Natives of Flowery Kingdom Conduct Strange Ceremonies With an Oriental Display of Barbaric Splendor.

agan Rites Imbued With Mystery to the People of a Civilized Country Take Place in Chinatown.

The feast of Gin Gu, the triennial ceremony in which the Chinese propitiate the evil spirits of all sorts and kinds. which, according to Chinese belief, hover around in legions all invisible to the ungodly eye, came to an end about daylight this morning, after four days of "kow ' salaaming and punk burning of "Guy Fawkes"-like paper gods, and Chinatown again resumed its everyday tranquility. The green, blue, purple and yellow silks and gilded tinsel garb of the devotees, has been relegated the ceremonies of yesterday and last night, all is quiet. Yesterday's proceedings opened with a great procession in the lanes and house the coming of the priests with the patience of the fanatic. They had come from the lanes and house had ings opened with a great procession, in which a mighty and fierce-looking dragon looked to be a cross between a griffin and some other strange beast which exists only in the imagination of a poster At length the ceremony began. artist—danced and jumped about to the music of two Chinese bands and the admiration of all the Chinese quarter. It was guarded by two battalions of sol-diers uniformed to represent the Manchu soldiers of China. They were garbed in red blouses with the labelling characters which probably read: "This is a soldier," and purple bloomers caught in at Their arms were like those of the bodyguard of a comic opera king. There were three-pronged tridents, long sword spears, and short swords, to say nothing of a couple of fowling pieces and two unmatched rifles. After the procession, which for color was a si-washes's dream, had visited the houses and stores of the Chinese—that is those friendly to the Ghee Kung Tong, the society who were in charge of the arrangements—an adjournment was made to the joss house in the theatre alley, and wearied actors rested.

At four o'clock another procession issued from the hall of the Chinese gods, and with much eclat wended its way, followed by a pig-tailed host, with a few curious whites thrown in, to the water-front, the objective point being the lit-tle wharf just above the bridge usually given over to the Chinese fleet belonging to this port, consisting of two junk-like lumber freighting schooners, and to the Chinese who fish for salmon roe with thread and a bent pin. Arrived there, three priests, with all the dignity of bank presidents with stiff necks, squatted down on the wharf side and despatched a punk-laden fleet of burning paper boats to the gods who, according to them, were to be found upon and be

neath the waters. After this ceremony nothing was of interest the spectator, who saw in all this idolatory nothing more than would at a circus performance, until late in the evening. Until then the Chinese in the evening. Until then the Chinese crowded the Ghee Kung Tong hall and massed before the altars of the little paper gods in the palisaded alcoves of Theatre alley and in the joss house, chanting, burning punks, and in other ways doing all they could to propitiate

the evil ones. The gods they had set up to worship the alley were almost indescribable. In one there was a many-colored paper stage, from which two paper gods stood out like a Chinese Punch and Judy show. In either corner were other paper images which the Ohinese in charge said were 'Allee samee big mandarin joss, sab-The spectators did not sabbee, but that did not matter; perhaps the Celestials did not themselves. The next alcove contained a fierce-looking god with an uplifted axe in hand, and wearing a long taper-like moustache on his bedaubed face. This god, which was indeed a fierce one, warranted to strike was seemingly the king pin, and he had an attendant all to himself whose duty was apparently to wave his arms, and sticks. The next stand contained more little gods, all of paper, and a big paper

In the joss house were more gods of a similar character, and on a raised stand in front of them was a table spread with of sweetmeats, fruits and uors, all awaiting the condescension of the gods to sample them, Until the ceremony closed, however, the gods declined to partake of the refreshments provided. After several hours of worship and chanting before the paper gods the pa-gan cavalcade and their following of sightseers went to the theatre and there

the actors "played the dragon." The theatre was crowded. The pit was packed to suffocation, and the galleries groaned beneath the mass of blue-smocked devotees. They even crowded into the private boxes of the more prosperous merchants and into the gallery set apart for the women. The perform-ance was scarcely different from the usual play as presented by the Chinese. The scenery was a blank wall, with a gallery, from which, instead of a romantic Juliet, a squad of Chinese sat gazing from the rear of the actors. The acting was the same self-conscious, slow moving, Dutch-doll-like antics, inexplicable to all who were unacquainted with the religions of the Chinamen, and it might have been inexplicable to them, too, so little interest did they show. There was not a hand-clap, not even the

suspicion of a smile.

