HALF YEAR'S STORY OF STEADY PROGRESS

Victoria Maintains Commercial Supremacy as Accentuated by Phenomenal Growth of Business.

(From Saturday's Daily.) iding on the threshold of Dominon Day, it is well to accentuate once again the manner in which Victoria is sustaining worthily her rightful posi-tion as capital of the banner province of Canada. To-day marks the close of the first half of 1906, and every resident of the city has cause to be proud of the increasing commercial importance evident each month since the

opening of the year.

This prosperity has not only been general, but cumulative. Every house of any importance reports not only a within the city limits. The institution at large increase in business over the the outer wharf has been working since same period of 1905, but also that each | the month shows an advancement over the fish, from traps, is not subject to the month previous. The concensus of regulations in force for net fishing. opinion is that an average of thirty per cent, increase has marked the first ant financial corporations have pened six months of this year over January to June, 1905. This statement is made after interviewing nearly all the pro- Ltd. Both are doing a good business and minent firms and is rather under than over the mark. Customs returns are a source of considerable profit. very reliable guide to business prosperity. Free imports have almost doubled, while dutiable ones show an months of last year. For the period mentioned in 1905 free imports amount-

Exports of domestic goods have Statistics for the first half of 1905 totalled \$224,514, while the

Six Months Closing To-Day show an aggregate in this line of \$303,-

Real estate activity is strongly emphasized by the receipts of the land registry office. For the opening six months of 1905. Registrar Wootton's office took in the sum of \$22,694.40. Taking a very conservative estimate for June, and the official returns for the five months previous, the receipts for the six months closing to-day have been \$32,314,35. This is an increase of nearly \$10,000 or practically fifty per

An interesting side light on the number of people visiting the city and the increase of population may be obtained from statistics furnished by the B C. Electric Railway Company. During first half of 1905 1,423,607 people naid fares for riding on the cars in the number will total 1,563,048. This shows an addition of 140,000 or practi-

The large increase in electric light and gas installations also give a good dea of the rapidity with which Victoria is growing. There are 200 more electrical, and 132 more gas connections than at the end of June 1905. In the latter especially the company look for a larger increase in the near future. The twelve miles of mains contracted for are being laid with great rapidity. In the short time since a gratulate themselves on the splendid

Probably the largest single increase Particular Branch of Business

has been that of lumber. During 1905 the Chemainus mill shipped 20,392,072 feet over seas. For six months of 1906, for which statistics at present are only estate market during the past week. In available the shinments reached a total of 14.102,791. Taking this as a Lee Gee Wing and others previously menbasis the shipments for the half year ending to-day will be over 21,000,000 feet, or larger than those of the whole of last year. Local mills have been extremely busy, and there is absolutely no let up in the rush of orders. Menwas made a week or two ago of the reopening and enlargement of the mill at Sidney. This week it developed that the new Taylor mill, near Point Ellice, will be put into operation immediately. Dr. Crawford, of Winnipeg, has acquired an interest in the concern, which will enter the field at once. Dr. Crawford, who is a wealthy practitioner at the Peg will move to Victoria. The letting of contracts for construction of portions of the Grand Trunk Pacific has been of great benefit Victoria. Duncan brother of Alexander McDonald, who acquired the Fuller property a few days ago, has placed orders for 4,000,-000 feet of bridge timbers within the past couple of weeks. He has the contract for 375 miles of the railway west from Portage la Prairie, and experienced much difficulty in getting the per he required. The contract was originally given to the Canadian Pacine Lumber Co., at Port Moody, but they could not fill it, and have agreed to pay the difference in price he will compelled to give elsewhere. partly fill his requirements Mr. Mc-Donald is taking the

Whole Output Available

of the Shawnigan Lake Lumber Com-

heavy shipments of large dimension ber for the construction of dredges. shipments, among them being Lemon, Gonnason & Co. and Moore & Whit-

Wholesalers and manufacturers are doing extremely well. There is only Thomas Catterall has all the work he one note of dissatisfaction, and the can handle. matter should be easy of adjustment A prominent manufacturer and shipper said yesterday: "Business is in the interior were equalized by the C. be put on exactly the same basis. At crease for June was \$383.764. present this city is discriminated against, and there is difficulty in perbuy goods without us having to absorb ninety has lost at least one and a half the extra freight. This reduces our inches.

its materially, and the C. P. R. should even to secure the additional revenue to be derived, place this city on the same basis as the mainland terminal at Vanconver."

