given the lieutenant-governor-ir to grant the company lands in West. Kootenay, not exceeding 10,240 acres a mile for each mile of railway constructed, upon the condition of their constructing the railway within the time and according to the terms of their act of incorporation, and upon the further condicorporation, and upon the further condi-tion that they furnish security for such construction. Upon their filing a map or plan to the satisfaction of the lieutenantplan to the satisfaction of the course of line and the lands to be traversed and upon their depositing \$25,000 worth of good and sufficient security, a tract of land was to be reserved from pre-emption and sale, extending sixteen miles on each side of the proposed railway. The company within a year, to quote the act it-self, had to define the project, in a man-ner satisfactory to the chief commissioner of lands and works, upon a plan of he located line of railway, the h lines of alternate blocks of land fronting upon each side of the line, and having a frontage of six miles on the railway, by a depth of sixteen miles, so that each block so selected and defined by the company shall be opposite to a similar block not selected by the company on the other side of the railway. Such lines shall be traced to the cardinal

So far so good. We take it that no-thing could be very much clearer, and that anybody endowed with the most elementary knowledge of the English language can perfectly understand what language can perfectly understand what was meant by the foregoing section. Half a dozen of one and six of the other. Share and share alike. This block for the railway, that for the government, the intention obviously being that the former should not have nopoly of the land contiguous to the line, and then grind the faces of the poor—settlers. That, at least, was the ntention of parliament, but not, as we shall presently see, of its mandatories, the ministry. The government, under ruise of the lieutenant-governor-in-counil, arrogate to themselves powers which hey do not possess, coolly override the express orders of the legislature, do not eserve alternate blocks for the government, but allow the railway company to go where it listeth, to take up such land as it pleases, and, moreover, issue rown grants for the same.

The lands reserved or crown granted to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway are clearly shown in the Province eries of maps, sheet No. 4, showing West Kootenay southern division; but anyone doubts the authenticity of that ublication, seeing that its name might mply overt hostility to the present govment, let him pay a visit to the lands nd works department and satisfy himelf that our contention is correct by ference to the official records; or if he annot do that, let him get a copy of e British Columbia law reports as soon s they are published, and study the case ast heard. He will learn all about i nere, for plans were filed as exhibits owing that the selections made by the pany are precisely as we state them What may be the ultimate re alt of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard case carried to appeal in the supreme court Canada, we are, of course, unable to ay. We can merely take an ordinary yman's view of the matter, which is e, we feel convinced, will be shared by public. To us it is plain as a pike taff that the government

avention of the terms of the act of: rack in contiguous and solid blocks. Have granted to the case of the Rossland section opposite ands on both sides of the track. 3. Have passed orders-in-council auhorizing the issue of crown grants for ocks improperly selected, covering all the lands on both sides of the

1. Have allowed the company, in c

Whether this comes under the head o nisfeasance or malfeasance we do snow, but we have not the smallest loubt that if any such scandalous breach of trust as the foregoing had been committed by a private individual he would very soon and very rightly find mself the subject of a criminal prosecu

The last of this question, probably, has not yet been heard, and in view of all the circumstances it would certainly be visdom on the part of any who may intend to acquire land by purchase or otherwise from the company to reflect seriously before so doing, for if the government has acted illegally in issuing grown grants it must of necessity fol ow that the company cannot give ound title in transferring them.

CAN CALL AT SKAGWAY. Canadian Vessels Accorded the Same Privilege as Americans.

