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curred yesterday ever Thursday's Columbian The late Sister Mary r class as usual in St. Monday, but on Tuesen ill and was removed conscious state and eacefully away last led by the Rev. Mother ictoria. The remains. P. R. to Victoria towhere they will be in-Sister Mary Dominie

R CONCESSION.

land, Dec. 19 .- A deday introducing a of language in the custher services, beginning

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angley returned from the Saturday evenin with his family until was also a passenger by

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ouver, on Dec. 15th, aged 19 years. ancouver, on Dec. 14th, astead, aged 25 years.

PROVINCE ALMOST ENTIRELY LIBERAL

PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS FOR NEW GOVERNMENT

Showed Their Political Feeling by Voting in Recent Federal Election-Premier McBride's Mission.

During his speech at the banquet given honor of Ralph Smith, M. P., at Dunans last Wednesday night, Senator Templeman showed by a reference to the voting in the recent Federal elections how overwhelmingly Liberal was the olitical feeling of British Columbia. Now that the final returns in all the Federal constituencies of the province ire to hand, a fair estimate can be made of the relative standing of the Liberal Conservative parties in the provincial constituencies. Out of the 34 constituencies in the province 29 have gone still higher standing, as the ridings won by them represent 37 members out of a

The returns by ridings, Federal and Provincial, are as follows: Nanaimo.

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Liberal-Nanaimo, Victoria, Cariboo, Comox, Esquimalt, Vancouver, Similka-

Lillooet and Dewdney. The foregoing would seem to set at any doubt as to whether

a trying mission at the present time. His ernment would have thoroughly consid railway policy, which he himself has described as a masterpiece, is being handed about in search of supporters. This done the embryo scheme will likely the search of the commanding the service of the commanding the c have to undergo alteration again to suit

must look for support. Before starting for the upper ccuntry e Premier and his specialist, Hon. R. T. Green, made a trip to Nanaimo. The scheme was formally presented to the Dictator, J. H. Hawthornthwaite. The ter may have demanded some changes, but it is certain that he did not veto the cheme. The Premier and his railway specialist came back to the city feeling ubilant over their success and singing praises to the Socialist leader.

The acquiescence of Dictator Hawthornthwaite is said to have come even as a surprise to the Premier and Mr. en. The anxiety which necessarily reded this presentation of a policy for Mr. Hawthornthwaite's approval proved too much for Mr. Green. A trip to California was found necessary in order to

ercome the reaction Since that time Parker Williams has shown some disposition to take a course not altogether in line with his Socialist eader, J. H. Hawthornthwaite. The member for Newcastle has not fallen in rith the railway policy enunciated in all thwaite's acquiescence in the govern-

to look to the restoring of peace among the Conservative members of the House. He has made a trip into the interior. He will, it is said, first lay his policy before Price Ellison and L. W. Shatford. The former has been known to give the present government only a nominal allegiance, and has been in nowise an enthusiastic supporter of the olicy which has been inaugurated by the

determined upon a railway policy being introduced which will give the Similkameen connection with the outside world. While he is an ardent Conservative, he is before all a brider. is before all a business man, and is understood to have been elected primarily in order to enforce railway connection for the riding. It is said that he sub-mitted to the passing over of the claims of his riding last session only on the direct understanding that this year the

matter would be taken up.

His peace made with Messrs. Ellison and Shatford, the Premier will head for Nelson. His mission there is understood to be the placating of John Houston. This latter will likely be the most difficult piece of work to which he has ad-

dressed himself.

In view of all the troubles in the composite ranks of Premier McBride, it will be a surprise if the government lives through the coming session of the legis-

REFUSED APPLICATION.

Mr. Justice Martin Sees No Reason For the Quashing of Birdcage Walk By-Law.

Saturdaq Mr. Justice Martin handed down a decision in the Supreme court with respect to the application made to quash the Birdcage Walk By-law. His Lordship sees no objection to the by-law and refuses to quash it. This application to quash the Birdcage Walk By-law was made on behalf of Liberals, 4 Conservative and 1 Socialist.

Judging by seats, the Liberals have a

Liberals have a and W. J. Taylor.

