CASUALTIES ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS

NUMBER KILLED AND INJURED LAST YEAR

Proposed Line From Fort Churchill to Port Simpson-Company Would Also Operate Steamers.

Ottawa, Feb. 14 .- The annual railway report shows that there were 330 people killed during the year ending June 30th last. Of these nineteen were passengers, 146 employees and 165 others. Thirteen hundred and twenty-eight persons were injured, of whom 176 were passengers, 932 employees and 220 other persons. To Port Simpson.

Application will be made next session for power to build a railway from Fort Churchill, on Hudson's Bay, to the the bill giving the monopoly. Indigna-south shores of Lake Athabasca, thence tion in the entire state is most pro- "I shall be glad to hand you over at westerly through Peace River Pass to Port Simpson, on the Pacific coast, and to operate steamship lines between points of connection with the said railway and domestic or foreign ports.

Seeking Extension of Time.

Application will be made next session for extending the time for the com ment and completion of the Hudson's Bay and Pacific railway. RETURNS FORM NORTH.

B. G. Macpherson's Plurality Now Placed at Two Hundred and

Eleven. Vancouver, Feb. 14 .- Steamer Tees,

which arrived this morning, brought the following returns: Macpherson, Essington, 52: Standard. 6; Simpson, 17; Naas, 4; Metlakahtla, 7; Rivers Inlet, 3; Bella Coola, 49. Foley got one at Essington and one at Bella Coola, and McInnes got two at This makes Mr. Macpherson's plural-

. The Quadra will arrive to-night with official returns. WITHDRAWING WARSHIPS.

Instructions Sent to Commanders of Allies' els-Blockade to Be Raised I Immediately.

London, Feb. 14.-The Associated Press is really negotiable. informed that instructions have been tele graphed to the commanders of the blockad ing squadron off Venezuela to withdray their ships in consequence of arrangement completed at Washington. The blockade therefore, will be immediately raised.³ Germany's Fleet.

Germany's Fleet. Berlin, Feb. 14.-The government is tele-graphing instructions to-day for raising the blockade of the Venezuelan coast immedi-ately. The instructions may not reach all the blockading vessels to-day, but it is expected that the blockade will be fully raised by to-morrow or Monday, especially since Commodore Scheder has been expect-ing such instructions and had arranged for their prompt transmission to the ships. Official Notice....

Washington, Feb. 14.-Official notice of the termination of the blockade of the Venezuelan ports, necessary to terminate the notice of blockade conveyed in the original proclamations, has reached the state department in the shape of a dis-match from the United States embassy at London.

An Explanation. Berlin, Deb. 143-Two memoranda explain ing the protocol were signed by Minister Bowen. The text of the first is as follows: Bowen. The text of the first is as follows: "As the imperial German government hold that the claims originating from the Vene-zuelan civil wars of 1836 to 1900 are no more apt to be submitted to arbitration, the government of Venezuela has to ac-knowledge at once these claims amounting to 1,710,al5 bolivars, approximating: \$325, 5000, and either to pay the said amount in cash, without any delay, or should this be impossible, to guarantee the speedy pay-ment of them by guarantees which are deemed sufficient by the Imperial German government." government." The second explanatory document reads: "The conditions of the German government barbar team second Mr. Borner as Team

The second explanatory document reads: The conditions of the German government having been accepted, Mr. Bowen, as repre-sentative of the Venezuelan government, will now have to provide for the payment of the 1,718,815 bolivars, mentioned under number one of the conditions, or give an adequate guaranty for this amount. Should Mr. Bowen choose the latter way the guar-nuty is to be specified distinctly. For in-stance, in case of the guaranty being based on the customs revenues, as suggested by Mr. Bowen, it will be necessary to state exactly in which way the payment is to take place out of these revenues. The guaranty will have to be given de factor and without delay. In event of the five documents handed to Baron Speck Von Sternberg last night being defaulted if is stipphued that Begian customs officials collect the revenues at one of the Yene-guelan pc.ts in behalf of Germany:"

FOUGHT TWO DUELS.

"Affairs of Honor" Near Paris Were Wit-nessed by Large Crowd, Including Several Women.

