in their paddles and bent their backs scorcher fashion, pushing the long scorcher fashion, pushing the long barges forward at a great speed. They kept well abreast until after passing point, the Valdez crew drew ahead and won in a spirited finish by a few inches

from Then themiage. From Wednesday's Daily.

In these stirring times of war the army and mavy are to the fore in the thought of the people and when the forces from Macauley Point and Esquimalt marched up from the E. and N. station on their way to the sham battle at Beacon Hill the streets were thronged with a vast concourse of spectators, windows, balconies and every available point of vantage being crowded with on-lookers, who viewed the splendid page int

ith silent admiration.

The first detachments to leave the station were the men of the Royal Marine artillery and the Royal Marine light infantry with their coats of red. They swung into Johnston street with fixed swords, marching very steadily to the music of the old, but ever stirring march, "The British Grenadiers." About a hundred yards behind the landsmen came the dred yards behind the landsmen came the long column of bluejackets, headed by their Signal Corps and the band of the flagship, playing the old refrain so dear to the United Service, "The Army and Navy Forever—Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue," which, as a compliment to the citizens in all probability, was changed to "The Maple Leaf Forever", as the column proceeded with the was changed to "The Maple Leaf For-ever," as the column proceeded with the swinging step peculiar to the tar, along Government street. The guns brought up the rear, there being five detachments

To Beacon Hill, where the military To Beacon Hill, where the military parade took place, the city repaired en masse, for popular as are the various sports which have been carried out during the last three days, the "militry" occupy a place in the people's hearts which can be supplanted by nothing else.

The selection of Beacon Hill for the scene of the manoeuvres was a most happy one and afforded a larger number the opportunity of witnessing the display than could have been possible at any other point in the city. And the hill looked its best. The broom, which grows in clusters over the entire face of the hill, has burst into full bloom, and clothes the whole field in a blaze of yellow. Against this background the various tinted dresses of the ladies were clearly defined, making a bright and picturesque scene, and the arrival of the publicant at two o'clock lent further col-

military at two o'clock lent further col-or to the scene. The day was an ideal or to the scene. The day one for the occasion.

It was shortly after two o'clock before the strains of the fire and drum band indicated the approach of the marine of the attacking force. Major of the attacking force. Castnan was in command and the commerces were officered as follows: Capt. Birnes; No. 2, Capt. Poole; Lieut. Howard; No. 4, Lieut. Hary The naval battalion, consisting of bout men, arrived a few minutes later The men, arrived a few minutes later, and halted at the corner of the park. It consisted of 8 companies, four of which were from the flagship, two from the Amphion, and two from the Phiesion with several sections from the Phiesion with several sections from the Phiesion and the Sparrowhawk distributed among the other companies. The companies officer over Lieut. Ley, with Lieut. Cavley and Lieut. Leake, right and left leader.

and H. Pooley.
The Second Regiment had meanwhile of the hill. It consisted of two companies, with Col. Worsnep in command, and Lieut. Tite as aljutant, with Majors Johnson and Bennett present. Lieut. their position on the Duff Stuart was in command of No. 1, and Major Bennett of No. 2.

and Major Bennett of No. 2.

The engagement opened with a sharp attack from the guns of the naval brigade, under which that body advanced brigade, under which that body advanced before brigade, under which that body advanced by successive companies, and before which the skirmishing line of the Second Battalion fell back. Meanwhile the marine battalion poured several volleys into the First Battalion, while the skir-mishing line of the Second was being steadily driven in under the attack of field pieces and superior numbers the field pieces and superior numbers, the the marines, who were pressing them hard along the shore. At the time of going to press the brave land defenders are being sorely purished by the marries are being sorely punished by the marines and sailors, and the outlook is very gloomy for a successful resistance. The First and Second are giving way to stress of numbers, and in the course of another half hour the position was expected to

be taken. A RECORD BREAKER. W. H. Adams the Pacific Coast Cham-pion-Score in the Last Event.

