COMMITS SUICIDE

s Charged With Culpable e in Connection With ighter's Death.

at., Dec. 7.-F. B. Meager of the Merchants' here, committed suicide hooting himself. The

in Nominated. nt., Dec. 7.-West Hast-

have nominated Gus esent member for the ther Candidate

es, Ont., Dec. 7.-E. A. unanimously nominated res of Lincoln for the ns on Saturday. x-M. P. Dead.

ec. 7 .- M. J. F. Quinn, exhman, died on Sunday. Curist Arrested.

nt., Dec. 7.-Elias Michm t here. His daughter died eeks ago of typhoid fever. curist, and neglected t ugh warned to do an, the officials. The coroner's verdict of culpable negli-

Weaken Party.

5.-W. A. Galliher, M. ere, said if it were true at J. Houston was no with the official heads e party of British Colly would find itself cor . Mr. Houston, in Mr. n, was a strong force in bia Conservatism, and ogether ignored. Mr. Gal-Sir Henri Joly's action in Mr. Houston in the o Premier McBride. It said, that any Lieut .d take such action on his

BLE AT NANAIMO. upt, Russell, of Western

Fire at the Coal City ec. 7.-"There will be no

These were the words of Rassell, of the Western when asked for the facts report which appeared in Recorder that trouble d between the Western and its men. "There is story," added the supersident Howard suggested that it would be to the e of the company as well from a financial stanc tinue the present half ork an extra shift, pointhe company wished to inut as much as possible. ing and curing establish-Yarmouth Fish Company troyed by fire on Satur he loss includes the curing ng, smoke houses and ble fishing gear, altogether

er 1 o'clock to-day the Welry Co. struck anthracite ne, Cumberland, where en driving a slope for many seam is seven feet and the ear and bright. The water der control, and work is inuously, three shifts

#### PEASANT REFORMS.

re in Drawing Up Scheme in Russia.

c. 7.-Minister of the Interior oposes to submit a new peasant reforms, ordered ent manifesto, to the conelective body to be comal committees. The proodying the new scheme, was the inquiry recently insti-Czar in the cause of the inof the peasants. The provincial committees will ch district by Zemsdovs, or cial assembnes, composed of etors and representatives of nd peasants. It is a new de Russian government to subthe approval of an elective ere is a parliamentary smack sal which delights the lib Russians.

IED WITH RESULTS. gear Has Greatest Faith in

and Yreka Properties as opper Producers.

regear, the manager of the in the city. Recently tsino and inspected the rried out on the Yreka prohe control of Messrs. Breen He is well satisfied with and is sending a number of ncrease the output. This iew of the fact that shiprin to the smelter at Crof few weeks, the steame ring upon that commission. ora the production con up to the shipping capacity t at Mount Sicker. Manir is well satisfied with the oth the Mount Sicker and the

IEF TELEGRAMS.

uilding secured at a cost of by the First Church of York city, has been degift by Rev. Mary Baker of Christian Science and faith.

shipments for last week , 5,375; Le Roi No. 2 (millloi No. 2, 390; Centre Star, Eagle, 1,230; Jumbo, 140; ns; year to date, 376,095 reported to have com ered her health.

# PROGRESS OF THE MINING INDUSTRY

GREAT IMPROVEMENT **DURING YEAR 1903** 

Vancouver Island Shares in General Prosperity-Prospect of a Boom on West Coast.

If the reports of progress published from time to time in the provincial news-papers have not been much exaggerated the forthcoming report of the Minister one of the most prosperous years in the history of mining in British Columbia. History of mining in British Columbia. ticable means of transportation exist gratifying progress has been made, and or taken prisoners." The Arizona and even in those less-favored portions of the Sonora chamber of mines declares it has the industry is blocked for want of rail-found that no engagement of any kind ways the push and energy of sanguine prospectors will make a showing as sur- troops and the Yaqui Indians. prising as it is creditable to those to whose indomitable pluck it is due. It is a matter of congratulation to

