and countrywomen to supply the them fully. o them fully, attributions to the Victorian Order Klon, expedition may be either sent to me et at Government House, Ottawa, or to Edward Griffin, treasurer at the fund fward Grinn, treasurer at the fund, ssell House, Ottawa. I remain, your ssell House, ISHBEL ABERDEEN.

FATAL FIRE AT DYEA. of One Man Found and Others Sup

posed to be in the Ruins. yea, March 3.—By the burning of a sa-and lodging house this morning several s were lost and a valuable building royed. A large fire was averted by npt work of citizens and the providental in the wind at the time, he dead are: ert Meeker, of Portland, Ore,

or three unknown men and one wo-re supposed to have been sleeping in buse, and it is likely that they were

Kahler, of Juneau.

fire started at about 6 o'clock this ig by the careless handling of a cigar oy a drunken lodger in the Every-Home House, owner by J. A. Dougdiscovery of the fire was followed h discovery of the nre was rollowed by a alarm through the building. But ckly did the blaze spread, fanned by breeze, that some did not have time tout. Several escaped in their night

out. Severar s. Kahler escaped with his life, but the ha will not live. The flesh Cahler escaped with his life, but the say he will not live. The flesh large pieces from his face and arms he was taken out. He has a wife he was taken out. He has a wife nild at Juneau.

he ruins, not yet cool enough to make rough examination, was found the of what was supposed to be Bert er, a dealer in one of the gambling

ses, the description of the centre of Dyea, and not the wind shifted when it did, the not the wind shifted when it did, the south end of the town would have a burned. The bartender was just fix-up things after a busy night's work parely escaped with his life. A fund the sufferers was started before the sufferers was started before the were out, and by noon \$2,000 had a raised. A large sum was also subject for the purchase of a chemical enand outfit.

AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY. the minds of most people the manu-

re of paints and colors is not ht of as of much importance, and anch of business is little underby the public generally. y-five or thirty years ago paint ade in a very crude way, and con-mainly of grinding white lead and in oil—the mixing or preparing for ng done by the consumer. day it is different. This branch of ess, like all others, has made rapid eyements. The best paint is now ovements. The best paint is. de ready for the srush. Paint for ry use can be bought ready to put

his change has been brought about by application of special machinery for grinding and thorough mixing of different pigments and ingredients... with skilled labor, produces paints r and cheaper than under the old

uch of the improvement and adnent in paint making is due to the rwin-Williams Company, who are hout doubt, the largest manufactur-of paint in the world. This company in extensive plant-the largest of in existence at: Cleveland, It will give an idea of the extent eir premises when it is stated that floor space exceeds nine acres. thousands of gallons of paint, for use, is delivered every day. des the Cleveland plant the company their own factories at Chicago and treal. Canada, also branch ew York and Boston Sherwin-Williams Paints are used the principal railways and steamship panies in the United States and Can-There is scarcely a town or vil-

either country where the P. may not be travellers are constantly covering every point on the con-in the interests of the extensive s. business was built up from small its great due to the fact that from the proprietors have never allowed nan one quality—the

make-to go out under their label. wherever the Sherwiniams name is found on a package of it it stands for the best there is in LICE CLERK PAGE CLEARED.

ard of Police Commissioners Hear idence in the Paddon Letter Case. e Mayor, the Police Magistrate and D. Helmcken, sitting as the of police commissioners yesterday noon heard evidence regarding the

made by a son of Rev. Canon n, to the ffect that Police Court k Page had received, opened, read detained a letter addressed by the on to the Chief of Police, and handed oung Mr. Paddon to Mr. Page in

isted of a notarial declaration made oung Mr. Paddon prior to his de-ure for the north, which contained a recircumstantial account of his hav-handed the letter to Mr. Page, of a quent meeting he had with the of Police, and a brief altereation occurred between himself and Page: Canon Paddon relied upon notarial declaration, and Mr. Page ed witnesses to prove, first that him (Page) as alleged, secondly that Chief of Police did not make use of ondly that in expressions which it was stated did make use of, and thirdly, denied onth that when he (Page) met young guage attributed to him in the declar-

he evidence for Mr. Page was very ong, and the Mayor at the close of the estigation said the commissioners unanimously of the opinion that duty was to exonerate Mr. Page of charge made against him,

A.O.U.W. GRAND LODGE

The Victoria members of the Provincial and Lodge of the A.O.U.W. returned erday from the annual meeting of the ge in Nanaimo, well pleased with the rk accomplished. The most important ion arrived at during the deliberation s that affecting insurance policies upol se going into the Yukon goldfields. ring to the magnitude of the risks in trip and during residence in that mtry, the subordinate lodges are to b ned against effecting insurance lives of those undertaking them. The stion of classification assessment did come up. The following Grand cers were elected:

M., Workman, A. Stewart, Victoria; Foreman, E. J. Salmon, Victoria (re-ected); G. Overseer, A. M. Bullock, incouve; G. Recorder, J. T. McIl-byle, Saanich (re-elected); G. Receiver, Williams, Victoria (re-elect edical Examiner, A. De Wolfe-Smith, w Westminster (re-elected): G. Trusestmintser). J. E. Church and J. T.