The magnificant shooting which W. H. Adams, of Victoria, was showing the visitors at the trap shooting tournament yesterday afternoon was continued until the conclusion of the match. Devotees of the gun are usually free from anything like jealousy, and a delightful feature of the day's sport was the generous ap-plause which followed Adams' best work. As the match neared its conclusion the interest grew, for it soon became apparent to the little group of erack shots who remained till the finish that a local man establishing an unprecedented record for the coast. One by one the en-thusiasts rose from reclining on the grass and crowded behind the scorer, until and crowded behind the scorer, until nn excited group behind that official. Many were the admonitions to "take no chances, Bill," and when a trapper failed to throw his bird each onlooker took it as a personal indignity and the offender was individually and collectively anathematized. But "Bill" smiled the smile of confidence and continued to take all comers until at the close he had bagged 100 out of a total of 105 birds. In the

three subsequent sweeps he never missed The scores in all but the last eve were given yesterday, and in that, a fifteen single, they were as follows:

AT CLOVER POINT.

The Scores at Yesterday's Match. The results of the rifle match at Clover Point yesterday are herowith given. The scores were not completed yesterday at the time of going to press. Mr. W. G. the time of going to press. Mr. W. G. Winsby acted as secretary for the match and the shocting was under the supervision of a committee consisting of Major Williams, Sergts, Lettice and Bailey.

First Match-200 Yards.

00—Mr. Butler. 00—Mr. G. R. Barker, Napalmo. 00—Mr. H. G. Ross.

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00-Sgt, E. McDougail...
50-Gr, S. Butler...
00-Bom, T. Cunningham,
50-Gr, R. Harris...
50-Gr, Hueston, West'r.
50-Staff Sgt. Maclean...
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Match A-200 yards

Match B-500 Fards Match C-600 yards Match D-Aggregate AT THE DRILL HALL.

A Large Audience Attend the Militia-men's Assault-at-Arms. The assault-at-arms given by the mem-bers of the Fifth Regiment at the drill half again last evening attracted as large an audience as on the previous evening. The programme was amended from that given on the previous evening, some of the exhibitions being cut out and the marches shortened, providing a pro-grammer which, though not as long, was inspirely better.

The fancy march by thirty of the militiamen under Sergt Major Mulcahy and the bayonet and physical drills under Sergt. Parton and Lieut. McConnan respectively were well received, the per-formers being enthusiastically applaud The "Lion's Cubs" from the public schools repeated their performance under the leadership of Mr. St. Clair, and the gymnasts of the regiment gave several clever performances on the parallel and horizontal bars, aided by Messrs. Northcott and Clark, who made, a pair of anghable clowns. An exhibition by the clowns attired in full armor, arm ed cap-a-pie with fin kettle helmets, solid tin breast plates, boiler lid, shields and swords which had their origin in a bonber yard, was most amusing. The two comedy makers; one being called "The Baron of Walloposki," and the other Cavley and Lieut. Leake, right and tell leader.

It was almost three o'clock when the defending force headed by the magnificent band of the Fifth regiment arrived and moved around to their position and moved around to their position and the adjutant, Capt. Blanchard, we'd a total strength on parade of about 175 men. The company officers were:

No. 1, Capt. Munro, Lieuts. Forbes and Holmes; No. 2, Major Williams, Capt. McConnan and Lieut. Naftel: No. 3, Lieut. Hibten. Lieuts. Drake, T. Pooley and H. Pooley. "The Major of the Renowed Hindustani

songs; Piper Anderson gave a pipe selec-tion, and Capt. Ross Munro sang, all the concluded, a shot was heard, the reveille sounded, and the scene was changed from peace to war. When the curtain removed the Afriris were seen re treating to their fastneses at the ridge top, firing as they went, and soon the little brown men of the Ghurkas ran forward, firing as they went. Several lines of Ghurkas, which left many dead on the plain, secured shelter at the foot of the idge, and then the Gordon Highlanders advanced, firing at the natives in the hill tops. Then with a cry the second detachment, headed by the piper, who fell wounded, but continuing his march uninterupted at the foot of the heights. rushed forward up the heights, cleared the enemy before them and won the posi-This performance was given in a better manner than on the pre-

THE REGATTA The Results of the Races Held Yesterday at the Gorge.