Argument on the case was heard two days ago, after which His Lordship reserved his judgment in order to more fully look into the authority. In his judgment Saturday he dismissed the ap-

COL. ENGLISH ON

THINKS THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN GARRISON

School of Instruction Examinations Have Been Completed-Cadets at Gallery Practice.

the reduction of Esquimait's importance no foundation in fact. On Friday a Times representative obtained an inter- width of the ship, rooms alone being left amperial forces at Work Point, on this staterooms on either side, the two at the 1 3d. to 37s. 6d.; West Cust, S. A., 36s. there was any truth in the reports, pointing out that the authorities would hardly have sent a hundred or would have been sen view with Col. English, commanding the strength of the garrison was contemplat-

Asked whether he had heard uno Lib. Con. cially of any such proposal, Col. English said he had received absolutely no news of that character. If a reduction had even been discussed he had no doubt that there would have been word to that effect. But no information whatever was A summary of the foregoing gives the available, so that the rumors of an im-

strength were undoubtedly unfounded. Discussing the matter, he expressed Comox, Esquimait, Vancouver, Similkameen, Delta, Fernie, Columbia, Atlin,
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at the Conservative—Cowichan, Grand Forks, garrisons. There appeared to be a feel Canada could undertake this without difficulty, thus relieving the Imperial authorities of the expense of maintain-Premier McBride really represents in ing these isolated garrisons. To his Haven of Rest and be granted final shore his government the popular sentiment of mind, however, the time was not ripe for leave in that "City not made with hands, this change. It would come to pass in Premier McBride is believed to be on one or two years when the Federal gov

> Fifth Regiment, announces that on Wed nesday evening last the examinations of those who attended the recent School of Instruction were completed. They have been in progress for several weeks Lieut.-Col. Hall, Capt. McConnan and Major Hibben acted as examiners. There were no less than 28 candidates, over double the number that tried last year Every subject in which members of the militia are required to have a thorough knowledge was dealt with. Besides the didates and expects that a large per-

As mentioned in the Times previously the local militia has been dismissed for the Christmas holidays. All routine drill is dropped until the second week in the the crawnown will he work, and the struggle for surface to work and the struggle for surface to work

hall as usual to practice gallery shooting. There was a larger number in attendance than heretofore, and the struggle for first place was exciting, there being were other troubles aboard. It is resome excellent shooting. The scores fol-

Cadet Whittier, 19; Cadet Burgess,

VESSELS TOO DEEP FOR NORTHERN TRAVEL

The Quadra Returns From Six Weeks' Cruise-Local Firm Secures Contract on Venture.

Steamer Amur arrived from Skagway on Friday. She left the northern port Ladysmith to discharge 200 tons of ore from Alaskan ports for the Tyee smelter. Eleven passengers come south on the steamer, six being destined for Seattle.

According to a Dawson paper received

brough the Amur's arrival the White Pass is planning to build a fine new eamboat of most modern conveniences and equipment for service on the Dawson-White Horse run. The vessel is to be built at White Horse next spring. It is planned that the new steamer shall and boiler of the Yukoner, which are in first-class condition, are to be used in the new boat. They are powerful, and will Yukoner was too deep and otherwise un-satisfactory, and rendered the vessel no longer economical, so she was laid up this year and not used for a single trip. It also has been reported unofficially that the White Pass may improve the big steamers Columbian. Victorian and Canadian by making new hulls for them The hulls of the vessels are deep draft, and the rudders so arranged that the speed is greatly affected by the cut in the disadvantage. It is estimated that with new hulls the vessels would be far more serviceable, and would be as speedy per haps as any the company has.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

J. A. Sayward has secured the consteamer Venture. The vessel is to be brought here from Vancouver, within six weeks the contract is to be completed. Bidding was keen on the undertaking, and very close among Victoria firms, Vancouver tenders being a little high. Mr. Sayward, however, is in a good position to do the work, having now one of the best equipped plants for this kind of work on the coast. The plans and specifications to be followed were prepared by J. K. Kebbeck, late garrison stationed at Work Point. As manager of the Albion Iron Works. They far as can be gathered these rumors have call for a house 80 feet long on the upper deck, covering almost the entire situated, and in the extreme stern the pantry. The kitchen will be 'tween promenade.

> PASSENGERS' ADDRESS. Capt. McCoskrie on his last trip south from Skagway was presented with the following address by the passengers on

E. McCoskrie, Commander S. S. Amur: Sir:-We, the undersigned passengers on the good ship Amur from Alaskan to Canadian and American ports, desire to present to you on this occasion a slight. ing in Canadian military circles that and go, they will bring to you increasing happiness and prosperity, and at the last, when you have completed life's stormy voyage, you will east your anchor in the eternal, in Heaven."

(Signed) E. H. HAMILTON. MRS. NELLIE JEFFRIES. C. T. GODFREY W. A. M'CLELLAND. U. S. RUSH.