The finance committee consists of J. E. rch, Wm. Scowcroft, Victoria; and Hilbert, Nanaimo, By-laws commit-H. Hoy, New Westminster, and D. e. H. Hoy, New Westimmster, Webber and R. D. Featherstonbaugh

A STARTLING STORY

Emperor William of Germany Declares the United States Must Not Touch Cuba.

The Berlin Foreign Office, However, Says Germany is Favorable to America.

New York, March 12.-The following a cable dispatch from Madrid to the

Madrid Correspondencia prints night the following telegram from Berreceived late this p.m.:

know from a sure source that last light at a family dinner party in the at which was present Princess wife of Prince Henry, the Emthe German squadron in the Far East, William II uttered the following really tartling words in consequence of a conhaving arisen in regard to Cuban affairs. The Emperor, placing the hilt of his sword on the table, said: What I declare is that as long as William II is Emperor of Germany, the Yankees shall not take possession of

Berlin Foreign Office Speaks Differently. Berlin, March 12.—The Berlin foreign fice has instructed the press to deny natically that Germany will aid Spain e case of war with the United States. has instructed these newepapers to it out that the United States is too at a customer for Germany, and that in has repeatedly shown unfriendli-

to Germany. The Elections in Spain. Madrid, March 12 .- Placards are postthroughout the city setting forth that national candidates all good Spanards should support are Generals Borrero and Sigura. The placards end:
"Long live the Fatherland," "Long live These candidates were nomv the Weylerites. The Republicand Carlists; newspapers announce it they will not support them. Jadrid, March 12.—The Spanish toredo flotilla has not yet left Cadiz. The

ressels will sail for the Canary islands as soon as the weather moderates. THE YUKON RAILWAY. The Toronto World Publishes Very Sen-

sational "Rumors." aper as follows:

a railway from Teslin lake to Alice arm.
"The second rumor is one of the gravand if the movement is st importance, and if the most are no as is stated here to night, it will no oubt be resented by every honorable and in the senate, irrespective of party. bribe the Canadian senate into acceptthe famous contract, and that a fun at least \$300,000 is available for this appose. No one here believes the atpurpose. No one here believes the attempt will succeed, but it goes to show that the men who are interested in getting the scheme through parliament will stop at nothing to ensure success."

SOUTH AMERICAN STRUGGLE. Probability of Three or More Republics Being Involved.

Panama, March 11 .- Advices received from various points in Central America state that war clouds are still hovering

correspondent at ,La Liberstad The controversy between Costa Rica and Nicaragua is very serious and it is reported that troops have already gone

is thought that Honduras will aid Nicaragua in a war against Costa Rica and its reported that Honduras has alady sent 5,000 armed men to Nicarato combine with the latter country's

Salvador, meanwhile, is exerting all efforts to avert war, but the governm resolved not to take any part where caragua is concerned.

A well known diplomat in Salvador says in case of the intervention of Honduras, Salvador will neutralize her action. The only interpretation of this is said to be that Honduras will help Niagua and Salvador will support Costa ca in the struggle. It is the belief that there will be war, a which three or more Central American untries will be involved.

BIG FIRE AT TORONTO.

The Warehouse District Damaged to the Extent of Many Thousands.

Toronto, March. 12.-A big fire occur red here at half past four this morning, doing about \$150,000 damage to the esablishment of the Robert Currie storage warehouse, Dominion Wire Mana-facturing Company and the Topeca on her with the company. The fire was in a to-night. situation and hard to get at. The poured out in dense volumes and the work of the firemen very diffi-One fireman was overcome and fell from a ladder. The walls at one time threatened to fall in and the men were withdrawn. The fire was not discovered until after 3 o'clock. The Salada T. ada Tea Company's premises next door was affected, the stock being damaged the extent of \$40,000, covered by in-

CHINESE MURDERER HANGED.

Quentin, Cal., March 11.-Wing lung, a Chinese murderer, was hanged his morning for killing his uncle, Yu Chung, at the Globe hotel, in San cisco, last September. He met death with the characteristic stoicism of his

OCEAN STEAM RS OVERDUE. London, March 11.-There were many to-day at the office of the line for the steamer Pris, left New York March 2, and was arrive at The Needles, well sday morning last.

QUIET PREVAILS IN BRAZIL and reports originating in military clubs of a coming revolution.

LAWYERS PROTEST. They Do Not Wish an Outsider Appointed to the Chief Justiceship.