The increase in outside business has been general in all lines. Many mer-

The First Cannery

branches here, the Northern Bank and consider their operations in Victoria a Though very late in making a start

the corporation show signs of dealing adequately with the water question increase of \$300,000 over the first six | Several proposed sources of supply have been looked into, and it is announced that next week will probably see the next ed to \$298.551, while in 1906 they reached scheme take definite shape. There is also every prospect of new permanent sidewalks being constructed in different parts shown an increase of nearly half. of the city during the next few months. Much work has been done in this connec tion during the six months just closing and in every line of effort the city council is meeting the added requirements of Vic toria as far as possible.

Two new places of amusement, one our door and the other inside, have been opened during the period mentioned. Both are receiving a large measure of patronage. Gorge park has been the scene of many enjoyable functions during the past few weeks and will continue to

Attract Residents and Visitors. Additional bathing facilities have been

Many homeseekers have come here to eside since the new year. They are generally people of means, and have acquired some of the best property within the city and in the surrounding suburbs. Their presence is a source of congratulaion, not only for their assisting Victoria nmercially, but each is a missionary to his friends. Satisfied newcomers are he city's best advertisement.

Organized "boosting" was taken ur with enthusiasm early in the year, and he new permanent exhibit of "Made in large range of manufactories that form an important factor in commercial up-

All in all, citizens of Victoria can constart was made 7,840 feet have been progress made during the past half year placed in position, and work is being and look forward with extreme confidence to the future. No other city in the pro-

Rapid Strides Recently,

and the coming six months will more than equal the record of the semi-annual period that closes to-day.

Continued activity has marked the real addition to the sales to Alex. McDonald. tioned, several of interest have been made. Col. Herchmer, formerly commissioner of the N. W. M. P., has bought 17% acres in Fairfield road, near St. Charles street, adjoining Government House, and will erect a large residence. This was concluded by E. B. C. Bagshawe. C. C. Pemberton sold about 2 acres at the corner of Fort street and the Lillooet mining division; deputy Belmont avenue to a new arrival from registrar of the county court of Carl-Winnipeg, who will at once proceed to build. This was formerly owned by Hon. J. H. Turner. Among the sales made by Lee & Fraser during the week were two five-acre blocks in the Lake Hill estate, one to a Vancouver man and the other to a local resident. Beaumont Boggs sold twenty acres fronting on Esquimalt within the Ashcroft assessment disharbor to a Victoria maritime man Among the sales made by the B. C. Land and Investment Agency during the week were 5 acres on Hillside avenue to a Winnipeg party at a good figure; 3 lots in Seaview, Work Estate, to another new comer; 11 lots of the Fairfield estate to parties from Moose Jaw at the rate of \$1,100 per acre; lot in the McTavish estate on Ontario street, and 4 lots in Caledonia. park.

A. McCrimmon, the contractor, has just completed a bungalow at the corner of Birdcage Walk and Michigan street for K. Metro, of the Maryland restaurant The same contractor also started two other houses during the past week, one on Mears street for Mr. Lumsden and another for W. J. Hanna on Burdette avenue. Another residence on the latter thoroughfare is rapidly nearing comple-With the opening of navigation to tion. It is being built for H. S. Crotty, the Yukon there have been made the Winnipeg real estate man, who has decided to live here in future. Reginald Love, his son-in-law, has left for Mani-Many local mills have started oversea toba to conduct the business, but Mrs. Love will stay here indefinitely. Other contractors are very busy. Moore & Whittington will commence the construct

CANADIAN CUSTOMS REVENUE.

