresponding months of last year all summer. I have none empty to day. that the trade for the year is bound to be in H. Pim, Canadian General Electric Co.— Spot cash sales since July This year's business is better than it was have increased fully 20 per cent.

G. I. Wilson, dry goods merchant—Trade collections. All new business is satisfactory. last, and there has been an improvement in is very good at present, rather better than All inquiries now are from people who can

W. J. Pace, for D. McGillivray, con-

ital in the development of our industries the prophesies of the most sanguine will be fulfilled. provement over the previous month.

H. H. Watson, wholesale and retail British Columbia is receiving much attendrugs (McDowell, Atkins & Watson, Ltd.) tion from mining men all over the world. I am in receipt of a letter from John Hays Hammond, mining engineer of the East African Co., who is paid \$60,000 a year for his services. He is desirous of obtaining in-

formation about the mines of the province with a view to operating in gold here. J. M. Buxton, assayer and metallurgist— If South Africa does not slump, there will ong, and we have enough stuff in the coun-

million for development.

satisfied, or should be.

W. Farrell, Yorkshire Guarantee Co .ness has advanced fifty per cent. up to the Our future prospects depend in the immedicharge. Until recently such extensive reate future so entirely on the mines that when parations on coasting vessels were generally a man expresses an opinion on the mining carried out in San Francisco but latterly John Boyd, of Boyd & Burns, wholesale hardware—We do not consider that business development of the country he answers the has improved much in British Columbia question as to the future prospects of the ence for work done at Victoria. during the last six months, but there is certainly a more hopeful feeling in the country looking rather more favorable in that directions

greatly on the development of the Upper is much more active in the East, but as we Country, and the outlook in that direction felt the hard times long after they prevailed Country, and the outlook in that direction is rather favorable. The town trade is there, some time may elapse before we feel George Brown on the 22 ad of last month. the full effects of the improved condition of

J. M. Browning, of the Cariboo and Horsefly mines-Capitalists are turning their attention towards British Columbia more than

COMING THIS WAY.

Columbia, and Local Passenger and Freight Traffic Also Increasing.

George McL. Brown, district passenger good, and what is particularly encouraging is the fact that the receipts at local stations along the line in British Columbia show very W. Campion, secretary of B. C. Iron marked increases, thus indicating greater activity in the interior, and I confidently look for still greater increases next season. Trans Pacific traffic also continues good, Mr. McFarlane, our manager, has just come from Kootenay, and speaks of the marvel-was better than it has been this last sumand saloon business by the Empresses never

William Brown, general freight agent of the C.P.R.—Both outward and inwardbound business shows a large increase.

J. Wilson, superintendent of C.P.R. telhas passed the crisis remarkably well. As satisfactory increase in the last three which, it is expected, will be called shortly. months.

F. J. Wheeler, Great Northern Railway —There has been a marked improvement in both the freight and passenger departments.

Since July 10 our returns from regular bustness have increased. In all but three months of the past twelve the receipts have the year preceding.

H. Darling, manager Union Steamship Co.—Since the beginning of the year trade has been fairly good. Freight rates are less vince in the way of bringing money and than half what they used to be, and receipts are the same, so that business must have Brackman & Ker Milling Co.—We are doubled. Trade between here and Nanaimo pleased with the increase of trade since is improving, and generally speaking we are starting in Vancouver. From present indiding better than we ever did before. The Northern country trade remains the same, W. S. Flumerfelt, for Ames, Holden & and it will not increase until the price of Co., wholesale Boots and Shoes.—We have lumber is better. We have taken 60 settlers only been established in Vancouver since to Bute Inlet, but we cannot afford to run

panies usually know what they are about, points encourage us to look for a great im- Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern will be close to the Slocan Star at the foot of W. Prentice, manager B. C. Sugar Re- the hill, while the Nelson and Fort Shepcan get through the Indian reserve on the

have not exaggerated. C. D. Taprell, manager Hotel Vancouver -While there has not been any material advance in the hotel business, the outlook is encouraging and money is much freer.

