

During the week the following com-John gene week the following com-panies were incorporated: The Bendigo Gold Mining Company, Limited, of Ross-land, capital \$100,000. Wurzburg & Company, Limited, of Vancouver, capi-tal \$50,000. Similkameen Copper Min-ing Company Limited of Decodard

Everett to South Westminster, there to be delivered to the local line. The con-nection at Mission with the C. P. R. re-Limited. of Company, Li ital \$1,000,000 Rossland, ing Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining at that point. Should either road make Company of British Columbia, Limited, such an arrangement, the proportion of Company of British Columbia, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$1,500,000. Boundary Creek Copper Mines, Limited, of the local line would not furnish funds employment of labor. Greenwood, capital \$250,000. are concerned, no traveller over the COMPANIES LICENSED. The following extra-provincial com time and inconvenience of travelling two or three hundred miles to reach Victoria, panies have been licensed: Tracy Creek Mining Company, of Spokane, capital \$10,000; local office Fort Steele; R. O. Jennings attorney. Montreal Boundary when it can be accomplished by a trip of 60 miles from Seattle. Neither would this ferry scheme furnish us, with Creek Mining Company, Limited, of St. John, New Brunswick, capital \$2,000,quicker and more comfortable service to the Mainland cities. Therefore the 000: local office Greenwood Chas Prinpresent steamer lines would still require gle attorney

line would have to haul the freight from

supposed to be done, and says that which, the Premier adds, will be an Eng-

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Libby's first observations were to count the bird calls heard in one night. He se-lected a small elevation west of Madision, near three lakes. It was a raw Sep-tember evening. He counted 3,800 bird calls, at an average of 12 a minute. The rate, however, varied greatly. For any

hardly be computed at this time. The \$1,650 to \$1,500.

Mrs. A. C. Couves appealed against the shutdown is the result of the eight-hour law, which goes into effect Thursday. By the closing of the Grant and Globe assessment on part lot 12, block 12, which was ordered to stand at \$2,200; smelters in this city about 1,100 men will be out of employment. Neither the man-ed from \$650 to \$500; part lot 381, block ed from \$650 to \$500; part lot 381, block was confin he men antic

Vancouver Firm Enga Princess to Load at " Messrs. Johnson

MISCELLANEOUS.

Four new school districts have been direct with Vancouver there would be created, viz., Prairie, Belmont, Spring what Victoria and and done, Brook and Langley. Mr. Burns, B.A., Nelson, and E. Stu-

Brook and Langley. Mr. Burns, B.A., Nelson, and E. Stu-art Wood, of Kamloops, have been ap-pointed sub-examiners, to preside at the examination for teachers' certificates in Nelson and Langley. Nelson and Kamloops respectively, and to assign marks to candidates in reading. The Dunsmuir scheme recog-The head office of the Whitewater Mines, Limited, has been removed from Nass hear appointed agent in place of J.

value to Victoria. At the meeting in the board of trade M. A. Wilson, merchant tailor of Ross-A. A. wilson, merchant tailor of Koss-land, has assigned to Ed. Baellie. The creditors meet on June 29th at 4 o'clock. A special general meeting of the Neil-son Poorman Gold 'Mining Company will be held a the second of trade son Poorman Gold Mining Company will be held at Vancouver on July 17th at 4 p.m. to consider the disposal of the company's assets, and to consider means of raising money to proceed with the E C Complex work.

of raising intervent work. F. C. Gamble, inspector of dykes, is calling for tenders for clearing the site of the proposed dykes at Chilliwack. Tenders will be received up to Friday, Tune 30th. Coming would the vancouver or Seattle. We would from Vancouver or Seattle. We would gain only the advantage of the trade of the Fraser valley, and this in compe-tition with Vancouver, a nearer point. If Victoria is to give largely in aid of a neilway ferry connection with the Main-

THE DARDANELLES.

Encouraging Report Presented by the Chairman at an Adjourned Meeting.