vious evening. It will be repeated to-

The regatta at Victoria arm yester-day afternoon, the first of which was dealt with in these columns yesterday, was concluded early without the slightest hirch occurring to mar the proceedings. The races were for the most part managed by the officers of H. M. Navy, and aged by the officers of H. M. Navy, and on all sides they were praised for their efficient work. Capt. Finnis, of H.M.S. Ampion, bore the lion's share of the work, as in years gone by. The officers who aided him were as follows: Starters, Capt. J. D. Warren, Capt. Gaudin, and Capt. Walbran; co-starters, Lieut. W. O. Boothby, R.N.; Lieut. Leake, R. N.; Mt. W. H. Langley, Mr. B. H. T. Drake and Mr. T. Pooley. Referee, Capt. Adair, R.N. Measurer, Mr. S. Lawrie, Clerks of the course, Mr. D. Cartmel, R.N.; Mr. Case, H.M. Dock

Capt. Adair, R.N. Measurer, Mr. S. Lawrie, Clerks of the course, Mr. D. Cartmel, R.N.; Mr. Case, H.M. Dock Yard; and Mr. A. J. Dallain.

The reception committee was composed of the mayor and aldermen, whose barge was anchored near that of the starters. They received the many visitors most hospitably.

The results of the first five races were published in these columns, vesterday.

published in these columns yesterday The sixth race was that of the school boys, which was rowed in heats. The erew from the bigh school won the firs heat and the north ward boys won the second and final heats. A little dispute having arisen regarding this race the school boys will row it at the Gorge this afternoon.

In the race for six-oared gigs four rews started, two from the Imperieuse and one each from the Amphion and Phaeton. This race, as was the majority of the naval races, was rowed by time, each contestant starting one minute after the other. This gave the oarsute after the other. This gave the oarsmen a clear course and minimized the chances of fouling, but from the spectators' point of view it spoiled the race. The Phaeton's crew were victorious, with the Amphion second, the Imperieuse galley third and the gig fourth. The times were: Phaeton 16.07. Amphion 16.40. Imperieuse galley 16.56, Imperieuse gall. In the part race, for twelve-oared cut-

In the next race, for twelve-oared cutters, there were two entries, boats' crews entering from the flagship and from the Sparrowhawk. In this race, which was a spectators' race throughout, the Sparrowhawk's crew won by about, four lengths. The vanquisited were most unfortunate, for the boat that beat them was also a cutter from the flagship, which had been lent to the men from the which had been lent to the men from the

The dinghy races, with young ladies

little destroyer.

at the tiller, was won after a close and exciting race by D. O'Sullivan and W. Scott, with Miss O'Sullivan steering; Messis Evans and Wieding, with Mrs. de Satge as coxswain, came second.

Three capacs entered in the transparence of a very serious fire at Cowichart Indian

Three canoes entered in the two war-canoe race, from Valdez Island, Kuper Island, and Clem Clemitz. The Kuper Island men won by two lengths from Clem Clemiltz.
The Klootchmen's race was fast and very exciting, notwithstanding the fact that but two canoes were contending. The canoes were alongside throughout the race, but just as they were nearing the line, the women of the Clem Clemiltz spurted and amidst salvos of applause

shot past the line about five feet in front of the Valdez Island women. The next race was the Indian warcanoe race, in which two forty-foot canoes were paddled by the men from the two tribes whose women paddled in the previous race. In this event the Valdez Island braves wiped out the stain of the defeat of their women by beating the Clem Clemitz canoes by about seven the Clem Clemiltz canoes by about seven lengths. As is usual in the Indian races the victors at once made for the starters.

barge, where Secretary over the "chickamen." The all-comers' race brought out launches, pennaces, cutters, whalers, lifeboats and gigs. It, finished in the fol-

1. Phaeton galley; 2. Imperieuse galtey; 3, Amphion galley; 4, Imperieuse gig; 5, Imperieuse cutter; 6, Phaeton pingig; 5, imperieuse cutter; 6, Fracton pin-nade; 7. Amphion pinnace: 8, Phaeton cutter; 9, Quadra whaler. The fact that the Quadra's whaler made better time in this race than the winner of the whalers race shows that the Dominion steamer's crew would have held up their end in that race had they arrived in time to

The last race was an upset two-mer Indian canoe race, in which four canoes started. On the gun being fired their canoes were all upset and after being righted were paddled over the course. Three crews had no difficulty in righting their canoe and were finishing before the fourth crew had righted their craft. The Clem Clemiltz Indians won.

