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and treasury certificates to.

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are large areas of valuable
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the opening up of the northern
the province, especially in con-
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has been cut from the coast
Kitimaat Valley, and prospect-
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it will be both feasible and desir-
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providing liberally for the
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leave you to your deliberations,
that under the guidance of the
the result of your labors will
to the prosperity and welfare of
of the province.

"PIMPLY" FACES.

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Is a Sure Cure.

Lilly, 412 Luzerne avenue,
on, Pa., writes: I am a bar-
net many people troubled with
I have tried many preparations
to cure such, and without suc-
I used Dr. Agnew's Ointment.
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be very stubborn cases, and in
it has made a cure; has clean-
the pimples and blotches, and
skin clear and soft. It's the
skin remedy I've heard of and
"pimple" faces. Sold by Good-

as high as 33 per cent copper and from \$7
to \$10 in gold per ton.

Mr. Houston reports that the C. P. R.
has made surveys of different routes into
that country, and the belief is general
there that a railway will be constructed
sometime next year.

There is considerable activity in mining
in the Similkameen, and properties are be-
ing developed in several of the camps.
He will resume work on the Big Hump
and the Anacosta groups about the 1st
of March.

RETURNED FROM THE EAST.

**Mr. Henry Roy Tells of the State of Busi-
ness There.**

Mr. Henry Roy, president of the Lon-
don Consolidated Mining company, re-
turned yesterday after an absence of five
weeks in the east. While he was away he
visited Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, New
York and Boston. He found his family
all well, and reports that the stockholders
in the London Consolidated and Richlieu
were satisfied with the investments which
they had made, for the reason that they
could, if they so desired, sell out at a
good profit. They do not wish to sell,
however, as they have the utmost confi-
dence in the future of these two compan-
ies.

The winter in Eastern Canada has been
a very mild one, which makes business dull
in a number of callings. This is par-
ticularly the case with furriers, harness-
makers, and fuel and lumber dealers.
Dealers in ice are afraid that they will not
be able to harvest a good supply because
the season has been so mild up to date
that but little has been formed.

A number, he says, has signified their
intention of coming to this country. Of
these, some have money to invest in real
estate and mines, and others will come for
the purpose of securing employment.

Business, generally, Mr. Roy says, is
pretty fair, and money is getting eas-
er than it was, and should soon be plentiful
for investment in good mining properties.
Mr. Roy reports that he placed all of the
stock that he had to place.

On Saturday last, he met in Montreal
Mr. J. S. C. Fraser of the Bank of Mon-
treal, and he sent his best respects to all
his Roseland friends. He met Mr. A. Mc-
Nish at his office in Montreal, and he
seems to be doing well. He also met Mr.
F. S. Norris, formerly a newspaper man
of this city, in the same city. He also
had a talk with Mr. M. S. Logan, who
formerly ran a dry goods store in this
city.

News From the Okanogan.

A letter was received from Superintendent
Edgecombe of the Okanogan Free Gold
Mines, to the effect that from the 17th
to the 24th of December the ore treated
in the mill averaged \$10.56 to the ton. In
the new tunnel the ledge has widened out
to 12 feet, and is milling ore from wall to
wall. The next cleanup will be made
about the middle of the present month.

contractors, had charge of the work of the
N. P. extension. The work having been
completed Messrs. Guthrie & Co. have
turned their attention to a 60-mile moun-
tain contract in Montana, which Mr. Fos-
ter will supervise during the winter. All
those who have had sub-contracts on the
extension or have had any business rela-
tions whatever with him, speak of Mr.
Foster as a gentleman who thoroughly un-
derstand his business and ever ready to
give others their due consideration.

Mr. Foster is of the opinion that the N.
P. will further extend this line next
season to Neepawa and westward through
Rapid City district. On the surveyed
route there are about 30 miles of bush
to penetrate, and Mr. Foster has advised
that the contract of clearing should be
let at once so that it might be done at
the minimum cost of winter work and not
delay operations in the spring. Last winter
A. Guthrie & Co. cleared 210 miles of right
of way in the heavy woods of Minnesota.
Whether the railway company will finally
decide upon what extensions are to be
made next year in time to permit the con-
tractors to clear the right of way while
the ground is hard, can only be a matter
of conjecture. It is more than probable
that the N. P. will not make any an-
nouncement of its intentions or any pre-
parations for construction until the new
provincial government has assumed charge
of Manitoba affairs, when a bonus is likely
to be asked for further extensions.

An extension of the M. & N. system
may also be expected next summer. The
new extension of the recently acquired
Northwest Central from Hamiota west-
ward, has been completed for 20 miles, a
distance that brings the line to the eastern
bank of the Assiniboine. The terminal
town, which has been named Miniota, is
on the western border of a district which
is said to rival the Portage plains in the
fertility of soil and wealth of settlers,
while it excels in area. Stores, boarding
houses, blacksmith shops, etc., have al-
ready formed the nucleus of a town destin-
ed to rival its neighbor, Hamiota. It is
expected by the people in that district
that the line will be extended beyond the
Assiniboine next summer and possibly to
Prince Albert. M. & N. officials state
the heavy grades west of Minnedosa being
avoided by the Rapid City route that
branch may become the main line to
Prince Albert. This is as yet merely spe-
culation. That the company contemplates
important extensions next year is evidenc-
ed by the fact that a hundred men have
been employed to take out stone at the
quarries near Minnedosa and by the un-
usual activity in the shops here.—Portage
Graphic.