For about three hours the performance continued, and then the actors made their final exit—there was no curtain-and the strings of opium smelling, punk perfumed Celestials went out into the rain to continue their worship of the paper gods and the propitiation of the It was about one o'clock in the morn-

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ing that the strangest and most turesque part of the ceremony Three priests issued from the temple, followed by a band of Chinese musicians, and went the rounds of the houses of the faithful. They stayed for time salamming and chanting a dirge-like song in but one key before the gods of the alcove and then their followers picked up the various gods and moved them into the middle of muddy Cormorant street. Here a big stand had been erected and three long avenues of planking laid down from it for about a hundred yards down the street The sight was a remarkably picturesque

one. The stand and street were illuminated with gay bamboo framed lanterns ated with gay bamboo framed lanterns with Chinese characters inscribed upon These lanterns, strung from to house, shone in the yellow house to house, shone in the yellow visaged faces of the crowds of Chinese men and women who stared from the balconies and upper windows, shouting and waving burning punks. It was ineed a strange sight for the eyes of a resident of the Occident. It was the Orient—a little slice of ancient Cathay, with all its strange doings and ceremonies and superstitions of the before Christ being re-enacted in the midst of civilization.

In the roadway along the avenues

newly laid planking were strings of Chinese who had been awaiting for hich a mighty and fierce-looking dragon the ceremony—the big feast to the evil a bamboo frame-work head which spirits—began. Each man brought a coal oil can and a piece of matting, and At length the ceremony began. The priests, after chanting before the gods and placing refreshments in the stand, rang a bell and the feast began. Attendants came up the avenue of little fires-for each man had lit a fire of papers and punks in his coal oil can-and gave food to the kneeling Chinamer from a big dish. Each man feasted be-fore his little fire—and the spirits were leased. The feast lasted until an hour before daybreak, and then the paper gods were burned and the crowd went

> THE EAST LILLOOET PETITION. ment Upon Preliminary Points Before Mr. Justice Martin in Chambers.

This morning the summons to strike ut the election petition of Stoddart v. Prentice came on before Mr. Justice Martin in chumbers. Mr. Duff appeared for Mr. Prentice and Mr. W. J. Taylor and Mr. Robertson for Mr. Stodart. objections against the petition are: Dawson, and a lengthy account of That no notice of the presentation given in the Yukon Midnight Sun

are also taken as were urged in the against the table and upset the lamp, other cases, but which have been diswhich exproded and began the missed by the full court, but he wished them kept so that in the possible event that it is thought that two miners, that it is thought that two miners, and an appeal to the supreme court of them kept so that in the possible event of an appeal to the supreme court of

arging them there. The affidavit of service of the petition was not filed until after the sumince the fa mons was taken out to strike out the petition—it showed that the petition was served on 6th August, whereas rule the Aurora hotel, a building on the provide that a copy of the petition be sent to the returning officer and several other formalities to prevent collusion between the respondent and the petitioner in having a petition dismissed on the ground that it had not been served. The performance of the requirements of supply would have been cut off. the rule cannot be waived, as they rere not for the benefit of individuals but for

Mr. Taylor proceeded with his argument after luncheon. He contended that shown by various people who had property to rent. One instance is given of the filing of the affidavit was not a man who had made arrangements the a condition precedent but was rather a day before the fire to buy lumber for uestion of procedure subsequent. 'Forthwith' he contended meant rea-

The argument is still going on; it will e finished this afternoon and judgment will most probably be reserved.

WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS,

The Young Men's Christian Association, For Lack of Financial and Other Support, Will Discontinue.

The fact that the necessary interest was not being taken in the local Young Men's Christian Association to make it a success has been apparent for some time, and it will be remembered that two or three meetings of the directors have been held to discuss the advisability of closing the institution. It had been hoped by some of those connected with the association that the public spirited people of the city would come to the assistance of so useful a work that carried on in connection is organization. However, a this meeting was held last night, and in view of the fact that there is a burden of debt too heavy to be borne by the little who have remained faithful to the work, and as it seems impossible secure the co-operation of others, the following resolution was carried:-

"Resolved, that the Young Men's Christian Association of Victoria be closed and that a committee of Messrs. Bone, Pineo, Kerr and Carter be a committee to carry out this resolution, to be effected two weeks from this date, and assets, consisting of furniture and effects, to be sold by public or private to meet outstanding liabilities in the meantime an opportunity is given to the Christian community to manifest such interest in the work as shall warrant the committee to stay proceed

It is not the financial difficulties alone which confront them that prompted the directors to this action, and in conversation with some of those who have al-ways taken an interest in the associa-tion it is gathered that the difficulty of obtaining assistance in the actual run-ning of the association has proved as potent an influence as any in arriving at this regrettable decision. The life of a Y. M. C. A. depends to a peculiarly large extent upon the enthusiasm of a few. Half-a-dozen energetic and resourceful young men who would under-take to organize the institution on a proper and attractive basis, become responsible for the proper management of some rof the necessary departments, and enthuse some of their spirit into others, would accomplish more good than mere financial aid could furnish.