Victoria that the mining districts tributary to the city have not been neglected. The Tyee and Lenora mines have done splendidly and are proving beyond the shadow of a doubt the richness and Government Seeks to Get Dusiness Now permanancy of the Mount Sicker min-Assessment and prospecting work of importance has been carried on on Mounts Sicker, Brenton, Malahat, Richards and Skirt, on Saanich Arm, at Goldstream, Sooke, San Juan, Gordon river, Sarita, Bugaboo and many ther places within a few hours' journey of Victoria. The West Coast, after several years of neglect, the result of dis-couragement caused by wasteful methods awakened the interest of mining men, which considerable development has week. been done. The Comstock on Quatsino Sound has become a regular shipper, and nts to Crofton and Ladysmith. encourage their owners to prosecute the

work with renewed energy. Among the West Coast properties upon which material progress has been made during 1903 is the Indian Chief upon which material progress has group, on Sidney Inlet, which consists of eight claims or a total of 321.11 acres. The property is easily accessible, being situated on a land-locked, deep water harbor, with ever facility for shipping ore direct from the mines. Some of the claims were located several years ago, and quite a lot of work was done in ng without any satisfactory recipals, have adopted more practicable methods and have succeeded in proving the presence of several large ore bodies, any one of which will make a mine. The claims are situated on a moun tain, the ridge of which divides two mineral zones, apparently equally rich in The country rock consists of fine grained gabbro and dolomite. The magnetite n places is quite massive, and the outcroppings give evidence of large bodies beneau. On one of the claims, the Victor, a fine body of ore has been e to the contact with the lime. It is from 4 to 12 feet in width, and has been followed for 50 feet. Samples of this ore give the following results per ton: Gold, \$160; silver, 24 results per 501; Gold, \$100; silver, 24 oz.; copper, 34.1 per cent. A little fur-thur up the mountain a large body of likely be until January 11th, thus afford-1900, in New York. quartz has been located, which shows good values in silver, azurite and yellow ing the government an opportunity to get the estimates in shape. In the set of the standary 11th, thus afford the estimates in shape. In the set of the standary 11th, thus afford the estimates in shape. In the set of the standary 11th, thus afford the standary 1 copper. On the north side of the mounsome profit should be made. The own-to raise the capital for construction purers are so pleased with the prospect that poses. they intend prosecuting the work of de-

velopment with vigor, and hope soon to be in a position to ship regularly. The result of the work so far has been so encouraging that they are content to incur ssary expense to "make a mine," and they have no desire to part with their interests. A fine collection of samples of ore from the Indian Chief is on exhibition in the

window of P. R. Brown's office, Broad -Henry T. Thrift, of Hazelmere, and

be obliged to close, the business would be thrown to the mercy of the big millmen, short time. Both resumed their labors as Dr. Edward at the expense of the smaller mills,



#### NO FIGHT.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 7.-The Arizona nd Sonora chamber of mines has adopt ed a resolution requesting the Associated Press to deny the "articles purporting to found that no engagement of any kind occurred between whatever has

**EEGISLATURE WILL** TAKE LONG VACATION

#### in Hand Completed Before the Fifteenth.

The government intends to push for ward work on the bills now before the House in order that an adjournment for the Christmas vacation may be taken by couragement caused by wasteful methods of incompetent managers, has again progress has been made so far on bills, and some on the government side are and work has been resumed on many of sanguine enough to believe the business he old properties, while several new will be advanced sufficiently to take an finds of importance have been made on adjournment by the end of the coming

From the government standpoint then is no reason why this should not be done. numerous other properties have sent test The Finance Minister, insists upon the Loan bill going through as it stands, but which have invariably given results that as far as the other measures are concerned the government is manifesting a readiness to alter them in any way pro vided it is agreeable to the two Socialist members.

The ministry has expressed its readi ness to work all manner of changes in the Assessment bill and the various in dustries and institutions whose taxation is affected are not manifesting any delay in making their demands known. The timber men are to go away satisfied, and the banking and similar institutions will be accorded all they ask. The wild land sult, but the present owners, the Dewd-ner Canadian Syndicate. Ltd., in which Hon, Edgar Dewdney is one of the prin- and the 2 per cent, tax will be amended

son for hastily getting through with the bills. If their passage is delayed too many will have time to enter their pro-fallen away in flesh, was pale, ill and test, and the government, which really copper, gold and silver distributed in admits that it knows nothing about prac bands of magnetite and chalcopyrite. tical legislation, will become confused in this morning at 11 o'clock. the multiplicity of its advisers.