A person usually begins to lose weight suading merchants in the interior to at the age of fifty, and at the age of the Granby and other mines in the

ATTENDED SHRINERS' MEETING . H. Greer Returned Yesterday From Chicago and Other Big Eastern

H. Greer, the Yates street shipping and commission agent, has returned rom an extended tour through a number of the big Eastern American and Canadian cities. Mr. Greer left Vic-toria over a month ago to attend the Imperial council meeting of the Apcient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shriners held in Chicago on the 12th and 13th of May. It had been arranged that this meeting should be held in Los Angeles this year, but owing to the disaster to San Francisco plans were altered, and the money that was to be spent in making preparations and in entertaining was devoted to the suf-ferers at the Golden Gate. It is now cided that the next annual me shall be held in Los Angeles, and Mr. Greer says that it is estimated tha there will be a large number come West via the C. P. R. Mr. Greer was the only representative from British Columbia among 500 present. After the meeting Mr. Greer visited a number of points of interest on the American and Canadian side. He reports from East to West crops are excellent the extensive operations of fish traps. If the East to West crops are excellent in this connection the first half of 1906 and that everywhere there is a short-age of labor. In all the big cities he age of labor. In all the big cities he heard a great deal about Victoria, and the reports were of the most favorable

ALL ASSESSORS

of interest was being taken in this city.

otion showing that a great deal

HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Seven Officials Will Later Sit as Board of Equalization for the Province.

(From Saturday's Daily.) An extra of the B. C. Gazette, issued yesterday, contains notice of the folowing appointment:

Caspar Phair, of Lillooet, S. M., assessor and collector for the Lillooet assessment district, to be assessor for the Quesnel Forks and Barkerville asessment districts, and a collector under the "Revenue Tax Act, 1901," provided, and Victoria's beauty spot is and for the said assessment districts, ore popular than ever before. The New from the first day of July, 1906; Har-Grand theatre at once leaped into favor old P. Christie, of Ashcroft, S. M., assessor and collector for the Ashcroft assessment district, to be assessor for the Kamloops, Nicola, Vernon, Kettle River and Princeton assessment districts, and a collector under the 'Revenue Tax Act, 1901," in and for the said assessment districts, from

the first day of July, 1906. The appointment of these two asessors completes the organization of the whole province into assessment districts by the provincial government. There are seven districts in the province apportioned to seven assessors. In addition to these two just appoint Victoria" goods is showing visitors the ed the following have previously had their districts allotted: A. Lucas for the territory west of the Columbia river; S. McB. Smith for Vancouver Island, J. K. Worsfold for Victoria city district, W. S. Fagan for Vancou

ver city district, and S. A. Fletcher for New Westminster district. It is the intention in order to make that when the districts have been covered by the assessors just appointed, that they shall all meet as a board of

The appointment of these district assessors does not interfere with the work of the local assessors, who as deputies under the charge of the district officer.

The Gazette contains the following appointments in addition to these two

Alexander C. Minty, of Lillooet, provincial constable, to be deputy assessor and collector for the Lillooet assessment district: deputy gold commissioner and deputy mining recorder for boo holden at Lillooet; deputy registrar under the "Marrige Act," deputy registrar of voters for the Lillooet electoral district, form the first day of July, 1906.

Herbert C. Rayson, of Asheroft, to be a deputy collector of revenue tax trict: deputy assistant commissione of lands and works for the Yale land recording division: deputy registrar of the county court of Cariboo holden at Ashcroft: deputy district registrar of births, deaths and marriages, deputy registrar under the "Marriage Act," and deputy registrar of voters for the Yale electoral district, and deputy recording officer for the Yale cattle district, from the 1st day of July, 1906.

John Stephenson, of Barkerville, Barkerville; William Stephenson, of Quesnel Forks, Quesnel Forks; E. T. W. Pearse, of Kamloops, Kamloops George Muray, of Nicola, Nicola; H. F. Wilmot, of Vernon, Vernon; James R. Hunter, of Princeton, Princeton, to be deputy assessors and collectors under "Assessment Act, 1903," and districts set opposite their respective names, from the 1st day of July, 1906. The Gazette contains a proclamation that Monday, July 2nd, shall be ob-

served as a public holiday. FATALITY IN MINE.

down the main incline shaft of the ers plying from Victoria. Brooklyn mine, Phoenix, on Tuesday some unaccountable manner lost his days. balance, falling to the bottom of the In addition to the trip of the Prin-

found. or 25 years ,and had been employed at | Vancouver at 11 p. m. on Monday. Nears was a young man of some 22 camp for a year or two. He was a na-

Various Events Which Will Attract Citizens of Victoria Celebrating Canada's Natal Day.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Monday when citizens of Canada ommemorate the Natal day of the country as a united Dominion will be attingly observed by residents of Vican enjoyable day are excellent, and a wide variety of amusements at different points has been included among the programmes prepared.

