Chief Justice Davie's Charge to the Grand Jury at the Opening Session.

Reference Made to the City's Streets and Government by Commissioners.

From Tuesday's Dally.

The autumn assizes opened this morning before His Lordship the Chief Justice, with whom Mr. Justice McColl occupied a seat on the bench. Deputy Attorney-General Smith appears as crown prosecutor. The following are the gentlemen of the grand jury: J. G. Tiarks (foreman), C. A. Godson, H. A. Munn, T. R. Smith, Edward Bragg, H. J. Scott, J. G. Brown, R. S. Day, John Horner, Skene Lowe, Theodore Lubbe, Alfred Magneson, Louis McQuade, S. Schoen, J. Sommers, J. W. Tolmie and Chas Weiler.

His Lordship in beginning his charge to the grand jury said the calendar, although not containing many charges, did contain more than usual of a serious nabodily harm. The Aitken case was first taken up, and after reviewing the facts as stated in the depositions he said it was a prima facie case of murder and the grand jury's duty was to send it to trial by the petit jury. The word "petit" meant small, and their number was only twelve, but the grand jury had to be composed of more than twelve. If any good cause existed for the shooting, that was a matter of defence to be urged before the petit jury, but all homicide was presumed to be murder, therefore the grand jury's duty was to send it to trial. Antoine Reda was fortunate that he was not charged with mur-On Easter Sunday, the 19th of April last, during a row among several Italians in the Grand Pacific saloon, the depositions showed that he stabbed a fellow-Italian called Palousa, and it was his life was saved. The jury would have no difficulty in sending the case to In Regina v. Cummings, a case of shooting with intent to murder, he had not read through the depositions. as they had been taken down in shorthand and were over 75 pages. The depositions had been handed him the night before and he had not had time to read them through. The practice of taking police court evidence in shorthand, except in exceptional cases, should not be encouraged, as it was really an extra expense. However, from what he had seen, it appeared the accused had shot intentionally.

After he had done with the separate

cases His Lordship mentioned the fact that good times seemed to be coming. He spoke of the gold fields and the great discoveries in the north, facts which would bring many people here. Good roads and good streets in a city are most attractive to strangers, and there is nothing more likely to drive them away than the sight of roads and streets delapidatproviding for the expenditure of some money on the repair of the streets and roads, but at the time it was defeated he did not think the coming tide of prosperity had fairly set in. He believed were the same by-law now submitted it would be carried. There were many reasons that the work should be done. We were going to have a large population and plenty of laborers, and the people could depend that the money would well expended. There were many who thought that until the city grows larger it was better to have a continnous system of government by commis-He was at one time of that opinion himself, and he was so yet, but it was a political question. While we Possibly it is the best system, but opinions are different. He said his remarks might be considered of the city at heart, and it would be well if those who took an interest in the place had the matter he had mentioned in mind. The grand jury could deal with the abatement of nuisances and could deal with matters concerning municipal government generally. The welfare of the city and province should be their care.

The jury then retired. In the case of Ah Lin, charged with nolle prosequi was also entered in J. P. Havden's case guilty entered at the last assizes. 1891 with abduction. He had surren-

dered his bail and the crown witnesses were not available. After luncheon the grand jury brought in true bills in Regina v. Reda, unlawfully wounding, and Regina v. Gen meetings with Mrs. Cummings. Wing, theft, and the Reda case was

Mr. Thornton Fell appeared for the accused and Mr. A. G. Smith, Deputy Attorney-General, for the crown. The

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evidence was the same as given in the The case of James G. Bennett, charged with an attempt to murder his wife in San Francisco, came before Mr. Justice McColl this afternoon. Mr. J. P. Walls appears for the prosecution, and asks that the accused be extradited. He called Police Officer Coleman of San Francisco, who was an eye-witness of the assault; the police officer also identified the depositions taken in San Francisco and the signatures of the different officers down there who certified them. Mr. H. E. A. Robertson appeared for the accused, and raised several objections, amongst them being that the depositions could not be read, as on them the indictment in San Francisco was found, and as the indictment could not be read, therefore the depositions were inadmissible. He also objected

of Bennett. The argument was ununished at the time of going to press.