The following telegram protesting against the appointment of an outsider to succeed the late Chief Justice has been forwarded to Ottawa by the barristers of British Columbia through their secretary, Mr. P. S. Lampman:

To the Minister of Justice: The following resolution was passed to-day:

"Whereas it has been publicly announced that there is a possibility that one who is not a member of the provincial bar may be appointed as judge of the supreme court of British Columbia; Resolved, that this annual general meeting of the Law Society of British Columbia respectfully protest against the appointment of any barrister to the bench of this province who is not a member of the bar of the province of British Columbia."

P. S. LAMPMAN, The following resolution was passed to-

P. S. LAMPMAN,

Fight With Joe Choynski Last Evening.

Repeatedly Fouled His Opponent and the Referee Was Afraid to Interfere.

San Francisco, Murch 12.—The fight between Tom Sharkey and Joe Choyn-ski at Woodward Pavilion last night negan and ended, started and finished, like all the fights Sharkey has been engaged in, that is, a disgraceful row. Shark-ey's unwillingness to select a referee un-til the last moment caused many to look upon the bout with suspicion, but not-withstanding this 7,500 people crowded into the big pavilion when the prelimi-naries were called. Sharkey and Choynski were booked to appear at 9 o'clock, but squabbling over the referee delayed the beginning of the fight nearly two hours. Choynski wanted to let the newspaper men name the referee, but this did not suit the sailor. George Green was finally selected, and proved himself to be about as bad a man as could possibly have been chosen. Be-fore time was called the men agreed not to hit in the clinch or in the break-away. Until the fifth round the fight was a fairly decent one with honors about even. In that round, however, Sharkey began his dirty work. He struck Joe twice at close quarters and sent him down and then tried to force him over the ropes. It took the referee and two policemen to drag him away. Choynski Toronto, March 12.—The Montreal claimed a foul but it was not allowed. In the sixth round Sharkey again renewed foul tactics, hitting Joe while in a clinch against the content of the World wires that clinch against the ropes. Choynski, how-Two very important rumors reached ever, was game, and after straightening Two very important rumors reached here to-day from the Canadian senate chambers, and, it may be added that the World's correspondent has the story from the most reliable source. A gentleman who fully believes it to be true said, that in the first place the Conservative senators have a big surprise in store for the government when the Yukon railway bill comes before the upper house. It is said that an offer will be tabled by Hamilton Smith to put up a deposit of \$500,000 and asking for a contract to build Smith to put up a deposit of pool, and asking for a contract to build the ropes, falling on the platform himself to the ropes, falling on the platform himself. The crowd became so disgusted the

this performace that they practically forced the referee to order the men to their corners and declare the fight a draw. Sharkey's attitude as he rushed across the ring at Green was so threatarena and escorted him out of it, much to his chagrin. Indeed he wept from sheer disappointment. It is not thought ossible that Sharkey will ever be given chance to fight in this city again. Even his friends have gone back Green seems to have acted as he did tore from fear than partiality towards

THE ALASKAN FLEET. The Ningchow Sails north on Her Initial Trip-Pakshan and Victorian

Sail To-Night. The Ningchow, the largest ves the Alaskan fleet sailing from Victoria, the Alaskan fleet sailing from Victoria, left the outer wharf shortly after midnight, with 122 passengers; 49 for Wrangel, 50 for Dyea, 20 for Skagway and three for Juneau. To this number 300 pilgrims will be added at Vancouver, among them being the first two parties arriving from England, a number of N. W. M. P., and small parties of French Canadians from Outeber Swedes from Canadians from Quebec, Swedes from Minnesota, Bluenoses from the Maritime ovinces, New Englanders, Southerners and in fact all sorts and conditions of people hailing from all over the States, Canada and elsewhere. She had about 600 tons of sleds, gunnies filled with out-fits of miners, hay and other foodstuffs for man and beast. There were also a umber of horses and many dogs, husk-es, mastiffs, retrievers and "just dogs,"

the latter being in the majority.

The officers who went up on the Ningchow were Capt. Cross; Pilots, Captains
Smith and Bendrodt, and Purser Greer. Steamer Pakshan will sail on her second voyage northward at midnight. second voyage northward at miningit.

She will also have a large passenger list and a full cargo of general freight.

Among the passengers who embark here are Frank M. Yorke and A. Langley, who go to Teslin lake in the interest of the Maitland-Kersey Co. The officers of the Pakshan are Capt. Allan Jones, Pilot Capt.

M. F. Capt. and Purser I Capt. W. E. George, and Purser J

Steamer Victorian of the P.C.S.S. Co. is expected from the Sound this evening n her way north. She will also sail late

CANADIAN TRADE.