W. Hamilton, Leland house-The hotel H. A. Berry, manager Vancouver Gurney

have ferring. Ald. Queen, of Queen Bros., livery and round than it was six months ago.

REV. SAMUEL GREEN, state superintendent of Sunday schools, preached both morning and evening on Sunday last at the newly established Congregational church. attention. Last night a committee meeting this week a meeting is to be held for the election of trustees, deacons, treasurer, secwelcome to the new congregation is fixed for the 20th inst.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Ownership-Her Mission South to Seek Employment.

Steamer "Cariboo & Fly" Reported Ashore-Hunters' Wages During the Coming Season.

Thomas Flewin is the owner of the little schooner Kenrietta, which sailed for La Paz, to be living more within their means than formerly.

What they want and pay for it. I copie seem to be living more within their means than formerly.

We will be a seem to be living more within their means than great many contracts for the manufacture of chased her last week from P. McQuade & R. Ralph, for Wm. Ralph, stoves, etc.—
Trade is ahead of last year. Collections are very good.

W. Pellew Harvey, assayer and metal.

Onased her last week from P. McQuade & Son. Mr. Flewin chartered her to Captain Anderson and another man until June next. lurgist-With the exercise of due caution in Mr. Flewin denies that the schooner carried trade, and the judicious investment of cap. Chinamen from here, and so far as he knows she took no cargo whatever. He says the schooner is going down to the Mexican coast and her charterers will there endeavor to place her in the trading business. THE "WELLINGTON'S" REPAIRS COMPLETED.

After undergoing a thorough overhauling

Esquimalt marine railway during the meddle of the week and her repairs are now complete. The run to Departure Bay will not be wild excitement in this country before only inaugurate her re-entrance into service but the trip will serve as a test of her matry to hold our own even in the face of a chinery, the overhauling of which was the panic. We are, however, doing work with most extensive part of the work done on the a thousand dollars where we should have a vessel. Steamboat Inspector J. A. Thompson will make the trip in his official capacity E. J. Clark, capitalist—I have just resturned from Kootenay, and I do not believe ner in which the repairs have been carried every month since January. Money is easier. Cash sales are in evidence more district.

a man could make an exaggerated statement out that ne will have nothing of. In addition to what has already been of. In addition to what has already been spoken of as having been done on the collier. a man could make an exaggerated statement out that he will have nothing to complain about the mineral wealth of the Trail Creek of. In addition to what has already been finer ware than heretofore. Their place of J. Macaulay, Knowler & Macaulay, there have been rolling chocks placed on the brokers and commission merchants-Any vessel's bottom, which will give her steadi-Chas. Hach, furniture—Business has been man who has gone into business in Vancou- ness in a heavy sea. Altogether the work improving for several months. There is a ver, worked diligently, and stuck to it, is on the Wellington is one of the largest contracts of the kind ever undertaken in Vic-toria and reflects credit on those having many ship owners have manifested a prefer-

AN OLD PIONEER GONE

Through the arrival of the steam schooner East.

R. A. Welsh, of Welsh Bros., wholesale flour and feed, etc.—Our prospects depend

B. Springer, formerly of the firm of this ble from the halibut fishing grounds in the North, news has been received of what are certainly looking much brighter. Trade may prove to be a serious mishap to the old pioneer steamer Cariboo and Fly, which The news comes only as a report which had reached Refuge Bay and which was there hearn by the Thistle on her way to Victoria. The report is to the effect that the steamer in attempting to pass a slough on the Skeens got caught on a sand bank at high water and when the tide receded she broke her back. More information than this concerning the accident, Capt. Langley of the Thistle is unable to give, but from the nature of the news it is generally believed the machinery of the vessel has been saved. The steamer is now owned by Messrs. Saunders, Shotbolt, Dempster, and others agent of the C.P.R.-Passenger traffic is and had but very recently gone North to enter service after a long idle spell.