From Wednesday's Daily. The Reda case was not finished last night, the Chief Justice adjourning the trial about ten o'clock in the evening after Mr. Fell's address to the jury. This morning Mr. Smith addressed the charge. The jury, after an absence of a little over half an hour, came in with a verdict of guilty of unlawful wound-Sentence was deferred until the end of the assizes

Regina v. Cummings. The trial of Thomas Cummings, chargture, there being one of murder and two of attempted murder or of doing serious was then commenced, Mr. Justice Mclast, Gillis says he proceeded to the inlocality harm. The Aitken case was Coll taking the case. Mr. Smith appeared for the crown and H. D. Helmcken, Q. C., for the accused. Hallett Bailey was the first witness, his evidence being practically the same as that period. Cummings was married to Miss Neary about November, 1896, and shortly afterwards he went on a sealing cruise. During the time Cummings was away he became aware of the fact that gossip connected his name with that of Mrs. Cummings. On October 7th of this year he heard Cummings was back and on the 9th he called at the store and asked to have a talk with him; it was about noon, and customers kept coming in, so about one o'clock they went to the restaurant for lunch, and there the only by the best of medical skill that occused charged him with having improper relations with Mrs. Cummings and he denied the whole thing, as it was untrue. The whole trend of the conversation, which was led by Cummings, was to get at the relations existing between him and Mrs. Cummings. They were there about an hour, and after a pause he got up to go, when the accused jumped up and said "You're a deal man!" and at the same time pointing a revolver at his chest and snapping it, but it did not go off. He ran off without his hat and the accused fired a couple of shots at him, one bullet taking effect in the leg and the other in the

On cross-examination by Mr. Helmcken witness said that the second day after Miss Neary's marriage to Cummings she came to the store about 6.30 or 7 o'clock in the evening, saying she wanted to meet him. They met that night about 8 o'clock on Quadra street near say that in an hour I could have picked the old cemetery. They talked for out at least two gallons. As yet none the corner of Fort and Government ed and sidewalks out of repair. Some streets, where they separated and Mrs. ing for Dawson to bring up our sub-time ago he was pleased to see that the Cumnings went home. He did-not see the council had brought in a by-law ber again until near the end of Novem we might need a little spending money. ber, when he met her one evening on Government street; she had waited for and picked up in a few moments what him, and they walked down to Langley he thought utes, when they parted. The Cumminges were then living at the Clarence, but afterwards they went to Henry do this was impossible almost. In a street. He next saw Mrs. Cummings one evening in December, the night after Mr. Cummings sailed on the sealing fee pots, and anything that would hold schooner. He stayed about an hour, the precious metal, full to overflowing. After that he met her some few times, The summer passed without incident probably about twice in December, once at the Henry street house and the oth- fall-thus handicapping the work very er time somewhere else, he did not know much. The weather began to get cold where. After the 1st of January, 1897, he met Mrs. Cummings occasionally at freezing. The riffles in the sluice hoxes Beacon Hill and at the house and once froze solid, it taking almost to noon each have the present system we should make on the Craigflower road—not more than day to thaw them out. But in the face eight or nine times altogether. When of all these difficulties the output every-Cummings came to the store he may where was enormous. About the last have asked for his wife's address. Some of August we came to Dawson to lay in out of place, but he had the interests; one had come to him and said Cum- our winter's provisions, but found to our mings was back and was very hot be- great surprise that not a pound could be cause his wife had gone away. He had at any price. All day long groups knew Mrs. Cummings was in San Fran- of excited men could be seen here and cisco, but did not know her exact address and did not tell Cummings she few restaurants remained open, and was there. He had heard from Mrs. those that did made you an allowance Cummings: some one else wrote a letter to him for her. He did not remember all you could eat, when it was, but thought it was about "We saw clearly that if the river July. At the restaurant he denied to boats failed to arrive starvation to the Cummings all knowledge of the where- | majority in camp must necessarily result. attempted rape, a nolle prosequi was entered, as the full court had decided there court he said he could not remember could possibly get provisions enough towas no evidence to justify the verdict of certain parts of the conversation which he now recollected, and in explanation to Mr. Helmcken to-day he said in the con, 5 pounds of peaches, 6 pounds of police court he (Mr. Helmcken) had him rice, 8 pounds of beans, 10 pounds of P. Hayden's case. He was charged in police court he (Mr. Helmcken) had him rattled, and besides he was weak and not very well at the time. He denied My partner secured about the same saying to Cummings that he intended to wreck his life by fair means or foul.