Several Women. Paris, Feb. 14.-Max Regis, former mayor of Algiers and anti-Semite leader, took part in two duels to-day and will figure in two more. The first was fought with swords, and his adversary was M. La Basterque. Af grew out of a private controversy. In the second encounter pistols were used, and M. Regis exchanged shots with Jacques Landau. Newspaper criticisms were re-sponsible for this quarre! The meetings occurred in the suburbs and were witnessed by a large crowd of people, including a number of women. Be-fore the first encounter, M. Regis should insulting defance at his adversary. The former was slightly wounded in the right arm in the third bout and the affair was stopped. M. Regis again insulted M. Lay Basterque, who named his seconds for an-other encounter, stating that he intends to kill his adversary the next time they meet. The pistol duel followed. Two shots were exchanged Winout effect.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

Report That Secretary Root and Senators Lodge and Turner Will Represent United States.

Toronto, Fcb. 14.—A special Washington dispatch says: "War Secretary Root, Sena-tor Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Senator Turner, of Washington, have been selected by President Roosevelt and the cabinet as the Alaskan boundary commissioners."

MACEDONIANS ARRESTED.

Sofit. Bulgaria, Feb. 14 .- President Michaelovoski, of the Central Macedonian committee, Gen. Zoutcheff, the vicepresident; President Stantcheff, of the Saroff Macedonian committee, and many others have been arrested.

OREGON TIMBER LANDS. Bill Which Proposes to Give a Monopoly Has Caused Great Sensation

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14 .- Through bill that has passed the house, and is now before the senate of Oregon, it is sed to give certain individuals con trol of timber lands and power to mall owners for 50 years. The bill rovides that anyone improving a river the extent to make it navigable for logs shall have the power toll of 75 cents per thousand foot board r easurement on all timber floated down the stream. Men now in control of timber along the inland waterways of Oregon are in a position to take full advantage of this act. No regulations are provided by the act, no official inspection, and no definition of 'Improve-So that the blasting of a small ment." rock in the channel would be enough to make owners of timber lands above that point pay tribute to the timber

-lords According to official figures this act would mean a total profit to the combine of over \$250,000,000. The tribute from solutely in water transportation by the Booth-Kelly Company. nounced. James Blakely, speculator of Wisconsin, is here to take advantage of the bill if it becomes law. He has already prepared to "locate" many toll charging rights, and go East with a roposition to sell his interests for \$5,-000,000. There is absolutely no protection to the small timber owner who must pay a tax of 75 cents a thousand feet

or keep his timber. The expose was made by a local newspaper to-night. ALLEGED FORGERY.

Warrant Issued For Arrest of a Count.

London, Feb. 14 .- A warrant has been ssued for the arrest of Count Maurice de Bosdari, in connection with the forgeries of J. Pierpont Morgan's signature on a number of bills purporting to have been given in payment for purchases of pictures and bric-a-brac.

Some Particulars.

New York, Feb. 14 .- Additional de-Morgan's name, alleged to have been done by De Bosdari, were brought out here to-day. So far the amount of the formed patterned \$100 000 forged notes exceed \$165.000. Mr Morgan is not acting in the matter, which concerns only the banks that accepted the papers and some of the forger's friends who endorsed the notes to make them

SHARP FIGHTING.

Three Hundred Rebels Killed in Engagement With British Punitive Force in Nicoria.

London, Feb. 14.—Advices received here from Nigeria say that the British punitive expedition, commanded by Col. Morland, ish claims, including claims by British Only two British efficers were wounded. The lenchy lost heavily, but the city was uninjured. The Emir of Kano fied to Sokoto.

frica. Northern Nigeria is a territory one-third he size of India, and contains millions of habitants. Hitherto it had been held or Great Britain by a staff of civil and uiltary officials, of whem the total num-er, including white non-commissioned of-cers, was about 165 men. ure was wrongful, and (b) if so, what amount of compensation is due. In other cases the claims shall be referred to the mixed commission without reser-vation. Article 4. The mixed commission shall

MAYOR MURDERED.