Toronto, March 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: Trade conditions at Montreal are pretty much as indicated last week. The fine open Trade conditions at Montreal are pretty much as indicated last week. The fine open weather is hastening the dispatch of spring stocks in dry goods and kindred lines; also boots and shoes, and in other lines the movement is of a fairly satisfactory character. The noteworthy changes in values for the week are a big advance in turpentine of four cents a gallon, also a further advance in linseed oil of a cent. The much talked of cut in cotton does not warrant the importance which has been attached to it in some quarters, as with regard to sheetings and pillow cottons, it means that the Dominion Cotton Company has come to the level of prices established by the Merchants' Cotton Company some six months ago. The money market is firmer, and bankers are now asking 4 1-2 per cent, on call. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange is lower in sympathy with New York, where inports of gold continue. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 3 per cent, while some had been expecting an advance. The open market fate in London is now up to the bank rate. Stocks have been irregular during the week. Bank shares generally were firm with, Montreal higher. Fallures for the week were 36, as against 59 for the same week of last year. as against 59 for the same week of las

No woman who has once tackled the job of reforming a man ever hankers to reform society. A woman's hair generally turns gray

worrving because she is afraid her hus-

FROM THE CAPITAL

Order-in-Council Passed Approving of the Settlement of the Bailway Land Dispute.

More Yukon Applications-Mr. Dupont Dead-Recount in Ottawa Election

Ottawa, March 12.—The West Trading \$400 an acre.

Do., of Edmonton, capital \$50,000, is Experience, so far, shows that in the heavy timbered land, such as is found at heavy timbered land, such as in inexpensive Co., of Edmonton, capital \$50,000, is applying for incorporation. The applicants include Frank A. Frings, of Edmonton, who is to be one of the directors. An order-in-council has been passed approving of the agreement arrived at beween the government of British Columbia and T. G. Rothwell and J. A. Mc-been cleared by holders of five acre lots, Kenna, representatives of the minister of and the same is built upon substantially to firether, who is now in command He Acted Like a Mad Bull in His the interior, embodying a settlement of in many cases ornately—and under cultithe question as to the administration of vation. lands in the railway belt upon the main line in British Columbia.

The following new Yukon applications Gleanings of City and Provincial News to parliament have been given notice of in a Condensed Form. by solicitors: To incorporate a company to light the city of Dawson by electricity and to run electric cars; and to incorporate a company to maintain an electric Sheep Camp is now is now in working telegraph, cable and telephone line be-tween Dawson and Victoria, B.C., by way of Teslin Lake and Telegraph Creek. Applications will be made to parliament to use it.

his session for power to incorporate a Canadian mining institute and to incor-porate a pank under the provisions of the bank act. The bank application is dated at Victoria.

The recount in the Ottawa election for the Ontario legislature began yesterday before Judge MacTavish, and at adjournment the Liberal candidate, George O'Keefe, had made a net gain of four votes. As the majority declared for Powell, Conservative, was 28, the Liberals were in possession of the seat last night by a majority of 2. But the recount is not over and is going on to-day.

The Camadian Press Association was entertained at Government House last night by Lord and Lady Aberdeen. This closed the annual session here.

Among the militia general orders which

appear in to-day's Canadian Gazette is one stating that the Winnipeg Dragoons having become non-effective, is struck off the strength of the actiev militia. Regulations for the pay of the permanent corps are amended to take effect as new appointments are made as follows: inspectors of cavalry, artillery and infantry will be paid inspection pay; the inspectors of cavalry and artillery at the rate of 75 cents a day, and infantry 50 cents a day; but if an officer appointed inspector of artillery is already mand of a school of infantry he will draw a consolidated rate of pay of \$1.25

per day. Officers commanding schools of

instruction will be paid command pay of 75 cents a day.

Mr. Dupont, M.P. for Bagot, died at his home in Quebec at 2 o'clock this morning. This leaves two vacancies in the House of Commons since parliament met, Mr. Perry having died recently. The Governor-General, Lord den, will shortly be gazetted honorary lieutenant-colonel of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, of Ottawa, which is the senior regiment of the Dominion. The ministers of finance and interior have arranged that the gold royalty from the Yukon district may be paid by drafts issued by any chartered bank do-

ning that the police flooded the roped ing business in the district and drawn upon Ottawa. L. P. Kribbs, of Toronto, formerly own as a newspaper man, who has suffered in health recently, arrived in Ottawa on Thursday and was pre-sent in the press gallery at the all night sitting of the house of commons. A few hours afterwards he was stricken down with a server of the server o Ottawa on Thursday and was down with a severe hemorrhage and now lies at the Russell house in a critical condition. Every attention is being paid to him. His wife arrived last evening.