SEAL HUNTERS' WAGES. In view of the near approach of another come to a favorable understanding regarding the wages they will pay next year. They have decided to pay white hunters a fifth lay and Indians \$3 per skin. The latter, however, will not be paid the \$20 extra a cance or their chief \$10, as has been the custom in years gone by. This has been known as "potlach money," and a considgetting the trade gradually, but it requires Merchants are now taking advantage of the us to keep an active man under a heavy exbig reduction in rates from Eastern points to with it. The fifth lay is what white hundhere, and prospects were never more favor- ers have received this year, and it is said

MARINE NOTES. Rear Admiral Beardslee and the officers and men of the U.S. man-of-war Philadel F. Bodwell, Northern Pacific Railroad—
Crade is improving, and the prospects are ciently remunerative. I have recently Trade is improving, and the prospects are ome from abroad, where it was practically much brighter than they were three months week ago, left for Port Towsend yesterday morning. The Philadelphia while in Esquimalt was a great attraction for sight-seers and was much admired by all who saw her either at a distance or on board. Upon their return to the Sound the officers of the

been larger this than for the same month in vessel will, it is said, be given a ball in Seattle. The following cabin passengers from Victoria left on the steamship Umatilla when she sailed for San Francisco last evening: D. Edward, R. N. Sternley, Mrs. R. Patterson and child, S. B. Caunell and wife, Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. W. R. Rice, J. M. Mc-Donald, Dr. L. E. Rice, J. Cavanaugh and vife, P. Murphy, T. B. Hall, E. Placer and C. F. Dillon.

The Dominion steamer Quadra, which has been absent from port for several days on a tour of inspection of the lighthouses in the gulf, returned to port yesterday, Captain audin, agent of marine and fisheries, being

on board The U.S. revenue cutter Corwin arrived rom the Sound yesterday to allow her officers to attend the sealing trials in the Admiralty court this week. Steamer Maude, which leaves for coast points this evening, will carry a heavy load of freight made up principally of lumber.

morning. NEW POST OFFICE.

The C.P.R. steamship Empress of China,

inward bound, left Yokohama yesterday

The contractors for the new post office and customs house, Messrs. Elford & Smith. have let the contract for the sandstone for superstructure to the Gabriola Granite Co. The official notification yesterday was given by Mr. Gamble, resident Dominion government engineer, that the samples submitted to the department at Ottawa for examination and testing had been approved. This was held in connection with the organization of this stone to be used on the new post tion of the new church, and on Thursday of office and customs house is about 60,000 superficial feet. Messrs. Elford & Smith have already sheds erected so that inclement retary and finance committee. The clerical weather will not interrupt the cutters and sawyers. Of these thirty will have con-stant employment during the winter and on A. Williams, M.P.P.—I Deliave that whe prospects will improve from this out slowly but permanently. My recent visit to the two country is now at last being substantially developed.

DEAR SIRS.—I can recommend Hagyard's tricity to operate the saws for cutting the stone into slabs. The electricity will be of distressing pain that the doctor could not cure, and my doctor is a good one, too.

MRS. DAVID LABOR,

Waterford, Ont. house, and the saws will be run from 6 day morning, at 11 o'clock, so as to give the o'clock in the morning till midnight.

Crown time to prepare the indictments.

THE CITY.

THE St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will hold ite grand annual banquet as usual J. H. Clemes Talks of His Visit to this year at the Hotel Driard. THE Governor General and Countess of

Aberdeen entertained a large number of adies and gentlemen at dinner at Govern ment House last night.

FOSTER HALDON, of Sasnich, was yester day morning taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where he had one of his toes amputated by Dr. Frank Hall. He injured himself while chopping wood. REV. DR. CAMPBELL is again appointed

civil service examiner for British Columbia. He begins his work next Tuesday. There is a large number of candidates. The papers arrived per express from Ottawa on Friday. LAST evening Perseverance lodge No. 1.

