

the telephone system is the only means

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opinion of the city council which last

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ferred to the legislative committee for

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constituted the B. C. Telephone com-

adopted without comment, follows:

**EISTING STEAMBRS** Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. Will Contract for Construction of Big Fleet for Halibut Business

ORDERS SIXTEEN

Tenders will be invited in England for sixteen halibut fishing steamers to used in northern British Columbia waters next year for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage company, which has a large cold storage plant practically complete at Prince Rupert. George H. Collins, managing director of the com pany, is now on his way to England to award the contracts with British shipbuilders for the fleet. The orders will be scattered as the company is in a hurry to secure the sixteen vessels. It is anticipated that they will be ready for delivery in the Spring. With former. the sixteen vessels of this company at work next summer and the new British Columbia Fisheries, Ltd., in the field with a fleet of steam trawlers brough from the crowded fishing grounds i the North Sea, and other concerns at work there will be a vast development shortly in the halibut and sea fishing industry of British Columbia. Mr. Wilfred Vere Doughty who is so well known in connect with the Grimsby fisheries, is coming to Victoria shortly to complete arrangements for the extensive business to be developed by the B. C. Fisheries company, which will have not only a large cold storage depot at Porches island, connected by trackage with the Grand Trunk Pacific line, but also can neries, salteries, oil works, etc., and will place a fleet of fishing vessels which will probably total a score of steamers in the waters of the north. The Canadian Fish & Cold Storage company proposes to commence business next April and it is hoped to have the fleet of sixteen fishing vessels ready for that time. The company is capitalized at \$1,500,000 and the plant will cost when completed close on \$500,000

and will be the largest of its kind in the world. The building is of reinforced concrete built at one end of the harbor of Prince Rupert, and will be fitted up with the most modern machinery. The storage capacity will be fourteen million pounds of fish, with a freezing capacity of 110 tons per day. With the completion of the G.T.P.

Mr. Collins points out that fish from the Pacific Coast will be put in the eastern market three days quicker than now. The establishment will give em ment to 500 men, none of whom will be Japanese. White men and In dians only will be employed. The remaining directors of the com-bany are: Andrew Kelly president of the Western Canada, Flour millio, Win-

; James Carruthers of Montreal grain exporter; and Grier Starrett, for mer manager of the New England Fish company.

### MR. COSTE IS

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a share in nearly all ...e big engineering works of Canada, with the planning of all the larger harbors and the development of waterways, since 1883. Mr. Coste, who is a member of the British Institute of Civil Engineers, studied engineering in England under one of the greatest of British engineers, Sir James Brunlees, past president of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

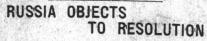
**ENQUIRING INTO** DYNAMITE FUND

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Labor Officials Summoned.

SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. 16 .- Olaf Tveitmoe, secretary-treasurer of the State Building Trades Council, and Antone Johannsen, an organizer for that organization ,arrived in San Francisco today from the East. Both were served in Sacramento with subpoenaes directing them to appear before the federal grand jury in Los Angeles. Johannsen went immediately to his home in Corte Madeira, where his daughter died a day or so ago. He said that he would attend the funeral and then go to Los Angeles, departing probably tomorroy night. Tveitmoe said he had business affairs that would necessitate his presence here for two or three days, and that then he would go to the southern city. Both men went east to attend labor convention before the confes-

sion of the McNamaras. Both Tyeitmoe and Johannsen talked freely and declared they had nothing to fear from the national or local investigation of the relations of labor leaders to the dynamiting of the Times,



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was nothing in his resolution which could be construed as an insult to "sen- 798,988. Many improvements are resitive Russia," and urged senators to adopt it without any modification whatever.

The first stir over the announcement that Russia had become aroused over the proposed action of the American congress in cutting off treaty relations with that country and that international complications might ensue, soon was followed by another thrill when six members of the ca...net were summoned to the White House late in the afternoon.