MR. ROBINS' LAND SCHEME. Extensive Works of the New Vancouver

Coal Company at Nanaimo. An ably written article on the coal industry of Vancouver Island appearing in the British Columbia Mining Record, gives an elaborate and interesting description of the coal mining and land operations carried on at Nanaimo by the New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, under their popular superintendent, Mr. Samuel N. Robins, J.P. The land department of the company is thus referred to: "The company's business embraces the disposition of their landed pro-perties" (lots in the city of Nanaimo and suburban and country land of 30,000 acres in area) "for actual settlement, and special inducements are afforded to those who desire to become bona fide occupiers, with liberal terms of lease or purchase Notably, the system introduced by Mr. Robins, of the division of large areas, into five acre lots, which are let on lease with right of purchase, has been taken advantage largely of by the workmen principally. The company have cleared, bottom lands about 500 acres in several tracts, and have followed up the clear-ance by thorough tile drainage and cul-ture of production of grain, roots and hay, meadows having been also sown in grass. The 'Farm,' while productive of crops that ought to yield, if not instantly n due course, a fair return, for the con-iderable necessary outlay. "The preliminary operations of clearing the thousands of sturdy giants of the

opposite direction. The horses of one of the vehicles were cut somewhat, the expressman's truck was badly smashed, goods, root and branch, with the smaller timber, bush, tangled undergrowth, ferns and a wheel was taken from an express wagon belonging to Messrs. Watson & and all out of sight and mind, were of the greatest use as an object lesson, and so with the drainage, classification and mixture of dressing of soils, comprising every kind almost—clay, peat, loam, grav-elly loam, light sandy soil, and black veg-etable soil. Under the direction of Mr. Robins dressings of the peaty soil from swampy low lands have been applied to ationship between members and friends of the order, the officers of Court Vancouver A.O.F. have formed a social club, the object of which is to provide light recreation, and develope the athletic proclivities of its members. The club is a clivided into five departments, each under the gravelly soil of which the up lands mostly consist with excellent effect, in fact, it acts like manure. On the other hand, a top dressing of gravely soil, cart-ed from the hill side, and spread over the peaty land, has an equally beneficial result. The explanation of this is, that mixture of the inert peat soil, with the the head of a special committee, embrac-ing such pastimes as whist, bicycling, archery, boating and tripping the light fantastic. Membership in the club is sand or gravel, makes an open soil, that allows access to the air, and so converts the dead chemical matter into plant food. In short, whilst the peat alone, will grow almost nothing, the two mixed together, The first meeting of the club takes place at Foresters hall, Government street, on Friday evening at 9 o'clock, when all produce abundant crops. The heaviest crop of timothy hay produced in the discrop of timothy hay produced in the district was grown on soil that was little better than road metal, but had been top dressed with peat from a neighboring swamp. The company has laid about sixty miles of drain tiles, from three inch to twolve in h diameter and has excavated severa miles of open ditches.

In the matter of roads, both as to excellence of construction and finish—in most most instances well crowned and coated with a thick layer of gravel, the members of the A.O.F. are requested to

occupiers of the five acre lots and also by

the public at large—these efficient roads,

-Frank B Lamere, of Dawson City, and Miss Estella Murton, were married at Seattle last Monday by the Rev. J. F. Damon. The newly married couple will start for the Kloudike capital in a few days from Victoria days from Victoria. -Mr. H. H. McDonald. 225 Pandora oated with a thick layer of gravel, the company are accorded much praise by the

The day's arrivals of intending Yu-The farm and its divisions, the several koners registered at the various notels are from California, Minnesota, Massapaddocks of grass and hay lands, and other portions of the company's property, are well fenced with board fences, ex-

chusetts, Connecticut, Ontario, Manitoba, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. tending over fifteen miles in length.
Gates for traffic, wickets for pedestrians
and paths are provided, admitting of
passage through all parts of the estate The men who deserted from the steamer Commonwealth and who have been lodged in the provincial gaol pending the departure of the vessel, were put on board last night, the ship leaving for Portland this morning. besides lovers' walks and trails through the woodlands held in reserve around the

town. The clearing and cultivating have not driven the chivalry and romance from Nanaimo. The clearing of land for the plough that was only covered by wild grasses, willow and small brush, has cost from \$50 per acre, and where timber was large and graving thickly as weekless. -A. M. Smith, of Smith, Fischel & Co., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, who has been in Victoria for several days on business, left for home this morning. Mr. left for home this morning. Smith was greatly impressed with the activity of this city, and when he goes back he will advise any person he meets bound for Klondike to outfit in Victoria.

the back of Naraimo, an inexpensive powder, if it could be produced (and an -W. M. Perdue, who left Dawson on association of farmers could manufacture a suitable powder themselves) would rethe 9th of February and came down on the Humboldt to Seattle, is staying at the Driard. Mr. Perdue speaks very strongly in regard to what he calls the criminal exaggeration which is being duce the cost of clearing by nearly one-About 500 acres of forest land has also published in the Sound papers about the Yukon country, and says that in Au-gust next provisions will be sold in **Daw**son as cheaply as in Victoria.

LOCAL NEWS.

in a Condensed Form.

-Two horses were received from Cal-

ifornia this morning, which should prove a valuable addition to the stock of the

island. One, a Mexican colt, Maxim III, is for Mr. W. J. McKeon, jr., the other is for Mr. W. J. Taylor.