Canadian vessels are to be allowed to land at Skagway as well as at Dyea. On Thursday evening Mr. Thomas Barle, M.P., sent the following telegram: Victoria, Aug. 17, 1897. Sir Richard Catrwright, Acting Prem-

ier, Ottawa, Ont.:

Deputy collector Dyea will not permit Canadian vessels land freight and passengers Skagway Bay—gateway to White Pass—three miles from Dyea. American vessels do so. All freight and travel going that way. If pos ermission from United States ent for Canadian vessels land Skagway Bay. Very urgent such privilege uld be secured immediately est of Canadian trade and sh

Yesterday Mr. Earle received an anwer as follows:

Ottawa, Ont., Aug 20, 1897. Thos. Earle, M.P., Victoria: Thos. Earle, M.P., Victoria:
Am advised officialy by treasury department, Washington, that all vessels may enter at Skagway, and Am officials have been wired according R. W. SCOTT.

Lord William Beresford, the husb the Dowager Duchess of Mariborot now 50 years of age, and like his b ord Charles Beresford, wears the Victors. He won it in the Zulu war, by rying to safety, with the help of Sergt.
D'Toole, another wounded Irish sergeant
inder heavy fire of the enemy. Lord Willam refused to accept his cross till one
and been given to O'Toole. All three of he men were Irishmen, and the

Cook (observing her sweetheart cororal while he is cutting up the goose) How well you carve! (Bitter sure that I am not your first love Fliegende Blaetter.

BIG PASSENGER LIST

Over Two Hundred Passengers Coming From Australia on the Aorangi.

Steam Schooner Mischief Spends the Day on the Rocks Beacon Hill.

The steam schooner Mischief has been from yesterday evening until about halfpast three this afternoon lying piled up on a little group of rocks opposite Beacon Hill, on which she ran when returning from a trip to Sidney yesterday. She left for Sydney yesterday morning with a party of well known Victorians on board, and during the darkness, as she was drawing near the rocks where the old San Pedro was wrecked, Capt. Buckholtz get in a little too close to the shore, and suddenly there was a shock and the vessel struck, and notwithstanding the fact that every endeavor was used to force her forward she remained hard and fast. The pleasure party took one of the ship's boats and rowed ashore. This afternoon the tug Vancouver went out to her aid, and after a few hours' hard work she succeeded in getting her afloat. The Mischief then steamed around to her berth in the inner harbor, where she is now lying.

The Aorangi, due here next week from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii, is bringing from Australia more passengers by long odds than have been carried on a Canadian-Australian liner sirce the line has been in existence. From Australia alone there are 245 second-class passengers and 20 saloon passengers, with more to be picked up at the other ports of call. It is just possible that this large passenger list is accounted for by the Clondyke gold excitement, for Australians are ever ready to try new gold fields. Of the steerage passengers 85 are booked for Victoria and Vancouver, 20 for Portland and Puget Sound ports, 100 for San Francisco and 40 for eastern points. The Aorangi has 100,-000 pounds of Australian freight for the east and 85 tons for Victoria. Her corgo, like her passenger list, will be added to at Wellington, Suva and Honolulu.

The steamer City of Seattle brough over this morning the remaining portion of the iron work and machinery to be used in the building of Mr. F. M. Yorke's Teslin lake steamer and saw mill. There were also many passengers, who are coming here to await the sailing of the next steamer for the land of gold. Many of these brought over their outfits and of these brought over their outfits and a quantity of supplies, for which they are a quantity of supplies, for which they are now sorry, as a Portland party said this norning, they having found that they have to pay duties and that it was much cheaper to do as some of the other miners did, namely, buy their outfits here.

delayed on the Sound taking on cargo. The steamer was crowded, and the miners who intended to embark here will steamer, as although they could have secured passage, there was no room for their horses and outfits, and in consequence they stayed behind. There were about fifteen disappointed Argonauts, amongst them being the two who intended going by the Stickeen river and Teslin

The steamer Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco yesterday, bringing besides a large complement of passengers 178 tons of freight consigned to various Victoria houses. She brought, ncluded in this, a large quantity of Californian fruits. Among her passengers were many Clondykers, some of whom sailed on the steamer Queen and others are waiting at Victoria until the Bristol sails. The City of Puebla sailed southward yesterday evening with a large cargo of freight and many Victorians who are visiting the Southern

Messrs. F. C. Davidge & Co. received telegram from Port Angeles this morng announcing the arrival there of the steamer Eugene, which sails for Dawon City on Wednesday. The Eugene fill be convoyed as far as St. Michaels the steamer Bristol, which is due on way down from Dyea and Skagway Bay to-morrow. Parties of miners arriving in the city daily, and now large number are here awaiting the sailing of the Bristol and her consort. Bristol will leave for St. Michaels as soon after her arrival as possible.