B. A. EARDLEY. To-day the Great Northern steamship Minnesota is scheduled to leave San Ledger says:

An almost continuous fight with fire in the bunkers, trouble with the boilers written examination consisting of 20 in the bunkers, trouble with the boilers searching questions, of which at least 10 and threatened mutiny among the firemust be correctly answered in order to men are some of the stirring events qualify, several oral examinations were which have marked the maiden trip of conducted. Lieut.-Col. Hall is exceed the great American steamship Minneingly pleased at the showing of the can-sota. Hardly had the great craft got off a sandbank off Chesapeake bay, where centage wili gain the average necessary she had bumped hard aground, before the bunkers were discovered on fire.

January. Then the programme will be changed to some extent. Monday, Tues- For a time there appeared great danger day and Wednesday will be devoted to that the steamship would never make company drill. On Thursday there will another voyage. Some of her plates its details. It is said that he is not will-be gymnasium work, on Friday gallery grew red-hot. The fire threatened to shooting will take place. This will be break out in the carge. Much of the on Saturday members of the High about a week before Coronel, the coaling school cadet corps gathered at the drill port in Southern Chile, was reached, the flames were extinguished and all hands

breathed easier. But before Coronel was made there ported that the Minnesota had a narrow escape off Cape St. Roque, on the northern coast of Brazil. Here the boilers were found defective, and it was neces-Mr. Shatford, on the other hand, is Cader Raymur, 16, and Cadet Foot, 16. Truebridge the great ship was anchored is to be the recipient of a handsome

in time to prevent her drifting onto the beach. She lay there for two days until temporary repairs were made.

It was but a few days later when it was apparent that further repairs to the boilers were needed, and as a result the Minneyte and the Belia when freely

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Minnesota put into Bahia, where fresh water was secured and six days were spent in patching the defective parts.

However, the 16 Miclaure water-tub continued to give offence, and when the big liner put into Coronel fur ther patching was necessary. Twelve days were spent in this port, where a supply of Chilean coal, replacing that which had been burned, was taken

It was only four days after sailing from Coronel when it was found that a roaring furnace was raging in the bunk ers again, and once more the crew was compelled to fight fire in order to save the vessel. For a time the outlook was serious. Some of the plates on the hull outside were red hot and shrunk; beams were twisted by the great heat, and it was a trying experience for all on board. on Sunday and, en route south, called at After two days of nerve-racking suspense, the blaze was under control, although much coal had to be thrown overboard. The nght with fire was continued until about a week before the Minnesota reached San Francisco.

It is claimed that the cause of the fires is the proximity of the bunkers to the boilers, due to faulty construction, Members of the crew say the floor plates are so close to the boilers that the temerature is often 200 degrees or more and that it would set any coal on fire

nearly all Greeks and Spaniards, flatly refused to work. Several of them were placed in irons. This had a salutary effect upon the others, and they finally concluded to return to their tasks. Collector of the Port Stratton imposed a fine of \$100 on Capt. John Truebridge, master of the steamship Minnesota, for having failed to furnish a certified copy of the crew list to the custom house offi cers on his arrival.

MONTHLY SHIPPING REPORT. In their monthly freight and shipping report for November, R. P. Rithet & Co.

We have no change to note in the freight market since our last report. One or two vessels have been taken up for grain at low rates, but the firm price of

We quote freight as follows: Grain.—San Francisco, to Cork, f. o., 17s. 6d., nominal; Portland to Cork, f. o., Oc., nominal; Tacoma and Seattle to

Sound to Sydney 28s. 9d. 30c.; Melbourne or Adelaide, 30c. 6d.; Port Pirier 30s. to 30s. 6d.; Fremanile, 38s. 9d. to 40s.; Shanghai, 32s. 9d. to 40s.; Shanghai, 32s. 9d. to 40s. for the crew to move around. The 40s.; Shanghai, 32s. 9d. to 40s.; Taka, saloon will be located forward, with 45s. to 47s. 6d.; West Cupit, S. A., 36s.

FROM COAST PORTS.

On Saturday evening the steamer Queen City returned from Quatsino and steamer Minnesota, of the Great North-intermediate points with the following passengers: A. W. Neill, Dr. Whitting include most of the heads of departintermediate points with the following passengers: A. W. Neill, Dr. Whittington, Miss Christie, F. Gustassen, B. Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Beker, Captains Smith and Balcom, and Messrs, Holt, Balcom, Collinson, Lomex, Maclay, Shaper, Sulliyan, Bosscats, Mansin, Stevens and Jeffry. The steamer had two days of stormy weather on the coast, the road, who is now in Montana, will be certainly attend the ceremonies. Joseph She reports the Oscar and Hattie, the overdue sealen; still at Nootka. A numry wice-president and head of ber of the crew have, it is stated, left the traffic department; F. I. Whitney, schooner, and others may be sent down general passenger agent; F. E. Ward, the coast to assist in bringing the vessel, general manager, and A. H. Hogeland, about twelve men, having temporarily completed work at the station. Operations are to be resumed in February, it is said, and in March the new steamer ntended for the whaling industry which has been built in Norway, and which is soon to start on her long voyage around the Horn, will be expected;