-Rev. J. F. Betts officiated at the funeral of the late Mrs. Magnesen yes-

terday afternoon from the family residence, Henry street, and later from the

Centennial Methodist church. The fol-lowing were the pallbearers: R. Carter, J. M. Cowper, R. Fish, A. Gonnson, G. Fish and B. Gonnason.

canal, took place yesterday afternoon

from St. Barnabas church. Rev. J. B. Haslam officiated, and the following act-

ed as pallbearers: A. Bailey, C. Wilder, P. Snider, A. Noel, F. Moore and H.

The funeral of Thomas Louis, the only son of Capt. M. Feley, took place this morning and was largely attended. Services were conducted at St. Andrew's

-Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morn

ine to twelve years, asleep on some hay

would be brought before the magistrate.

to call a new witness, who Spotts says will prove that "Marks" drew a knife on

—A team belonging to T. Alexander, an expressman, were frightened by the falling of a step ladder, accidentally

dropped by a clerk of a Governmert street merchant, and ran away down

Government swinging the heavy truck behind them, until brought to stop on the centre of James Bay bridge, where

they ran into two vehicles bound in the

Hall. All the drivers and the men con-cerned in the mix-up escaped without in-

-In order to strengthen the social re-

divided into five departments, each under

members, for friends and acquaintances.

From Friday's Daily.

accidentally

Geiger, E. J. J. L. Colbert.

his memory.

From Thursday's Daily

-An accident involving the loss of a —An accident involving the loss of a fine team of horses valued at \$500, belonging to Joseph Sayward, took place yesterday afternoon at the outer wharf. The driver, who, with his heavy truck, brought lumber from the Sayward mills, had unloaded and was turning around when the the say was turning around. when the team became unmanageable and backed over into the sea. Diver McDonald went down to day to recover the harness. The truck will be raised order, Mr. J. E. Macrae, of Dodwell, Carlill & Co., who went north on the steamer Pakshan, being one of the first

> -Following are the dates fixed for the holding of the spring assizes throughout the province, as announced in the Ga-Nanaimo New Westminster
> Vancouver
> Victoria
> Clinton

-Mr. Geo. C. Goldschmidt, of the Dallas hotel, performed a very heroic deed yesterday afternoon at the outer wharf, -The funeral of the late John Andrew Cole, who died on the steamer Danube, while that vessel was in Lynn rescuing Lath considerable personal risk, Victor Johnson, aged 9, from drowning. Johnson had sunk twice when Mr. Goldschmidt doffing his boots and coat plunged into the water and brought him to the surface. The boy was resusitated at the Hotel Dallas and later was removed to his home at the corner of Montreal and Simcoe streets.

Three new companies give notice of neorporation in the official Gazette of esterday. They are the Victoria Ma-hinery Depot Company, Limited, capiyesterday. They are the Victoria Machinery Depot Company, Limited, capital, \$30,000, head office at Victoria, and with the object of taking over as a going concern the hysiness new conviction. R. C. cathedral by Rev. Father N.colnye and at the cemetery by Rev. Father Van Nevel. The pallbearers were: Messrs. B. J. Bantly, Thomas Patton, E. F. Geiger, E. J. Blacquier, A. Stewart and J. L. Colbert. ing concern the business now carried on 30 inches. She has not yet been named, by Spratt & Gray; the Colonial Mines Development Company, of Canada, Limited, capital \$1,000,000, and registered office at Barkerville; the Vancouver Realty Company, Limited, of Vancou The remains of the late Joseph Mc-Donald, who was killed at Skagway by Realty Company, Lin ver, capital, \$500,000.

a blow from a steam winch on the Richard III., wer interred in Ross Bay cemetery resterday. Deceased, who was a native of Antigonish, N.S., and in his British Columbia Gazette under the pro-35th year, was very popular among the visions of the Water Clauses Act that was spoken. seafaring portion of the community, the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor seafaring portion of the community, who have in view the erection of a suitwho have in view the erection of a suit-able gravestone as a token of respect to the Kootenay Air Supply Company. The company will erect a hydraulic air com-pressor near the mouth of Coffee creek, in the Ainsworth mining district, and by it will operate 1,000 inches of water for the purpose of supplying compressed air to Ainsworth mining camp. Capital to the purpose of supplying compressed air to Ainsworth mining camp. Capital to of general merchandise. Mr. T. G. Moody, the cycle agent, yesterday engaged the services of a po-lice officer to endeavor to secure the re-turn of a bicycle that had been hired subscribed before the ceeded to the residence of the woman who gins operations is fixed at \$35,000, to be had hired the wheel, Mr. Moody taking with him a new 1898 model Stearns bisubscribed in six months.