PLOUGHING MATCHES.

Prizes Offered by the Vancouver Island Ploughing Association.

The ploughing matches to be held under the anspices of the V. I. Ploughing Association will take place on Saturday first, Tolmie as referee. The prizes offered are: Professional—1st prize, \$22.50; 2nd, \$16, and sack of flour from Johns Bros.; 3rd, \$11 and box of tea from L. Dickenson,

Amateurs-1st prize, \$16 and pair of boots; 2nd, \$11.50 and teapot, sugar basin and cream jug; 3rd, \$9. Class for men who have never plowed at match-1st prize, \$17.50; 2nd, \$12; 8rd,

In the latter class Mr. W. Simpson, North Saanich, gives a prize of \$2.50 for the best opening and \$2.50 for the best finish. There will also be prizes for the best openings and best finishes in the other two classes.

The annual general meeting of the association will be held in the evening.

HE WAS SAVED BY HIS RIFLE

W. Gillis Tells How He Escaped From Dawson-Reads Like a Romance.

Picked Up Gold by the Hatful and Driven Out Because of Shortage of Provisions.

that the government of the United States Among the passengers who came down had made no request for the delivery up from the north on the steamer City of Seattle was G. N. Wright. Mr. Wright met J. W. Gillis, a Fort Wrangel citizen, on the way down, and brings the news of what Mr. Gillis saw and accomplished in the gold fields. Gillis went into the gold fields early in the spring and came out three weeks ago. jury and his Lordship delivered his He stopped at Juneau two weeks and then came south as far as Fort Wrangel on the City of Seattle. Mr. Wright, who had a long talk with him, was kind enough to write the following synopsis of Gillis' experience, which cannot fail to be of interest:

"Leaving Fort Wrangel March 15th time the only known overland route to the gold fields, and after many days of hardships common to all travellers to given in the police court. He knew this land of nuggets, he reached Marsh the accused and had known him for a lake on sleds. Then he built boats, year and Mrs. Cummings for a longer and, the river being open, dropped down safely through the canyon, but portaged White Horse, below which a few miles he came to an immense ice jam, which was moving very slowly down the river. This was May 4th, Gillis having left Marsh lake on April 29. He followed the iam within a short distance of Labarge, and again took to sleds, crossing that lake on the ice, which was comparatively smooth, in a few days, and again he took to the boats, the Lewes river being open as far as Rink rapids, where he again, on May 10th, enco tered a jam moving very slowly, which he followed into Dawson, arriving there May 17th. Found food very scarce, no supplies having yet arrived from the outside his supplies, retaining what he thought would last him a month.

"At this time bacon was \$1.50 pound, flour \$15 per sack and other food articles similarly high.