This evening the R.M.S. Empress of apan will call here on her way to the rient. Among her passengers are hang Hen Huan, Chinese representaat the Queen's Jubilee, and Marquis the Japanese statesman. The Jatakes a consignment of flour from e for Hongkong.

The R.M.S. Aorangi called at Wellington, N. Z., on the 15th inst., on her way to Victoria from Australia. Wellington will be hereafter a regular port call for the Canadian-Australian

The steamer Coquitlam arrived in port om Vancouver yesterday. She leave this evening for Dyea, calling at the isual northern ports en route. The Couitlam will have but a few passengers and a small quantity of freight from

this port.

THE SCHOOLS.

Madeid, Aug. 23.—The Duke of Tetuan, minister for foreign affairs, declares that the outy claim presented by the United States in connection with Guba is the demand for payment of an indomnity to the family of Dr. Ricardo Rulz, an American citizen, who met his death in the jail at the concept of the public hools and those of some of the private schools resumed their work this merning. The attendance at the public has not resigned, but the government will shortly consider the results obtained by the campaign in Cuba.

year, despite the fact that the warm weather is still keeping many of the pupils out of town. There has been quite an influx of new pupils, not only in the primary classes, but in all the classes of the graded schools. The North Ward school stands at the head of the list with 451, which will be largely increased when all the pupils return. even 400 were enrolled at the South Park school. Of these 40 were new pupils. The principal predicts the largest attendance in the history of the school when the summer camps hav all broken up. At the Girls' Central school 325 attended this morning; Boys' Central, 300; Victoria West, 217; and Spring Ridge, 156, making a total of 1.849 in the graded schools. At the High icol there was an attendance of 96. With the exception of the changes in the principalship of the Boys' Centra and Spring Ridge schools, the teachers

of last term are in charge of the same Mr. Eaton, the new city inspector, arrived in Vancouver last evening and wil be here to-night to assume the duties of his office.

THAT EXEMPTION.

American Papers Misinterpret the Recent Customs Order.

The American papers continue to per sist in misinterpreting and even misstating the facts in regard to the recent order of the commissioner of customs re- | Herald from Paris says: specting the exemption from duty of a P.-I. on Saturday published the follow-ing false statement in an editorial: seems to be but one oninion remain

Milne: attle, Puget Sound and Portland news- a big deficit in the crop. The growers papers, evidently intentionally, mis-state the import of the order of the com-missioner of customs in regard to min-without bread being forced up to famine ers' clothing in use and food that is to prices, as the party clamoring for an during the present season. In the in- it is my personal opinion that there is terest of truth and to avoid the possi- not the most remote possibility of the bility of miners and others going to the government removing or even reducing Clondyke being misled I would thank you | the import tax on grain." to publish in extenso the telegram received in this connection by me.

A. R. MILNE, Collector of Customs. THE ORDER.

by the Acting Minister to Washington, you will give special instructions to officers at Lake Tagish that miners' the cultivators managed to get some little blankets, personal clothing in use, and profit from plentiful harvests. This year cooking utensils in use, and one hun- The crops have been bad everywhere in dred pounds of food for the journey, France, and in Europe generally the

JOHN McDOUGALD,

MAJOR WALSH THE RIGHT MAN. grain situation says: "The wheat har-Major Walsh served the Dominion as vest is about half over. Reports con-A number of those who came over on the Seattle will go up on the Bristol and Eugene to Dawson City, by way of the Yukon.