cycled which he left outside the house, while he and the officer were convincing The eighth annual meeting of the Provincial Orange Grand Lodge was held in Vancouver on Tuesday and Wedthe woman that it would be in her interest to return the wheel she had engaged. nesday, when the following officers nesday, when the following officers were elected: P.G.M., H. G. Thrift; D.G.M., Captain L. Thompson; D.D.G.M., W. S. Macdonald; Chaplain Dr. Reid; P.G. Treas., John Logan; P.G.S., H. Brethour; P.D.G.S., G. A. Dickie; P. D. of C., A. Anderson; P. G. Sec., W. R. Moore, Dolerster, L. L. Walch, Correin Judge of their surprise when on returning to the street they found that Mr. Moody's wheel had been stolen. ing a wharfinger on one of the city docks found four boys, ranging in age from G. Sec., W. R. Walsh, Captain Moore. Delegates J. J. Walsh, Captain L. Thompson. Isaac Walsh, John Wal-lace. W. J. Clarke, of Victoria, and Jul-ius and Henry Brethour, of Saanich, re-He drove them off the wharf and noti fied the police. Several hours later Constables Abbott, and Munro found the boys huddled around the stove in the turned on the steamer Charmer

evening. Russ House restaurant. They were taken to the police station where they -The mayor was present last evening spent the night, being sent home this morning, with a note to their parents from Chief Sheppard, stating that the next time they were found out late they at a public test made of the fire extinat a public test made of the nre extinguishing qualities of the new Sempel extinguisher, which is being introduced in the province by Mr. E. L. English, of Brantford. The test took place at the south end of James Bay bridge, and was under the supervision of Chief Deasy. Three tests were made, each proving that by made of the articles a blace. -Fielding Spotts was charged in the police court this morning with having committed an aggravated assault on Marks Walton, better know as "Marks" my means of the extinguisher a blaze which in a house would be very serious an old colored man, who resides near Beaver lake. Spotts, who is one of the higgest and most powerful men in the city went into the Elk saloon last even-ing where he met "Marks." The two had could be put out in a few seconds. The second was most satisfactory, a very strong blaze, fed with copious supplies of coal oil, being put out in twenty seconds. Another exhibition is to be given in the same place at 8 o'clock this evening. some words, as a result of which Spotts hit the old man over the head with a chair, inflicting a very serious wound. The case was adjourned until to-morrow,

-The Lieutenaut-Governor has invited the following gentlemen to dine with him at Carey Castle this evening: Capt. him at Carey Castle this evening: Capt. Barnes, R.M.A.; Rev. John F. Betts; Dr. Arthur Bell, R.N.; Lieut. Elliott, R.E.; Mr. Thomas Forster, M.P.P.; Dr. R. L. Fraser; Capt. Fegen, R.N.; Dr. Ernest Hall; Mr. Richard Hall; Mr. G. A. Huff, M.P.P.; Mr. G. A. Kirk; Commander G. F. S. Knowling, R.N.; Mr. W. H. Mawdsley; Mr. A. R. Milne, C.M.G.; Mr. Archer Martin; Mr. R. McPherson, M.P.P.; Mr. J. B. McKilligan; Sheriff McMillan; Hon. Fred. Peters, Q.C., Mr. McMillan; Hon. Fred. Peters, Q.C., Mr. R. P. Rithet, M.P.P.; Mr. S. A. Rogers, M.P.P.; Commander Morris Smyth, R.N. Mr. D. A. Stoddart, M.P.P.; Mr. A. S Veddar, M.P.P.; Mr. C. B. Sword, M.P. P.; Mr. A. Williams, M.P.P.; Rev. A. B. Winchester; Mr. Alex. Wilson; Mr. r. R. E. McInnes, private secretary.

From Saturday's Daily -James Anderson died at the Jubilee hospital yesterday of pneumonia, con-tracted while at work on the barkentine Wrestler at Esquimalt. Anderson leaves wife and family.

A number of copies in pamphlet form Hon. Clifford Sifton's speech on the Yukon railway bill have been received by Secretary Elworthy, and any member desiring a copy can obtain it on application.

limited to members of the order, but in-vitations can be procured from the gen-eral committee at the request, of its -Daniel Cullen and John McDonald were this morning convicted of stealing six shirts, valued at \$12, and a hat valued at \$3.50, were each sentenced to six The charge against Fielding Spotts of assaulting Markes Walton was dismissed, it being proved that Walton was the aggressor. The magistrate, how-ever, severely reprimanded Spotts for striking the old man with a chair.

-S. F. Jones, one of the trio of passengers on the Pakshan from whom were stolen large sums at Skagway by the gang of 'Soapy'' Smith, Jones losing \$300, has reported the circumstances of the robbery and the strange conduct of avenue, died yesterday after a short illness, aged 44 years; she was a native of Colchester County, Nova Scotia. The United States authorities, When Mr. Ing on stores immediately. The Columbia and Minneapolis will sail south in a few days. Their destinations is not known.

on the whole, are quite twenty miles in funeral will take place Saturday after- Jones left Skagway he says the residents there were petitioning for the appointment of a resident court commissioner. there were petitioning for the appointment of a resident court commissioner.