Another danger arises from the fear that the proposals from some sources may be objectionable to the Socialis doctrines.

Therefore the order to avoid the com House should be rushed through with as little delay as possible.

tain, and quite distinct from the ore gathering from every quarter respecting Alexander Dunsmuir at his last illness, not differing materially from that given mense lens of ore lying between lime Similkameen Coal & Railroad Company on the same point yesterday. and syenite, which extends for many have been represented in asking aid in Then came the examination before the and syenite, which extends for many hundred feet. Half a ton of this ore, sent to the Crofton smelter, gave results lows: Bornite-Gold, '04. oz.; silver, This is being opposed in other quarters, a supper in New York in honor of the 38.8 oz.; copper (wet), 42.9 per cent.; iron, phur, 12.4 per cent. Magnetite—Gold, phur, 12.4 per cent. Magnetice Goid, trace; silver, 3.6 oz.; copper (wet), 11.9 per cent.; iron, 43 per cent.; silver, the citer with a per time in formerly of the Quatsino the embarrassed looks of the ladies saw the embarrassed looks of the ladies saw to rectify it. His original provided to Dunsmuir at the Grand hotel, San Francisco at-torney-at-law, who had gone to see Alex.

other about 400 feet east of it, where The Kootenay Central Railway Comanother large body of ore is located. Ore pany, which proposes to build from in encouraging quantities has been discovered at several other places on the ternational boundary line, also seek aid. property, and further prospecting will If they can get that the promoters claim bodies. The construction of a road for about 11/2 miles will permit the shipment get sufficient capital in the East to go f ore, and it is calculated that the cost on with the work. The granting of aid of shipping to the smelter will net ex- they claim would not form an immediceed \$1.50 per ton, so that after paying ate demand upon the provincial treas

#### NARROW ESCAPE.

Two employees of the Victoria Gas Con pany, Price and James by name, on Satur day afternoon had a trying experience which nearly became a tragedy. They were to repair a leak in the main on th corner of Cook and Fort streets, and to get at it a considerable amount of excavation was necessary. When the hole was dug th gas was found to be escaping quite freely and the workmen saw they would hav trouble in executing the required repairs H. M. Stack and D. Hadden, Clover-dale, are a deputation from the lower hole, and the other told him to call out if Fraser staying at the Dominion. Mr. he encountered any difficulty. No sound was heard from him, and finally Price see gentlemen being millmen. They are here to see the government regarding the pro-after him. He found his companion unposed tax on shingle bolts. They claim conscious, but before he could render him position of Mrs. Dunsmuir in 1900 from that even with the rebate when the any assistance he, too, was overcome. shingle bolts are worked up in the prov- Fortunately, Mr. Norman, who conducts ince, that 50 cents a cord tax means the the grocery store on the corner, discovered ince, that 50 cents a cord tax means the the grocery store on the corner, discovered both men. New York in 1898, said Alexander would Alexander Dunsmuir in 1893.<sup>-</sup> which there are some 15 or 20 on the James was completely overcome and had to sometimes drink from two to three pints H. Cole Skinner, a bartender, gave persons were injured. Finally the lion in ten days and numerous mountain which there are some 15 or 20 on the lower Fraser. These mills buy their bolts from the farmers, and should they

usual this morning.

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MORE EVIDENCE IN HOPPER VS. DUNSMUIR

CASE CONTINUED

\_\_\_\_\_ Reading of Testimony Before Commission in New York Has Not

Yet Ended.

#### (From Friday's Daily.)

The reading of the evidence of Edward A. Crowninshield, of New York, in the case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir, was continued at the afternoon sitting of the Civil Assizes yesterday. In it witness stated that when James Dunsmuir visited New York, at the time of his brother's death, he "poo-poohed" the idea that the trip to San Francisco would be dangerous to Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir in her weak condition, and suffering from cancer, and persuaded her to take the The witness saw Mrs. Dunsmuir when she returned, several weeks after-wards, from San Francisco. She had an when he read the paper to her and wards, from San Francisco. She had are operation for cancer soon after, and re-turned to San Francisco in June, 1900. Witness attended to her business affairs and was on very friendly relations with Wilson suggested to James Dunsmuir to Russell Wilson had strongly adcall in his own lawyer, but James Duns-wised Mrs. Dunsmuir not to go to San muir had replied that if it was satisfac-Francisco after the operation, fearing she would be influenced by James Duns-tory to bin, muir to sign some document that would prejudice her case.