The steamer Queen arrived at the outer wharf about one o'clock this morning, many hours after she was expected, and left again for Dyea and Skagway shortly after her arrival. She was way shortly after her arrival. She was body of his Sioux braves into the Northwest, and the incursion did a good deal towards increasing the means of subsistence on the plains available for the Canhave to await the sailing of the next adian tribes. In dealing with Sitting Bull and his followers, Major Walsh exhibited great pluck and skill, and prevented this country from drifting into an' Indian war. The intrepid major was, in fact, the chief instrument in ridding Canadian territory of Sitting Bull and his troublesome retinue. His courage, prudence and good sense secured peace for the Northwest, and saved the country very large expenditures that would have been necessary had hostilities

spread. A man with the experience of Major Walsh will be of great value in preserving order at Clondyke. If anyone fool ishly attempts to evade the laws of the land or causes dispeace, he will find that he will have to reckon with a firm adninistrator, backed by the whole people. For this reason Clondyke will be a model camp.

MORE NORTHERN LETTERS. Alaska letters were yesterday received rom Thomas Beveridge, John D. Stew hese is merely corroborative of what has been already published. J. D. Stewart's letter was written from Dyea on August 6, three days after they had dition, and were ready to start the journey inland the next morning, expecting to make four miles the first day. He saw a large number of Nanaimo boys, and all seemed well and in good spirits. He do was to work steadily from 4 o'clock in the morning until 12 at night. The letter from the member of the party crossing the Chilcoot Pass stated that all were well and were working hard. They expected to be at the lakes and have their boats built by the time

the occurrence had cast a gloom over whole camp. The letter from Thomas Beveride stated that the Simpson-Peters party, of which he was a member, were making a mile a day over the White Pass and taking the whole of their stuff along with them as they went. The only party ahead of them were the Gillespi

nison crowd, who were working in the same way. Nanaimo Free Press. THE CUBAN QUESTION.

The Populace in France Aroused Over the Possibility of Famine Prices Prevailing.

Such Is the Feeling that the Authorities Are Taking Steps to Prevent an Outbreak.

London, Aug. 23 .- A dispatch to the Daily News from Paris says: "The rise in the price of bread has caused no little agitation. There is even talk of summoning a session of the cham ber of deputies to discuss the matter.

Market rigging is an important factor in

"At Marseilles the popular effeves-cence is much greater than here, and the mayor of the city has issued a provis ional scale of prices. The cause of the rise there is a scheme of syndicate wheat merchants to force the government to reduce the wheat duties. The price has risen since last night. To-day the importers and millers at Marseilles held a long conference. Such is the popular feeling that the authorities are taking

New York, Aug. 23 .- A dispatch to the

steps to prevent an outbreak."

pecting the exemption from duty of a There seems to be no reason to be-ortion of miners' outfits. The Seattle lieve that the import duty on wheat will seems to be but one opinion, namely, "Duty is not exacted on ordinary and to abolish the duty would merely ennecessary supplies, consisting of plain, rich speculators, derange the equilibrium common food and clothing, weighing of the budget, work serious harm to the French cultivator, and not bring an iota on this subject the Times has receiv- of relief to the consumer. The minister ed the following letter from Collector of argiculture said: 'Years of plenty have not been able to make cultivation To the Editor: I observe that the Se- profitable. This year there is sure to be be exempted from the payment of duty abolition of the duty allege. Therefore

The Temps publishes the following interview, unofficially, it is true, but nevertheless obtained from one in the ministry of agriculture, where some idea of the views of Mr. Meline are sure to be had: The wheat crops during the last few In accordance with the dispatch sent | years have been abundant. The market was overcrowded. Prices for low quotations went down 20 per guntal, and even to 18, but the land is fertile, and the conditions have been unfavorable the fields.'