-Richard Dalton and William Henry Kersey, charged with having robbed R. H. Hassen, of Boston, of \$400, were brought before the police magistrate this afternoon and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The prosecutor went to sleep yesterday in the lava-tory of the Wilson hotel, at which house he is a guest while in the city preparing for a trip to the Yukon, and when he woke up he missed the sum named from his person. Dalton and Kersey had been around during the time Hassey was asleep, and although they have both been destitute of funds for some time previ-ously they were yesterday indulging in champagne and other luxuries to an extent which attracted the attention of the authorities and resulted in their being arrested on suspicion.

THE WATERFRONT

The Kingston Held Back by the Gale -A River Steamer Launched from Bullen's Ways.

Aorangi Sails for Australia-Lorne Goes North to Tow the Corona Down.

Steamer City of Kingston sailed from her wharf at 10:30 this morning, but it was not until two hours later that she got away on her voyage to the Sound. On arriving at the mouth of the harbor she encountered the gale in full force and was unable to make headway. When the gale subsided she reached Brackman & Ker's wharf, and after a short stay there rounded the point and proceeded on her way to the Sound.

R.M.S. Aorangi, Capt. Hepworth, sailed for Honolulu, Fiji, New Zealand and Australia this afternoon filled to the hatches with general freight. She carried the largest mail ever dispatched across the Pacific-800 bags in all. Purser Young having retired to go on the C.P.R. steamer Tartar, has been replaced by Mr. Mason. From Victoria the Aorangi took a large quantity of Roche harbor lime and several hundred rolls of paper for the newspapers of Australia.

At 3 o'clock this morning the stern wheel river steamer built on Bullen's ways, Esquimalt, was successfully launched, the new craft, which is to take

Steamer City of Puebla upon her arrival at San Francisco on Tuesday reported having spoken the schooner C. D. Rand of this port. Two boats were miss-ing from the Rand Monday, the day she

Steamer Corona, after being patched up to start the voyage to Victoria, is again afloat. The tug Lorne, Capt. Langley, left last evening for Kennedy island

Northern Pacific liner will sail for the Orient this afternoon with a full cargo Chinese and Japanese will embark on her at this port.

FROM OREGON AND CALIFORNIA. Intending Yukoners Who Have Passed Many Points to Outfit in Victoria.

"I'm going to be able to buy my out-fit cheaper here than anywhere else I have been." These words from the opening sentence of a letter to some friends in southern California, which Mr. C. H. Dyar, of Ontario, Cal., was writng when interrupted this morning at the Wilson hotel, and furnished as con of Victoria, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, as outfitting points. Mr. Dyar's is at the head of a party of four from San Bernardino Valley who are making for the northern gold fields, not intending to go right through to Dawson with the rush, but taking time on their prospect along Teslin lake and the Hoot-alinqua river. All are experienced men and are taking with them supplies suffi-cient for a twelve months' trip in the interior. Mr. Dyar says that the people in southern California are much interested in the gold discoveries in the Yu-kon and the number who have arrived on their way thither are but a compara-tively small per centage of the crowds who will pass through here later in the season, hence the information he is send-ing home to-day, the result of careful inrestigation in the cities of the coast, will have the result of inducing many to make Victoria their outfitting and starting point. Mr. Dyar says, that although last year was one of the best in the history of the fruit growing districts of the tory of the fruit growing districts of the solden state, the probability of a shortage of water this year and a consequent expected failure of crops, is having effect of inducing many engaged in that effect of inducing many engaged in that business striking out in search of wealth in the far north. The party include Wm. Rose, A. Handyside and J. Norton, and they will be in the city for a few days yet securing their supplies.

From Oregon, Mr. Pini, of The Dalles, a town situated in the heart of the whoot raising and wool-growing country

wheat raising and wool-growing con wheat raising and woor-growing country
east of the Cascades, says, a very large
number of men will make for the Yukon.
Last season was a most successful one
for the farmers of that district, the crop
being one of the largest on record, which
has enabled many who had been in has enabled many who had been in debt for years to get even with the world and have a surplus, which many of them will employ in getting into the Yukon country. The crops in eastern Oregon are proverbially uncertain owing to the danger of drought, and considerable numbers of those who have had the good fortune to benefit by the phenomenal yield of the last season prefer to take changes in the comparatively unknown chances in the comparatively unknown Yukon rather than trust their fortunes Yelon rather than trust their tortunes to the uncertainties of climate in eastern Oregon. The Portland merchants are making a very strong bid for the outfitting trade conscouent upon the departure of so many for the north, and it is learned, that the stocks of merchandise laid in by the Portland and Sau Francisco merchants are enormous a consideration, which in view of the uniform manner in which we many are giving the outfitters which so many are giving the outfitters of those cities the "go-by" is causing onsiderable alarm to the merchants.

WILL HEAD TOWARDS CUBA. Philadelphia, Merch 11.-The big cruisor Columbia was taken out of the dock this afternoon. She will begin tak-ing on stores immediately. The Colum-