At an adjourned meeting of the Darda nelles Mining Co., Ltd., held on Tues-day evening, with Mr. Fred. Peters in the chair, it was moved by Mr. Shall-ctoss, seconded by Mr. Bury and carried that Hon. G. E. Foster be nominated as a director of the company, and on a bal-lot being taken Mr. Foster was unanitorial columns the other day that a sub-sidy be given for a 3½-hour service with mously elected. Vancouver is a practical one, and should

The chairman referred to the encouraging nature of the reports received from the mine, and also to the fact that it had been arranged amongst the holders of the 200,000 shares of new treasury stock that the same should be pooled. The chairman also reported that the directors are still determined to at once proceed vigorously with the development of the Okanagan and Diamond Cross claims. Leads have been discovered on both of these claims of so promising a nature as to lead to the belief that a reasonable amount of development may prove that on both of these elaims mines

ships would still go to Vancouver, and the Northern Pacific and Great Northern exist. As to the condition of the Dardanelles The vortice condition of the Dardanelles mine proper at the present time, the chairman's statement was most encour-aging. He showed that the shaft had been sunk over 500 feet, and that the bottom of the shaft is still is good ore. It is not be led away by the sentimental as pect of the case, but only give value for a practical and profitable advantage. COMMON SENSE.

of the country, killing development of against the Canadian Pacific, which would such an arrangement, the proportion of freight charges which would accrue to the longh, is absolutely inimical to the opinion that mining is meant for mining. are concerned, no traveller over the men, and not for speculation or pleasure, and that the law should be framed so and to spare.

that men cannot sit down year after year and block the development of a great country. The Major is strongly u favor of a law similar to that prevail ing in some of the Australian co which the ownership of a claim shall absolutely depend upon the owner em-ploying a certain number of miners at work, with the alternative of paying a

present steamer lines would still require to be operated. If the connection via Point Roberts provided a fast service direct with Vancouver there would be merit in it, for after all said and done, what Victoria requires is more rapid and frequent connection with the C. P. R., himself as very much disgusted with the lien law and with the eight-hour law,

From the Montreal Star. which would never be tolerated in even With all due respect and deference to the

Boer-ridden Transvaal. Prime Minister of Canada, we venture to Major Halder further points out a fact which will always militate against minsuggest that the present is a good time to ing successes in this country, and that is the high rate of wages. The rate of define Canada's attitude on the question of alien labor. We have an alien labor law

is the high rate of wages. The rate of pay of \$3.50 per diem can only be borne by extremely rich mines, and he states as his emphatic opinion that until some-thing is done to introduce cheaper min-ing labor, that 99 out of every 100 prop-erties in this country will never be worked, and it will be his duty to point this official cancelity to First on our statute books, which the government does not enforce. Such laws, it may as well be admitted at once, are relics of parbarism, unworthy of the present age unworthy of two countries like Canada and

this out in his official capacity to Euro-pean capitalists. The remedy, he says, is a dispute in the Dominion between capiies in our own hands. Major Halder referred again to his revious remarks about claim licenses

and the compulsory working of claims, and pointed out that if this system were adopted it would compel present claim owners to either work their claims, pay a satisfactory claim license, which he suggests shall not be less than \$250 per railway ferry connection with the Main-land, let us first be certain that we are annum, or quit and allow others with getting what we are paying for, and means at their disposal to come in and

Victoria will not receive it by the con-struction of a line to Chilliwack. The levelop the country; but he says that European capitalists are not coming here onnection must be rapid and direct. While the public are being bewildered by these many proposals of railway ferries, will it not be wise to also conto pay silly and ridiculous prices for ab olutely undeveloped properties.

sider the question of more rapid and frequent steamer service with Vancou-ver? The suggestion made in your edi-WANTS A NEW PROVINCE. Premier of the Northwest Thinks Ter ritorial Form of Government

Should Be Changed. From the Montreal Gazette.