Officially it was stated that the cabinet had been called in council to pass fnally upon President Taft's message on department aimirs, to go to congress next Thursday. The meeting lasted for more than three hours.

Throughout the day an effort was lade in official quarters to minimize the importance of the Russian ambas ador's action.

ON THE GROUND age remarkable in itself, but which becomes all the more remarkable when his strenuous and eminently successful career is remembered, together with the eer has been connected. He has had pleasing knowledge that it finds him still in a condition as nearly approximating health as reason and nature could wish

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attains his 94th birthday today, and the

hearty congratulations of all are due on

In September, 1908, Bishop Cridge preached in the Church of Our Lord for the last time. It was little realized then that it would be for the last time. but within a week of that memorable occasion the light left his eyes for ever in this word, and since the date of that unfortunate affliction he has gone on guided by the spiritual light within. In his appointment to the post of chaplain here Bishop Cridge was successor to the first chaplain and preceptor sent to the colony from England, the Rev. Robert J. Staines, who arrived in Victoria in the year 1849. When Bishop Cridge and his wife (who died in 1905) came to Victoria some six years later they discvered a field where all their abilities and tact and patience one raid, in which five schooners were nd loving sympathy were needed. They were very popular from the first, and made a warm place for themselves in the hearts of the colonists of all creeds and all nationalities, a place which was always maintained.

the auspicious occasion. He was born the indemnification of the owners for

on December 17, 1817, and is therefore the loss of their industry.

DOMINION SHIPPING SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Value of \$1,002,735 over last Year in Vessels Added to Register-Big Expenditure in St. Lawrence

Increase in Canadian shipping and nprovements in the transportation. which came into effect yesterday, these outes and aids to navigation are reorted in the annual report of the marine department tabled in the house at Ottawa. The number of vessels in

the register at the end of last year was 7904 and the total tonnage 750,929. The value aggregated \$22,527,870 an increase of \$1,002,735 in the year. Men and boys employed in shipping were estimated to number 40.070.

Departmental appropriations amounted ed to \$6,196,723, and expenditure \$4,ferred to, among them being the adoption of modern dioptric lights at the principal coast stations. Up to the end of 1910 there had been spent on the channel between Montreal and Quebec a total of \$8,358,322. for dredging and

\$3,756,710 for plant. The work at Cap a la Roche will require two or three years yet, and the thirty foot channel to Batiscan is fin-Improvements made in the harbor of

Montreal and increase in traffic there are referred to. Policeman Kills Himself

ished.

TORONTO, Dec. 15 .- Arthur Staples, patrolman of the police force, was eing taken to the police station by a patrol sergeant , who found him unfit for duty, when suddenly Staples step- direction will appear surprisingly large. ped back and, drawing his revolver, shot himself dead.

the take from the rookeries on St. Paul and St. George islands in Bering sea 12,500 skins taken by the pelagic sealers, including the catches of the Vic toria and Japanese sealing fleets, and 500 Cape of Good Hope skins. The catch offered by the Russian government from the Copper island rookery, but 900 skins, will be sold in March next. The meagre number of skins from Copper island is evidence of the great inroads made by the seal-raiders from Japan into the herds of the Com nanderoffski group during the past few years. In less than a decade the total number of seals on the Copper and Bering island rookeries amounted to 60,000, but the concerted raiding during the Russo-Japanese war, when the guard was withdrawn, slaughtered the greater portion of the herds. In

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engaged, in 1904 when Russia was engaged in war and unable to protect the cookeries, 12,000 seals were clubbed on the beach and taken to Japan, and for a few years a situation similar to-guerilla war existed between the Russian guards and the seal raiders. In 1906 a concerted raid was made and a field gun was landed by the raiders to fight off the Russians while the sealers clubbed and killed on the hauling ground. It is a number of similar raids which have brought the herds of the Russian rookeries down to a small number. With the prohibition of sealing at sea, as a result of the treaty

raids will stop, and it is expected that this rookery, in which Canada receives ten per cent. interest, under the new treaty, will soon be augmented. MILLIONS FOR HARBORS

AT PACIFIC PORTS Seattle Newspaper Outlines Development at Many Points in

United States. Under the head "Millions for Harbors,' the Seattle Post-Intelligences says: "The manner in which the Pa-

cific coast cities are setting about harbor improvements, in the expectation of an extraordinary increase in the volume of water-borne commerce with the completion of the Panama canal is exciting attention everywhere. The De-

cember number of the Review of Reviews has an article, for example, giving details of the views of the Pacific coast harbors, showing some of their present facilities.