In his cross-examination witness expressed the view that Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's mind was not as good in 1901 as in 1900 for transacting business. on the train that took Alexander and A great deal of the evidence was devot-ed to the state of Mrs. Dunsmuir's December, 1899. He told of the quan-

The testimony of Wm. Leslie Colvert, a New York physician, taken by commission, was read. He had attended Alex. Dunsmuir in his last illness, and his medical diagnosis was in line with that of Dr. Marshall. He had also advised Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir that it would be dangerous for her to go to California with her husband's body before she was operated upon for cancer. He went into particulars of Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir's condition, stating she had become feebler in health. She might have been capable of making a will in June, 1900, but a or making a will in June, 1900, but a person suffering from cancer was not so capable mentally as if head the solution of the business of of the person suffering from cancer was not so capable mentally as if healthy. She had given him to understand that James Dunsmuir did not want her to have any Edward E. Keil, a member of the of Alexander's property.

also told of seeing him in New York on his last visit, and expressed the view after Alexander's death. She seemed that he was a mental and physical wreck pleasant enough, but when a gentleman for some time before he died. She also from her lawyer, Wilson, arrived she stated that whereas in 1898 Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir seemed gay and light-hearted fallen away in flesh, was pale, ill and

At this point the court adjourned till

reading of Mrs. Stevens's evidence was soon finished, and this was followed by attorneys for James Dunsmuir, executor. that of her husband, John E. Stevens. Mr. Stevens, who was manager of the plete humiliation of the government it is De Wolff Hopper Company, gave his muirs for three years when they were opinion somewhat along the same lines living at the Grand hotel. She was emas his wife in regard to the mental and physical condition of Alexander Duns-muir in San Francisco, and in January, 1900 in New York

stimates in shape. the meantime delegations are vortex on are on the delegations of the stimate on the delegation of the strength of the stre

muir. Witness ordered wine, and from of J. L. Copeland, a San Francisco at-15 per cent.; suphur, 8.1 per cent. Work is being done at this point and at an-Alexander Dunsmuir's intemperate habits in New York and San Francisco, where he saw him frequently at the Pacific Union Club during a visit in 1894 and in 1897.

Mrs. Rita Schrober, wardrobe woman of the Hopper Opera Company, spoke of meeting Alexander Dunsmuir in 1895, 1897 and the following year, and also in 1900, the last occasion being before Dunsmuir died in New York. His ental and physical incapacity was testified to by the witness. She also spoke of Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's fast failing health and change of disposition, to that of a changeable, irritable condition after her husband's death. She had heard Mrs. Dunsmuir during a visit to Montreal, shortly after her operation in 1900, say that she intended leaving all her pro perty to her daughter. At this point the court adjourned for

#### (From Saturday's Daily.) The case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was

lunch.

continued at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the Civil assizes.

Stanley Murphy, who was Mrs. Hon per's coachman in New York in 1898, gave evidence of the feeble appearance of Alexander Dunsmuir at that period. He also spoke of Mrs. Dunsmuir's visit to less New York, and told of the changed dis-

her former cheerful demeanor. Miss Mary Ellen Howe, who had been Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's maid in

