The Colonist. THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1898.

A MAD RUSH.

Hundreds of people are rushing North. There is not much wonder at it. Every report from the gold fields only serves to stimulate the excitement. The world buy to such greater advantage in this will be astonished at the spring's output city that they concluded to risk it and of the Klondyke. The mother lode has trust to keeping the matter secret. Havbeen discovered. Such are the reports ing the Post-Intelligencer's admission that are brought out. "I saw a ton of that its representatives came to this gold owned by one man," said one of city, after they had bought an outfit those who came out this winter, "and with no blankets in it and short in when spring comes he will have as much other particulars, we need not more," No wonder that people reading adduce any special proof that such things become almost frenzied in being here, they went into one of the their desire to get to the Yukon at the largest mercantile houses in the city. earliest possible day. Hence a rush has and there purchased blankets and other begun, and every steamer going North things. Very naturally the business takes hundreds of people bent on reaching the land of promise.

What do these people expect to accomplish? Where do they expect to spend no obligation to suppress its name, we do the next few months? They cannot so, because there is ample proof of the hope to get themselves and their outfits over the Passes at the head of Lynn Canal. It is costing the Mounted Police, when they move anything at all, \$1,000 above. We know that what we say is true, and that is sufficient. a ton to get supplies carried a distance of twenty-six miles. How can individual miners hope to do any better? In fact. we may ask: How can individual editor of this paper personally. This miners hope to do anything at all. This is not worthy of notice, and we mention rush to the Passes is madness. There will be a crush of people there; and while none of them need suffer from driven. The Post-Intelligencer knows hunger or cold, for they will take enough sea level, they will waste their substance in fruitless effort. It is utterly out of ting into the Yukon valley now by way sary article overlooked in the hurry of of the head of Lynn canal. We make departure from Seattle." They overthis statement because we' are satisfied that it is absolutely true, and because we story, especially as, according to the think it a pity that men should be Post-Intelligencer, they had been lookguilty of the insane folly of crowding to ing into the matter for months. a place like the head of Lynn canal at as not to be misunderstood, that the not now state that Messrs. Wishaar and COLONIST is not opposed to the encouragement of travel by these routes. It All that we stated was that they purbelieves that if there were a dozen more routes into the Yukon they would not be sufficient for the host that will seek to use them. By and by it will be possible to make use of these routes: but they cannot be utilized now. Knowing these things, it would be little short of criminal if we permitted the Northern rush to continue without giving warning against the delays and dangers to be en-

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countered.

A few days ago the Times of this city published a little item to the effect that Messrs. Wishaar and Pease, of the Post Intelligencer Alaska news syndicate, had purchased some of their supplies in Victoria. The COLONIST took the matter up a little more seriously and asked the Seattle paper what it had to say about it. The statement made by the Col-ONIST WAS as follows:

own representatives. Small wonder then that it is angered to the verge of insanity. Did the Post-Intelligencer patronize only the men whose advertisements it a carries? Did it believe its own story about it being cheaper to buy goods in Seattle than here? Not a but of it. When it was taking for revenue a and regales its readers with absurd epithets about the editor of the COLONIST there was nothing that the Post-Intellithere was nothing that the rost-intent. total now acting as the representative gencer could say against Victoria and of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in and their closest friends. Why is this? but when it came to outfitting its syndi-but when it came to outfitting its syndi-cate for Alaska it threw its teachings to

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terview with Collector Milne. Not for Rev. Mr. J. C. Speer, of the Pandora the purpose of learning about prices, beavenue Methodist church, in the course cause the Seattle paper says they had already made every inquiry on that of his sermon on Sunday night made point. The only intelligible explanation of why they came is that having made not a pleasant one and considerable inquiries as to prices, they found that courage is needed to deal with it. The there were some things which they could grave charges. To make them and stop there would be a great mistake. If things are as stated it is his duty to it ought to be discovered. make a formal presentation of the facts to the Police Commissioners and have

that body deal with them. He will find himself backed up by the newspapers of the constitution of the city council. the city and the very great majority of They do not feel that anything is to be the people. If he finds on investiga-gained by paying greater attention to tion that he has spoken too strongly, civic politics. This is a serious mistake house referred to does not wish to be we feel sure that no one will feel better but it is too late to do anything more drawn into a controversy with the Postpleased than he or be more ready to now than to urge that whoever may be Intelligencer, and although we are under acknowledge his error.