"Mr. Gillis said: district was supposed to contain a population of 2.000, or thereabouts. Having a friend on Claim No. 14, of El Dorado creek, we proceeded to that district immediately and found him, and he gladly contracted with us to work his claim on shares. The next day after arriving which I walked out among the diggings, and at every dump of dirt I could see the glittering nuggets. It is safe to cient water. Next day ,before start- large carge are as follows: we might need a little spending moner, and indifferently walked to the dump and picked up in a few moments what he thought would be needed—perhaps \$1,000 or \$1,200. I had heard before going in many wild and exaggera ed stories, as I thought, but found that to do this was impossible almost. In a few days after sluicing began in each cabin could be seen cans, gold pans, coffee pots, and anything that would hold the precious metal, full to averflowing. street and talked about fifteen min- \$1,000 or \$1,200. I had heard before

except that there was not enough rain about August 15th to the degree of there talking over the situation.

gether to bring us out. By hard rustling I managed to get 10 pounds of bacracked wheat and 17 pounds of flour. amount, and we then set to poling up the river , which is not very swift, to Fort At the restaurant he denied having had Selkirk, but from there up becomes far more rapid. On the way up we killed several ducks and many geese, thus permitting us to save our supplies. At Fort Selkirk we took on two more part-ners; got to Five Fingers September 20,

regardless of your willingness to pay for

the head of the right fork of Dalton trail. Started out, each with about 60 pounds, while I had a rifle and ammunition extra. But it aterwards proved in a field belonging to Mr. W. Thompson,
South Saanich. Work will commence at

9 a.m. and finish not later than 4 p.m.

to be of more value to us than all we had. On September 23 the Tripp Bros.
were discovered lost, quite a distance from the trail, by one of the party while The gentlemen who have kindly consented to act as judges are Messrs. Watson Clark pack train and bought a horse from them. but we had not gone far when he gave out. We then met the other section of the same train and traded him for a fresher one, but be only lasted a few hours. Tripp Bros. stayed with us but a short time, and again put out but a short time, and again put out ahead, and in a few days they were again accidentally discovered across the river, entirely dazed, they having followed a drinking trail down to the giver, and supposed, of course, that if led across. With great difficulty they crossed to the other side and when found ed to the other side, and when found several miles below were almost bewildered. It was about this time that our provisions gave out entirely, and for several days the six of us were entirely

beginning of an attachment for my gun that time can never obliterate.
"About 90 miles from Five Fingers came upon the Hochi Indian village.

Here we secured a bountiful supply of fish and again set out, but in about three days ran out of provisions, except a little tea, and to make our lot still harder a terrible snowstorm set in, lasting three days and falling to the depth of over two feet. Yet for tive days, we ploughed through it without grub. When in an almost dead condition we came to the headwaters of what we supposed was the Alaska river. Here we found a few salmon, which we secured by shooting through the head. On coming back to camp I and my partner found the other four indulging in quite a feast—rawhide shoestrings being the article of diet. We secured about 28 pounds of salmon, and not a particle was thrown away, not eyen the entrails. But this supply lasted but a very short time, and our condition became far more

The snow was deplorable than ever. too deep to hunt in and the river froze over, thus preventing our getting any more fish. For two days we were without a mouthful, when we came to the Kluckshine Indian village. "'Here we secured plenty of salmon, bear and squirrel meat. From here it

was a good day's journey to Dalton's post, and the last end of this day's journey was simply a scramble down on our hands and knees or plunging headlong into the snow. It was a terrible day's ourney. At the post we found no one out Indians, the agent being at the agency, and they hardly wanted to permit us to enter, but when they saw we were determined to do so they gave up gineer for report, the key to the storehouse and we went W. & J. Wilson petitio and for five days we feasted and slept. My weight on leaving Dawson was 202 pounds, and at Jack Dalton's post it was 151 pounds. Here the natural results of starvation set in, and we all bloated terribly. About the second day of our stay at the post Ed. Thorpe arrived. He advised us that along the route were many dead horses, from the backs of which the provisions have necessary for us to carry anything with us, and we therefore made the too from the post out, a distance of 140 miles, without incident. We all realized on getting to Chilkoot that we had had a very close call. Without my gu 1 the only one in the party—not one of us would have survived."