be given earnest consideration. If Vic-toria could secure such a service it would bring enough additional business Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, leader an attorney-general of the government of the Northwest Territories, is now in the city,

to more than recoup the city for the annual expenditure necessary to induce its operation. The bringing of freight in cars to Victoria is more or less a senti-mental question, unless the arrangement accompanied by his two brothers. Messrs. W. G. and T. G. Haultain, their presence here being explained by the serious illness from with the railway company was such that Victoria would be the actual as well as the nominal terminus of the transcontiof their mother, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Mackim, Shuter street. nental line. If we have no steamships to load and unload, wherein would our commerce be at all augmented by the connection? The C. P. R. steam-Premier Haultain, being interviewed yesterday, said that the governmental machinery of the Northwest was moving along crawl.

smoothly enough, and that he believed an

build new branches this year, it was the general desire that Mackenzie and Mann's the morning, though for two hours the number was pretty nearly as organization should be entirely independent large. The calling began early in the evening and lasted until long after 3 in the morning. All variety of birds were re-presented-the harsh squawk of a water as there was plenty of room for them both, The government leader was then ques-tioned as to public sentiment in the Terri-tories regarding educational matters, and bird and the call of the bobolink, with the shrill notes of the smaller sparrows or warblers being heard. It was an eerie exhe replied that everything was progressing

most satisfactorily. He stated that while the Roman Catholic church might consider perience, hearing this chorus of cries from ivisible creatures as a church that they did not have all the By what birds are guided in their mi gration is a puzzle. It may be the stars. or the country-the lakes and valleys and vater courses. It is certain that cloudy or foggy nights are not favorable for flight is no infallible instinct, else they

ould not get lost. The dangers of such a journey are great

and it is a case of the survival of the fittest. The sick and the young and the old die on the ground, to which they have fallen. Birds of prey hover in the real and on the flanks ready to pick off the stragglers, and sudden changes of tempera

ture and the coming of storms carry of the weaker, and sometimes even the mos sturdy. Thousands of bluebirds perished in

great storm of 1895; yet twice each year the plucky little fellows take the long journey and they do it so quietly that we mortals who consider ourselves so superior, do no notice the enormous population in transit ver us. Almost any one can make these observa-

the United States. But they exist, through tions, a telescope not being necessary. A ood field glass will show all but the small

> FIRE PROTECTION FOR VIC TORIA WEST.

is a dispute in the Dominion between capi-tal and labor, there is likely to arise an embarrassing demand upon the government to put our own law into force. Canada's present position with regard to this question is about as bad as it can well be. We have an alien labor law, which is not en-forced; the United States has an alien labor law which is enforced against us. Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes the curious ex-planation that an understanding has been arrived at between the two governments that the alien labor laws of both countries are not to be suspended, but to be enforced with leniency; and that this is carried out by the American government enforcing the law only at Buffalo and by the Canadian government not enforcing it at all. He also explains that he is restrained from en-forcing the Canadian law even with leni-Sir: In reference to Victoria West miles away) to reach us.

government not enforcing it at all. He also explains that he is restrained from en-forcing the Canadian law even with leni-ency, for fear that the United States law will be enforced at Detroit as well as at Buffalo. If it were possible to have this question discussed in parliament without making the Premier lose his temper, it would be a good thing to have it discussed from a broad, national point of view. The primary object of the law was to create a defensive measure against an unfriendly American law. To place such an act on the statute book and then confess that we are a fraid to enforce it, while the United States government continues to enforce a similar haw against Canadians, even in one place, is to confess an inferiority, which must tend to our prejudice in international negotia-tions. That both countries should abstain from actions calculated to irritate each other while negotiations are going on is in accordance with common sense, but there is no reason why the Washington of the North should approach the Washington of the South on all fours, and with its nose in the dust. It is all very well to be friendly, but there is no reason why we should crawl. there at all. In talking it over after wards it was found that every one of us had to wait till the third round of the box had died away on the still air before we had any idea that the fire was in our district, whereas the regulars leave their hall on a gallop even before the first round is finished.