LOCAL NEWS. Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily. -The Canada Paint Co. have made a number of shipments during the past week to England, 250 packages of varn-ish and paint having been despatched to

the Old Country. urday afternoon, were forwarded on the City of Seattle to San Francisco on Sat-urday night.

-Frank Ribbach, formerly of Victoria has entered suit for divorce in the Seattle court, alleging that he had been mistaken in believing that he had been divorced from his first wife when his second marriage took place in 1889.

Sergt. Boyd, of the R. M. A., left Work Point, barracks last night for Portsmouth, where he rejoins his corps. It is understood that this efficient non-Work Point? barracks last night for Portsmouth, where he rejoins his corps. It is understood that this efficient noncom, who enjoyed marked popularity in Victoria, will shortly be promoted to the post of warrant office.

-It is announced that owing to the business William pressure of private business William Adams, who has represented Cariboo in the provincial legislature for the last five years, will not be a candidate for re-election. He returned home yester, were surprised at their work and beat a basty retreat, leaving their plunder seat. day morning.

-The funeral of the late Alexander ex-M.P.P.

-Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday gave judgment in Nest Egg vs. Canadian kand Driss Co. for plaintiff inoradca mh mhm Drill Co. for plaintiff in accordance wit the findings of the jury for \$4,041.44 re imbursement for the machinery removed and \$3,500 for damages. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., for plaintiff, Mr. L. P. Duff for defendant.

-W. J. Deasy, one of the miners who took part in the races yesterday, is not satisfied with the burro as a pack and He has challenged the winner of yesterday's race to pack a horse with more for a wager of any amount fron \$25 up. Each contestant to above one hundred pounds and race a mile or up. Each contestant to choose his own horse.

-A couple of inebriated "sports" had a bad quarter of an hour at Bray's stables yesterday. From the explanation they subsequently gave it appears they had hired a team from Mr. Bray for \$3 and had gone to Oak Bay for a ride. On and had gone to Oak Bay for a ride. On returning to the city they left their team standing on the street n few minutes while they went in to quench their thirst. In the meantime some of Mr. Bray's men, finding the horses standing without any driver, took them bock to the stables, and upon the sports demanding the team or their money, a physical argument ensued. The complainants had tarried too long at the quenching to be in good fighting trim and literally bit the good fighting trim and literally bit the dust repeatedly, with accompanying cuts and abrasions.

-Dr. Fraser, medical health officer; Pr. Fraser, medical health officer; R. Chipchase, sanitary officer; accom-panied by Drs. Hart and Pope and a small party, yesterday visited Darcey Is-land on their regular quarterly visit to land on their regular quarterly visit to the lozaretto. The party went up by the Sadie, taking with them sufficient provisions to last the lepers for the next three months. The Chinaman from Kamllops died almost three weeks ago, leaving only seven residents. Their garden is looking fine, potatoes, lettuce, onions, radishes and other vegetables having attained a rank growth. A portion of the potatoe plot has been abandoned to the weeds, as a number of the Chinamen are getting very weak, the Chinamen are getting very weak, and the strongest of the party explained that his fingers were too sore to handle the hoe.

At First Presbyterian church yesterday Rev. Dr. Campbell at the close of the evening service made loyal and appropriate reference to the Queen, whose 78th natal anniversary would be celehrated throughout the empire on Tues, day. He also said: "To-day a great man is fallen in Israel," William Ewart Gladstone is dead. He was one of the most distinguished graduates of Oxford, where he acquired a passion for Greek litera-ture and Christian theology. As a man of letters he had few equals, as a statesman he had no superiors in this age, not even the versatile Beaconsfield; and as a Christian his life was pure, his faith was Abrahamic, advancing in the British House of Commons "that right-eousness which exalteth a nation." He was a king among men. The services of the day were closed in First church by the congregation heartily singing "God the congregation heartily singing Save the Queen."