It is in the hope that such young men will come to the rescue that the action of the directors is deferred for two weeks, and those spoken to this morning are hoping against hope that even yet the Y. M. C. A. may be rejuvenated here, and much good work accomplished under its auspices.

bout Thirty Dawsonians Arrive by the Steam er Dirigo-The Sinking of a Scow Costs Two Lives.

Dawson Fire the Result of an Accident-Three People Thought To Have Been Lost in the Flames.

Steamer Dirigo arrived from Lynn Canal about eight o'clock last evening about ninety passengers, twenty of whom were from Dawson. The men from the inside, who left the Klondike capital on October 20th on the river her plea as follows: steamer Ora, brought news of the loss f a scow in the Fifty-mile rapids of the Yukon, a disaster by which two miners beat me. who were en route to Dawson were drowned and fifty tons of provisions were lost. The scow left Bennett about the middle of September with a load of provisions, which were being taken in by Messrs. Smith and Galloway, of Showray At March left ther took Skagway. At Marsh lake they took on the two men who were afterwards drowned. The men were unknown to drowned. The men were unknown to them, but from their conversation Smith and Galloway gleaned that they were from California. The scow was, it seems, none too good a craft, for a num-seems, none too good a br of stops were necessitated at points along the river for repairs. After it got through the White Horse rapids its seams opened and it was almost lost. The four men got it ashore in time, however, and they managed to repair it. On resuming the journey the scow began to leak, and another stop was ne-cessitated. Two days were spent in recaulking her and once more the journey was resumed. It was at the Fifty-mile rapids that the next accident occurred and there the buffeting of the troublous waters loosened her seams, and without way, satisfied that the evil spirits had been appeased and fed for another giving more than a few seconds' warning to those on her she foundered. The four men jumped into the water and made for the shore. Messrs. Smith and Galloway reached the bank in safety, but their two passengers were not so fortunate. They were carried to death by the waters in sight of the survivors. The two men pushed on to Dawson, reaching there about the middle of October. They are both destitute, having lost their all when the scow sank. They reported the disaster on their arrival at Dawson, and a lengthy account of it is

of the petition and no notice of the proposed security was ever signed or served on the respondent as required by the ed on the respondent as required by the act; (2) the petition or notice of the presentation thereof were not served on the respondent; (3) no affidavit of service of the petition or notice thereof was filed as required by the rules, and (4) no proper notice of the nature of the proposed security was served as required by section 216 of the act.

Mr. Duff said that the same objections the stone as snown that the connagration was the result of an accident pure and simple. It was not an incendiary first as supposed, nor was it the result of the throwing of a lamp. True, the accident throwing of a la y section 216 of the act. case as told by the late arrivals are Mr. Duff said that the same objections that the woman, Belle Mitchell, fell

Canada they would not be estopped from whose names he could not learn, and a woman of the town were burnt to death in the fire. The trio have been missing since the fateful night.

During the progress of the fire an at-

served on 6th August, whereas the Aurora hotel, a building on the mediately. The effect of non-compliance vitiated what had already been done, was Mr. Duff's contention, and that the rules are obligatory and are framed for the protection of the public; they received that every of the received that the comers arrived and frustrated the attempt that the building taken for it. tempt. Had the building taken fire it would in all probability have set fire to the stores of the North American T. & Co. and the Alaska Commercial Co., which adjoin the building, and had those uildings been destroyed Dawson's food

The Dawson Miner of October 15th says there is much indignation at Dawson over the alleged spurt of avarice shown by various people who had proa cabin for \$150 a thousand; but when he went for it a day after the fire he was told that the price had gone up to \$250. Other similar cases are recorded.