duty called them until after breakfast, eight or ten hours later. This preamble leads one to the point. duty

It is whispered in Edinburgh that Lady Sybil Primrose, Lord Rosebury's elder daughter, will follow her sister's example. The suggested husband is an English peer, who is forty-second cousin comparisons, but it was always improving English peet and the deliberations were carried on in a of her own.

ne hour the largest number counted was union has ments thereon at \$1,000. losing will be for long. 936, and this was between 2 and 3 o'clock Mrs. Matthews, for the P. J. Matthews other assurance from Mr. Grant that he will assurance from Mr. Grant that he will not operate his plant with imported men. It is estimated that the shutdown of the trust smelters, if long continued, will which was ordered to stand, at \$450; necessitate the closing of 75 per cent. of improvements thereon were reduced from \$750 to \$600 the mines in Colorado, and will have a

disastrous effect upon all industries in the state. The smelter managers propose Edgar Fawcett appealed against the assessment on improvements on lot 1143, block 35, the appeal being adjourned for to bring about a test case before the further consideration. Court as soon as possible to

J. Graham appealed against the assess-ment on lot 1921, block 65, which was etermine the constitutionality of the eight-hour law. The state board of arbitration has ofconfirmed, at \$950; the improvem thereon also standing as assessed, fered its services as mediator between he employers and employees, and it is

A. G. Robertson appealed against the hoped that a new wage scale will be assessment on improvements on lot 1, block 18-22, section 10, which was or agreed upon within a few weeks. dered reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000. A. Munro, for the Campbell estate dered NEWFOUNDLAND'S LUCK.

appealed against the assessment on the illagers on French Shore Burned and improvements on part lot 635, wh was reduced from \$1,600 to \$1,300. Fifty-Seven Families Homeless.

T. I. Worthington appealed against the assessment on lots 2-10, block B of St. John's, Nfld., June 13 .- The village of Bay of Islands, a settlement on the 66 Fernwood, and improvements thereon, the realty valuation being confirmed at western coast of Newfoundland forming the realty valuation being confirmed at \$2,300 and that of the improvements at part of what is called the French shore, \$1,200.

A. F. Matthews appealed against the assessment on lot 47, block 73, Spring Ridge, and the improvements on same, which were confirmed at \$300 and \$250 was destroyed by a forest fire yesterday. Sixty-nine houses were burned to the round and fifty-seven families rendered omeless. The French and British warships on the coast are affording assist-ance to the destitute people until other respectively. McBean & Vincent appealed against

the assessment on lots 14-18 and 40-44, block 56, with improvements, which were steps can be taken to relieve them.

56, with improvements, which were ed to stand at \$3,810 and \$1,200. MOSCOW'S SENSATION. Mrs. Brocklehurst appealed against In September Moscow will be treated assesment on improvements on lot block 9, Hillside Extension, which to a most sensational triai, when the

ordered to stand at \$750; and on lot 176 improvements assessment, which was also confirmed at \$1,500. three managing directors of the Moscow City Credit & Mortgage Company will

Mrs. McAdam appealed against the as-essment on lots 37-8, block 3, section 74, which was ordered to stand at \$580; lot 2, block 3-7. Spring Ridge, stands at be arraigned on charges of forgery, em-bezzlement, false bookkeeping and mis-management. Gericke, Schildbach and fire protection, kindly allow me to say a few words. On Tuesday evening a fire broke out in a Chinese shack in this broke out in a Chinese shack in this ward; box 65 was turned in; our boys who have now to pay the piper, and it were there in full force, but the fire was out, so we left our only apparatus (a small hand reel) in the shed. The only reason our volneers were in evidence of this triel will be noticed with the import-lost more than \$1,000,000. The import-\$850. out, so we left our only apparatus (a small hand reel) in the shed. The only reason our volnteers were in evidence at all was owing to it being a calm night,