There are many excursions by rall ind steamer both to and from Victoria, and the management of the different Sunday schools have all planned pic nics where the children may spend a happy day. Among the excursions is that under

the management of W. B. Fisher, of this city, to Cowichan bay. This will be by the steamer City of Nanaimo, which leaves at 9 o'clock for the trip among the islands. At Cowichan bay a regatta will be held by the residents of the district, including Indian boat races, etc. The trip should be a most enjoyable one, and the steamer will assuredly carry a full complement of passengers. The return to the city R. GRIGG COMING ON will be made in the evening.

By the E. & N. railway there will be succession of excursion trains run for the convenience of those who wish visit Goldstream and Langford Plains. At the former place the Sunday schools of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and the First Presbyterian churches will hold their annual outing and preparations have been made to give the children and their parents a delightful time at this popular resort. At Langford Plains the Calvary Baptist church Sunday school will hold its picnic. The committees in charge are

for the convenience and entertainment of their guests. The train arrangements in connec ion with both these picnics is such as to give all who wish to attend an opportunity to do so. The trains leave and returning leave Goldstream at 5

p. m., 7.27 p. m. and 8.35 p. m.

sparing no pains or expense to provide

the Victoria Terminal railway there will also be an excursion to ac commodate the Sunday school of the Centennial Methodist church. picnic will be held at Sidney park, and ascertain what British traders and the sively repaired. a very complete programme of sports has been arranged, including foot races for boys and girls, various novel races, and a tug-of-war between married and ried and single women. In the unfortunate event of rain the picnickers are well provided for in having a large hall at their disposal, and games and music will take the place of the programme of sports, which will be held if the weather permits. There will be an abundance of hot water. The V. & S Railway Company have arranged for trains to leave Victoria at 9 a. m. and return at 6 p. m. Those going by the early train will, therefore, have a good long day of either seaside or country

as fancy may direct. Within easy reach by tram car a er of picnics are planned. The Metropolitan Methodist Sunday

school will hold its outing at Oak Bay. A committee is busily engaged preparing for a most enjoyable time. A pro gramme of athletic sports will be in cluded in the day's proceedings. Oak Bay never loses its charm, and being within easy reach of the tramway line the children may have a full day's

Victoria West Methodist church will likewise make Oak Bay its picnic listened to a spirited speech by Henri place. The ladies of the church are Bourassa, M. P., on the Lord's Day preparing to provide all needed re- bill now before parliament. Mr. Bourfreshments at the picnic to be held on assa handled Sir Wilfrid Laurier with-Monday next. Besides the usual light- out gloves, and was roundly applauded er condiments, ice cream, etc., there throughout. Anyone he declared, who will be on hand all that is necessary voted for the bill now before parliafor a good picnic meal. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake will be prepared. Liberal. He also paid his respects to so that those who do not wish to be Camille Piche, M. P., whom he actroubled with a basket may be well cused of being a traitor, alleging that supplied with the needful meal.

the Congregational church will be held that the whole matter of Sabbath obagain this year at little Kanaka ranch, servance be left in the hands of the which is an ideal spot, situated as it province. Instead of remaining faithis within a short distance of the Esqui- ful, Mr. Piche had moved an amendmalt car line facing the Straits, and ment leaving the acceptance of the preaffording a splendid view of the water | sent bill, instead of the right to legiswith the beautiful Olympic mountains late to the provinces. He would be in in the distance. The committee having the House of Commons to-morrow, and the arrangements in hand are sparing he would denounce the traitors. no effort to ensure success. A long been arranged and swings, games, etc., will also be provided. The cars will leave the church shortly after 9 a. m., Families and friends are cordially in-