MARINE MATTERS.

He sold out and loaned out all | A Cargo Valued at Over a Quarter of Million Dollars Taken From Here by the Seestern.

"At this time the entire Klondike Boscowitz Sails for the North-The Empress of China Arrives -Other News.

The German ship Seestern, Captain we had a very hard shower of rain, after | Hauth, was towed to sea from the outer wharf yesterday evening by the tug Tacoma, bound for Liverpool with a cargo of salmon and merchandise valued at over a quarter of a million dolabout half an hour and came down to had been sluiced, there not being suffi- lars. The different consignments in her

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250 111 65,483 packages. Value, \$291,054

The steamer Boscowitz did not sail for the north until noon this morning. She was to have sailed yesterday evening, but the freight kept coming and she tarried. She has a very large quantity of merchandise and supplies for northern ports, as well as a large quantity of lumber with which residences are to be built for northerners. The greater portion of this is going to Metlakahtla, where the settlers are building a house for their minister. There were a number of passengers. feets having been destroyed by the sani Among them were a party of settlers, tary inspector. Mr. Chipchase said tha Among them were a party of settlers, tary inspector. Mr. Chipchase said that Norwegians going to the Bella Coola he had a list of the articles destroyed colony and a party of miners going up to the same place to prosecute develop-ment work on the British Columbia 29 of the health by-law, he said, the Mining Co.'s property there. The Boscowitz will go as far north as Skidegate this trip, and call at all the canneries

The R.M.S. Empress of China arrived at William Head quarantine sta-The steamer Maude went out to her at 3 o'clock with the usual contingent of C.P.R. officials, hotel runners, baggage men and others.

and northern way ports en route.

The bine peter has been flying from the forepeak of the Tees all day, and the deck hands have been piling freight into her holds for she leaves for the West Coast this evening. She will have a fair number of passengers and much

Grace Ella Aiton, Hartland, N.B., Cured of Eczema.

I do hereby certife that my daughter, Grace Ella, was cured of Eczema of several years' standing by four boxes of ANDREW AITON.

Hartland, N. B. W. E. Thistle, Druggist, witness.

Many Communications on Many Subjects Considered by the Aldermen.

Improvements To Be Made at the Electric Light Station-Drainage and Street Matters.

The city fathers again assemble i at the city hall yesterday evening. All were present save Ald. Partridge and Kinsman. The minutes were read, and after the mayor had corrected one item they were adopted. The correction was in regard to the appropriation of \$10,-000 from the waterworks loan. The mayor explained that this was not for Messrs. Walkely, King & Casey, but for the city, to enable them to complete the work at the waterworks.

The communications were then dealt **************** with, the first read being from Right Rev. Bishop Perrin. He asked the council to continue the drain on Maclare street so that Angela college could connect. This letter was referred to the sewerage committee and city en-

ernment street in front of the Hotel Victoria adjoining a permanent cement sidewalk, which they had laid at a cost of \$500. The mayor was of the opinion that

ment gutter similar to others on Gov-

petition should be granted. It was referred to the street committee and city engineer for report. Messrs. Yates & Jay wrote regarding a lot belonging to a client on Erie street. They said that they would claim com

pensation for the damages sustained by

their client by reason of the use of the open drains for sewerage other than surface water. Received and filed. Robert Humphrey wrote regarding the unsafe conditon of the headstone at the head of the grave of the late Hugh Lloyd Jones. He was the owner of the

railing erected by him would be damaged by the fall. The mayor explained that the late Mr Jones had no relatives resident in the province and the monument was certain

next plot, and was afraid that a new

in a dangerous condition. Ald. Vigelius said that it would be shame and disgrace if the headstone was allowed to tumble over. As the late Mr. Jones has no friends here the city see to it.