Dr. Edward Janeway and Dr. Robert ple to the bar, but seemed afraid of Abbe gave medical testimony, the first

amed as to attendance on Alexander write a story on him. He apparently Dunsmuir in his last illness, and Dr, had an aversion to newspapermen. DunsAbbe as to his examination of Mrs. muir had given witness large sums of Dunsmuir for cancer in January, 1900, money at night to stay with him in the and advising a speedy operation. He bar. One night he gave witness \$100, and advising a speedy operation. He performed this operation on March 10th. The disease had made great progress be-tween the time of the examination and the spectrum of the examination and the spectrum of the examination and the spectrum of the spectru the operation. He described this oper-ation and a secondary one, the last one than stayed. Dunsmuir had rooms at was more for the purpose of relieving the patient of her feeling of depression and had rooms at the Grand hotel, the reason giving her some buoyance of mind. He he gave being because of his mother and expressed some doubt as to Mrs. Duns- James Dunsmuir. muir's ability to make a will after the second operation as she became weaker lunch. At this point the court adjourned for and more vacillating in her mind. Had she been operated upon promptly when A RAILWAY POLICY he first saw her there might have been a chance of curing her. Francis W. Wiggans, room clerk of

the Imperial hotel, stated a signature in the hotel register in December, 1899, was Alexander Dunsmuir's. The signa-ture was so illegible that it could not be read by witness. When Mrs. Dunsmuir was in New York a few weeks after her operation she told him how nice James Dunsmuir had been to her when she was West, and had told her he always dealt with her and Alexander honestly. She said she had wanted to go to British Columbia to contest Alexander's will, but Mr. Wilson, her lawyer in San Francisco, had persuaded her to sign a paper which he said put the estate in trustees' hands for two years. Mr. Wil-son drew up the paper and told her the clause referred to was not much liked by

This closed the reading of the evi-dence taken in New York. Then came the evidence taken in San

mental capabilities and to Alex. Duns-muir's condition. e trip, Dunsmuir.

#### To-Day's Proceedings.

The reading of evidence taken at San Francisco was continued this morning. Ralph Burnett in 1897 was employed as bell boy at the Grand hotel at San Francisco when Alexander and Mrs. Dunsmuir were living there, He used to answer Alexander Dupsmuir's bell, and carried whiskey there. L. A. Foisom, another employee of the hotel, gave evidence as to whiskey and punches being taken to the Dunsmuir

firm of Goldberg, Cohen & Co., had Mrs. Edna B. Stevens's evidence was in effect that she knew Alex. Dunsmuir and his wife in California in 1897, and she gave instances of Alexander's poor condition mentally and physically. She avisit to Mrs. Dunsmuir at her home also told of seeing him in New York on seemed anxious for the rest of the guests to go, and drove them to the station her-

Frederick Baumgartner, bell boy and then porter of the Grand hotel, gave somewhat similar evidence to Folsom as to taking liquor to the room.

To-Day's Proceedings. When the court met this morning the eading of Mrs Stavens's origidance the will of Alexander Dunsmuir had been The date of probate was May 9th, 1900. Mrs. F. C. Jacques knew the Dunsdition and a heavy drinker during that

#### (From Monday's Daily.)

The case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was restured this morning at half-past ten o'clock before Mr. Justice Drake, the feading of evidence, taken in San Fran-cisco by commission, heing continued. The cross examination of Mrs Jacoure The cross-evamination of Mrs Jacones vas concluded, and was followed by that cisco in 1898, but instead of answering questions, Dunsmuir had said he wanted pay a tax amounting to the same as the move his coal mines down to the waterfront, as that would cheapen the cost of transportation. Witness considered Alexander unfit mentally.

Dr. Cornelius F. Buckley | had first risited Alexander Dunsmuir professionally in 1893 for alcoholism in San Fran-His mental condition was all right after being restored from that attack. He saw Alexander a couple of years afterwards casually, and though he looked as if he was then in a state of semi-idiocy, witness only gathered this as an impression, but as he made no examination he could not stake his medical opinion that such was the case.

C. F. Schmidt, a Palace hotel waiter n San Francisco, gave testimony, but as practically dealt only with the fact that he carried meals over to the Grand for the Dunsmuirs, Mr. Justice Drake revenue bill. expressed the opinion that the evidence was useless as throwing no light on the

The evidence of A. R. Buzello, trained urse, dealt with the treatment of Alexander Dunsmuir during one of his de- was torn to pieces to-day by four lions lirous spells in 1893 Mr. Justice Drake here expressed the a great crowd of people.

opinion again that this evidence on a H. D. Helmcken took the view that it

was useful in leading up to the later

newspapermen, as he feared they would their mother killed.