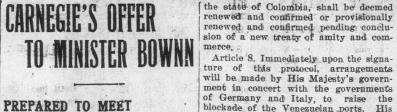
Montreal.



ery the price of nervousness is mutilation,—s finger lost or per-haps the whole hand crushed. Nervousness in women is commonly but a symptom of womanly disease. It is useless in such cases to "doctor" for the nerves alone. Cure the diseases which attack the delicate woman-ly organism and

Induces refreshing sleep. "In the fall of 1897, I was troubled with merv-ousness, headache, heart trouble and female weakness," writes Miss Blanch M. Bracey, of Sala, Oswego Co., NY. "Last summer I wrote you and you advised me to try your 'Pavorite prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery." Tdid so and I began to improve rapidly. Con-tinued taking the medicine, half a dozen each of 'Favorite. Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' for the space of five months, and in less than a year had regained my former health." Dr. Pierce's Plocent Boltan chemic the

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the muddy complexion.



DEMANDS OF GERMANY

Full Text of the British Protocol Which Has Been Signed at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 14 .- Moved by the spirit in which Herbert W. Bowen has spirit in which Herbert W. Bowen has terms of article seven in this protocol, conducted the peace negotiations at the government of Venezuela will be Washington with the representatives of happy to renew diplomatic relations with the allies, and anxious that his mission His Majesty's government. two counties alone would be \$77,250,-o00. These counties are controlled ab-hearing of Germany's action in demandshould succeed, Andrew Carnegie, upon ing a cash payment of one million bolivards, instead of the £5,500 previously Booth, who is a state senator, had nother man, Senator Miles, introduce promised her, sent the following mesonce \$360,000 to meet the German demand, if Venezuela desires it." This fact became known to-night after the last of the addenda to the peace pro tocols had been signed at the British embassy. Mr. Bowen dispatched a grateful reply to Mr. Carnegie, thank-ing him for his generous offer, which, however, it was not necessary to accept. The text of the protocols signed last night by Mr. Bowen and the representatives of the allies was made public to-day. The British protocol is as follows:

"Whereas certain differences have arisen between the United States of Venezuela and Great Britain in connection with the claims of British sub jects against the Venezuelan govern-ment, the undersigned Mr. Herbert W. Bowen duly authorized thereto by government of Venezuela and His Ex cellency the Right Hon. Sir Michael Herbert, K. C. M. G., C. B., His Brittanic Majesty's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the United States of America, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Venezuelan govern ment declares that they recognize i principle the justice of the claims which have been preferred by His Majesty's government on behalf of British subjects.

Article 2. The Venezuelan government will satisfy at once by payment in cash or equivalent the claims of British sub-jects which amount to about five thousand five hundred pounds, leaving out the seizure and plundering of British vessels, and the outrages on their crews and the maltreatment and false im-lowing figures, Mr. Macpherson obtained prisonment of British subjects.

and consisting of 1,200 men belonging to the West African frontier force, occupied Kano on February 3rd after sharp fighting. Only two British efficers were wounded. The Indust fost heavily, but the city was aning used. The Emir of Kano fied to Soloto, in the manner denned in article adds that twelve of the British rank and file were wounded, and that three hundred of the enemy wore killed. The Binir was accompanied in his flight by 1,000 horse-tion of each claim. The Venezuelan govtuted in the manner defined in article amine the claims and decide upon the ernment admit their liability in cases The expedition referred to in the above dispatch was fitted out early in January in consequence of the menacing attitude of the Emir of Kanova, a powerful Moham medan ruler of Northern Nigeria, who had placed a price on the head of Capt. Bable, the British resident, at Zaria, in Central Africa.

> consist of one Venezuelan and one British member. In each case where they come to an agreement their decision shall be referred to the decision of an ted by the President o

mayor of St. Eustache parish, was loui-ly murdered in his barn at St. Eustache. Revenge is supposed to be at the bottom of the murder. Article 5. The Venezuelan government, being unwilling to provide a sum suff-cient for the payment within a reason-able time of the claims specified in article 3, and similar claims preferred by other governments, undertake to assign to the British government, commencing the first day of March, 1903, for this purpose, 30 per cent. in monthly pay-ments of the customs revenues of La Guavra and Puerto Cabello. In the case of failure to carry out this undertaking, Belgian officials shall be placed in charge of the customs of the two ports and shall administer them until . the liabilities of the Venezuelan government, in respect of the above-mentioned claims, shall have been discharged. Any question as to the distribution of the ustoms revenues so as to be assigned and as to the rights of Great Britain. Germany and Italy to a separate settle-ment of their claims shall be determined, in default of arrangements, by the tribunal at The Hague, to which any.