OG.T., inaugurated very successfully the first of their winter's series of concerts. Temperance hall was well filled on the occasion and the programme provided much ap-On Thursday evening last a large number of children gathered in St. Saviour's school-

coom at a magic lantern entertainment. The during the past three months, the big steam colliery Wellington will to-day leave for Departure Bay to load coal. She left the boys' drum and fife band enlivened the proseedings and the little ones enjoyed themselves thoroughly. A SHAFT is being sunk on the gold and silver bearing ledge recently discovered on

> Mesers. Blackett, Jones and Davidson. depth of twelve feet has been reached and the rock continues to look promising. New and improved machinery is now re lacing that formerly used in the works of the B.C. Pottery Co., and when complete

business has been removed from 44 Govern ment street to 221 Pandora street. THERE was not so large an attendance as usual at the Y.M.C.A. popular concert last evening, but the programme furnished The ground is hard; expensive rock drilling was quite up to those previously presented. Among those who took part were: Messrs. Thomas Moody, A. J. Pineo, N. shafts with expensive machinery has to be

creamery project. Another meeting is to be are very encouraging. The labor is of exheld at Sidney on the evening of the 12th, sion to accommodate Victorians desirous of

attending. A DELEGATION of ladies living in Oakland district yesterday morning upon Mayor league and the members of the city council in reference to the laying of a sidewalk now under construction on the Landsdowne road. It seems the sidewalk is now being laid on both sides and the ladies are desirous of havit all on the south side.

AT last night's meeting of the Sir William time he was acknowledged as the rightful hess. Up immortal Bannockburn," and from that was present at the interview, that gentleman time till his death on 7th June, 1329. The said: lecture throughout was one of interest and Brownlie, and McLachlan.

THE ladies' committee of the B. C. Pro-C.P.R.—Both outward and inward-d business shows a large increase, hants are now taking advantage of the squotion in rates from Eastern points to and prospects were never more favor-Wilson, superintendent of C.P.R. telloham of the expert ones will not again accept it. What prices they will ask will probably be decided upon at a meeting factory increase in the last three custom in years gone by. This has been known as "potlach money," and a considerable saving will be effected by doing away with it. The fifth lay is what white hunters have received this year, and it is said that many of the expert ones will not again accept it. What prices they will ask will probably be decided upon at a meeting which, it is expected, will be called shortly.

The first has been known as "potlach money," and a considerable receipt of the following donations in October: Milk (daily) and four sacks potatoes and turnips, R. E. Knowles; fruit, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mr. A. Jack, Mrs. C. Hayward, Rev. J. B. Haslam, Mrs. McCandlish and Mrs. McKilligan; Colonist (daily), Colonist Publishing Co.; salmon, C. A. Vernon and B. W. Pearse: clothing, a proposition to go more exhaustively into matters.

"The Americans certainly deserve all praise for their enterprise in the share they have taken in developing this territory. As the result of very nearly two months, and the spring the syndical content of the following donations in October: Milk (daily) and four sacks potatoes and turnips, R. E. Knowles; fruit, Mrs. C. Hayward, Rev. J. B. Haslam, Mrs. McCandlish and Mrs. McKilligan; Colonist praise for their enterprise in the share they have taken in developing this territory. As the result of very nearly two months and praise of which I am a director will send out an expedition to go more exhaustively into matters.

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Although the building trade has been dull everywhere, Victoria holds her own and steadily progresses, almost all the residences built during the past ten months having been of a superior class suited to modern requirements. The new house just completed on Cook street for Mrs. P. Hickey is a large two storey building with basement, convenient in every respect. Mr. G. C. Mesher was the contractor. Mrs. Hickey is about to build a second house, also on years old respectively, and Alexander Ha-Cook street, very similar in design, for the gen, one of the crew of the Borealis, went erection of which the contract has been awarded to Mr. A. McLarty. On Dallas road, Mr. F. M. Yorke's pretty cottage attracts attention. Contractor Mesher has the work in hand, and he has just completed at the contract of the work in hand, and he has just completed at the completed at the contract of the work in hand, and he has just completed at the completed at the contract of the contr ed an extensive and handsome addition to road. Rising above the lagoon, in Esquidecided to put about. Try went malt district, may be seen Capt. McCallum's forward to attend to the jib sheet residence and farm buildings. The house is large, striking in design and conveniently up to the wind to tack, she was gibed and arranged. It is built entirely of wood- the main sheet being in some way fast, the substituted for plaster. G. C. Mesher is the boat. Hagan, although dressed in the contractor. He has also just completed heavy clothing and wearing gum boots, a large cottage for Mr. C. McCuliam at managed to climb up on the keel of the boat malt district, which is daily becoming more popular as a residential quarter. The archidistance in the water, was drowned. Hagan Tiarks.