\$850. Andrew Gray appealed against the asance of this trial will be realized which is sessment on improvements on iot too, is remarked that up to January 1 last sessment on improvements on iot too, which was reduced from \$1,600 to \$1,the company issued stock to the value of \$750,000,000. Almost every mortgage recorded on Moscow real estate has been block 18, were confirmed at \$450; the which allowed the alarm (one and a half niles away) to reach us. We were all on the scene long before the regular de assessment on improvements on lot 7, five-acre block 3, was reduced from \$800 partment got over, which shows that we placed by this concern, and the swindling operations of the precious trio now brought to book have ruined hundreds of house owners in this city. The salaries of the managers, though large, were not excessive, as salaries go in America-to \$700; and that on improvements on lot 186, block W, was reduced from \$150 to \$100. Mary E. Gray appealed against the are not extinct as some of our worthy people think. Considering the disadvant-ages we have to contend with. I think we are praiseworthy for having been

Mary E. Gray appealed against the assessment on lot 19, five-acre block 3, which stands at \$900, the assessment on all three receiving not more than \$50,000 year. ments thereon being reduced Practical use is at last to be made of

improvements thereon being reduced from \$450 to \$250. Shalleross & Macaulay appealed against the assessment of lot 17, block 53-64, Fernwood, which stands at \$210; with the improvement of 10 \$450.

tractical use is at last to be made of the storage of natural gas discovered some time ago at Heathfield, where pe-troleum springs have been found. The gas which arises from these subterranean springs has been burning continuously from a jet for two and a half years, and, as with the improvements thereon at \$450. W. J. Crull appealed against the as-sessment on lot 3, block 45-6, Spring Ridge, which stands at \$200; the im-provements thereon was ordered reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000. Had there been a westerly wind blow ing not one (I venture to say) of our boys would have had the least idea that as the experiment has proved that the gas is suitable for practical purposes, it has been decided to light the railway

Why (in this enlightened age) have we station premises with it. Incandescent burners will be used, as the experiments not an efficient alarm system that can be used to call out the Victoria West burners will be used, as the experiments show that the gas, with the aid of these Messrs. Hawthorne & Co., (Limited), be used to call out the Victoria West fire department? The people of this downtrodden section subscribed for a steam syren some time ago; it was bought and attached to a boiler. The indication is the section is a boiler. The section is the section is a boiler in the section is a boiler. The section is a boiler is a boiler is a boiler in the section is a boiler. The section is a boiler is a boiler is a boiler is a boiler. The section is a boiler is a boiler. The section is a boiler is a boile boile is a boiler is a boile boile is a boile boi chartered the 1,300-to Advertiser, September for Liverpo first local charter of t will carry the com English Bay, Scottis Malcolm & Windsor's ship is now on her wa W., to Acapul here by September. charter another vessel don in a few days. Th for this ship was 38s.,

CAPITAL GOES

Immense Wealth Repr engers Leaving Vi

> Canital was well repre visitors here yesterday the Rockefellers on the City bound North ther Thompson of the Uni the steamer Kinshin China. Mr. Thomp three millions on the ury with which to pa can soldiers who for I been subduing the an assistant staff of steamer sailed at 6 o' cargo she could carry

day Morn

sengers joining her here con, bound for Hongk Barron, destined for SI VICTORIA COMP.

Canadian Development

ers First to Ascend

From passengers who tle on the Alki, the opment Company rec morning that their stee arrived safely at Wh with a load of passe Dawson City. Their Columbian had also e son with passengers, Mile river in safety, barge and reached a Mile river about White Horse, Here low, she transferred the Anglian which White Horse for this turned with passenge The officials of son. highly elated at recei t sets at rest once an that their large steam cend the Thirty Mile high stage of water. ing been made by th when the water is The steamer Canadia leave Dawson two day of the Columbian an season the company w vice which will avoid a

THE LEACUE R

Johannesburg, June the secretary of state the petition of the U rican League.