ire of this protocol, arrangements will be made by His Majesty's govern ment in concert with the governments of Germany and Italy, to raise the blockade of the Venezuelan ports. His Majesty's government will, be prepared to restore the vessels of the Venezuelar navy which have been seized and fur-ther to release any other vesseds capfured under the Venezuelan flag, on the receipt of a guarantee by the Venezuelan government that they will hold His Majesty's government indemnified in regard to any proceedings which might

Article 8. Immediately upon the signa-

taken against them by the owners of such ships or of goods on board them. Article 9. The treaty of amity and mmerce on October 29th, 1834, having been confirmed in accordance with the Done in duplicate at Washington this 13th day of February, 1903.

HERBERT W. BOWEN MICHAEL H. HERBERT. With few exceptions, the German and Italians' protocols correspond with that in vain by the embassy for use in the of Great Britain.

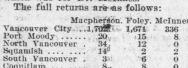
(Signed)

Castro's Message. Caracas, Feb. 14 .- News of the raising of the blockade was received by law firm of Hoadley, Lauterbach & President Castro at 8 o'clock this morn- Johnson, who figured in the lifigation in President Castro at 8 o'clock this more ing in a cablegram from Mr. Bowen, who said: "The profocols have been signed. The blockade will be raised to-compretulations." Johnson, who ngured in the inserver the Circuit court at Milwaukee, return-ed to New York yesterday, says the World, and told for the first time that morrow. Congratulations." World, and told for the first time that To this message President Castro re- the charges against Ambassador Von plied as follows: "In the name of Holleben were presented in person by Venezuela and in my own name, I of- Edward Lauterbach to Secretary Hay, fer you expressions of my eternal gratitude for the decided spontaneous-an investigation of the charges, inasness with which you have proved the much as he had himself taken a con-cause of justice, which is the cause of spicuous part in the launching of the the humanity that distinguishes super- Emperor's yacht and his daughter had ior minds."

THE RETURNS FOR BURRARD NOW COMPLETE

Figures From Northern Coast Points for the christening of the Meteor. Wal-Show That R. G. Macpherson's Plurality Is 237.

C. H. Mouat, returning officer for Burrard, arrived at Vancouver on the other brand, and he refused to break his D. G. S. Quadra on Saturday afternoon, ringing down with him the ballot boxes from the northern coast points. All the returns are thus now known, and although the official announcement of the poll will not be made till Wednesday, February 25th, the figures available show that Mr. Macpherson's plurality is lowing figures, Mr. Macpherson obtained majorities at all the northern coast points, Mr. Foley only getting two votes, and Mr. McInnes a similar number. At Bennett only one vote was cast. was for Dr. MeInt



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Gusher on Eldorado Has Again Become Unmanageable-New Tele-

Advices from Dawson state that the gusher or geyser on No. 3 A, Eldorado, which has lately been harpessed by the government after it had done thousands of dollars' worth of damage, has broken ages, said to be the largest ever awarded called. An earnest plea was made to out afresh. The present break is in a new place. The open cut on Anton Stander's claim nearby looks like a small lake, and likely will soon be solid with ice. Because of the intense cold little can be done to stop the escaping water. It is mineralized, and coming from a strong underground current, will not freeze. The government has already spent \$30,000 controlling the overflow from the gusher as it made its way down Eldorado and Bonanza, and in sinking heavy pipes in hopes of harnessing it before it left the surface. The pipes are down 200 feet, but the water breaks out

STORY OF RECALL

CHARGES AGAINST **BARON VON HOLLEBEN**

> Capacity to Advertise Wines.