Ald. Wilson said as there were a num ber of monuments in a similar condition the council should go slow, for if they straightened up one monument they would have to straighten them all. Ald. McCandless thought it was small matter, and the council should

not waste time over it. There were he said, not more than three similar cases in the cemetery. He would rather bear the cost of straightening it himself than see it pulled down.

The letter was referred to the ceme committee for report. F. N. Rattenbury, architect of the

cage Walk from the top of the hill to Belleville street, as when the sidewalk being built there was completed the sur face drain would be buried. He also wrote in connection with the permanent sidewalk being laid in front of the Bank of Montreal building, asking if the council was prepared to grant the usual allowance for that part under which there was a cellar.

In connection with the former matter report was received from the city engineer giving the cost. The pipe, which was on hand, would cost \$120, and the filling up \$100. The matter of the side walk in front of the bank building was laid over for a week.

The city engineer also reported on the cost of gravelling and grading Francis avenue, as requested by Mrs. J. Speed and other residents of that locality, and of the widening of Cadboro Bay road in front of the Fernwood Estate The former would cost \$375, while do the latter \$220 would be required. R. Chipchase, the sanitary inspector wrote regarding the letter of Mr. den asking for damages for the loss sus tained by him owing to some of his efwhich he was prepared to furnish owner was not entitled to any compensation for goods destroyed.

The mayor said the expense incurred by the city owing to the sickness in Braden family was \$700, and Ald. Mc Candless in moving that the letter be received and filed said that he considered tion this afternoon from the Orient. it most ungrateful for Mr. Braden to ask for compensation, considering how had been treated by the corporation.

Six tenders were received for printing the 25 copies of the evidence in the case of Lang v. Victoria required by the city solicitor for the appeal case. The tenders were as follows: Colonist, \$2 per page; Province, \$1.75; Eugene Millar, \$1,90; Greenwood, Smith & Randolph, \$1.50; E. P. McDowell, \$1,50, and T. R. The latter tenderer was awarded the

The finance committee reported, commending the following appropria-tions: \$60 for a typewriter for the clerk of the police court; \$14 for park work, and \$1,306,51 for municipal expenses. All these were adopted and the appropriations made.

The electric light committe recommended that the tops of the boilers, the steam pipes and drums at the electric light station be covered with good non conducting material, as recommended by the superintendent of the electric light department; also that coal bunkers be immediately erected in front of the station. This report was adopted and the coun-il adjourned.

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Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date the undersigned intends to make aplication to the Chief Commisioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated at the South Arm of Teslin Lake—East side of the Arm—commencing from the southwest cor-ner post of George Byrnes' claim; thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to the line of Alfred J. Thomas' claim, thence west 40 chains to A. J. Thomas' northwest corner post, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement along the east bank of Hamlin River and the east shore of the

JAMES ANDREW GRANT. Victoria, B. C., 13th October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of ands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situated on the South Arm of Teslin Lake, west side of the Arm, commencing at the southeast corner post of A. Boyd's claim; thence south 40 chains along the west shore of Arm; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to A. Boyd's line; thence ast 40 chains to the point of commence

CHARLES EDWARD THOMAS. Victoria, B. C., 18th Oct., 1897. oc19-2m

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timper from off a tract of land situate on the west side of Bennet Lake, Cassiar Dis trict, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post planted below the falls on a river flowing from the west and falling in to Lake Bennet near its south end, then 20 chains northerly, thence westerly following the sinuosities of the river and 20 chains therefrom a distance of 240 chains, thence southerly 40 chains to a point 20 chains from the river, thence easterly following the sinuosities of the river and 20 chains therefrom a distance of 240 chains, thence northerly 20 chains to the place of com cement, and comprising about 1,000