B. W. Martin, of the returning Daw-

sonians, is heavily interested in the northern country. He says that the Atlin district is regarded at Dawson as a genuine rival to the Klondike gold fields. They are the most talked of placers outside those of the Klondike district. Second in consideration comes the Thistle creek claims, this side of the Stewart river, from which much gold is being taken. Thistle creek, together with the Excelsior, a smaller creek near by. s now staked from mouth to source. The formation of Thistle creek and its gold is very similar to that of Eldorado

The Ora on her way out passed the teamer Willie Irving bound down, ome are of the opinion that she will be able to make another trip, for the river vas still navigable, although there was rift ice in places when they came out. At Dawson, when the last arrival left, there was a corner in the butter mar-ket. There is considerable butter there, but those who hold it have kept up the price to three dollars a pound. H. H. MEIER DEAD.

Bremen, Nov. 18. — Herr H. H. Meier, founder of the North German Lloyd SS. Co., is dead. He was 89 years old. FATAL PRISON RIOT.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 18.—A riot occur-red in the penitentiary this morning. One guard was killed and two convicts fatally

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AN ALASKAN DIVORCE. Finney's Fondness for Whiskey Causes Him the Loss of His Indian Wife.

William C. Attwood, who has returned from the Klondike to spend the winter, tells the following story of a divorce proceeding that he witnessed at Circle

City:
"Ellen, an Indian maiden, was married to a miner named Finney by the United States commissioner at Circle City. They lived in a log cabin, and she was able to take her own part so successfully that he could never whip her. Therefore he fell into the habit of giving her whiskey enough to make her drunk and then beating her to his satisfaction. She stood this treatment for a long time, and then consulted another squaw man, and, acting upon his advice, after a very stormy passage. She had appealed to the miners of the settlement for redress. A meeting of the miners was called and about sixty of them assembled to deliberate on the case. To this meeting the discouraged wife made

"Finney drunk to much. Me didn't want to live with him any more. He beat me. Me want divorce like white

wife and I want her to keep house for

her favor, and the chairman declared that, by the power vested in him and the miners' meeting, Ellen was divorced from Finney. He inquired if there was anything in the cabin that she wished to have. She said she wanted the dog and the sewing machine. Finney said she couldn't have the sewing machine, because he had paid for it. She protested that she had bought it with money earned by washing, and the chairman appointed a committee, with power to act, to investigate the respective claims. committee found that she had earned the money as she had said, and had paid it for the sewing machine. The committee then proceeded to the cabin,

wife as an equivalent for alimony. THE FALL ASSIZES. Quashilicum Acquitted of the Charge of Murder-Raines Case Postponed

For a Week.

took possession of the dog and the ma-chine, and gave them to the divorced

Counsel in the case of murder addressed the jury last evening, Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken for the defence and Mr. A. L. Beylea for the crown. The evidence given by the prisoner, after the Times went to press, consisted of a vigorous denial of his guilt, and of the statement that Sachet's death was accidental.

The jury were instructed by his lordship, Mr. Justice Walkem, to bring in a verdict of guilty or not guilty, and after they had been out but a short time they returned into court with a request for information as to whether a death sentence was inevitable in case of a verdict of guilty. Being informed that it was, the jury again retired, and in half an hour brought in a verdict of

Owing to the illness of a child of one of the material witnesses in the Raines case, and the likelihood that the little one will be either better or beyond the possibility of recovery in a at once joined the two sentinels. few days, an adjournment of the hear-ing was agreed to. Wednesday next and this the posse entered ing was agreed to. Wednesday next and was suggested as the most likely day. eral holiday, Friday was ultimately decided upon.

Morell, convicted of furiously riding a bicycle and inflicting serious bodily harm on Mrs. Kerby, was to have come up for sentence this morning, but failed put in an appearance. to put in an appearance. As the assizes are not ended, and the order was that he should come up "at the end of the assize," he has until Friday next in which to comply with the direction of the court. Mr. A. L. Belyea appeared for the defendant.

A TORONTO LEGAL LUMINARY. County Crown Attorney Dewart, of Toronto, on a Visit to Victoria and the Kootenay.

Hartley H. Dewart, crown attorney for the county of York, Ont., arrived in Victoria last night, and, with his wife, is spending a few days here before returning to the east. Mr. Dewart is a son of Rev. Dr. Dewart, who for a quarter of contrave was editor of the Christen. ter of a century was editor of the Christian Guardian, of Toronto, the organ the Methodist church in Canada. While the genius of the son is forensic and not literary, as is that of his father, and not hierary, as is that of his vather, he bids fair to achieve equal eminence in his own sphere. He is regarded in the east as one of the coming men of the Liberal party, in which both he and his father are prominent workers. Dewart's present visit to Victoria is for pleasure only, he having recently returned from the Kootenays, where he

themselves as delighted with the scen-

ery, but especially with the charming climate of Victoria. This morning they

of a Compatriot Who Arrived by

the Dirigo.

visited the parliament buildings, and this afternoon was spent in driving in the city and suburbs. AN EXCITING EPISODE. A Local Frenchman Attempts the Detention

the Dirigo.