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16 .- The World says

mysterious recall of Baron Von Holleben, German ambassador at Washington, closely followed charges that he used his official position to advertise a certain wine. This wine had been urged unexpected. christening of the Emperor's yacht Meteor by Miss Alice Roosevelt. Herbert Limburger, member of the

broken the bottle of wine at the christening. Mr. Limburger says that Count Von Quadt, secretary of the German embassy, admitted on cross-examin ation that Ambassador Von Holleben had received a letter from the producers of a certain champagne offering him 20 cases if he would designate that wine lace Downey, who built the Meteor, testified that he was repeatedly importuned by Count Von Quadt, secretary of the embassy, and by the secretary of the

had already bound himself to u contract unless assured that the Em-peror himself had requested the use of the wine designated by the secretary of the embassy. When Emperor William recalled Am bassador Von Holleben there was great surprise in diplomatic circles. Many rea-

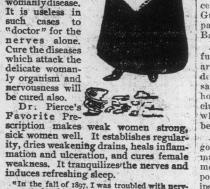
sons have been heard at Washington for this course on the Emperor's part. When seen by a reporter at his home, Mr. Limburger gave details of the af-fair. "It is true," said he, "that charges were filed last summer against Ambas. sador Von Holleben with the state de partment at Washington, accusing him of using his official position into advertising a certain wine, and further accusing him of having sent a wilfully false telegram to the agent at Milwaukee the night after the launching of the Meteor, saying that this wine was used at the

called by the German government.

Milwaukee

BREAKS OUT AFRESH.

graph Stations.



OF AMBASSADOR

(secretary).

to-day from evidence brought out at the Unoted States Circuit court, it appears

German consulate, to use the special brand of wine at the christening. He

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

FERNWOOD DANCE.

A. O. U. W. Hall-Musical Programme.

Tuesday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall a dance will be given under the auspices of the Fernwood Young Men's Athletic Association. The committee in charge have spared neither time ains in making the preparations com ete. The music will be of the best, and supper all that the most fastidious epicurean could desire. The committee i rge of the arrangements follows: R. B. King, R. S. Dalby, W. P. Marchant. . Marconini, H. M. Wilson, W. Thrall, A. Peden (chairman) and E. A. Gallop

MRS CAMPBELL DEAD.

Passed Away on Saturday-She Was Over Ninety-Seven Years of Age.

Mrs. Campbell, the oldest lady resid-Unoted States Circuit court, it appears that Emperor William's sudden and Home on aSturday night. She was aged ninety-seven years and five months, and until but a short time ago was able to get around remarkably well, considering her age. She has been ailing for some weeks, and the end was not altogether



THE LATE MRS. CAMPBELL. Deceased came to Victoria in the early shties from Port Arthur, and has reled here ever since. She has many riends and acquaintances to whom the news of her death will be received with prrow and regret. Mrs. Campbell has no children here, her, only son having died at the Jubilee hospital about a year

The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Special Services Held on Sunday-Pro-

The services in the Congregational christening, when in fact it was not. These charges were presented to Secre-R. B. Blyth, who preached to good contary Hay, in person by Edward Lauter | gregations morning and evening. At the bach, of our law firm, representing our morning service the speaker chose as his client. The reason why they were not text 2 Thess., 2, 15: "Stand Fast," and made public sooner is that we received after reviewing the progress made durexpress permission of Secretary Hay to ing the past two years he pointed out the make them public only a few days prior necessity of united effort for the future. to my leaving for the West to try action between the wine agents. We shall during the past two years; the Sunday make public the accusation in detail in school is more prosperous than ever bea few days when I receive a transcript fore, having at present the largest atof the evidence taken. I have been in-formed that after the filing of these the C. E. Society is manifesting new charges President Roosevelt had an in- zeal; the Ladies' Aid Society is continuvestigation made. Some time after Am- ing to do effective work, while a few bassador Baron Von Holleben was remonths ago affiliation was had by the an hour-and he thought it was going liked by the German government. "United States Court Judge Seaman, Milwankee, after hearing all the testi-to these tokens of favor the congregation tokens of favor th mony in the Milwaukee Circuit court, in- has tangible evidence that their hones structed the jury that the report which had been made public that this wine of in the near future, as the walls of the Mormon make had been selected by the new church are rising. Contribution Emperor and substituted by trickery and the building fund have been generous. subterfuge was a libellous and false and the prospects never were brighter statement, and that our client was en-titled to damages for the circulation of that report. The jury on Saturday afternoon brought in a verdict for damaway carelessness and apathy and to stand fast to the truths of the Gospel That Gospel which Paul preached was the one which the speaker had endeavor-The council of the board of trade met Hon. Mr. Templeman, who is leaving in a day or two for Ottawa, this morning. The principal matter taken up was harbor improvement. The committee on harbor with pressing requirements. A plan of the harbor was on the table. Man, Mr. Keefer was present. After going into matters, it was arranged that the committee supplement their re-port with a plan is howing the exact locality of the work required. This will be sent to Ottawa, when no doubt the department