CHOOSES SPEEDY TRIAL.

Yesterday Mr. Justice Crease decided that J. C. Prevost had a right to change his mind after electing to be tried by jury, and the keel. might choose a speedy trial before a judge instead. His Lordship in his judgment looking for work that there were this time last year. Business is three times as good as it was two years ago, and better all mer and a lot of the attention all sumbround than it was all many the same as a lot of the attention by those accused of offences of the little time. being supplied for several buildings in Vancouver. On account of a full plant in the scope of the speedy trials act. The for quarrying and loading being already at right to speedy trial saved unnecessary exthe quarry and the works in operation the pense, and it made the punishment of a stone can be brought down to Victoria at crime more effective when it followed close newly established Congregational church. Short notice. Consequently by Thursday or on the commission of the offence. No one His discourses were listened to with keen Friday the first cargo will probably be land-was injured by a prisoner being allowed to short notice. Consequently by Thursday or on the commission of the offence. No one ed and cutters at work on it. The amount re-elect; on the other hand it was a benefit all round.

Mr. Helmcken, on behalf of the defence, then made a formal application for election. The Court read the three charges against Prevost of having, while in the employ of Her Majesty, stolen on January 21, 1895, \$824; on October, 1893, \$1565 08; and on fine days there will be room for more. A November 22, 1893, \$3,164 49; and asked whether the accused wished for a speedy trivior to be tried by a judge and jury.

Prevost said he elected to be tried by udge alone, and the trial was fixed for Fri-

EXPERT OPINION.

the Gold and Silver Mines of Kootenay.

Considers the Prospects Good-Mr. Norman Adds a Few Words About His Mission.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7.-J. H. Clemes, an eminent English expert, is at the Hotel Van. 10:30 a.m. souver. Mr. Clemes consented to be interviewed by the Colonist representative this morning, and considering the source from which the information comes and the repubation Mr. Clemes has for expressing himself carefully and conservatively on mining matters, the opinion obtained is very en-

couraging. Mr. Clemes said: "I visited Slocan and TrailC reek districts. I was sufficiently imressed with the potentialities of the districts to continue my tour through. I think the prospects good. Slocan has a limited area and has already produced one very excellent mine.

"Trail Creek is another limited area and mines, so that if you take into account the area and the time that has been given to Mary Todd island, and now owned by certainly good.

"Partially developed mines could not well be discussed at this particular stage. Some, however, have very good prospects before them of becoming in time equal to the more fully developed pioneers. For this to come to pass it is essential that systematic underground explorations be made instead of, as up to the present, a somewhat disultory mode of purely surface working.

"It is a matter of current gossip among the miners of Trail Creek that it is not a poor man's camp. From observation think this report is perfectly accurate. nels are impracticable, and the sinking of Bertman.

Thursday night's meeting at Colquitz hall, like that at West Saanich which preceded it, enthusiastically endorsed the creamery project. Another meeting in eight volumes quarto, heavily gilt and finely illustrated. Through the Secretary of State, Ottawa, the library has received the "Jeypore Portfolio of Architecture" in six volumes, a very valuance which the mining will be conditions able collection of architecture. and a special train will be run on that occa- wage. Wood and water are abundant, and cellent class and obtainable at reasonable unlike so many mines worked with British capital, these are easily reached. I was enabled to pursue my investigations with all the more rapidity as I was so courteously and frankly received at the various mines. "On the whole the prospects appear very encouraging. In plain English, what is

wanted is money, and to get that the capitalists must be encouraged. "As far as surface goes the country has been pretty well prospected. Now the example of the War Eagle and Le Roi must be

Mr. Alexander Begg, editor of the Mining Wallace Society, Mr. Gilchrist's second paper on "The Bruce" was read by the secretary. Mr. Gilchrist continued his lecture by following the career of Bruce from the prose occasionally. It is a matter of busi-

