

ACE THE WHALEBACK

Steamer Progressist... Way From England to Victoria.

for a Year by Messrs. Dunsuir With Option of Purchase.

sh turret-deck cargo steamer

Captain Pinkham, is 56 days

underland, England, for Vic-

is expected to arrive early in

is consigned to Messrs. F.

and Sons, who have charter-

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at the end of that time. The

is a new steamer, having re-

launched from the well

-building yards of William

and Sons, limited, of Sunder-

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THE GREAT BALTIC CANAL.

History and Description of Germany's Commercial and Naval Enterprise.

Great Naval Display—List of Ships Present—A Magnificent Celebration.

Kiel, June 19.—There was a heavy downfall of rain this morning and for a time it seemed likely to jeopardize the success of the fete.

Kiel, June 19.—The waterway opened by the new canal has been navigable for smaller vessels for over 100 years.

At several points the canal is crossed by movable bridges which, when opened, leave free space of 54 1/2 yards.

At the time of the opening of the Suez canal in 1869, invitations to attend the ceremonies were issued to all seafaring nations of Europe and to the United States.

great canal is ready for use. It intersects the peninsula of Schleswig-Holstein from Brunsbuttel, near the mouth of the Elbe river, to Holtenau on Kiel bay and opposite the city, a distance of 59 miles.

The purpose of the Baltic canal is twofold—commercial and naval. As for the commercial advantages, they resulted plainly enough, since the shortening of the voyage hither and thither around Skagen.

The Reichstag voted 2,700,000 marks to defray the expenses incidental to the celebration of the opening of the canal.

The men of war participating in the great naval display were the following: Austro-Hungary—Cruisers: Kaiser Franz

Josef, Kaiserin Elizabeth, Kaiserin Maria Teresa. Britain—Battleships: Royal Sovereign, Empress of India, Repulse, Resolution.

The most brilliant feature of the series of festivities will be the laying on Friday of the last stone in the building of the canal, and the international banquet which is to follow it.

Berlin, June 19.—The Emperor William, accompanied by four of his sons, started for Hamburg at 11 a.m.

The official introduction of foreign admirals and commanders to the port captain and military commandant at Kiel occurred on board the Mars yesterday.

Paris, June 19.—The Kiel correspondent of the Gaulois says: "The Russian warships are desirous of participating in the opening of the canal."

Tottenham, Ont. June 19.—This village was swept yesterday by a terrific fire. About 8 o'clock in the afternoon fire broke out in McKinney's foundry in the southwestern part of the village.

Brampton, June 19.—Last evening Wm. Fawcett, a character about town, committed suicide by shooting himself.

Halifax, June 19.—Rev. S. William Wetmore and J. A. Marple, Baptist ministers, were holding special services at Mabou.

A POT OF GOLD

The Mystery Surrounding an Old Dwelling House Situated on Fisguard Street.

Tenantless for 20 Years—Treasure Said to be Buried on the Premises.

Over on Fisguard street, near the Masonic Hall, stands a two-story dwelling house which has not had a tenant for nearly a quarter of a century.

Many years ago, so the story goes, this house, which is situated as described above, was erected by a Mr. ... a wealthy gentleman, who had a short time before arrived with his wife and family from Australia.

After his death, awed perhaps by some superstitious fear, she refused to remain in the house, which continually brought to mind memories of her departed husband and his dying caution.

There are a few in Victoria, who, it is believed, know the truth of the above story, and it is whispered that on more than one occasion midnight visits have been paid to the old deserted dwelling by those who, with iron probing rod in hand, have often searched long and often fruitlessly for the buried treasure.

AT QUATSINO. Progress of the Scandinavian Colony—Survey of Lands.

The Scandinavian colony at Quatsino is reported as prospering. There are already six new houses in the colony. Two are fine frame houses, those of Mr. Mordstrom and Mr. Leeson.

Galiano Island. The Welcome Visit of the Mary Hare—Road Work Finished.

Galiano Island, June 17.—The Sunday school members of St. Andrew's church, Vancouver, will hold their annual picnic at Plummer Pass, Mayne Island, on July 26th.

THE VENEZUELAN DISPUTE.

The British Government Politely But Firmly Maintains Its Position.

Will Arbitrate Doubtful Points Only—No Progress in Negotiations.

Washington, June 19.—No progress in the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain touching the submission to arbitration of the Venezuelan boundary dispute can be recorded, since the reply made by the British foreign office to Ambassador Bayard's representations last January, to which reference was made in parliament yesterday by Sir Edward Grey, parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs.

After his death, awed perhaps by some superstitious fear, she refused to remain in the house, which continually brought to mind memories of her departed husband and his dying caution.

Now from the answer returned by Mr. Bayard from the British government it appears that it ignored all that Secretary Gresham had to say touching the claim of Venezuela to other tracts lying closer to British Guiana, that it was not content even to stand on the original Schomberg line as the whole of the British claim, but would submit to arbitration only the stretch of territory running down to the mouth of the Orinoco and embracing the rich mining country of the Yacuma, as far as Casapari, which it had included in its claims without notice and suddenly, by what Secretary Gresham described as a "comprehensive sweep," made in 1887, against which Mr. Bayard himself, then secretary of state, protested in formal instructions to United States Minister Phelps.

NANAIMO NEWS. W. W. B. McInnes May Possibly Contest the Constituency.

Nanaimo, June 18.—Mr. R. Smith has decided not to contest Vancouver Island constituency. A requisition is being circulated asking W. W. B. McInnes to stand. The latter is very popular and it is expected he will meet with the very best support.

New York June 18.—The fourth trial of the suit of William R. Laidlaw against Russel Sage for \$50,000 ended to-day, when the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$40,000.

WANTED HELD—Reliable men in every locality local or transient to introduce new discovery and keep our show cards tacked up on trees, fences and bridges throughout town and country.