allegation without giving the name of the firm. We do not care at all about any further evidence than we have given The reply of the Post-Intelligencer to are permitted to do so in Victoria, and of affairs. the COLONIST's statement is to abuse the

we wish to say in the plainest possible language that this must stop. We will not go so far as to say that they must be

the fact only to show the nature of the debarred from attending places of public Hon. Messrs. Turner and Pooley have hole into which that paper has been amusement; but we do say that when all been bound over for trial. They are that what we have stated is true. In- they do so, they should be obliged to ap- Senator Templeman, and Messrs. Bosto eat, and they need not go far from the deed it gives its whole case away in one pear in a manner that will not make tock, Nichol and Coltart. Mr. Bostock sentence, for it says: "If they purchased anything in Victoria, it could ent. It is idle to say that this cannot be preliminary examinations two references good reason why a gentleman, thrice rethe question for people to think of get- only have been some additional necesword from the police authorities would fence to the COLONIST. The COLONIST stop it immediately. True this is an inter- did not make any editorial mention of ference with personal liberty, but there the case on the 7th inst., as Mr. Martin looked their blankets. A very likely are many occasions when it is necessary said. It did refer to the case when Mr. lay in advancing the work of the session. to interfere with the liberty of individ- Coltart's case was before the court. If our contemporary would acquaint

We again draw attention to the fact a place like the head of Lynn canal at the colonist did not state and does that the Colonist did not state and does doubtedly the date of all ministers of Pease purchased their outfit in Victoria. suppressing vice and immorality. There their utmost to earn their salaries by will be no disposition on the part of this carrying out the policy of the several chased goods for their outfit here, and this statement is wholly and absolutely

The reason of the anger of the Postif it really knows anything at all—a matter upon which there is great room for know that under such circumstances we ought to bear the brunt are those in any session? must expect immorality to run at full whose behalf the articles referred to doubt-that once it is admitted that it is wise for even an Alaskan news syndi- tide. If it is unpleasantly conspicuous were published. We feel bound to say now, it will be obnoxious then. Now is that Senator Templeman shines by comcate to purchase its blankets in Victoria, the whole case for Seattle outfitting falls undoubtedly the time to protect the parison with the others in his manner

community from an undue ascendancy to the ground, for woolen goods form such an important part of every norththat the way to accomplish the desired ern outfit that the best place to buy

them is the best place to outfit. The object is not by simple declamation other staples, such as flour, bacon and against it. The police have wide powers. They have always an adequate remedy sugar, as everyone knows, are as cheap at hand. They can enforce that remedy so far been fruitless. or cheaper here than in Seattle. Hence on short notice. There need be no the Seattle paper's rage. Its whole case, which it has been laboriously building up scandal or no undue publicity about it. But the police, like nearly every one by falsehood, abuse and vilification durthe ground before the action of its alone unless they are compelled to act.

THE CITY ELECTION.

false statement purporting to be an in- MR. SPEER AND CITY MORALITY. responsible for these things than its pre-THE Columbian says that any diffidecessors. They have simply left things culties that are in the way of making down in the rut in which they found the "coal barons" pay more taxes were them. His Worship, the Mayor, did created by the present government. make a bona fide effort to redeem his How, when and where, please? Cease some statements in regard to immorpledge to promote better roads. The making bald statements, friend, and ality within the city. The subject is by-law was defeated; and scores of peo- tell the public why you think what you ple say the reason for the defeat was say you think. The reason why a tax that no one had the least confidence that on coal is paid by consumers is because reverend gentleman certainly handled the council, not the late council particu- of an irresistible law of commerce which it without gloves. We submit for his larly, but any council, would display compels consumers to pay what a thing consideration that he must not stop at a ordinary good judgment in carrying out costs. The government is not responsermon. He has made certain very any plan which the taxpayers might sible for this. recommend. This is a very unfortunate

condition of things, and some remedy for We find in the above, and other reasons of the same character, the cause for the indifference of the people towards

elected, it is to be hoped that they will matter. We concede that the matter to which abandon the happy-go-lucky way in Mr. Speer has referred calls for some at- which city affairs have been run hitherto tention. It probably always will be that and start out on a new departure. The of Canadian trade. He is not given to women of the class in question will be time is auspicious for a change, Better extravagance of language, and when he found in every city; but we protest that times are at hand for Victoria, but with expresses the belief that his work will they should not be allowed to make better times will come greater responsi- be of advantage to Canada, the statethemselves unduly conspicuous. They bility for those who assume the control ment may be accepted without reserve.