London, Aug. 23 .- The Mark Lane Commissioner of Customs. Express in its weekly review of the

> ly announced that a very large crop of grain is anticipated in the Argentine Republic, the grain under cultivation covering a larger area than ever before. Paris, Aug. 23.-Flour rose 50 centimes per sack at Marseilles on Saturday, and a further rise is expected, though impending arrivals from New York and Buenos Ayres are expected to check the rise. The agitation for the abolition of the duties on grain is spreading rapidly, and at Tarbes, Aodez

the subject. The Figaro expresses the belief that the rise will not last longer, as no scarcity is feared, adding, "the Socialists"

and Cette there is much excitement on

The Justice declares that the price of bread has no relation to the present price of wheat.

BRIEF LOCALS. Gleanings of City and Provincial New in a Condensed Form.

art and a member of the McGregor—Notice has been given that an ap-Gibson party. The news contained in plication has been made by the Ashcroft Water Company for permission to supply the town of Ashcroft with water.

Biscuit Co

-Mr. Robert Wood being unable to dermen for the city of Greenwood.

-An application is to be made to the courts asking that a receiver be appointed to wind up the affairs of the New gas in the company is the alleged cause

the letter reached Nanaimo. The party of the trouble.

had just crossed the river before the unfortunate accident to Thomas Wall, and the statement in the Colonist this morning the statement in the Colonist this morning. ing that the season for quail shooting is now open. As stated in last evening's Times the government has decided to lands producing it are situated."

> -The Furness line steamer Damara which arrived yesterday morning at Halifax, from London, brought 150 tons of explosives for the naval and military authorities. They consist of shells, cart-

> -In yesterday's Gazette is published the schedule of fees payable under the Water Clauses Consolidation Act of last session, Under the same legislation, Mr. W. S. Gore, deputy commissioner of lands and works, has by an order-in-

morning on their way to Clondyke. They will take passage on the steamer Queen, which sails from here on Sunday fer Fort Wrangel. They intend going in by the Stickeen route.

-The following new companies have given notice of incorporation: The Fairview Consolidated Gold Mining Co., of Fairview, capitalized at \$975,000; the Charleston Mining Company, of Kaslo, with a capital of \$150,000, in \$T shares; and the Western Canadian Gold Fields, Limited, of Nelson, with a capital of

-Salmon are still being caught in large numbers at Beecher Bay, and are daily being brought to the fish market at the public landing by the Siwashes. More than usual—the Indians seemingly being cognizant that Friday is "fish day"been selling all day at the rate of three for twenty-five cents.

of the Stickeen and Teslin Lake route can be obtained than the fact that most -Constable Mouat has resigned his of the old miners select that route. position on the city police force. He Among these old timers is Mr. J. M. has been engaged to assist in the building of Mr. Yorke's steamer and sawmill on Teslin Lake, Mr. Mouat is a ship carpenter by trade. The police commissioners have not yet met to consider the resignation. Mr. Mouat will remain on the force until the steamer Thistle leaves for the north.

-Mr. G. A. Huff, M.P.P., came down from Alberni to-day. The Clondyke fever, he says, has not affected the people of that district; they have a Clondyke of their own. Considerable work is being done on the Champion and Missing Link claims and on the Alberni-Consolidated property. Prospecting is going on all the time on the canal and at other places along the coast, and some very good samples have been

Diack Jones, a well known Alberni prospector, has, according to reports brought down by the steamer Willapa, made a very rich strike of peacock copper on Sidney Inlet. Clavonnal Secondary Inlet. The ledge is a very wide one, and Jones has lost no time in staking and recording his claim. He went up to Alberni on the Willapa to attend to the recording. The mines at Clayoquot are all very busy and a large amount of derelopment work is being done.