vited. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday school has decided upon the new Gorge park for its picnic. The place is Brown, of Fairview, Kettle River; H. an ideal one for the purpose, and gives a splendid opportunity for enjoyment. Apart from these picnics there will the programme of horse races at Amendment Act, for the assessment the Driving park. The committee in lark, 20 tons; to Dominion Copper Co. large number will be attracted to it. are special excursion rates provided for from Providence, 60 tons; total shipby the C. P. R. and other transporta- ments for the week, 24.382 tons; total tion companies for all who wish to shipments for the year to date, 625,990 visit other places. These rates apply William Nears lost his life by falling to the E. & N. railway and the steam-The service on the E. & N. will be 982 tons; Dominion Copper Co. smelter,

was working at the 250-foot level, and on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sun-

our sales on the mainland if rates to venue for the twelve months ending shaft into the sump, something life 150 cess Victoria, which leaves here at 7.30 with June was \$46,204,731, an increase feet from the 250-foot level. Life was each morning, the Charmer will make P. R. Victoria and Vancouver should of \$4,669,838 over last year. The in- extinct when the unfortunate man was a special trip, leaving this city at 11 p. m. on Sunday, and returning, leave

steamship every day of the year.

ne city of Prof. Meyer, late of San rancisco, an entertainment is to be iven in the school room of the Metropolitan church on Tuesday evening. Prof. Meyer is one of the sufferers by the earthquake and fire in the Calf-

fornian city. His house was completely wrecked, and his valuable grand plano was among the ruins.

The instrument with the upheavel of the floor by the quake was thrown against a partition in the house, and crashed through it. Prof. Meyer only had time to reach the outside when the front of the dwelling collapsed burying the whole of the contents. he whole of the contents.

After living for years in San Francisco he has decided to forsake that city, and it is highly probable that he will make Victoria his home in future. Prof. Meyer is a native of Switzerland and studied under the great Liszt. At the concert on Tuesday evening the chief attraction will be the plant include the following: Andante quasi allegretto, by Bathoven; Prefude op. 28, by Chopin; Pui lento, by Cho Au Printemps, by Rameau; Grand Valse op. 34, by Chopin; Tann march), by Wagner, and Rhapsodie

Friska Rapido, by Liszt. singers will assist. Included among them are Mrs. G. Hicks, Mrs. Burnett,

IMPORTANT MISSION

Will Go Into All Phases of Question-Inter-Imperial Shipping Preference Suggested.

den cable says: "Richard Grigg, the British government's commercial compeg and other centres, to investigate the following amongst other questions: Why American and other foreign trade with Canada grows faster than British despite the preference; where the preference fails, and the allegations of fraudulent sale of German and other government can do to increase the Bri-

tish share. "He will especially sound Canadian ministers and traders regarding freight see whether at the next colonial consome form of an inter-imperial ship-ping preferences which will form an effective alternative to Mr. Chamberlain's tariff preference plan, against which the ministers here have given

electoral pledges. "The British ministry has just pre-Australian aspects of the question. "Mr. Grigg has been instructed to select a series of official Canadian correspondents for the commercial intelligence department of the British board company. It has a large plant in Vanof trade to keep the ministry here posted regarding Canadian development."

BOURASSA'S SPEECH

Denounces Sabbath Observance Bill Now Before Dominion House.

Montreal. June 29.—Ten thousand cople gathered on the Champ de Mars this evening, despite the rain, and ment, was unworthy to be called a an agreement existed between himself The annual Sunday school picnic of and Mr. Piche that they would demand Armand Lavergne, M. P., was the

INCREASED OUTPUT

Boundary Mines Shipped Over Twenty-Four Thousand Tons of Ore During Week.

Phoenix, June 30.-The output of the last week by just 2,000 tons. This tons; from Emma, 264 tons; from Sky-

The district smelters treated this week as follows: Granby smelter, 17,afternoon. He was a skiptender, and according to the same schedule as that 5,119 tons; total treatment for the week, be championing the formation of a respective homes and will be guided 23,101 tons; total treatment for the year to date, 635,510 tons.

DEATH OF WILLIAM HENDRIE.