From Tuesday's Daily. -A party of Portland packers came in this morning by the City of Kingston

of a very serious fire at Cowichar Indian reserve by which the entire reserve was swept out last night. One woman was burned to death. Owing to the oc-currence the war cance of the Cowichans, which came down to compete in the regatta, returned home this morning.

-At the San Francisco Kennel Club show the well known British Columbian St. Bernard bitch Champion Alta Berna owned by Professor Pferdner, city, won the second prize. If a profest which has been lodged against the win-ner of the first prize be allowed, Alta Berna will return home decorated with the highest honor possible.

-Counsel in the Carthew case did not conclude their addresses to the court until late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Belyea's line of argument was principally to show that the defendant had no criminal intent and that the offence, if any, was outside the jurisdiction of the court. Mr. Cassidy combatted both these contententions, and the court decided to with hold a decision until next Monday.

The following mail messenger service in particular in regard to the allegation has been established by the United that fees had been paid by individuals States government on the Alaskan for the purpose of having busines in the toutes: Dyea to Skagway, 5 miles, six times a week; steamboat landing to Dyea office, two and a half miles, as of-ten as required; Sheep Camp to Dyea, 12 miles, three times a week; and to Skagway, from steamboat landing, landing, three-quarters of a mile, as often as mail steamers arrive.

which always gathers at Victoria's cele-bration invariably attracts a number of crooks. The city is not exempt from the attentions of this class of gentry this year, and merry-makers are warned to keep a hand on their pocket-book. A number of small thefts were perpetrated at Oak Bay yesterday afternoon. The city police have succeeded in discouraging native talent along these lines, and are hopeful of reforming some of our visiting crooks.

-That enterprising firm, the E. B. Eddy company, of Hull, P.Q., has just issued a very handsome calendar covering from April, 1898, to January 1900, and showing views in many of the cities of Canada and Newfoundland, also por-traits of the leading men in the com-The remains of John C. Bauer, of San Francisco, who died of cerebral hemorrhage at the Dallas Hotel on Saturday afternoon, were forwarded on the send copies of this beautiful calendar to any one applying, so long as the supply asts.

> The tide of travel from California to eastern points via the C.P.R. continues unabated and the P.C.S.S. Co.'s steamer Umatilla, which arrived from the south at 9.30 last evening, brought 75 firstclass and 54 second class passengers for this port, most of whom took the Charmer for Vancouver in continuation of their

From Wednesday's Daily.

-The residence of Mrs. J. A. Bradley, were surprised at their work and beat a hasty retreat, leaving their plunder scat tered about the room.

The funeral of the late Alexander.

Shedon Off took place yesterday at 2.30 at the San Francisco Kennel Club show the conducted services, as also at the San Francisco Kennel Club show by Prof. Pferdner's St. Bernard, Mr. emetery. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. A. Jacks. Neil McArthur, Angus Galbraith, T. Russell, R. J. Horton, and James Orr. The service of the conduction of their exhibits having received recognition. The latter gentlement of the conduction of their exhibits having received recognition. received recognition. The latter gentle-man's fox terrier took first prize and also captured the special silver cup for the best fox terrier exhibited. Mr. Mc-Keon's bitch took third in the open class for fox terriers.

> —After returning from the fire at Garbally road this morning, the fire department were called to a fire on Cadboro' Bay road, the roof of a residence owned by Mrs. McAdam, leased to and occupied by Mr. R. C. Davis, being destroyed. The fire originated from sparks which fell from the chimney on the shingless which owing to the exceedingly hot gles, which, owing to the exceedingly hot weather, were as dry as tinder. A quantity of the furniture was removed and saved. The damage, as estimated by the fire department, will amount to about

-Fire this morning partially destroyed the residence of A. Gregg, corner of Garbally road and Sumas street. The contents of the building were badly damaged. How the fire started is a mystery The blaze was first discovered in the upstairs portion of the building, and the structure was soon enveloped in flames. Chief Deasy and his men made a quick run and did excellent work, succeeding in saving the building to such an extent that repairs can be effected. Mr. Gregg is extremely grateful for the kind assist-ance at the fire of neighbors and friends. The loss is covered by insurance.