The Archbishop of St. Boniface, Mgr. Langevin, Bishop Clute, of Mackenzie district, who for thirty years has been bishop of that immense territory ching from Athabasca Landing to the North Pole; Rev. Father Camper, a missionary among the Indians of Manitobay Rev. Father Guillet, parish priest of St. Mary's, Winnipeg, and Rev. Father Cornellier, of this province, arrived from the Mainland last evening and are guests at the Bishop's Palace. Archbishop Langevin came to the coast to consecrate the new coadjutor of Westminster district, Bishop Dontonville. The party leave in the morning for New Westminster, where the consecration services take place on Sunday.

From Saturday's Daily.

telegram has been received from Dieut.-Col. Gregory stating that he would leave Toronto to-day, and would reach Victoria about Friday next, the

Thomas Williams and May, his wife, two Siwashes from Saanich, indulged too freely in strong water yesterday evening, and they were gathered in by provincial police. Police Magistrate Macrae, in the provincial police court the morning, fined Williams \$6, with the option of twelve days in jail. Mary get off with a warning.

New \$1 and \$2 bills of the Dominion of Canada have been issued and are in Greulation in Victoria. The \$1 bills have a portrait of Lord Aberdeen, the Governor-General, on their face, together with an Ottawa river logging scene. The \$2 bills have a portrait of the Prince of Wales, and for a centre piece a picture representative of net fishing with a picture of harvesters at work on the verge side.

Before winter closes in there will will not succeed in their alarmist cam- be quite a town at Skagway Bay. The nen who went up on the Islander for the British Yukon Communy have been engaged until the end of October, with the option of remaining all winter. They will erect stores, warehouses and an hotel. The men going up next spring will be able to get accommodations as com-fortable as could be found in any mining town.

-The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Jane Durance, of Lake District, the greater portion of whose life has been spent in British Columbia. ceased, who was a native of Kent, England, and 66 years of age, came to Vic--Notice is given in the official Gazette toria in 1853. The funeral will take anded. They were all in good cont of yesterday that A. E. Beck has been place to-morrow afternoon at one o'clock appointed liquidator of the Vancouver from the homestead to the South Saanich hurch, and thence to the burial ground of that district.

all seemed well and in good spirits. He act in that capacity, Mr. A. S. Black also said sarcastically that he had a has been named as the returning officer resources, and now another is about to snap, and explained that all he had to for the first election for mayor and all be brought into use, for it has been esources, and now another is about to A Pathetic Appeal to the Ambassa found that British Columbia grass i suitable for making binder twine. De puty Minister of Agriculture J. R. Ancourts asking that a receiver be appointed to wind up the affairs of the New On the subject from the Wisconsin Westminster Gas Company. Too much Grass Twine Co., and after sending them several samples the manager of the company sent to Mr. Anderson the been prompted by the Turkish authorifollowing reply: "Grass like these samples would be suitable for our manufactures. I would thank you very much to know approximately in what quantities this grass can be had, and where the Mr. allow quail shooting this year, but not Anderson has replied extensively, giving them every information on the subject.

> -Collector Milne has received a letter from T. R. E. McInnes, one of the customs contingent at Skagway, in which Mr. McInnes says that a great many Americans are coming to him daily askas to mining permits, etc. All to whom he has spoken, without exception, have accepted the situation and expressed their willingness to comply with the laws. He has a comply with the laws. ridges and powder. Most of the explo-sives are to be forwarded to Esquimalt. of duties they are required to pay, and their willingness to comply with the laws. He has, he says, received nothing but courtesy from the American effective and the straightful and the says are satisfied. lands and works, has by an order-incouncil been appointed water commissioner.
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> —J. C. Wilson, J. T. Armstrong and C. Snowden are three Pennsylvanians who

came over on the City of Seattle this ing been given permission so to do in cot sideration for their assistance in its A