By several dollars the highest prices realized on Victoria, British Columbia, seal fur in many years was secured today in London, England. Cable advices to local sealers has created a feeling of jubilation putting a different complexion on the financial returns of the year's industry to that which the most sanguine Francisco for Victoria. Referring to the had anticipated. There can be no doubt voyage of the ship around the Horn, a but that the limited supply of the fur on San Francisco dispatch to the Tacoma the market in consequence of the temporary suspension of the Japanese hunt-

ing operations has had an important influence in affecting quotations. The good prices received will make the season the most profitable the Victoria Sealing Company has had since its organ ization. Up to the present the company has been working under difficulties, and with repeated small catches, and poor those responsible for its organization had though will tend to lend fresh encourage-

ment for the preparations to be made for another year. The annual meeting of the association s to be held on the 23rd inst., by which time the detailed advices will have been received respecting the sale in London to-day. The cables now to hand state that the prices obtained for the coast skins was £4 6d., and for the Behring Sea skins £3 17s. This is about 10 per cent. larger than the prices gotten last

MEDALLIST LOCATED.

"John Lawrie, able seaman, about whom inquiries were instituted by the collector of customs of Vancouver for Cadet Whittier, 19; Cadet Burgess, 19; Cadet Thomas, 18; Cadet Beckwith, 18; Cadet Taylor, 18; Cadet Reckwith, 18; Cadet Taylor, 18; Cadet Hartman, 17; Cadet Hartman, 18; Cadet Hartman THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

Some people look almost club footed because of the ugly rubbers they wear. GRANBY RUBBERS always have a neat, clean cut appearance, and they WEAR LIKE IRON.

The GRANBY Lad

They're tough and good, I'm tough and bad

But tough or not, Im a GRANBY lad.

Im Tommy Tough, and as tough they say,

As GRANBY RUBBERS in a different way,

medal for lifesaving, awarded by President Roosevelt of the United States, and Saturday evening it is expected that forwarded by him to London to be sent to the man for whom it is intended. the repairs on the steamer City of Seat-tle will be complete, and that the ship In the absence of any prospect of improvement a large number of vessels have left in ballast.

The dulness in lumber freights almost equalled that in grain, although towards the end of the month the China rate stiffened, and several fixtares are reported. For other business our quotations are somewhat lower.

We quote freight as follows: time. The medal was awarded for plucky services rendered by Lawrie to

the shipwrecked crew of the American

The steamship Minnesota will leave

day, in which event she should r ack William Head on Tuesday. A St. Paul

dispatch of December 14th says: "The

official party which will greet the big

January 21st, when the first transpacific

WRECKAGE COMES ASHORE.

A letter dated December 15th from

the Indians picked up a lot of apples,

oranges, onions, etc., a quantity of small

identity. The floatsam also includes

vessel's bottom, copper fastened, severa

salmon cases and tins, the latter having

the acorn brand with the green acorn and

red letters appearing on it, and severa

large pieces of pork."
Evidently all has come from som

wreck, but from the above it is impos-

sible to even speculate on the vessel

likely to have met misfortune. The wire

been down for weeks, and telegraphic

communication is therefore unobtainable.

ABSENT SIX WEEKS.

D. G. S. Quadra returned Friday

The ship has been attending to the

wards the ship was employed on the

Deep seated Colds

Coughs · Croup · Bron:

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MEDIUM 500 . TRIAL SIZE 250

nardwood knees and stanchions, empty

voyage of the Minnesota will commence

dent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, said to-night that the report that the company had contracted for the building of three large and fast steamships by the Fairfield Company, of Glas-gow, was incorrect. The company at ing with a Clyde firm for the construcof two 18 knot boats, as authorized at the last annual meeting, for the use of

OANFA AGROUND.

A dispatch to the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, from Massluis, Holland, says that the steamship Oanfa, bound from Victoria and Tacoma for Liverpool, has grounded near that point. She is not on very heavily, and was ex-The Oanfa is one of the large freighters operated between Liverpool and British Columbia ports, and Puget Sound via Oriental ports by the China Mutual Barker has never been out of Cariboo

THE REDUCTION OF

Admiralty Unable to Maintain Inefficient A suit involving more than \$15,000,-Fleets at Ontpost For Economic Reasons.