Hamilton, June 27 .- Mr. Wm. Hen drie, the well-known horseman, president of the Ontario Jockey Club, died The shippards of Great Britain, all He had been ill for some time, and working together, could turn out a big no hope was entertained for his re-

SHIPYARDS SWARMING WITH BUSY WORKMEN

Local Institutions Handling Work of Great Magnitude Accentuating City's Importance as Shipbuilding Centre.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Five hundred thousand dollars at east per annum is paid out in wages to workmen in the shipyards of Victoria. To this may be added \$1,500,000 large fresh water tanks for the san spent in supplies, and it will be seen | boat. that \$2,000,000 comes to this city from this branch of industry alone.

mportant class of work is the business of the B. C. Marine Railway Company, Limited, at Esquimait. Seven and a half acres of land are used by this company in connection with the enter-prise and 200 is the average number of men employed. The monthly pay roll reaches \$25,000, or \$300,000 per annum. This plant is

One of the Most Complete

this side of the Pacific, and consists of a sawmill, foundry, machine, boiler and joiners' shop, together with the necessary engine house and offices. The marine ways will take a vessel of 300 feet in length.

A busy scene is presented at these under construction a wooden steamer for the C. P. R. and a steel launch for er, that will be called the Princess Royal, is 225 feet in length and will will be used on the Skagway run. Fifty thousand dollars will be about the cost of the steamer for the government. It will be used in the quarantine service and replace the Earle. Yesterday the Joan was on the ways undergoing a thorough overhauling, both in the engine room and on deck. She was paint- \$2,500. This concern has been compeled all over, the work being completed

late in the afternoon. In addition to the work mentioned, this company has performed extensive repairs to many other vessels recently. The Princess May was practically rebuilt at a cost of \$160,000, and is now on her first run after re-entering the water. The Charmer also was hauled thoroughly, about \$25,000 being spent on the work. This work occupied attention from January to April. In February the ship Bermuda received new masts, yards and rigging, and foreign goods as British made, and to many other vessels have been exten-

The B. C. Marine Railway Company has been instrumental in bringing a Large Number of Vessels

to Victoria from the other side rates to and from Britain in view of der contract. Within the last six the desire of the British ministers to months there have been the Elleric, Cambrian King, Aysgarth, Wyneric, ference it is not possible to arrange Blackheath, Chiswick, Ohio, Otta, Ep- of Victoria as a shipping centre. som, Ponzo, Garonne and Henly. these were taken into the drydock and repairing the Marichen show that this overhauled. As practically all requir- city is able to handle work of almost ed many supplies, this enterprise re- any magnitude. Though the work has sulted in a large amount of money be- not yet been awarded to any particuing spent here. Agents all down the | lar firm, it is stated, on the best au "The British ministry has just pre-sented a blue book dealing with the for business, and the manager, H. F. will come to Victoria. The trouble be-Bullen, makes periodical trips as far tween the underwriters and owners is

south as San Francisco. couver, but the works in this city are This course does not at present apmuch more extensive, and Victoria is peal to the underwriters, who have the home office and headquarters.

presented a very animated appearance. In any event, whoever pays for the In the machine shop a new tail shaft work, the Marichen will be repaired in for the Princess Victoria was being this city.

NUMBER URGE CZAR TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

Claim Army as a Whole Can be Relied Upon--Others Favor Cabinet Changes.

St. Petersburg, June 30.-The upperand varied programme of sports has only other speaker of any importance. most question now is how long the present deadlock between the parliament and the government can continue. Premier Goremykin is no longer factor in the situation, but some of his colleagues, headed by Minister of Agriulture Stichinsky, realizing that unless the government fights the cabinet Boundary mines for this week exceeds Emperor to take the bull by the horns this afternoon in which Attorney-Genand dissolve parliament. They have eral Moody, Assistant Attorney-Generweek's figures follows: To Granby submitted a memorandum to His Ma- al Jurdy, Messrs. Kellogg and Morrismelter, from Granby mines, 18,919 jesty advising him to take this course son, special counsel in the case concharge have a good programme, and a smelter, from Brooklyn-Stemwinder, simply the centre of revolutionary agi-3,366 tons; from Rawhide, 528 tons; tation, and urging that immediate ac- question was under consideration. It In addition to all these definite at- from Sunset, 1,155 tons; from Moun- tion is necessary. They contended was said that the question was still in tractions in and about the city there tain Rose, 70 tons; to Trail smelter, that the army as a whole can still be the course of investigation, and that no relied upon.