-A Chinaman from Vancouver has ben visiting all the government and court officials this morning seeking a letter which he claims has gone astray. He labors under the hallucination that the Queen is corresponding with him, but that her love billets are not reaching her Oriental admirer. He carries a her Oriental admirer. He carries Jubilee post card and insists that studies post card and insists that the 1837 impression of the sovereign is his lady love, and not the '97 one. The poor fellow is a very genial soul, and is diligently seeking all the public officials. The clerk of the police court, this morning directed him to Carey Castle as a likely glean to abtain information regard. likely place to obtain information regarding Her Majesty from her British Col umbia representative.

RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS. pening of the Conference at Washing ton Between Canada and the U.S.

Washington, May 25.—Negotiations designed to bring about a settlement of all controversies between the United States and Canada began at the state department at 3 o'clock this afternoon when General John W. Foster and Reciprocity Commissioner Kasson held a conprocity Commissioner Kasson held a conference with the British ambassador, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the Canadian minister of marine, Sir Louis Davies, who arrived from Ottawa. The purpose of the negotiations is first to arrive at a basis of settlement and then arrange the formation of a joint commission to frame a general settlement. General Foster has charge of the subjects relating to Canada, while Mr. Kasson has special charge of all reciprocity negotiations. The fact that Mr. Kasson has been taken into the confernce is a strong intimation that reciprocity bestrong intimation that reciprocity be-tween the United States and Canada has been one of the subjects under negotiation. Other subjects to be discussed are the Behring sea seal fisheries, immigration, mining regulations in the Klondike and British North America, and fisheries on the great lakes and in the North Atlantic.

ROYAL COMMISSION

Mr. Roderick F. To mie is Cross-Examined by Mr. P. G. Richards This Morning.

The Witness Denies Everything Alleged as to the Seattle Interview.

Two Very Important Official Letters Submitted-The Enquiry is Now Closed.

Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning Mr. Justice Walkem continued the proceedings instituted under the commission issued by the government authorizing him to enquire into the conduct of business in the lands and works department, United that fees had been paid by individuals

railway.

Q.—"Have you changed your opinion?
A.—"They have since issued it."
His lordship here complained that Mr
Richards was delaying the enquiry an R. F. Tolmie, employed in the government offices at Nelson, and who had come down for the purpose of giving evidence, was the first witness. He was asked by his lordship whether he, or the firm of Tolmie & Cooper, had paid to Mr. Kains the sum of \$10 for the purpose of hastening the issuance of a crown grant, and replied in the negative. His Lordship—"Was there such a sum

cerned you would not consent to anythi Witness-"No, sir; not by the firm." Q.-"By you?"

A.-"Never, sir." Q.- Was such a payment ever made o vour knowledge?"

Johns to have any such interest as as you know?" A,—"Not to my knowledge."
Q.—"Did you tell Mr. Richards there be useless for him to continue the ex-A .- "Not directly. I said Mr. Cooper ination as it seemed that witness' on one occasion remarked he was going to get his grant even if it cost him ten would be inevitably in the negative

dollars."
Q.-"Was that all you told Mr. Richrival in the city, one of which he ship perused, but the contents of were not divulged. The Q.—" "That is all I told Mr. Richards." A.—"That is all I told har. Itelah Mr. Witness said the conversation with Mr. Richards was on the Essler dock at Seattle, and during it witness said Mr. Kains'

name was never mentioned.

Mr. Richards, allowed to question the vitness, for nearly an hour subjected Mr. Tolmie to a close cross-examination di-rected to the effect of proving that during the conversation on the wharf at Seattle witness had made to Richards serious charges against some of the employees in the department. The circumstances sur-rounding the issuance of the crown grant, to expedite which the sum of \$10 was alleged to have been paid, were gone into, from which it appeared that the land in question had been sold to some persons in Nanaimo for \$1,600, who had subsequently "gone back" on the bargain and Mr. Tolmie had given a note for \$500 to assist in raising the amount required to refund to those parties their deposit, which note Mr. Chambers had endorsed.