THE LIBEL PROSECUTIONS.

them the most conspicuous persons pres-is a member of parliament. During the will answer them when it gives us one

What it then said was that the persons Referring again to Rev. Mr. Speer's who are responsible for the libel should doubtedly the duty of all ministers of and not attempt to unload it upon causes the government to lengthen the the Gospel to take an active part in others, who may only have been doing sessions.

paper to put a single straw in the way papers. In law the latter may be re-THE Kootenay Mail is what Artemus Ward would call "an amoosin' cuss." of as sweeping a reform as can be in- sponsible. They undoubtedly are, if it It says the government has at last augurated. The promise of the immedi-shall appear on trial that the matter is screwed up its courage and called the Intelligencer is this: It knows, that is at future is that our city will be libellous, about which there can be house together. Was the Mail under thronged with strangers, and we all hardly any doubt. But the men who the impression that there was not to be

done to prevent the recurrence of trouble from floods in the valley of the Kicking Horse. It thinks the two governments of meeting the charge. He made no of this element. We submit, however, effort to throw the responsibility upon a and the C.P.R. should co-operate. This is a matter worth looking into. More subordinate, which is the true position for a responsible newspaper man to in it. than the immediate locality is interested take. In the case of the others, there

was a painful shuffle, and one that has

THE developments of this year will not vail. Great Britain must be supreme be confined to the Yukon and Kootenay in Equatorial Africa, and the way to ber ing the last eight months, tumbles to else, are much given to letting things alone, but the host of people who will come so is to advance from both extremalone, and they will leave this matter come to the Coast will spread out all ities of the continent at the same time. over Southeastern Alaska, and Western, Cecil Rhodes is doing it from the South Northern and Central British Columbia.

Was ever the government of a great It is now practically settled that the country placed in such a humiliating Yukon gold fields will be a source of There is a remarkable apathy over the supply for years at the rate of millions a position as that of the United States that were worn out in Seattle six years city election. No one seems to think it year. But by no means the greater porago and were invented then by the gen- city election. No one seems to think it year. But by no means the greater por-worth a moment's serious conversation, tion of those who start from home for what else can be expected, when the tleman now acting as the representative except those who are seeking election the Klondyke will ever get there. Most government of a great country permits



Militia Officers Must Les -Dawson Railway E Asking Lan (From Our Own Corres OTTAWA, Jan. 11.- Can facturers of electrical mach dignant at Mr. Tarte for hi cation of the principle that business." Mr. Balcher, the Canadian General Elec of Peterboro, was in Ottawa had an interview with the public works regarding the electrical machinery for the buildings. Mr. Tarte has g for four Westinghouse 40 electric motors and four pumps, at a cost of nearly Ottawa firm. Ahearn & S Ottawa firm, Ahearn & So public competition, althoug matter was under discuss house last session the minis positively that the govern ask for tenders. Mr. Tarte all the more surprising w imembered that the Canad company is composed almost company is composed almo leading Liberals. The customs department regulations in respect of goo and entered in transit and water from one port to anot the Dominion. The design of lations is to enable ports goods are entered and when shipped to be advised that been duly received and de the custody of the customs a hich they are to be convey It appears to be the inten nilitia department to rigidly officers of the force qualifyin tion before they can secure p Application was filed with ter of the interior to-day by & Co. of New York for the one mile on either bank of from the United States bound Yukon. This is preliminary authority to build a railway If they get the grant it wil great advantage over other a The services of customs offi at Glenora have been disp since the appointment of off for Stickeen. TORONTO NEWSPAP Reported Fruitless Bargaining I Two Conservative Morr Dailies. TORONTO, Jan. 11.-(Special) tions that were going on h Mail newspaper and the which the former paper was the latter, have fallen through F. Maclean, M.P., it is stat have become managing edit Mall, but it is said that too m

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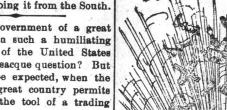
was called for to complete Mr. Maclean, it is said, was i

recently endeavoring to float

to start a one cent morning

The Jury Find That the Sad Was Purely Accident

LONDON; Ont., Jan. 11 .--The city hall disaster inquest concluded. Two witnesses w ined, city engineer Graydon S. Dodd, the contractor wh the timber and erected the fa-ing. They pronounced the fi-the only defects being two kn the contractor claimed wer when the timber was purch jury was out one hour and re following verdict unanimousl the beam which broke, causin to give way, was placed there 1889, by John S. Dodd, buil the supervision of Col. Tracy, engineer: that no complain by any of thirty officials or of evidence touching the matter carefully gone into, and th the opinion that the sad occu purely accidental."



cate over to this city to purchase goods for its Alaska outfit.

This was all the COLONIST asserted. The remainder of its article on the subject was devoted to chaffing the Seattle paper over its inconsistent action. We draw attention to the express language used, which was carefully chosen, because we did not want to make the allethe Seattle paper did not patronize only

the merchants who advertised in it, but sent over to buy goods here for its Alaska outfit. We did not say that the