Narrow Escape From Death.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 8.—James C.
Boughner, foreman of the Waterous En-
gine Works, narrowly escaped death from
strychnine poisoning on Saturday night.
Feeling hungry upon arriving at home
Boughner went to the pantry, where he
made a hearty meal of some bread and
butter, which were, it appears, covered
with strychnine with a view to poison
rats. Prompt medical attendance saved his
life.

Mr. Balfour contrasted the conditions
of last year, when the Fashoda incident
had been honorably closed and the peace
conference had begun at The Hague, with
those of today, when, as he said, Great
Britain had been involved in the "great-
est war of the generation."

"It is true," he continued, "that the
government knew the situation and ele-
ments of peril, but it is not true that they
regarded the war as anything like inevit-
able."

He was asked why the government,
knowing that the transvaal was increas-
ing its armaments, did not protest, and
said: "The melancholy reason rests in the
Jameson raid, which gave the Transvaal a
chance to say it was arming, not for ag-
gression, but for self-protection. Thus we
are criticized for doing too little by those
who a year ago criticized us for doing too
much."

The speaker said he believed the event
which prevented mobilization last August
had done more good in uniting parties,
and all parts of the empire, than if Great
Britain and not the Transvaal had issued
the ultimatum.

"Even the tactical misfortune at Ladys-
mith or the extent of the Boer invasion
of British territory," said Mr. Balfour, "is
not such as need by itself, frighten even
the most timid."

In defending the artillery equipment he
observed: "Do not believe that your sol-
diers are sent to the field with a worse
gun than France or Germany would use in
similar circumstances. The guns supplied
to Sir George White were intended for a
mobile force, not for the defence of the
beleaguered fortress. The course of the
war has revealed the necessity for guns
less mobile but of greater range; and these
are being sent out abundantly."

After extolling the sea transport and
the ready response of the reserves, he de-
clared that the government had given the
generals an absolutely free hand, that the
war was "one in defence of our African
empire," and that, through good and evil
report, they would pursue unswervingly to
the end, so that no such war should ever
be waged in South Africa again.

In conclusion Mr. Balfour ridiculed the
foreign prophecies that the dissolution of
the British empire was about to begin.

THE SEIZURE OF VESSELS.

**Germany Recognizes the Right of Search
Within Limits.**

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The foreign office this
evening authorized the following state-
ment: "Germany recognizes the right of
search within certain specific limits. Among
the points enumerated in the protest
filed in London is one contending that
England has exceeded these limits. No
answer has yet been received to this protest."

On being asked whether it was correct
that joint action on the part of the powers
in the matter of seizure was under way,
a high official of the foreign office replied
that such action might have to be taken
if the seizures did not cease. He asserted
that Russia is asking such joint action
in regard to the interruption of tele-

Ladysmith, the country refuses to emerge
from the paroxysm of apprehension into
which it was thrown by the publication
of the last words of the telegraphed mes-
sage from General Buller: "Very hard
pressed," until officially assured that
that beleaguered garrison has not collapsed.

General Buller's grim symbolism, "The
Sun has Failed," exactly describes the
situation. There is nothing to relieve the
gloom. Crowds of people flocked to the
war office this morning through damp fog
to be greeted with a curt "No News,"
which only served to increase the strain.
The hungry eagerness to make the most
of the little dribble of cheering camp ru-
mor could not withstand the growing be-
lief that the publication of General
White's signals showing the garrison to be
in the throes of a desperate struggle only
preludes the mortification of the worst
disaster yet chronicled in this war, so
persistently humiliating to the British
army. Whether this excess of anxiety was
justified must be known ere long. The
afternoon newspapers are sceptical as to
the value of a story from Frere camp,
purporting to confirm the report contained
in General Buller's dispatch. The story
says that all three of the Boer assaults
were pressed with the greatest determina-
tion, but were successfully repulsed; that
many Boers were killed and that four
hundred were made prisoners, while the
garrison suffered only slight losses. So far
as known General Buller's demonstration
against Colenso had little effect. In spite
of the heavy artillery force the Boers did
not reply and the only effect of the
shrapnel shell reported was that it caused
a hundred Boers and their horses to stamp-
ede from the camp between Colenso and
Groblers kloof.

General French has now joined the Brit-
ish commanders with the familiar formula,
"I regret to report." Telegrams from Rens-
burg say several officers and 30 men of the
Suffolks were killed and about 50 captur-
ed. General French's announcement that
the Essex regiment has been sent to re-
place the Suffolks is more bitter to the
latter friends than the list of casualties,
as the only inference is that the Suffolks
disgraced themselves and their flag by
bolting, thus leaving a few of their more
staunch comrades to fill the Pretoria
goal.

Shot Him Dead.

London, Jan. 8.—A private of the Irish
Rifles who fought at Stormberg, in a let-
ter home says that when General Gatacre
saw the position the guide had led the
troops into, he shot the guide dead with
his own revolver.

HAS CROSSED THE TUGELA.

Report That General Buller is Marching
on Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 8.—6:25 p. m.—A rumor is
current in the city that General Buller
has crossed the Tugela river, captured 12
guns and is now marching on Ladysmith.

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