While the steamer was at the outer wharf last evening there was no small amount of excitement, incident to the attempt of a Frenchman, resident in Victoria, to secure the arrest of a compatriot, who returned from Alaska by the steamer Dirigo. The local Frenchman, F. X. Roy, on hearing that the steamer was at the wharf, went out and laid in wait for his quarry, who, according to his allegations, had stolen some tools from him a year ago, and taking them to Alaska, sold them. Officers Palmer and Mouatt were also on the wharf watching the incident, but having no warrant were unable to arrest the Frenchman, as was requested by Roy. All unconscious that there was an ambuscade awaiting him the French-Canadian—Le Bordeau by name—was going on board the steamer after his return from town, when Roy ran up behind and yanked him ashore by the coilar of his mackinaw. "You can't go aboard until you settle for those tools you stole," said Roy.

Le Bordeau gesticulated and the Frenchman streamed out with no little smattering of swear words. Thus they stood arguing the case until the steamer was pulling out from the wharf, and then suddenly the French-Canadian from Alaska wrenched himself from his captor and jumped from the wharf. A number of helping hands assisted him aboard and by the time his accuser recovered from his surprise he was on board behind a crowd of cheering miners and a few vards of deep sea stood between him and Roy. Disappointed and disgusted, the latter returned to town, vowing that if there was any justice he would see that the hands of the law were laid on him.

GOOD WORK OF THE POLICE

A Gang of Thieves Captured in a Sloop by the Vigilance and Energy of the Guardians of the Peace.

The Men Believed To Have Committed the Pichon Burglary and Other Thefts Are in the Toils

At an early hour this morning, before Victorians generally were astir, three men were marched up Government street in charge of a posse of police, consisting of Constables Conlin, Wood, Clayards and Carson, and were consigned to the cells of the city lockup. Their capture, which is more than usually sensational, lodges in the toils a gang which the police have been watching for over week, and who are believed to be re sponsible for the series of burglaries which have been perpetrated in the city during the last seven or ten days.
While the police suspect the men,

gives their names as Lionel Bucknall, Thos. Wilson and James Cummings, of being the guilty parties concerned in the Pichon and other robberies lately committed, the immediate cause of their apprehension is the theft of a sealing boat, valued at \$60, which was stolen with her if I didn't.'
"After hearing the complaint and defence, a vote was taken upon the question of whether Ellen should be granted a divorce. The vote was unanimous in a divorce. The vote was unanimous in and Constables Conlin and Wood were assigned to work up the case. The offi cers discovered the missing craft at a small wharf at Sehl's point, and think ing that the thief or this leturn to remove their booty they kept

a strict watch over the stolen property.

For some time before the events chronicled above an unremitting watch had been kept by the members of the force on a little sloop, lying in the inner ing this port. The three men arrested to-day were seen coming and going from the craft in question, and they had about them an air of mystery which excited the suspicion of the authorities. From the suspicion of the authorities. From the time of the Pichon robbery the sloop was kept under constant suveillance, and all arrangements made to swoop

upon the strange craft and her crew

should they clear for sea.

Last night vigilance had its reward.

Early in the evening Constables Conlin and Wood took up their station near the sealing boat, secreting themselves among the bushes and undergrowth tha cling to the face of the bank. came down with intermittent showers of rain, followed by a breath of frost, and a breeze from the snow falling on the Sooke hills that chilled the officers to the bone. Just as the first streaks of dawn were beginning to appear on th horizon, and when the two officers has almost decided that their night's had been in vain, the the bank were disturbed and one of the trio afterwards arrested pushed through and leaped into the boat. Simultaneously the little sloop stood out straits and the man in the boat pushed off rapidly for it. Upon read ing the sloop a line was thrown to the boat, which was secured to the first named craft, the man clambered aboard "not guilty," and the prisoner was dis- and the sloop again stood out for the straits.