September 17th, 1897. NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for remove timber from off the following described tracts of land situate in Cassiar District: Tract No. 1, commencing at a post on the west shore of Bennet Lake about miles from the south end of the lake hen west 80 chains, then north 60 chains, then east 80 chains more or less to the shore of the lake, then south following shore of lake to the place of commencement, and comprising about five hundred acres. Tract No. 2, commencing at a post on the west shore of Bennet Lake about 9 miles from the south end of the lake, thence west 80 chains, thence north 60 chains, thence east 80 chains more or less to the shore of the lake, thence south following the shore of the lake to the place of comnent, and comprising about 500

J. HOLLAND.

September 17th. 1597. NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situated on the South Arm of Teslin Lake and on the west side of the Arm or Slough thereof, encing at the southeast corner post of C. E. Thomas' claim, thence south 40 chains along the west shore of the said Arm or Slough thereof, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to C. E. Thomas' line, thence east 40 chains to point of com JOHN ALEXANDER HINTON. Victoria, B.C., Oct. 16, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of unoccupied Crown lands, situated on an Arm of Sidney Inlet on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, commencing at the northeast corner, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains along the beach to place of commencement.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1897. THOMAS STOCKHAM.
WALTER T. DAWLEY,

JOHN IRVING. Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres (more or less) of land situated on the northeastern shore of Alice Arm, Coast district, and described as follows: Commissions at a post marked R. C., being the southwest corner; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to post marked N. W.; thence south following shore line to point of commissioners.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1897. ROBERT CUNNINGHAM. Alice Arm, B. O.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to make application to the Ohier Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres (more or less) of land on the northeastern bank of Alice Arm, Coast distinct and described as follows: Commence. northeastern bank of Alice Arm, Oast us-trict, and described as follows: Commenc-ing at a post marked G. C., being the southwest corner; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to post marked N. W.; thence south following the windings of shore line to point of commencement.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1897.
GEORGE CUNNINGHAM. Allce Arm.

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Fifty Years Ago.

This is the stamp that the letter bore Which carried the story far and wi Of certain cure for the loathsome sor That bubbled up from the tainted tie Of the blood below. And 'twas Aver's And his sarsaparilla, that all now, k That was just beginning its fight of f With its cures of 50 years ago. ~~~~

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BIG FIRE IN LONI

The Most Disastrous Conflagrati Years Is Raging in the Metropolis.

Fifteen Warehouses Are Alread stroyed and Many Houses Have Collapsed.

London, Nov. 19 .- The most trous fire in years is raging here several houses adjoining the post huge blocks of buildings are

fiercely. Many houses have collaps teen warehouses have already be

stroyed. Buildings are ablaze on the streets, thus preventing the firemen reaching the burning buildings. street is involved from end to en The fire originated in the ste

a manufacturing company at 1 this afternoon, and the great loss to have been caused by the de summoning the fire department. Later-At 6 o'clock this eveni fire was reported to be under of Crippiegate Church was saved, badly damaged.

The flames have worked their from Jewin street to Cross street, an entire block of houses on the side of the street is threatened. Over forty engines are at wor is impossible to make an estim

the damage at present. Various newspapers publish a tional estimate of the loss. Many of the buildings burned or ened contained a large number employed in various capacities. of them escaped.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER Japanese Consul Nosse Banquete Baker's Announcements.

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 19.-(Sp. Japanese Consul Nosse was ban last night. Col. Baker, who rep ed the government, announced t government agent would be app at Lake Bennett to look after I Columbia interests. The gover intended to send a party at the the year to lay out a road from graph creek to Teslin in the early in conjunction with the Dominio ernment. Private enterprise wou sibly be assisted by the two ments, who would build a railway next year.

Col. Baker also announced a discovery of free gold in Ominec and just received a letter from an there saying he had found asly rich free gold leads, tr. Advices received from Mr. I nanager of the Cariboo Hydrauli ing company, show the total y the season to be \$139,000, which 000 more than 1896.

WRESTLING BOUT.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. Jenkins, of Cleveland, won last stling match with "Farmer" in two straight falls. The fir taken in 23 minutes and the se 34 minutes.