Upon referring to Mr. Leo Norman, who

"Mr. Clemes has quite exactly expressed In view of the near approach of another sealing season, the owners of schooners have one of the most important epochs in Scot assure you that the report given by Mr. tish history. An excellent musical and literary programme was also furnished by Messrs. Deans, Barron, Stannard, Seaton, tended survey of the Cariboo and other districts, which will give a fair idea of the wealth of the province. If I am encouraged by Mr. Clemes' report it is testant Orphans' Home thankfully acknowl- most probable that in the spring the syndi- The Cultivation of "the Weed" Has

gratified at the courtesy extended to this mission by all concerned, and certainly such receptions are a most encouraging feature in attracting English capital."

JOHN TRY DROWNED.

On Sunday afternoon John Try lest his life by the upsetting of a sail boat, near Brotchie reef, and three other people owe their lives to the daring courage of two lads, Robert McLean and William Laing, who gallantly went to their rescue.

John Try, a sailor who had last season seen a boat puller on the sealer Borealis William and Austin Gill, lads 16 and 13 out duck shooting in a sealing boat, starting saved, the boat was on the starboard tack Mr. G. Gillespie's home on the Esquimalt and when near the San Pedro it was wood panelling and wood lining having been wind struck it fair on the side and capsized MoPherson's, on the E. & N. railway. Mr. and dragged the little boy Austin Gill out from under the boat and helped him astride and ay plains is another addition to Esquitect for all the houses was Mr. J. Gerhard endeavored to lend him a hand, but the boat kept drifting away and Try weighed down by his clothing and chilled by the loy oold water, sank very soon. The three surstarted. vivors next attempted to right the boat, but she turned over again and it was with difficulty that they managed to climb back on

People on shore had seen the accident, and two lads, Wm. Laing and Robert McLean, both about 17 years old, set off to the rescue from Bucknam's landing in a small skiff It was a plucky act, for the sea was high, and every moment it seemed as if the brave every moment it seemed as if the brave boys would be swamped. However, after half an hour's hard pulling they reached the Holman, and the result is that tobacco overturned boat and got the three survivors safe ashore, but in a very exhausted condition.

three taken to his house, where little Austin Gill had to be put in a warm bath to revive nim. Then the rescued men and boys were Okanegan farmers so that they can ship put to bed and restoratives were given them and later in the evening they were taken to their homes.

The capsized boat was found yesterday by George Simons at Henley's point, and Try's road were extended thirty miles more it would give the district an outlet on Arrow lake for shipping. the drowned man has not yet been recovered.

John Try, the man who was drowned, was about 30 years of age and a native of Rostock, Germany. Cwo weeks ago he had a very narrow escape from drowning on the Borealis. He was well known as "Shorty."

DEAR SIRS.—I can truly say that Burdock Blood Bitters acts like magio. It drove all the pimples and blotches from my face, cleaned my blood and increased my weight by simply using one bottle.

J. E. EDWARDS, Amprior, Ont. John Try, the man who was drowned, was

From THE DAILY COLONIST, November 12. THE CITY.

THE British bark Ardmore, last of the salmon first, arrived from England yester

THE Ladies' Ald Society of St. Barnabas will give a concert and dance in Odd Fellows' hall, Fernwood road, on the 21st inst.

SIMON MILLER, aged 24 years, an AB. belonging to H.M.S. Pheasant, died at the Royal Naval hospital on Sunday last. The funeral with naval honors will take place at the Royal Naval cemetery, Esquimalt, at

It was announced from the pulpit of the Roman Catholic cathedral on Sunday that members of the congregation were forbidden to join the new lodge of Rathbone Sisters as it was a branch of the Knights of Pythias, which the members claim is not the case.

THE Young People's Association of Calvary Baptist church last evening presented their circulating library, comprising up-wards of 700 volumes, to the vessels of the sealing fleet. The books are made up in neat sets of 25 vols., one set for each of the 53 ressels of the fleet.