Post-Intelligencer purchased the outfit for its expedition in Victoria, as that paper falsely alleges. We simply stated

what was perfectly true and what is capable of proof. Our information was that Messre. Wishaar and Pease pur-chased their blankets and some other chased their blankets and some other things in Victoria, and this fully warranted the statement that the Post-In-

ranted the statement that the Post-in-telligencer did not patronize only those who advertise in its columns, but when it came to outfitting its news syndicate ent over to Victoria to purchase goods for the outfit. Let us examine the state-ment of the Post-Intelligencer itselt. ment of the Post-Intelligencer itselt. ment of the Post-Intelligencer itselt. ment of the post-Intelligencer itselt. That paper prints a list of the goods pur-chased in Seattle, and there is not a blanket in the lot. Now, as it is not reasonable to suppose that the Post-Intelligencer news syndicate left for Alaska without any blankets, and as by the Post-Intelligencer's own and as by the Post-Intelligencer's own

and as by the Post-Intelligencer's own showing they did not purchase blankets in Seattle, the irresistible inference is that they bought them somewhere else. The some blankets in Victoria. Yours faith-Intelligencer helps us to the answer. It

tells us that Messrs. Wishaar and Pease question, when he wrote that infamously represent.

cate for Alaska it threw its teachings to the winds, and sensibly from a business in civic politics, which that gentleman is c was then defending. There are more anyone in particular. Indeed it would people in Seattle to-day who will be con-

enced by them to believe the COLONIST'S allegation untrue. The standing of the Post-Intelligencer in Seattle is not such that anyone suffers from its attacks. It gation more sweeping than the facts in is notorious, and has been for years our possession warranted. We said that notorious, for the untruthfulness of its most serious statements.

We dismiss the subject by printing the following letter:

B. C. BOARD OF TRADE,) VICTORIA, Jan. 10, 1898. C. H. Lugrin, Esq., Editor " Colonist," Victoria:

DEAR SIR :--- In reply to your favor of I was first advised of the purchase in a letter from Seattle written last month,

as follows: "On Monday, 20th inst., Messrs. E. B.

F. ELWORTHY,

fully,

encumber the streets all over the city; Secretary. loose planks have been allowed to make

ADVICES from all parts of the province the sidewalks dangerous. Complaints came over to Victoria and caught their are highly favorable to the present local have been made, but nothing was done in steamer, for the North here. Why did administration. Ouropposition contem- the former case, and only what could not they come? Not for the purpose of look- poraries have danced all summer to the possibly be avoided in the latter. The ing into the customs question, for Mr. poraries have danced an summer we the potential to the customs question, for Mr. music of the Colonist and have made water works matter has been allowed to do the same thing for Vancouver Island. Pease came over to Victoria on this such a sorry exhibition of themselves drift along as though those in charge Pease came over to Victoria on this business two months before, so the Seattle paper says, and looked up that the pople have lost all respect for the political combination which they represent. We do not say that the post says and looked up that infamously represent. We do not say that the political combination which they represent. p esent city government is any more the letting of contracts.

ment. This remark is not applied to the far North.

not be difficult to go through the city es- THE Portland Tribune of January 1 territory. No one has any objections, vinced by these references to the editor of tablishment and select many men who had an article taken from the COLONIST, except Dame Nature and hers are inthis paper that the statement of the Post-are well adapted to discharge the res- which it says shows that there is no adponsibilities which they have assumed; vantage in outfitting in Victoria for the winter by way of the Passes. but some how or other the whole ma- Yukon, the reason being the heavy

chine seems out of order. Like the dea- charges at Dyea for a customs escort. con's celebrated one-hoss shay, there is | We assume that since then the Tribune | about the civic establishment

A general flavor of mild decay But nothing local, as one might say. This seems to be the solemn truth have not observed that our Seattle con- suls tell the truth.

about the business and it is time for a temporaries have directed attention to change. We do not see any prospect of the new arrangement, and yet it is getting it from the gentlemen who are greatly to the credit of their government. by an opposition convention as a candinow offering their services. Most of MR. J. C. BROWN craves political disthem have been in office before, and it tinction. Or is it extinction? Mr.

cannot be truthfully said that they dis-Brown is the gentleman who said he gave up government pap on the distribu-

It is time for Victoria to turn over a ing in local politics. We venture to ship of New Westminster while engag- news. new leaf in city matters. We have had suggest that he ought to be directed by our despatches is not entirely new. It

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THE sale of the Alberni Consolidated is good news. There are many very promising prospects on the island and all that is necessary to give them all a Williams & Co. present value is for some strong company to take up one of them and develop it. The Le Roi made the Trail Creek

en route to the Yukon to cross Canadian superable, if the soldiers try to go this

FOREIGN RELIEF SPI

Spaniards Incensed at This For ference by United States i Affairs. MADRID, Jan. 11.-A despa Imparciale from Havana say ing of supplies from the U to aid the indigent populati has aroused deep animosity Spaniards, who, it is added censed at the pretext thus American consuls and the Y ment to interfere in Cuban a is alleged that the funds will widen the breach between peasantry and the Spaniards further stated that Ameri pondents have been instruct aggerate the sufferings of th so as to arouse feeling in the

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