## MAY BE FORMULATED

### Rumored That Announcement Will Be Made After Vacation-Proceedings in the House.

(From Monday's Daily.)

put before the legislature by the govern-J. J. Hill, it is said, is agreeable to build

discretion in the matter of when and how chartered the steamship Oanfa. The and as he thinks business demands it. This is not agreeable to many of the Company in the rate war now on beonce, and that from both ends, the work and space on the Oanfa was nembers have made themselves clear be- toria and Puget Sound. She is now en fore the government, and have also taken | route across the Pacific." the means of canvassing the other members of the party. The government by this time

realizes just what is the wish of the mem-

The state of the finances at the present time stands against any such undertaking, the ship, and 10 landed here. The peotime stands against any such undertäking, but the persistency with which some of the interior supporters of the scheme are push-ing it forward may necessitate the govern-ment taking some action on the matter and putting up at least the semblance of company's stages, there are many pri-tate ones running and some for bioreles

made. Of course there are other railway schemes and found wheeling good all the way, which thed to offset this. Among them is the snow being packed down well on the the persistent pressing by C. W. D. Clif-roads, affording a smooth surface. At ford and Dr. Young for recognition of the White Horse arrivals on the Cottage rights of the northern portions for railway City report great excitement over the communication by what may be conveni-ently described as the Kitimaat-Atlin line. The fact that a company exists in Vancou-ver having for its object the building of its being carried out as soon as possible, for no one can fail to discern Vancouver influence in the legislation introduced by the present government. A good Conservathat route.

new land tax as it affects them. The mendment with its schedule of taxes on. men at all. They pay the old rate, having only timber leases, the Island timbermen point out. But the mills at Chemainus, Ladysmith and elsewhere on Vancouver Island, who have been forced to buy their timber lands outright, are now forced to royalty paid by the Vancouver timbermen in royalty on lumber from the leases.

Price Ellison appeared for the first time n the House this afternoon. Although in the city for several days, the member for Okanagan has been unable to attend to his duties, being confined to the hospital in consequence of having had a rib fractured while at Mission shortly before his arrival W. C. Wells also made his appearance in

Loan Bill Passed.

in the city.

the House.

The position of law clerk in the House which has been filled by Oscar Bass so far is again in the hands of W. E. Fisher, who has held the position for some years. The loan bill passed its third reading this afternoon, as well as that reducing the powers of the Governor-in-council to in-

rease the poll tax as provided for in the WOMAN KILLED BY LIONS.

Dessau, Duchy of Anhalt, Germany, Dec. 7.-Frau Fischer, a · lion tamer,

n a managerie cage and in front of She was trying to make a lion spring

There is a possibility, it is said, that the China Commercial Company, which is making things lively for the opposition Oriental line, running out of San Francisco, will extend its field of operations British Columbia and Puget Sound. The steamships Lothian and Atholl are underc harter to the China Commercial Company, and it is stated they will e placed on the run from Portland and Puget Sound shortly. It is reported that the war so far has caused the competing

ompanies to lose about \$300,000. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has already cut the passenger rate of Chinese from San Francisco to Hong-kong to \$2, but not even at that low tariff did it secure very many Chinese. The majority of the Chinese ready to leave San Francisco for the Orient booked passage on the China Commercia There are indications that when the Company's steamer Lothian. Upon the House re-assembles after the long Christmas vacation there may be a railway policy \$15 per head were announced, and will continue in the open until another China Commercial steamship reaches the coast. J. J. Hill, it is said, is agreeable to build a line from the Kootenays to the Coast well & Company deny the statement with practically no subsidy. But in order to do so he wishes to be left to his own that the Occidental and Oriental line has the various sections shall be finished. He story now contradicted was that the Ocwants to construct the line by sections and as he thinks business demands it. members from the constituencies interest. ed. They are here pledged to their electors engaged in the trans-Pacific trade. Dodto see that nothing is left unturned to well & Company state that the Occihave a Coast-Kootenay line built as an dental line desired to ship 6,000 tons of entirety. They want it undertaken at cargo from the Orient to San Francisco There is not a question but what these cisco, the Oanfa will come north to Vic-

COTTAGE CITY ARRIVES.