THE opening lecture of the series arranged by the Victoria Law Students' Association was given last evening by Hon. A. N. Richit possesses two well developed and good ards, Q.C., his subject being "The Duties mines, so that if you take into account the of a Law Student." All the members of the association were in attendance besides sevtheir development, the results obtained are eral of the most prominent members of the local bar.

THE funeral of the late Wm. Williams book place from the residence of his son, Ald. R. T. Williams, and was very largely attended by the many friends of the family. The city council attended as a mark of respect. At the house and at the grave Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the services. The ballbearers were Mayor Teague, T. S. Bone, T. Shotbolt, T. Partridge, R. Elford, and Geo. Stelly, sr.

THE library of the legislative assembly has recently had a number of valuable contributions and from a variety of sources. The librarian of the House of Commons, Ottawa, has presented Sulte's "Histoire des Canadiens Francais" in eight volumes quarto, folio. The Quebec government has very liberally responded to a request for a series of historical works dealing with the laws, official documents and historical characters of old French Canada, issued under official auspices and comprising about thirty volumes in all. Mr. Parmalee, secretary of the Protestant bureau of public instruction, Quebec :

Dr. Hodgins, the venerable librarian of the Normal school library, Toronto; Mr. Gould, librarian of the McGill university, Montreal, and Mr. J. P. Robertson, librarian of Manitoba legislative library, have made liberal donations. Others to whom Mr. Alexander Begg, editor of the Mining presented several very valuable books, in-oluding the history of the Sappers and Miners, in two volumes, Mr. Anderson's prize essay on British Columbia, Lieutenant 'almer's report on an overland route via Bentinck Arm, 1862, also rare, and two or three others of a similar character. All of the above comprise several hundred volumes, big and small, and add materially to the usefulness and extent of the library,

BRITISH COLUMBIA TOBACCO

Results at Colonna.

Been Started With Highly Satis-

ity Minister Anderson Tells About His Recent Trip to the Interior Districts.

Mr. J. R. Anderson British Columbia's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who has just returned from an official visit to West Kootenay, says that although that district is not an agricultural entre, yet at the mouth of the Kootenay river there are 45,000 acres of delta land ad mirably suited for agriculture. The Reclamation company have a part of this now dyked and some of it under cultivation. In Cast Kootenay there is a fine section of agri sultural land from Golden to Fort Steele, and at Fort Steele, especially at Eugene Mission and Cranbrooke, the land is exceptionally fine. As soon as the Crow's Nest railway branch is built East Kootenay will

be able to supply agricultural produc West Kootenay.
The North Star mine in East Kotenay has been shipping ore for some time past and there are 700 tons now on the dump. Dan Mann, the owner, expects to ship 5,000 tons during the next year. There are 26 claims in the group, the ore averaging 45 ounces in silver and 68 per cent. lead. The St. Eugene mine, which averages 60 ounces in silver and 70 per cent. lead, has just been sold to some Calgary people. Mining is lively on the Wild Horse creek near Fort Steele, the quartz running 81 ounces in

silver and \$5 in gold. Mr. Anderson while in the neighborhood paid a visit to Spokane and attended a fruit fair there of which he speaks highly. The fruit grown in that district in Washington shows what can be done on this side of the line, in West Kootenay. In Okanagan, Osoyoos and Similkameen the crops are very fair this year. At Keremeos peach growing has done well and grape vineyards are being

At Colonna, Collins and Holman have four acres of tobacco growing, and Mr. Anderson was shown splendid specimens of Havana, Virginian and Connecticut tobacco that had been raised this year. The big drying house, 100 feet long and 30 feet wide, is full of this year's crop, and some samples of last year's curing were brought down by Mr. Anderson and will be tested at Kurtz' tobacgrowing is likely to be extensively followed in that part of the that part of the province, if Mr. Hedley Chapman very kindly had all lake, on the west side of Okanagan lake, and in other places very fine fruit is grown. There are likely to be favorable rates for their produce profitably into the Kootenay country, and already the farmers have built a store house at Three Forks in which to

ACTS LIKE MAGIC.