In view of the pending redistribution of the British navy and the contemplat-Carmanah says: "There is a lot of stuff ed reduction of the Esquimalt station a the heirs of a man named Knibes, encoming ashore. On the seven miles of coast between Cloo'ose and Carmanah communication received from the Navy gineer in the Troy League headquarters in London by J. 1860, for an infringe Pierson, secretary of the local branch of the use of a relief valve on fire apparthat association, is of special interest. atus. pieces of white painted lumber, like cabin fittings, but bearing no marks of The admiralty's reason for reducing such outposts as that of Esquimalt and the dvantages of the proposed scheme are briefly but clearly dealt with. The letter

13 Victoria Street, London, S. W., 30th November, 1904. Dear Sir:-The recalling of certain small

warships from the West coast will not, I esume, be viewed by the inhabitants of Victoria with very much pleasure. But the thing is simply this, that the resources of betwen Lost creek and Carmanah has this country are not equal to an increase naval expenditure, and we consequently have to give up, if one may use the term, luxuries, and it is a luxury to keep the simply lock up a great number of officers from six weeks' duty in northern waters. buoys and lighthouses, and has also been used in connection with the erection of the new station on Birnie Island. Aftered cruisers that will be always on the ly. move from one part of the world to the erably through stormy weather, which, other, so that in future you are likely to Bank, has returned from his three on certain days, prevented landings being have your ships in bulk as it were, although weeks' vacation trip, and is now at work they may not be so constantly with you. | again, This new policy accentuates, if anything, he necessity for, and the value of, the past. If, as we devoutly hope, we are to ave Imperial federation, this question of Mr. Hunden has now moved his stock he navy is the one that will require the irst consideration, as it must in future be Mr. Weinrobe the navy of the Empire, and the educanasmuch as their trade and territory would ot be safe from the menace of growing navies that have all to gain and nothing to ose by stirring up troubled waters.

It will be submitted for the considertion of the Victoria branch of the Navy in the province. He leaves a large fami-League at the next regular meeting.

DOWN FROM CARIBOO.

One of the Pioneers From That District Is Now in This City.

J. K. Baker, one of the Cariboo pioneers, is in the city a guest at the Oriental hotel. Mr. Baker has had an interesting career in northern British Columbia. He is now 80 years of age. Fifty years ago he left a little country town in Massachusetts on the line of town in Massachusetts, on the line of the Albany & Boston railroad, and packed his blankets across the plains to Cali-fornia. In 1862 he was mining about Williams creek. He recalls the incident of having to borrow at the close of his first season in Cariboo enough money to bring him out to civilization. But he was of the stuff Cariboo pioneers are him back to the mines. In 1871, with the late P. C. Dunlevy, he went to Cassiar, and this trip was not more successful than his first season in Cariboo, for, as he says, "I drew \$1,000 in gold from the bank and had to borrow \$300 to bring me back to Cariboo." He made a good strike on Keithley creek, and since that has had no worry on money matters. He was one of the original owners in the South Fork Company, and one of the few who held a full interest. son for the Cariboo company, he took pected to get off on the next high tide. half cash and half stock for his interest. With the exception of part of one year spent with his son in New York and with other relatives in Eastern States, Mr. for any length of time since he went there in '62. He has that affection for and has no desire to live anywhere else. He acted as guide for the late Marcus Smith when surveys were being made in the Quesnel Forks country.

nearly thirty years, was decided Thurs-day in favor of the defendant, the city of New York, by a decision handed down peals. The suit, which has become known as the "Campbell patent" suit, was brought against the city in 1877 by gineer in the Troy fire department in

Sir A. P. McDonnell, under secretary for Ireland, in a letter to the boards of guardians in the west of Ireland, pro-mises that should the relief of the existing distress there prove an excessive burwill make a grant from the public funds

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Cumberland, Dec. 15.-Miss Ruth Den-British flag flying for police purposes on at the hospital, underwent an operation vessels that can neither fight nor run, but some days ago for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Doctors and men, whose services would not be im- | Staples, Gillespie and Mallard, and was mediately available on the outbreak of war. the first of the kind ever undertaken in The new policy that is inaugurated by the hospital here. It was quite success-the Admiralty will provide fleets of armor-ful, and Miss Denton is now doing nice-

Mrs. Piket returned this week from ork that the Navy League has done in the her daughter, Mrs. Mateer, who has

From the proceeds of a recent concert the Cumberland Athletic Club has been think, showing our fellow-subjects over- able to order considerable new apparea that it is their navy as much as ours, atus. Cumberland will soon be able to present quite a respectable gymnasium. The funeral of T. H. Piercy took place at the cemetery on Denman Island tofriends. Mr. Piercy was one of the pioneers, having been for a number of years

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