Proceeding on this, it is reasonable to believe that negotiations will be entered into during the recess of the House with Mr. Hill, and an attempt made to get terms from him upon which the line will be built. When the legislature again as-sembles, therefore, something definite may be known and may be put before the legis-lature. The state of the finances at the breasent carrying out pledges which may have been vate ones running, and some few bicycles. One cyclist made the trip in eight days

FISH TRAPS.

the line is another strong inducement for Subject of Debate at Y. M. C. A. Saturday Evening-Officers Elected.

Owing to the many counter attractions there was not a large attendance at the tive company of Victoria capitalists also holds a charter for a line of railway over A. Literary and Debating Society held from the local legislature. The Kootenay Central also asks aid, so that the government will have its hands the first speaker. He handled the subthat the government will have its hands the first speaker. He handled the sub-full during the recess to arrive at a con-iculation as to what shall be done in the mat-clusion as to what shall be done in the matclusion as to what shall be done in the mathematic forcible arguments against the use of his traps in British Columbia. In his address he pointed out that the question ject, the ministry will be in a position to decide on whether to formulate a policy or should not be considered solely from the standpoint of Victoria. The best internot. Representatives of the Vancouver Island implement were in the city on Saturday

W. F. Best was the leader for the negative, and he displayed a map of Br.-No. 13, Gr. Geo, R. Sheppard, June 300h; amendment with its schedule of taxes on timber taken from lands which do not pay tish Columbia, showing the course of the No. 13, Gr. Geo, R. Sheppard, June 30th; No. 16, Gr. H. Currie, June 30th; No. 24, salanon in their progress to the Fraser Gr. J. C. Jost, June 30th; No. 26, Gr. M. H river, and how they were caught by the C. Warlock, June 30th; No. 28, Gr. A. Robtraps of the Americans. Canadians, he held, should be allowed the same pri-Nov. 25th; No. 31, Gr. H. R. Huston, Nov. 25th; No. 39, Gr. D. R. Williams, Nov. vileges as Americans. One of the ad-vantages of traps was that the fish could be kept alive in them for ten days, while when caught by the drift nets used in British Columbia they died im-mediately. The argument that the introduction of fish traps would be disastrous to the Fraser river canneries was not is posted to No. 1 Company. sound. The fish caught in traps on the West Coast of Vancouver Island could nish satisfactory explanations for their ab-

> in favor of traps. Messrs. Fisher, for the affirmative, and Dunn, for the negative, followed, after which the leaders were allowed five

ninutes to sum up. After the debate officers were elected s follows: President, Dr. Lewis Hall; first vice-president, W. J. Hanna; second vice-president, Mr. Clarke; secretary-

reasurer, D. Tait. It was decided after some con noidor ation that the subject for next Satur-day's debate would be the immigration. of Chinese and Japanese.

#### MOUNTAIN SHEEP.

Celebrated Hunting Guide Points Out Necessity for Better Protection of Game.

W. G. C. Manson, the famous Lillooet hunting guide, is making his first visit to Charles Gael had one leg broken the coast, and with Mrs. Manson and crushed and the other leg bruised, and Miss E. Mansell is registered at the R. W. Patridge, manager of the liquor period of illness ten years ago was use through a hoop, and struck him with a Dominion. Ever since 1884 Mr. Manson, who all his life has been a hunter. whip, where upon he leaped upon her and disembowelled here at one stroke. The has been engaged each summer in guidroman shrieked once, and the three ing hunting parties into the wilds of other lions joined in the attack and Lilleoet district after large game. One Herbert Jaegar, another trained nurse, was called to tell about the ikness of of her flesh. There was a frightful Primrose. They found game very plen-Lai Ping and panic among the spectators, and many tiful, and saw 70 mountain sheep rams 1894. He was generous in inviting peo-the woman's body. grapher, and has with him some very fine pictures of grizzlies and sheep, the victims of his rifle. One in particular is

that of a grizzly that Mr. Manson shot last year after three yearly attempts. The brute weighed a thousand pounds, and charged the hunters, breaking down a jack pine five inches diameter in his ad career before he fell with a bullet rough a vital spot. Mr. Manson has trong views on the Game Act. A thorigh sportsman himself, he states that less some more stringent measures are taken to preserve mountain sheep that very soon they will all be destroyed. He advocates a license for everyone, whether a resident of the province or not, who unts sheep. Under present conditions. many heads are illegally shipped out of the province, and this should be put a stop to in the interest of game preservation.