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Entertainment Will Be Given in the ACCIDENTAL DEATH WAS THE VERDICT

NO BLAME ATTACHED FOR THE SAD AFFAIR

Official Inquiry Into Circumstances of

Accident Which Caused Death of Samuel Banner.

The B. C. Electric Railway Comp n general and Motorneer Davison particular, were this morning abso of all blame for the death of San Banner, who was struck down by a on Fort street three weeks ago Saturday. The coroner's jury investi ed the unfortunate affair this mornin and after hearing a number of witness returned a verdict of accidental deat The evidence adduced admitted other conclusion, the motorneer having simply followed the usual custom in operation of the car when Banner step ped on the track. From the evidence seems that the motorneer, when he saw Banner walk toward the track, was under the impression that he wanted board the car, and accordingly slowed down. When, however, the man check himself the car was continued, but whe six feet away Banner stepped on th track. The bell was rung vigorously while the people on the platform should warningly, but the unfortunate man paid

Joseph Martin, M. P. P., watched the proceedings on behalf of the Employee Liability Company. This is a company in which the Tramway Company virtu ally insures the public. That is if an accident occurs, for which the company responsible, the insurance corporation foots the bill. Geo. Jay was prethe interests of the Banner family. Both counsels questioned the various

The jury consisted of Messrs, Fred. Norris, foreman, Samuel Sea, jr., W. Lenfesty, Geo. Munro, James Maynard and Jon. Croot. Besides the motorneer and conductor of the car, Dr. Jones and Messrs. Janion, Borde, Austin and Gowen were examined.

The principal witness was the m torneer, Davison. He stated that he first observed Mr. Banner as he left the small store on the corner of Cook and Fort street, and walked toward the track. The car was seventy or eighty yards away from him, and was going down the hill toward town. Banner acted as though he intended to board the car. The witness began to slow down as usual, but Banner checked himself when he reached the track, and then when the car was about six feet away he stepped in front of it and was struck. The car was moving at the rate of three or four miles an hour. Banner was struck by the north side of the vestibule. The car went about its own length further.

cial Services Held on Sunday-Pro-gress During Past Two Years, and was positive he didn't signal to stop. The motorneer further explain-ed that the car would have stopped at The witness didn't think he looked at the usual place had he not released his hold on the brake in order to asce hurch yesterday marked the beginning if Banner was injured. He rang the bell loudly as the car came down the hilf-before he saw Banner.

Dr. Jones, who was called to the scene of the accident, deposed that he found Mr. Banner suffering from cerebral contusion and laceration. He was quite un-conscious, and remained in that condition until his death. About ten days ago he developed erysipelas. Death, however, was directly due to the injuries he received from the car

Conductor H. Bellamy's evidence cor roborated that of the motorneer as far as his knowledge of the unfortunate occurence went. The car was moving very slowly-at the rate of three or four miles

Austin, Borde, Gowen and Janion, and after the coroner had duly charged the jury they were left to themselves, Shorty afterwards they returned the above stated verdict.

ORDERED TO CHINA

Torpedo Destroyers Will Leave in April Under the Amphion's Convoy.

Orders were received in Esquimalt last week directing that the torpedo destroy ers Sparrowhawk and Virago should be ready to leave here for the China coast by the 15th of April. The Amphion, which is now down south, is to arrive on or about the 25th of March, and to convoy the two swift craft to Honolulu From there the vessels are to be escorted to Hongkong by another cruiser to come from the China station for the pur pose. After seeing them safely over the first stage of the voyage the Amphion is to return to Esquimalt, complete her preparations for the voyage home and

A NEW DISTRICT **OF GREAT WEAL**

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DUNCAN CREEK EQUALS FIRST DISCOVER

British Columbians Heavily Intereste Former Victorian Speaks Well o Yukon Administration.