The officers on shore at once communi cated with Constables Clavards and Carson, who, having previously been warned, were awaiting the signal, and posse entered but as the case will probably extend over two days, and Thursday is a genwere depending upon the light breeze, while their pursuers had the advantage of power, and the launch quickly over-hauled and crossed the bow of the pursued craft. The men made no resistance and were brought back and accommodated at the city lockup as before de-

scribed. Although the sloop was searched for the loot from Capt. Grant's schooners and for Pichon's rifles and ammunition none of the stolen goods were discovered aboard. The chief of police expresses no surprise at this, as he decided some time ago that the men were caching their plunder out on the shore somewhere, where they could call and pick i up when they had completed their work and were ready to bid adieu to the field of their operations. On Sunday last as he imself was on watch while his men were at lunch, two of the prisoners drew out to the straits in a small boat and did not return until two or three hours had elapsed. A diligent search is being in-stituted along the contiguous shore lines in the hope that this cache, if it exists, be discovered.

The three men came up to-day at noon before Magistrates Belyea and Dalby, but a remand was made to enable the police to obtain further evidence. It is elieved that one of the gang, who say that they came here from Vancouver, is still at large.

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WON'T VISIT SPAIN.

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NOTICE

Rectification of Crown Grant.

Whereas, on the 3rd day Whereas, on the 3rd day of February, 1898, a Crown grant was issued to one William Ross Dick, for Lot 4, being a subdivision of Section 42, Lake District, but the said grantee was therein erroneously described as William Ross:

Notice is therefore hereby given in pursuance of Section 86 of the "Land Act," that it is the intention to cancel the defective Crown grant, and to issue a corrected one in its stead three months from the date hereof, unless good cause is shown to the contrary. shown to the contrary.

C. A. SEMLIN.

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria. B.C., 3rd Nov., 1898.

Companies Act, 1897. Notice is hereby given that Robert Hall, of the City of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed the Attorney for the "Arctic Express Company" in place of Francis A. Rattenbury.

Dated the 26th day of October, 1898

In the Matter of the "Tramway Company Incorporation Act."

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

NOTICE is hereby given that we, the undersigned, desire to form a company under the name of the "Atlin & Surprise Lake Tramway Company, Limited," for the purpose of building, equipping and operating a single or double track or aerial tramway, beginning at a point on Atlin Lake, in the Pistrict of Cassiar, in the Province of British Columbia, near where the waters of Pine Creek join those of Atlin Lake; thence along the valley of the said Pine Creek to the most convenient point, near where the said Pine the said Pine Creek to the most convenient point, near where the said Pine Creek joins Surprise Lake in the said District of Cassiar; and also for the purpose of building, constructing, equipping and operating a telephone or telegraph line or lines in connection with the said tramway, and with power to build, construct, equipand onerste bronch lines. and operate branch lines.
T. H. WORSNOP.
FRED. J. WHITE.
LYMAN P. DUFF.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to appl to the Chief Commissioner of Lands an Works for permission to purchase 19 acres of land in Cassiar District, commencing about midway on the Southern boundary of William Field's land; thence sout 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains, thence the commencement.

THOMAS TUGWELL. or commencement.

THOMAS TUGWELL.

August 24th, 1898.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that two months after date I, George Johnson, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for negroins to the company of th for permission to purchase of and sixty (160) acres of land the south end of Surprise or Cassiar district, described a Commencing at a post marked North Corner, George Johnson, planted about one quarter of a mile west of the of Surprise or Pine lake; thence sou chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north of beginning. GEORGE JOHNSON. Pine Lake, Cassiar District, Sept. 3, 1898.

NOTICE. Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the fol-lowing described land, situate at the head of Kitamaat Arm, Coast District Commencing at a post 20 chains south of D. Mann's northwest corner; theuce north 40 chains; west 40 chains; east 40 chains, to 1

mencement, containing 160 acres.

LEWIS LUKES.

Kitamaat Arm, August 20, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, viz.: Commencing at a staked marked Oliver Rolston's southeast corner, thence morth three-fourths of a mile; thence west north three-fourths of a mile; two miles; thence south three-fo mile; thence east two miles to point of commencement, and comprising about nin hundred and sixty (960) acres. This lam is situated on the banks of Pine Creek Atlin, Cassiar Mining District, R.C. OLIVER ROLSTON.

Lake Bennett R.C. Nov 2nd 1898. Lake Bennett, B.C., Nov. 2nd, 1898 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief missioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, viz.: Commencing at a stake marked John Connelly, northwest corner. thence sonth three-fourths of a mile; thence west two miles; thence north three-fourths of a mile; thence west two miles to point of commencement, and containing about nine hundred and sixty (960) acres. This land is situated on the bank of Pine Creek, Atlin, Cassiar Mining District.

JOHN CONNELLY.

Lake Bennett, B.C., Nov. 2nd, 1898.

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