Questioned as to his statement that Mr. Kains' name was not mentioned during the conversation in Seattle, witness reit-erated the assertion that such name was not mentioned by him, although it was by Mr. Richards. The latter then pro-ceeded to ask Mr. Tolmie about the ob-ject of the visit to Victoria from which witness was returning when met in Seattle by Richards. He said he came down on private business, having obtained a let-ter from Premier Turner granting him-permission to do so. The letter had since ben destroyed. He did not come down for the purpose of transacting any ness in connection with the granting of a crown grant for land included in the Kaslo & Slocan subsidy; although, when down here he did some business regarddown here he did some business regarding that. On behalf of Mrs. Tolmie he had made an application to purchase a piece of land in the Kootenay district, the number of which was 873, group 1.
The application was refused on the ground that the land was included in the K. & S. grant. Mr. Jensen, of Montana, was to furnish the money, having someone behind him who was to provide it. The application was withdrawn about two months ago. Witness had considerable

correspondence regarding the matter, but not with Mr. Gore nor Mr. Johns. Mr. Richards—'Did you not during our talk in Seattle tell me you had written Mr. Johns and he had not condescended answer it?"

Q.-"Will you swear you did not write Mr. Johns?" "I am under oath now." Q.—"Did you write Mr. Turner?"

A.— I did. Q.—"Did you get any reply?" A.—"I did."

A.—'Have you got that reply?'A.
A.—'No.''
His lordship reminded Mr. Richards he could not allow any private matters to be gone into, and Mr. Richards stated that this was a transaction in which parties in the office were to get compensation, and the examination was allowed

Q.—"To whom was the crown grant A .- "To the Kaslo & Slocan railway Q.—"What interest have you now A.—"Mrs. Tolmie has the interest." Further questions elicited the information that Mrs. Tolmie was to buy the whole of the land in question from the railway company, but when asked how

on the ground that it was a private mater cells, to run up their costs ter. Q.—"Did you not tell me your interest was an eighth?"

Q.—"Did you not say you would not take \$15,000 for it?" A.—"I might have."
Q.—"As a matter of fact, did you?" A.—"I might have, or not."
Q.—"Will you swear you did not on would not take \$15,000 for it?"

"I don't recollect." Q .- "Did you not say it would be very valuable as a townsite?"

A.—"I may have said if the Crow's Nest Pass road came in it would be very valu-Si having the grant, on the ground that they were not entitled to it under their act?" Q .- "Did you not object to the K. &

A.—"Yes."

His lordship intervened at this juncture with the reminder that he was limited to the question of fees having been paid to government employees to expedite public business. Mr. Richards said his examination was partly directed to that int, and the examination continued. "Did you receive a letter from Mr Q.—"Did you receive a let he part Mr. Helmcken in reference to the part Mr. Johns took in reference to that grant?"

A.—"No. sir." His Lordship-"He said no." "Did you not tell me at Seattle that Mr. e on the Helmcken wrote you that the thing straightened out now and had beer would be issued and that

would require to be taken care of?"
A.—"No, sir." A slight interruption took place point, his lordship the evidence taken down with "garbage Continuing, Mr. Richards pressed ness on the matter of the a from Mr. Helmcken, Mr. sisting in his denial of hav

retired for the purpose of

document and subsequently return of correspondence from

appeared witness wrote Mr. October 26th, 1897, though said he did not remember ha

so. Further examination went that the land which Mrs. Tolm

for was third-clas land, and grant issued to her, a reservati

the plots would revert to the

no similar reservation appearing grant to the K. and S. railway.

formed the opinion that the land counot legally be granted to the K. and

dold him to get on faster.

Q.—"Did you not tell me on the doc that you had a letter from Mr. He mcken?"

His lordship—"Ask him if he told you

that Mr. Johns was to have an interest Q.—"Did you not tell me that M

Johns was to receive an interest in

property for assisting the ma

through and that as far as you were

A.—"No."
His lordship (to witness)—"Was M

-"Not that I know of."

letters received by Tolmie since

were returned to Mr. Tolmie

ment if it were laid out as ;

have been made that one-quarter

Q.—"Did you not tell me you would see Mr. John d—d before you would do anything for him?" A.—"No, sir."
Q.—"That he had not condescended t answer your letter?"