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#### DUNCANS LIBERALS ENDORSE RALPH SMITH

#### Resolution Was Unanimously Passed at a Meeting Held on Friday

Evening.

Ralph Smith, M. P., met a number of the mbers of the Cowichan Liberal Association at the Agricultural hall, Duncans, on Friday evenia; last, and in a short address explained the course he had taken on public questions since being elected three years ago. He told the Liberals frankly that he had always sought to preserve his independence as an advocate of the interests of labor in all industrial questions, at the same time supporting the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier on national character. He had always found the government sympathetic in respect toindustrial questions, and its legislation generally was of such a liberal character that he had no difficulty in according it a generous support.

Senator Templeman spoke for a few minutes, briefly reviewing the work of the session. He eulogized Mr. Smith's services to the cause of which he is a champion, and stated that the imposition of the Chinese head tax, so long advocated by all realizes just what is the wish of the mean bers whose constituencies are affected by the line. Trails between Dawson and the first of Mr. Smith, is good and stages are making the is good and stages are making the provincial representatives. The Senator

voted for this motion.

The question of improving the Cowicham river so that Somenos lake would be lowered, thereby making it possible to utilize several thousand acres of land now flooded, was discussed, and the relative responsibility ity of the Dominion and Provincial governments in respect to such work was consid-ered. A motion was adopted requesting Mr. Smith to secure the services of the Do minion government engineer to make a survey and procure the necessary data for the purpose of ascertaining if the proposed work is feasible, as to which there se be some doub

After votes of thanks, the meeting, which was quite informal throughout, was adjourned.

#### REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Several Men Have Been Added to Strength-Number Granted Discharges.

Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding Fifth. Regiment, has issued the following orders:

The following men having been attested will be taken on the strength from the date hereafter mentioned, and will assume the regimental number opposite their respective names: No. 153, Gr. Harold W. Lang, Dec. 2nd; No. 209, Gr. Frank Fox, Dec. 2nd.

The following man has been taken on the strength as a supernumerary trumpeter: No. 6 Co., R. Jameson, Dec. 2nd. The following men having been granted

their discharge are struck off the strength 25th; No. 41, Gr. H. A. Jesse, June 30th; No. 44, H. C. Hall, Nov. 25th; No. 155, Gr. J. Cowgill, June 21st: No. 163., Gr. T. Brunell, Oct. 28th: No. 171, Gr. A. McDonaid, June 15th; No. 181, Gr. W. Williams, June 15th.

Lieut. R. Angus having reported for daty The following men having failed to furbe transferred alive to the canneries on sence from the regimental parade of the the Fraser river in scows. He advanced 24th ult. will turn in to company stores at a number of other important arguments once all clothing and accoutrements in their possession: No. 2 Co., Gr. J. Smethurst; No. 2 Co., Tr. Martin; No. 3 Co., Gr. J. Brewster; No. 3 Co., Gr. G. Penketh; 3 Co., Tr. Appleby; No. 4 Co., Gr. Harding; No. 6 Co., Tr. Cross. The following N. C. O.'s are detailed to assist the Sergt.-Major with recruits on Tuesday, December 15th: Sergt. Savory and Bomb. Mathews.

Co. Sergt .- Major MacDougal will be in charge of the gallery practice on Friday, Dec. 11th, and will be assisted by Gr. Goodwin. By order

#### (Signed) D. B. M'CONNAN, Capt., Adjutant.

### COLLISION IN VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 7 .- Two street cars collided this morning in a fog at the south end of Westminster avenue bridge. department of the Hudson's Bay Company, had his right leg broken and a compound fracture of the ankle. H. Cameron, motorneer, was also injured, but not seriously. . The two cars were Lai Ping and Woo Wai two witnesse against the Japanese in the trial for the murder of Charlie Sing, were formally charged to-day with perjury.

Lever's Y-2 (Wise Head) Disinfectant Som Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects.