Mills That Have Joined the Newly Organized Central Lumber Company.

To Compete With the Lumbermen of the Baltic Sea and the Southeastern States.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of yes- it being the first offence. terday has the following in regard to

the new lumber trust: In principle and in methods the new organization, which is to be known as the Central Lumber Company of San Francisco, does not differ materially from its predecessor, the Pacific Pine Lumber Company. But the new company is far more complete than the old. and it is greatly strengthened by the fact that the very mills on the Sound which stood as obstacles in the path of the members of the Central. All lumbermen know what a dangerous competitor the coma mill, which was able to load a cargo at short notice, and in the Stimson mill at Ballard. In order to appreciate the extent and magnitude of the compact which went into effect Saturday, the reader has but to glance at the following table, which shows the Washington, Oregon and British Columbia

feet per day: (four mills)
Port Discovery Mill Co...
Paulson & Drum, Victoria ...
British Columbia Mills, Timber &
Trading Co., Vancouver ...
Moodyville Sawmill Co., Limited ...
M. Boyd Co., Cowichan ...
Branette Sawmill Co., New Westmills) 60,00) 150,000 100,000 Northwestern Lumber Co., Hoqui-140,000 J. M. Weatherwax Lumber Co., Ab-100,000 Pacific Empire Lumber Co., South Northwestern Lumber Co., Knappton
Sunshine Mill Co., Sunshine
Clatsop Mill Co., Astoria
*Inman, Paulsen & Co., Portland
*North Pacific Lumber Co., Port-140,000 *Willamette Steam Mills, Lumber and Manufacturing Co., Portland. 140,000 Gardner Mills Co., Coos bay 80,000 *Oregon Pine Lumber Co. 3,520,000

It may well be imagined that this vast organization has not been completed without a long, patient, persevering struggle. The precise terms and conditions on which it is based are not meant for the public. It is pretty well understood that the office in New York city, formerly occupied by the Pacific Pine Tumber Company, will be the eastern office of the Central.

Saturday night caused a great deal of pathy of this meeting is with Mr. J. M. of the day. comment yesterday. A question which Kellie, M.P.P., in his efforts to have was at once suggested was, will this ad- legislation passed this session to put vance affect the price of logs? In answer to this there is a diversity of opinion among those whose opinions are worth anything. Even those who do not believe that such an advance will raise the price of logs expressed themselves yesterday as being convinced that the strengthening of the lumber market would, by the natural laws of trade, help the cause of the loggers.

The relation between the loggers and the lumbermen are extremely complicated. Some of the mills have logging facilities of their own, and hence are not wholly dependent o nloggers for their supply. . At the same time it is known that some of this very class of mills have done their logging work at a loss. On the other hand, few of the loggers have disengaged capital enough to think of embarking in the mill business on their own account. Even if this should be done in a few isolated cases, or jointly by a loggers' association, it could not be done on such as scale as to utilize the entire supply of logs.

drawn between the two industries, they are more or less dependent on each oth- gerty, was a native of Victoria, aged er. At present neither is inclined to 35 years. She enjoyed the very best of make war on each other, and perhaps health until a short time ago, when a it is not putting it too strongly to say surgical operation became necessary and that neither is very much disposed to was performed. Besides her husband, ward co-operating with the other, at Mrs. Haggerty leaves a little daughter. least so far as any organic connection is Her father, C. B. Brown, her sister, concerned.

The loggers are going ahead quietly, prosecuting their work of organization week by week. They expect by March I to have their business as a whole in more systematic shape than it has ever been. It will not be part of their plan to levy on the mill men for an advance in price, but it is in the wind that they may curtail the supply so as to avoid glutting the market, and thus indirectly prevent the loss at which so many logs have been cut.

A Port Townsend dispatch to the paper says: "The formation of the Pacific lumber trust brings to the surface a contemplated effort of the Central Lumber Company to compete in foreign markets with lumber shipped from built up a profitable trade with South Then exporters of Mobile and Pensacola invaded the field, and have now secured orders for several million feet of lumber, supplanting the Pacific To systematically compete for this trade is one of the principal objects of the lumber trust. other field for competition is Australia, where Baltic lumber has strong footholds. On the River Platte and in European markets similar conditions exagents will soon be dispatched to those centres to sell cargoes of lumber.

Highest of all in leavening strength .- U. S. Government Report.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial New in a Condensed Form.

the Jubilee Hospital. Deceased was a marine stoker, and 56 years of age. His remains were removed to Hanna's undertaking parlors, whence the funeral will take place on Wednesday.

-Mary Smith was imprisoned for one hour and fined \$25 in the police court this morning for keeping a house of illfame. An Indian woman was fined \$5 for being drunk and a white man arrested for the same offence was discharged.

-George Riley, who has been confined at the city lock-up since Sunday, for safe keeping, appears to be still anxious to kill himself. Although very closely watched, he this morning smuggled into his cell a large tablespoon, the handle of which he broke. He had this in his pocket and evidently hoped to be able to end his life with it.

-The Nest Egg Mining Company has stood as obstacles in the path of the been incorporated with a capital of the burning building. The building Pacific Pine Lumber Company are now \$800,000. The first trustees are Messrs. was a comparatively new one and cost old company had in the St. Paul and Ta- Mr. Kirk being president. The property acquired by the company is in the famous Trail Creek country and is one of the most promising mines in the group.

-Mr. W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, delivered last evening his third lecture in the series of mining lectures. His subject was "Veins and mills represented, with their capacity in Beds," which was made very interesting by means of diagrams of various evening Mr. Carmichael lectures on chemistry, and on Monday Mr. Carlyle will deal with placer mining and prospecting.

-Hon. Adam Brown, of Hamilton. for Canada, has interested himself in William Laing and Robert McLean, the tion will be continued this evening. two lads who in November last, at the risk of their own lives, saved William and Austin Gill and Alexander Hagan from a watery grave. These gentlemen and John Treu, a sailor, were duck shooting near the San Pedro. The boat capsized and Treu was drowned, the others being saved only through the efforts of Masters Laing and McLean, who, braving a heavy swell, put out in a small boat and succeeded in bringing them to shore. Mr. Brown has been informed regarding the incident by Mr. Fielding, an eye-witness, but as he is anxious to obtain further particulars before presenting the Royal Humane Society's medal, anyone who was an eve-witness, and who wishes to see the lads rewarded for their bravery, will confer a favor by leaving their names or calling on Mr. Herbert Kent, who will forward the particulars to Mr. Brown.

From Wednesday's Daily. -At the executive meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society held yesterday, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the society in the Metropolitan Methodist church on the first Wednesday in March. An interesting to trial, and a telegram was produced shows promised are bicycle meets, bullprogramme will be arranged.

-J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., has received a copy of the following resolution pass-The advance of \$2 on lumber which ed by the Fort Steele Mining Company was announced from Port Townsend on of East Kootenay: "That the symstop to claim jumping."

-On Tuesday evening an interesting eremony was performed, Rev. Solomon Cleaver uniting in marriage Henry Lawrence Gulline and Eleanor Jane Green. The ceremony took place at the ome of the father of the bride, Beacon A number of friends were pres-Hill. ent, and the presents were numerous The happy couple left by the Charmei for the east on an extended tour.

-A deputation left Ashcroft this afernoon for Victoria. They are bringing with them a petition signed by over a thousand residents of Cariboo protesting against the use of traction engines on the Cariboo wagon road. The petition s to be laid before the legislature, and the members of the deputation will endeavor to impress upon the members of the legislature the justice of their pro-

-Although Mrs. Haggerty had been seriously ill, her death, which occurred It will be seen, therefore, that while at an early hour this morning, was a a sharp line of distinction has been serious blow to her many friends in Victoria. The deceased, wife of John Hag-Mrs. Captain Morrison, and two brothers, reside in the province.

-The committee from the school boards of the different cities waited on the council of public instruction this morning and presented the proposed amendments to the School Act adopted last night's meeting. Several of the trustees advanced reasons why such amendments should be passed. Baker, replying on behalf of the Council of Public Instruction, acknowledged the iportance of the proposed amendments and promised to give them serious consideration.

-Messrs. Dean Brothers, of Oakvale Farm, have sold their celebrated stock the Baltic Sea and the southern coast of to Mr. J. R. Reid, Glenrosa, Metchosin of Southdown and Norfolk Down sheep, the United States. In the past year These sheep have been well known for many years, and have been successful competitors in our annual show rings. Messrs. Dean Brothers have imported largely from the East, and by the sale of ram lambs have been instrumental in increasing the value of our island flocks, and are now giving up the business on account of the increased importance of dairy farming. Mr. Reid says he intends still further to improve the flock by frequent importations of pedigree stock, and hopes to increase the value To cover a portion of this trade of the flocks of Metchosin district by the lumber manufacturers decided that supplying throoughbred rams, of which a concerted effort is necessary, and the supply at present is limited. Mr. Reid deserves success in his endeavor.

-The parsonage, 107 Quadra street, was last evening the scene of a pretty ROYAL Baking Powder. was last evening the scene of a pretty the ceremony was performed, was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The consenting parties were Gilbert David and I haven't seen my watch since.

Christie and Miss Annie Watchorn. The bride was attired in white silk trimmed with tule and chiffon, with a good display of orange blossoms. The bride was attended by Miss Currie, of Mont From Tuesday's Daily.

George Balhatchet died yesterday at Hales acted as best man. The presents were costly and numerous. A few of the most intimate friends of the bride were present to witness the interesting event, and a very enjoyable evening was ment. The married couple left this morning for Montreal, where for the next six weeks they will spend their honeymoon. Rev. S. Cleaver performed the ceremony.

From Thursday's Daily. -There will have to be another re mand in the Menzenmeyer case, which was set for hearing in the supreme court to-morrow. A deputy sheriff and' the necessary witnesses left Oakland last night, and should arrive here on The case will probably be proceeded with on Monday.

-The residence of Geo. Elrick, Glannight. The house at the time was occupied by Mr. Elrick and three others. and they had barely time to escape from was a comparatively new one and cost G. A. Kirk and A. B. Erskine of Victoria, and P. A. O'Farrell, of Spokane, insured for about \$800. Chief Deasy noticed the fire, and the department turned out, but after a long run it was found to be outside the city limits and they returned. The cause of the fire is unknown.

-Fast night the fire wardens began to investigate the charges made against pitchers; Blanford, catcher, and all-Chief Deasy by G. Campbell, Mr. Campbell said he had been unable to have the witnesses at the meeting, and mineral formations. Next Thursday asked for an adjournment to enable him to do so. Mayor Beaven was present and he offered under the power he possessed to issue subpoenas for all the witnesses asked for by either Mr. Campbell or Chief Deasy. The subpoenas were issued this morning, the mapresident of the Royal Humane Society jority of the witnesses being members of the fire department. The investiga-

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

County Court sat this morning with Mr. Justice Drake presiding. The first case called was that of Lawry vs. Adams, and which on account of the absence of a material witness, was adjourned until Monday next. This case, which, to horsemen, is a most interesting one, is brought by T. Lawry, of Snohomish, Wash., against Frank Adams, of Victoria, for the recovery of the well known trotting horse "Snohomish Boy." Last summer the plaintiff, who was then the owner of "Snohomish Boy," alleges that he sent his horse to Victoria in charge of a man named Johnson with the understanding that Copeland, general agent of the line, the horse was to be trotted at the Vichorse, and it was discovered that the trains from Denver, Colorado Springs, defendant had the horse in his possession, hence the suit. This morning Mr. | Kansas City and other points. With | J. A. Aikman for the defendant read an chased from Johnson, without whose evidence defendant could not safely go nimble dollar. Up to date the side showing that Johnson is now on his fights, larriat throwing and steer-roping way here from El Reno and will be here competitions and what not, the climax in a couple of days. Mr. Powell for being capped by a wild-eyed individual plaintiff opposed the application for ad- from Old Mexico, who wants some one

gineer, of the Esquimalt road, sues 10r professional fees for preparing detailed bills of quantities of all kinds of materials required and labor to be expended in construction of certain improvements to the water works system Victoria, situated at Beaver and Elk lakes, at 1 per cent. of contract of \$83,000-\$830, less \$74 paid at various times, in all \$756. Mr. Marshall, in his evidence, said that under the agreement with defendants, he was to be paid by the day in case the contractors did not get the contract-if they did get the contract, they told him it would be a good thing for them. He served his apprenticeship in the City Architect and Borough Engineers' office, Aber leen, and had had 26 years' experience. In doing the work he had an assistant, who rendered a bill of \$20, \$12 of which he had paid. The defence is that it was agreed to pay plaintiff \$25, and afterwards they told him they would pay him something more. Subsequently plaintiff went to the hospital and on account of his illness and rather straightened circumstances they had paid him in all \$74. Architects Day, Keith and Ewart gave expert evidence as to the fees in such cases. The trial is still going on at the time of going to press. Mr. Archer Martin appears for the plaintiff and Mr. P. AE. Irving for the defendants.

The trial of Ah Hong and Ah Nok; charg-The trial of Ah Hong and Ah Nok, charged with robbery and wounding, is still going on before Mr. Justice Drake.

Joseph Brown came before Mr. Justice Drake in the Speedy Trials Court this morning and pleaded guilty to stealing three revolvers from Landsberg's store on Government street. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment with hard labor.

PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN.

Are of One Mind Touching the Remedial Character of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

While Protestants and Roman Cathoics are wide apart as to certain remedial measures proposed just now, they find common meeting ground in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Take Hamilton alone. This medicine has been used by Presbyterians like the Rev. Mungo Fraser, D. D., and Rev. John Scott, D. D., by Episcopalians as with the Rev. W. H. Wade and Rev. Chas. E. Whitcombe; by the well known Baptist, Rev. G. Anderson; by prominent members of the Methodist church, and the Rev. Father Hinchey, and many of his parishioners. They all tell the one story of the great good this medicine has done them. The same story has come from the most prominent clergynen in Toronto and elsewhere. It is unlike any other catarrhal remedy, simole, easy and pleasant to take, and quick in a cure. It will give relief within en minutes in hay fever. Sold by Dean

Muggins—I went to two parties last night and lost my umbrella. Buggins—I went to three balls yesterday

& Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Manager Schultz Secures His First Quartette for the Victoria Team.

Arrangements for the Coming Fistic Carnival on the Mexican Border.

Manager Schultz has already signed four players for the Victoria professional baseball team. Gus. Klopf will play third base and captain the team. Klopf teams in the old Northwest league and has got a good record in the east. The clubs of Tacoma, and is rated as the Sound with the single exception of Wilhad his first season out last year in the will play first base and act as change er. Manager Leadley of Seattle has signed the following: Butler and Black round man; Egan, second base; Ireland, third base; Robinson, centre field; Campau, right field.

THE RING. San Francisco, Feb. 5.- The Examiner's special correspondent at El Paso, Texas, sends the following:

Whatever doubts exist away from El Paso as to Dan Stuart's ability to carry through his pugilistic venture successfully, it must be said that the people around here take an extremely optimistic view of the situation. So much is this the case when I arrived here a few hours ago I found that the guessing season had already passed and the people were happy in the belief that if Juarez is not the seat of war, some other spot equally as handy has already been selected. The town folks are going right along with the arrangements for housing visitors and wheedling from them their surperfluous cash. Even at this early date, there is a good sprinkling of sports on hand, and, acto fill up rapidly toward the end of the which it ran back a week. W. J. Black, general passenger agent of the Santa Fe. has wired C. that a canvass of the situation makes Utah, Chicago, St. Louis, St. Joseph. such a promising influx of strangers, all affidavit stating that the horse was pur- kinds of schemes are being shadowed out with the object of capturing the journment. The trial was put off till to make it worth his while to engage in a rough and tumble conflict with a feet of vessels prospected the coast line of the day.

Of the day.

Of the day, while the fleet of vessels prospected the coast line in Behring sea seeking for landing places for the short submarine The trial of Marshal vs. Walkley, fighters are now on the ground with the places for the short submarine King & Casey is going on this after- exception of Dixon, Walcott and Leeds, noon before Mr. Justice Drake, The and, if reports speaks truly, they are fleet wintered in San Francisco and redue to arrive Wednesday night. Peter Maher, out at Las Cruces, has pist commenced work. He has been a sufferer for some time past from boils, but

> complaint and expects to be in full swing again to-morrow. Fitzsimmons is inclined to bar all from his training quarters. He now does his work behind closed doors, and says that he will allow no one but his trainers to get a glimpse of him in any- doned. thing approaching battle array until he steps into the ring with Maher. One dition from Joe Vendig, who, in addition to being matchmaker for Dan Stuart, acts at times like a Dwyer betting commissioner. Fitzsimmons is possessed of the notion that Dwyer wants to back him in the coming fight, and has entrusted quite a sum of money to Vendig for that purpose. Fitzsimmons seems to think that by keeping Vendig and any chance representative of Vendig out of the training room at Juarez, "Positive" Joe, who trusts to his knowledge of form and condition for a betting guide, will become rattled and refrain from executing Dwyer's commis-

has now a respite from that irksome

St. Louis, Feb. 5.-A special to the Republican from El Paso, Texas, says: The Ministers' Union of this city wrote moved, were perhaps the most primitive to the governor of New Mexico, re- and interesting. Delegations of them questing him to prevent the fights came into the great fair or barter from occurring in New Mexico. The governor answers as follows:

receipt of your favor of the 21st, in The nasal septum was pierced and carreference to the report that Dan Stu- ried ornaments of dentalium shell, while art was arranging to bring off prize- their long, black hair formed into bunfights in New Mexico. I have looked dles, was stiff with tallow and wound I have some fears of the truth of what hematite and cut swan's down. you say and suggest, I think the intention is to come to New Mexico only in the event that they fail to make arrangements in Juarez. I have already written to the authorities in Dona Anna county, and requested them to see that the law is fully enforced, and to prevent any violation of it. I must be candid, however, and say that the powers of the legal authorities are very

limited in this territory. "There is absolutely not a word upon ergaged in prizefighting in this terri- river, and in its waters were innumertory, and we can only depend upon the laws with regard to breaches of the peace. A bill was introduced in our legislature to prevent prizefighting, but unfortunately we could not pass it. There is a direct act of congress preventing the use of United States soldiers to aid the sheriff's officers. There is no money in the territorial treasury for the employment of militia. I am candid with you, because I know just how you feel on this subject, and I desire you to realize how helpless the territorial offic-

may be assured, to prevent this disgrace being brought upon our territory.
"W. T. THORNTON." Atlantic City, N.J., Feb. 5.-Horac Leeds, who will meet Jack Everhardt. the New Orleans lightweight fighter, during Dan Stuart's fistic carnival, left for El Paso to-day. Leeds and Everhardt will fight on February 18th,

Leeds is in good condition and is confident of success Springfield, Ill., Feb. 5.-John L. Sullivan will leave for St. Louis to-morrow afternoon, arriving there at 7 o'c.ock. Facts and Figures Relating to the He will be accompanied by Mrs. Sullivan and Harry Gliskauf. This was determined upon to-day upon receipt of a telegram from Parson Davies requesting Sullivan to meet him at St. Louis Wednesday night to start for Texas.

His wound is still sore, but he is in

good spirits. Denver, Feb. 5.—Bat Matson and Ree played with the Spokane and Tacoma Gavin have arranged with the Santa Fe to run a special train from Denver to Fitzsimmons prizefight, leaving Dinver schools, 172 rural schools, 6 was ford avenue, was destroyed by fire last second is Babbitt, who used to play at 8 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, February schools, a total of 202. with the Dodges and other amateur 12, running to El Paso without change, carrying Pullman and chair cars. The monitors employed was 319, an increase best product ever developed on Puget train will be run on fast schedule time, arriving at El Paso on the afternoon of lie Lange, of the Chicagos. Babbitt Thursday, the 13th. Latest advices are that there will be no possible contingen-Michigan league and made a fine record | cy by which the fights advertised will in every department of the game. He not take place. They have also arrangwill play stop for Victoria. Whaling ed with the railway companies for low excursion rates from El Paso to the pitcher, and Pequiquey is the left field- City of Mexico for those who desire to extend the trip to that point.

EARLY ALASKA DAYS.

What Was Seen By Explorers Thirty Years Ago.

Prof. Mark W. Harrington, nev president of the Washington state university located in this city, was a member of the scientific corps attached to the memorable Western Union expedition, which in 1865 started out to locate a telegraph line through the wilds of the North Pacific territory through the new territory of Washington, through British Columbia and across the plateaus of Alaska to Behring sea, and thence across the wilder reaches of Sibcria to a connection with the European wires. This was at a time when the great scheme of Cyrus W. Field to lay submarine Atlantic cable looked gloomy and doubtful. How much the North Pacific coast lost by the final triumph of Field none can probably estimate. The success of the Atlantic cable struck the death knell of the Western Union project and some of its supplies are to this day rusting away on cording to the news received by local the bleak shores of Kamchatka. It no passenger agents, the town should begin doubt put the country through ter of a century and yet in the brief thirty years since the day that expedition sailed a great change has come over all the country. Prof. Wm. Henry toria races. Johnson did not return the it safe to say that there will be special Dall, president of the philosophical society of Washington, was the leader of the scientific corps, and in an annual address delivered before the society last December recounted a great fund of interesting reminiscences of the trip.

Richard Kennicott, an enthusiastic young naturalist from Chicago, led the expedition, but died while in the Northwest from over-exertion and excitement. The expedition was at Sitka in July of 1865 and continuing up the coast as fur as St. Michael's, the Yukon explorcable that was to stretch across the turned north in the summer of 1860 to continue work, but Kennicott having died, Profs. Dall, Harrington and others landed and took the trail into the interior of Alaska. The winter of 1866 was spent on the Middle river and the next summer they ascended to Fort Yukon. Descending again in July, the party reached the coast, to learn that the Atlantic cable was a success and the great Western Union project aban-

Prof. Dall remained the next year to of the reasons for Fitzsimmons' rather der such promising circumstances, and carry on his scientific work, begun ununusual tactics is that he wishes to had the wonderful luck of seeing the withhold information of his real cone up-river natives clad in their wildest and most fantastic dress before it had been broken up by the enchoachment of Caucasians.

> The natives living on the upper river in the early days were in the habit of congregating from all quarters upon an island in the river for the purpose of barter and trade among themselves and the early Russians.

"Never again." says Prof. Dall. "will be possible for an ethnologist to see upon the Yukon such a body of absolutely primitive Indians, untarnished by the least breath of civilization." This meeting place was the island of

Nuklukayet, at the junction of the Yukon and Tauana, above Forty-mile. The Tauana Indians, being most reground in full native dress of painted shirts and trousers of dressed deerskin, "I have the honor to acknowledge the adorned with black and white beads. into the affair very carefully, and while with beads and dusted with powdered

At one Indian village the scientists

found 4100 fawn skins hanging up to dry and at one time at Fort Yukon were shown 300 silver grey fox skins by a Russian trader, which alone would represent a considerable fortune. At that time bread and butter, sugar and tea, had not been tasted by some of their the post people for seven years. People lived almost exclusively on game and fish. Caribon were plentiful and moose teacher's work is being efficiently do fairly so, millions of water fowl and although great advances in study our statutes making it a crime to be Arctic rabbits. Ptarmigan were on the not be made. able varieties of food fishes, salmon. turbot, grayling, pike and the great red sucker. The king salmon was caught as heavy as 130 pounds weight. Mil-

lions of these were dried in the open air for food for dog and native. Prof. Dall believes that but for the work done by the old Western Union expedition and the interest it excited and knowledge it go over work already known, for disseminated, the great Alaska purchase would have failed to materialize. Seattle Times.

ers are should an attempt be made to bring off the fight in New Mexico. I will, however, do all I can, you The glorious charge of the Light Brigade, By Tennyson famously sung.