J. H. Falconer, of the governm cret service of the Yukon territ ho came down from the north on amer Amur on Thursday, landi natic by the name of Van Dall ancouver, is now in the city. alconer is well known to Victo ving long been in business in ty. He left Dawson on the 31s muary, making the trip to White H six days by means of the ex age service now provided be lose two points. Relays of four re furnished every twenty-two nd passengers come along with rruption, some days travelling iles, a performance which was ble in old days, but which is no ered possible by means of the sp oad which the Dominion gover uilt to the Yukon metropolis last Falconer says the service ad houses en route is giving eve faction and comfort to travellers. meane man whom Mr. Falconer m the porth has been transfer e New Westminster asylum, a s removal to that institution Mr ner was afforded an opportunity oing through that institution, as e provincial penitentiary. Having ously inspected the big penitentiar; ingston, Mr. Falconer was natu a position to make comparisons was delighted to find both instit thoroughly up-to-date in the ma so therefore the the man of equipment and management. To places are models of cleanliness, and both institutions Mr. Falconer stathet the governments have just can for congratulation. In the jail the were 91 prisoners, and in the asyl 200 patients were confined. 300 patients were confined. Referring to the mining poerations the north, Mr. Falconer tells of a r country which has been attracting m ttention. This is that known as I n creek, in the Stewart district, a 175 miles from Dawson. The cou is reached by two routes, the most p ular of which is via the Dominion Gold Run creeks, thence to Mayo cre The summer route, however, will oubtedly be up the Stewart creek ri two hundred miles to Gordon landin and thence overland from 70 to 75 mil The country is known already to cont pay gravel for 33 miles, and to be some places as wide as two hundr feet, the depth of the gravel being fr 18 to 20 feet. This carries on the a age from five to twenty cents to pan, and as high as \$1.25 to the pan h been found. The general stateme made by miners from the district is the he country will equal in extent a alue the original discoveries arou Dawson city. A very large number the miners in this district are Brit Columbians, and are on the ground flo Mr. Brockington, acting for British a American capitalists, has already p thased from fifty to sixty unprospect properties, and is still buying enthusin ically. The prices for the claims ran all the way from \$300 to \$3,000 apie e French-Canadians who own elow have refused \$15,000 for laim, preferring to work the pr emselves, which they are doin rge hotel is conducted there at pre Burnett Brothers, of Dawson; I Burpee, of Ottawa, has a general sto other places of busin very rapidly is evidenced by th that a few months prior to the ele in the Yukon territory the place ardly known, while at the time o ection there were over 300 votes Many people, however, had to leave account of the real cold weather w set in because of the limited su f provisions in stock. The day or so ore Mr. Falconer left Dawson th boilers had been shipped over the tains from Dawson to Duncens. Fring a very large exodus to that is expected, and a town the f Grand Forks near Dawson is p d by next fall. Being alive to the g g importance of the place, the go will build a road from Daws nd have completed arrangements establishment of a mining there. Thomas Hinton, formerly o comptroller's office, has been appo recorder. The country is the san which a party of Swedes are said have made something like \$15,000 25,000, escaping out of the countr ouple of years ago without paying valty. They had worked two nd their big success had created v read attention at the time Mr. Falconer reports that the ukon council had been summo eet at the administrative bui son, to-day. Acting Commission ajor Wood will preside. F. T. Cor who has received the com p of the Yukon territory, is a m lar appointment. Previously ngdon was crown prosecutor, and otion met with the general appr all. Since the advent of Hon. J. ss into the territory, first as con ner and afterwards as member ment, the prosperity of the

as been marked and continue s a former business man of this c Falconer advises that the mer Victoria and Vancouver should ca extensively to the needs thern country than they have i t. He would suggest that a man's excursion be organized during the coming year a visit northern country be made. rds of trade could well manage t the result would be far reaching. ement of this kind, Mr. Falce its out, would appeal to the rap wing sentiment. At the last elec says there were over 900 Americ alized as British subjects. A few days before leaving Dawso