A.—"No, sir."

Mr. Richards being granted permi

What Spain Offered

Don Juan du Bosc, late and charge d'affaires of S ington, in a lecture deliver on the 6th of May, state of the case in connection. Cuban affairs have given

tion. I fear I cannot Dryness of detail and I am unable to avoid, lot to be too violent.

Mr. Richards said he thought it wo and misrepresentation, weighted stories, cruml their roofing of falsehoo a gentle push from the h come crashing down to the History, ladies and get tunately, can never be, best care, absolutely much more then do we the case in the so-called

ters were not permitted to go in as Mr. Richards then expressed a d to put in a letter, but was informe could only do so in the witness box. lordship, before asking Mr. Richard questions looked at the letter and ing a few lines indignantly tossed it to Richards with the remark: "It most impertment thing to show

Mr. Barnard at a previous stage requested permission to put in some ters which had passed between Mr.Sn engineer for Mr. Corbin, and the dependent. These were now admitted, Mr. Kains was recalled to prove the Mr. Kains detailed the circumstaleading up to the letters and read if from which it appeared that Mr. Sn acting on behalf of his company, and to Mr. Kains to allow the clerks in department to expedite the work to done. Mr. Kains referred the requestion. Gore, from whom it went t Martin, who wrote on a one of the letters regarding the of to pay the clerks for extra work to pedite the business, "this is quite sa

factory."
His lordship admitted the letter Mr. Smith, and the replies as evide and the proceedings closed. A RELIABLE OFFER.

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United States Declared Aggressor-Desired Hold Cuba.

> Connection With th Affair.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies an I am very much gratified portunity, in a purely pri of placing before this cult our point of view on the much has been said lately regarding the Cu that at first sight it won pear as though the last a uttered in the matter, and ther recapitulation of the situation must needs pro data. I wenture, howe that such is not the case, ther reflection will show but one point of view he before the public, a point festly unfair, which, star appropriate and based upon premises and based upon toms of truth, has yet rearing a colossal edification, weighted stories, crumi

much more then do we the case in the so-called Cuban question as relate sational writers of the low press. And yet it lights courses to which been obliged to turn for f the subject. Beginning of the My purpose to-night i Cuba from its commence

25, to the moment in ceding the beginning of the United States; but upon this I would like to you that the causes of we have ever had in the directly traced to conspir the United States, and a by the citizens of that I This, I think, can be ven by quotations from issued by different proissued by different pro United States, with the minding American citiz whom they are suppos friendly relations. Ther would never have been not been clear that they

quired,
Beginning with the
President Jefferson, ref. the 27th November, enjoins a strict observa ent filibustering—this issued "upon information the United States were confederating together on foot a military exp ise against the dom

of the President of the Again in 1818, on the resident Madison fo liged to issue a procla mation that certain state of Louisiana w

the same way. In a special message 1838, President Van Bu lowing words: "Recor that our laws are insu invasions from the I neighboring powers." 'I between Great Britain with regard to which ongress, at the urgent English government, congress authorizing t exercise exceptional por the national neutrality. On the 10th March,

a second time wi

the British representat neutrality laws, so as power to the executive, act of that date. arst section, authorize collectors, naval office spectors of customs, ma ployed for the purpose to seize and detain an irins and munitions of be provided or prepared pedition or enterpris itory or dominions of or state, or of any concernious with states and with whom t and to retain possession the decision of the I reon or until the san ed as thereinafter direc The second section a uired the said officers el or vehicle and all an war about to pass United States for any foreign state or col-with the United States, antity of arms and n cumstances furnished believe that the said ns or munitions, are foreign territory,

his act by its term force for the period longer. Many Countries Now I have quoted prove two things:
First—That there has revident desire on the body of American citropole in neighboring second, that congress adequate laws to specific to the control of the control o mate laws to less depredations. Sin has resolutely refused ilar act, either permand In 1841, on 25th Sep Tyler issued a new in 1849 President Tay, attempt to check more tempts on the search

to invade Cuba and

ne until the decision had for the restora until the property

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