Is nothing to that which my doctor made for taking a look at my tongue.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Annual Report of the Department of Education for the Year End. ing June 30th.

Training and Teaching of the Young.

In the annual report of the education al department, presented to the house yesterday, it is shown that the number of schools in operation during the pass Paso and return for the Maher- year was 4 high schools, 20 grade a The total number of teachers and

> of 24 over that of the previous year. The aggregate number of pupils rolled during the year was 13,482. increase of 869 over that for the prec ing year, and the average actual dai attendance was 8,610,31, an increase 824.81 for the same period.

The percentage of average attendar in city districts was 69.93, in rural d tricts, 57.66, and for the entire proving 63.86. Each of these percentages show a marked increase over that for th previous year, and has not been equa ed in any year since the inception of o public school system.

The expenditure for education prop during the past year was: Teacher salaries, \$169,447.83; incidental expenes of rural districts, \$7701.62; educati office, \$11,887.80; total, \$189,037.25. The cost of each pupil, based on t total enrolment, was \$14.02, and, base on average actua! daily attendance, w \$22.95. These amounts show an crease of \$.62, and \$.24 respective

over those for the preceding year. The expenditure by the lands works department for the constructi of school houses, furniture, repairs, a improvements to school property, was follows: School houses in rural tricts, \$10,146.55; furniture, repai etc., rural districts, \$3816.80; in aid school building in Nanaimo city, \$500 Total, \$18,963.35.

The total expenditure by the provi cial government for all purposes of ed cation during the past school year wa Education proper, \$189,037.25; lan and works department, \$18,963.35; to al. \$208,000.60.

During the year, school houses ha been erected, or additions made school buildings, in Huntingdon, Lan ley Prairie, Mayne Island, Nakus North Cedar, Sidney, South Nanaim Union, Waneta, Wellington, Westhan The amounts of the per capita gran

paid to each of the four cities, during the past school year, was as follows: Victoria, \$17,390.80; Vancouver, \$17 895.28; New Westminster, \$5989.2 Nanaimo, \$6129.54; total, \$45,404.82. The total expenditure for schools rural districts, including construction school houses, furniture, repairs, etc. was \$145,707.98.

The following table shows the cost each pupil on enrolment and averag daily attendance during the

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13 40 1894-95 *Based on cost of education proper Inspector Wilson's report says: The past school year has shown increased ac tivity in every class of educational wor While there is no claim that the sci cannot be further improved, for that teachers have always adopted the me improved modes of instruction, yet must be admitted that educational wa in this province is carried on under favorable conditions. An advance been made, not so great as desired, still of a substantial character; and sure foundation has been laid for s further progress. With proper app cation to school work, no pupil needs out in the world without a fair eau ment for life's duties. In regard the various studies pursued and the p gress therein, such remarks and sa gestions as appear helpful and nece

sary are herewith presented. Inspector Burns, in the course of report says: There is an evident provement in matters of discipline; this, because, in the majority of case the teachers seem to be alive to the cessity of constant employment, especially for younger children, as the bemeans of obtaining good order at times, as well as progress in education It has invariably been observed the those teachers in our ungraded schools who have the work of the various class es pre-arranged with the object of pr viding this constant employment, the most successful in every resp and the skill shown by many in our ral schools in doing this with their merous classes, is sometimes surpris Our teachers also are doing their most to train the pupils in what may considered the practical side of school work; they recognize that neatness. curacy and thoroughness can only be tained by unwearying efforts part. When these observed in all the a school they are evidences that

Irregularity of attendance, although decreasing year by year, still continu to be a hindrance to progress in ma of our rural schools. This is no don frequently unavoidable at certain sons of the year. By it, not only those who have been absent unable keep up with the class work, but the who are present have been compelled. benefit of these absentees, or the tea er is obliged to devote additional and attention to them by individua eaching. This is especially evident the arithmetic classes, and in many stances the cause of the lower proficie cy in that branch than in others.

PROVINCIAL

SEVEN Monday, Mr. Booth, spea

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