-Sergeant Raven, of the Northwest nounted police, who left for Skagway Bay on the Danube this morning, took up with him from this city a large quantity of provisions for both the men and horses of the contingent of police who are now going up, and for those who have gone up previously. For the horses there were about 150 bales of Great Battle With the British Forces hay and 34 bags of oats, besides a large quantity of other feed, and for the dogs about 40 boxes of dog bread. The provisions for the men also amounted to no small item. Sergeant Raven also took up the necessary equipment for a post office at Tagish lake. Inspector Strick-land, who, with five more constables, will join the ship at Vancouver, has been came in this morning, and salmon have appointed to the position of postmaster. -No hetter evidence of the superiority

> Bowker, of Napanee, Ont. That gentleman is at present in the city, and with other miners, is endeavoring to make arrangements for passage to Telegraph Creek. Mr. Bowker is not alogether a miner from necessity; takes a pleasure in it, and when advis ed not to make the winter journey simply answered that he thought he could put in his time pretty well hunting, etc. This is not the first time Mr. Bowker has been in Victoria. His first visit was in 1862, when Victoria, like Skagway and Dyea to-day, was the home of a crowd of fever-stricken gold-seekers. Since then he has been in almost every mining country in the world. He was enjoying himself quietly in Napanee when the new Clondyke rush reached there. The old fever returned, and now old schoolmate; Harry Davey, who comes from Napanee, despite his New England twang, and Mr. W. J. Taylor,

From Monday's Daily. -Yesterday at Beecher Bay the funeral of the late George Brown, who was shot in March last by Thomas Aiken, took place. There was a very large attendance from both the city and the district. The dying request of the deceased, that he should be buried on his farm, alongside his son, who was killed by a fall from his horse, was adhered to. Services were conducted at the residence and at the graveside by Rev. Father Althoff.

whom he knew as a boy.(

-News was received here on Saturday afternoon of the death at Port Townsend of James McCurdy, an old-time and well-known resident of the Northwest. The deceased was at one time interested in the San Juan lime kilns and afterwards was in the United States government service as customs officer on the Alaskan steamers. He resided here for a couple of years, leaving for Port Townsend last winter to engage in business. A few weeks ago he visited Victoria for medical treatment, having been very ill for some time. A widow and one daughter survive him.

-Messrs. Steves and Philips of Steveston, are in Victoria to-day on business Dominion and the province in reserves connected with the incorporation of in British Columbia has been the subject natures to complete the number repre- test entered by your government to the under the law will be obtained to-day, as most of the cannery owners resident here are in favor of incorporation. The name Steveston-if the father of the place will pardon the suggestion-might be changed; "Sockeye" would be more appro-priate, while "Salmon City" would be a perpetual reminder that it was the headquarters of our greatest industry.

-Range horses, which have been a past, are going up in value, the rush to the mines being the cause of this piece of good fortune to the ranchers. Already a very large number of horses have been sent north to pack the miners' outfits through the White Pass. In the spring more will be sent to Skagway Bay, but probably not as many as will be sent to Telegraph Creek to pack between that point and Teslin Lake. Mr. J. C. Callreath, who now runs a pack train between those points, has commissioned a Seattle nean to buy 100 horses, which he considers will, with the horses he already has there, be able to handle a large share of the spring traffic.

## REIGN OF TERROR

Armenians Are in Deadly Fear of Wholesale Annihilation by Fiendish Turks.

dors of the Powers-Situation at Constantinople.

Constantinople, Aug. 23.—The confession of the two Armenians arrested on Saturday, at whose residences bombs were found by the police, is said to have ties. The prisoners are alleged to have tive of your government and Mr. Mcconfessed that they intended to use bombs at the Russian and German em-

A circular letter received by the ambassadors of the powers from the Armenian Dashnakzutrum committee, appeals to the pity of the nations of Europe not to allow the Armenian nation to be annihilated, asserts that Turkish promises of reform are a dend letter, and in this extremity the Armenians are reolved to carry out what is foreshade

GENERAL REVOLT

All the Afridis Reported To Have Joined in Indian Uprising -Startling News. .