> Minister of Justice Chichiglovitoff, on tion, as to whether there has been any the other hand, consider that an at- violation of the inter-state commerce tempt to dissolve parliament forcibly act by the Standard Oil Company, the would be fatal. The former, who is several district attorneys summoned ambitious to become premier, seems to here by Mr. Moody have gone to their more responsible ministry in the hope in their actions by existing conditions. that the Emperor will charge him to It was said that the department of jusundertake its formation.

> The railroad commission on Thursday file information, whichever concluded its hearing at Coliax on the decide to be most expedition Bellingham case of a terminal rate. The commission handed down its decision acern Washington freight shipped over the married thrice, and her future husband Great Northern.

in building the engines for the government steam launch. Caulkers were hammering away at the Princes Royal, and other workmen building th

The Victoria Machinery Depot

Extremely Busy at Present.

It has under construction a steel ves sel for the government that will be used on the Fraser river, and a large scow for the C. P. R. The ship Tamar is receiving an overhauling. There are from 30 to 40 men employed here, and the monthly pay roll runs in the vicinity of \$2,500.

Turpel's shipyard has always heer pair of sealing schooners. Very many of these vessels have been built there and recently the hull of the Duchess of Bedford was much strengthened for the Arctic expedition, under Captain Mikelsen. Turpel & Sons are also building a 40-foot pleasure launch for their own business. She will be fitted extensive works. At present there are with gasoline engines, and is expected to attain a speed of 16 knots. Yesterday the freight steamer Forager was the Dominion government. The form- hauled off the ways and the repairs to the Selkirk are rapidly nearly comple-The Thistle will be taken in cost a quarter of a million dollars. It hand next, and business generally is rushing.

The Marine Iron Works Company, of which Andrew Gray is manager, also engages extensively in building and repairing ships' boilers and machinery. There are about 40 men employed here. the monthly pay roll being nearly

Turn Away Many Orders

within the past few months, owing to the scarcity of competent mechanics. The manager stated a couple of days ago that he was looking for boiler makers, machinists and lathe hands, who would receive employment at good wages.

In the supply of ship's hardware the houses concerned are doing a big business. Marvin & Company, McQuade & Son, and W. S. Fraser & Company, are all busy. The increase of steamer arrivals has been felt most extensively and this year has brought an accession of about 30 per cent. over 1905. The various wholesalers who make a snecialty of food supplies for vessels also have their hands full. In fact, in all lines connected with the shipping trade there is a feeling of confidence and stability that angurs well for the future

The tenders received recently for will come to Victoria. The trouble benot vet settled. The latter wish to Another shipyard, the Star, near make abandonment, and thus secure appraised the damage and will make When visited yesterday the works an offer of settlement to the owners.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Two Men Had Narrow Escapes-Many Windows Broken.

Amherstburg, Ont., June 27 .- About tons of dynamite exploded at five o'clock this afternoon on Dynamite Island, nearly opposite here. The concussion on the Mainland in this section was most terrific, breaking many windows in stores and residences. Harry Rogers, of Montcalm street, and Theodore Perry, of Fourth avenue, Detroit, were in a sailing boat a few hundred yards from Dynamite Island at the time. Their boat was completely denolished, and the men were nearly drowned, but were strong enough to hang on to some floating wreckage until a steam launch reached them from Grosse Isle, Mich. They are burned about the face and arms. Perry's teeth forced through his lower lip. Their clothes were completely torn from their backs by the angry waters. they undoubtedly would have been a drowned.

STANDARD OIL INQUIRY. Washington, D. C., June 28 .- A conmust fall, are earnestly advising the ference was held at the White House on the ground that parilament has nected with the investigation of Standceased to be a legislative body, and is ard Oil affairs, participated with the conclusion has been arrived at. In re-Finance Minister Kokovisoff and ference to the other phase of the questice wants immediate action will either call special grav

In order to marry a lover of her your cording to the Bellingham terminal rates a Long Sutton (Lines.) woman of seventy enjoyed by Everett and Seattle on East- is going out to Australia. She has been

TEACHERS ENT

Garden Party and day Delight

Victoria officia Provincial Teach day at the con tive sessions. I years before the portunity of we tion of education done to exhibit of the capital t and men entrus of the youth Next year's m son, and the fo will go to New couver. It will Victoria can a

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