Reported To Have Occurred This Morning

Simla, Aug. 23.—A large force of Afridis has just been reported advancing down Khyber Pass, and the so-called Mad Multch, or fanatical priest, who is inciting the natives in that territory against the British, is said to have collected the Mohammedans for an attack upon Michni and Shabkadr.

The Royal Irish regiment and one representative of the native infantry, with a battery of mounted artillery, have been ordered to Kohat.

Fighting is reported to be proceeding at Alimusjed between the Afridis and . the British garrison at that place. London, Aug. 23.—An official dispatch

from Peshawur announces that the Afridis attacked Ali Muskjed this morning. It adds that they were attacking Fort Maud at 10:30 to-day. The enemy's line is a mile and a half

long. Another body of Afridis, the dispatch continues, is moving toward Kad-

All the Afridis are said to have joined in the uprising. The news contained in this official dis-

patch is most important, probably meaning a protracted campaign and desperate fighting.

A general revolt of the Afridis is what the Indian government feared most, and it row seems to have taken place.

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.

Letter Regarding . the Proposed Settlement From Hon, Clifford Sifton,

Hon. J. H. Turner has received the following letter from the minister of the interior

Ottawa, 4th August, 1897. Hon. J. H. Turner, Prime Minister, Victoria, B. C.

Sir,-Your government has already been advised through the usual channel that Mr. J. A. J. Kenna, of the department of Indian affairs, has been commissioned to proceed to Victoria to effect with your government, subject to the approval of the Governor-General-in-Council, an arrangement for the removal of the Scughees Indians, and the exchange of their present reserve for another location. This action has been taken as the result of the interview which I had

with you during the recent session of parliament. I find that in addition to the question of the remetal of the Songhees Indians. the general question of the rights of the Steveston as a city. The necessary sig- of correspondence, and that upon a prolease by the department of in dian affairs for mining purposes of the coal measures in and under the Indian reserve at Nanaimo, an agreement was come to for the reference of the question the supreme court, and that the law officers of both governments have been in

communication to that end. It has occurred to me that it would be in the interest of both governments to ome to an amicable understanding in the matter without incurring the expense glut on the market for several years and trouble incident to the proposed reference, which in the end may not afford a satisfactory basis upon which both governments may in future proceed in respect to Indian reserves. I am, therefore, authorizing Mr. McKenna on my behalf to discuss the matter with a representative of your government, with a view to making if possible an arrangement which, while safeguarding the rights of the province, would afford this government the means of administering the reserves in the interest of the Indians, which under the present condition

of affairs is found imposs I am also authorizing Mr. McKenna on my behalf to discuss with a representative of vonr government the questions which have arisen in connection with the railway belt. In your interview with me you expressed the desire to have these questions disposed of and a satisfactory arrangement come to. The mass of correspondence which has passed upon natters connected with the railway belt has tended. I fear, rather to complication than elucidation, and I think a good workable understanding can only be come to by conference. Mr. T. C. Roth-well, law clerk of the department of the interior, will act with Mr. McKenna in conferring with your government in re-

spect to the railway belt. As it is in the public interest and in the interest of both governments that those questions should be settled, I have no doubt that when they are taken up in a friendly way a satisfactory solution will he found. Of course the arrangements which may be made by the representa-Kenna will require to be confirmed by orders-in-council before taking effect. Messrs. McKenna and Rothwell will leave for Victoria about the 17th instant.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, CLIFFORD SIFTON, Minister of the Interior and Superin-tendent-General of Indian Affairs.

COLLECTOR DISMISSED.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.-(Special.)-F. H. Lesson, collector of customs at Bran-on Man, has been dismissed for active political partisanship, and Hubert Cle-ment Graham, M.P.P. for South Brandon, has been appointed in his place. Mr. Graham will assume his duties on the 15th of September, and will resign an his seat in the legislature.

About how long is it likely to be be-fore the first relief expedition will set out for the Clondyke.—St. Paul Press.