"Even to one resident on the coast and familiar with the work which is under way or proposed in the community where he lives, the aggregate of the expenditures being made in this

Coast Plumbers' association. The ulti "It appears that the cities having mate outcome depends upon the attitude harbors on this side of the Pacific have of the officers of the association.

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the conference.

The available supply of sealskins will than that, Canadian sailors. sacques for the women of the world SHOUTED BANZAIS The total number of skins offered at These included 12,492 skins offered for WHILE DROWNING

> Dramatic Story of the Loss of the Japanese Destroyer Harusame Brought by the Panama Maru

there was referred for consideration the whole matter of telephone charges, Going down to death singing the nabeg leave to report as follows: ional anthem and shouting banzais for "Under the provisions of the Vernon their emperor. 46 of the crew of the and Nelson Telephone company's Japanese torpedo boat destroyer Harucharges (which the B. C. Telephone same went down with the war vessel on Co. now own and are operating under November 24th, according to advices they have power to raise the rates brought by the steamer Panama Maru for all telephones to a rate of \$5.00 of the Osaka Shosen kaisha line, which per month. There is no distinction be ached port last night. Stories of the tween a business and residential telefifteen survivors, as officially communicated to the admiralty by the commandphone: they have further power, with the consent of the lieutenant-governorer of the destroyer Isonami, are dran-council to raise the price above \$5 matic. The Harusame, which was per month, so as to create an average caught in a hurricane in the inland sea, started for Wakanoura in distress, the on all their 'phones of not more than vessel swinging with force in a tre-\$5.00 per month.

mendous sea. She was unable to make "The undersigned have heard a rumor the port of refuge. At 10 p. m. the unverified, that the raise of rate is mast was blown overboard and then made in order to facilitate a sale of the commander sought to make Matoya, he controlling interest of the stoel Ise. About midnight the light on Cape of the company to English capitalists. Anjyo was sighted and the officers then "The letter of Mr. Provost has at located the position of their disabled ached to it a document which Mr vessel. The searchlight was brought in-Prevost was circulating to start a petito service and lookouts watched for tion to the government for the purpose breakers. The destroyer was unman f buying the company out and estabageable, however, and an hour later ish a government owned telephon dashed on a reef. All hands were orservice throughout the province. dered to the pumps, but could do noth-"Th undersigned are strongly of the ing. The Harsuame slowly foundered. opinion that this is the only solution When the end was near the crew gath-

of the matter which will lead to the ered at the bridge to which the compeople of the province receiving this mander lashed himself, and they conabsolutely necessary public convenience tunned singing the national anthem and : rais that are commensurate with smuting banzais until the seas' swept the amount of expense necessary to hem away. Survivors who were washed car:y on the same, and we would rec ashore on pieces of wreckage say they mmend that the council take steps to heard the shouts of banzais for the Emlay the whole matter before the govern peror at they were swept away by the ment, with a view to having the gov ernment of the province of British Columbia follow the example of the gov-Restriction on Morphine ernment of the province of Manitoba THE HAGUE, Dec. 15 .- The inter and either buy out or start in opposition national opium conference today adopto the existing telephone company.

ed a resolution submitted by the Brit-"There is no exclusive franchise ish delegates restricting the export of given to the company and there is morphine in the countries reported in othing to prevent any other company commencing operation in the city, or ndeed in any part of the province." Pacific Coast Plumbing Trust

New Zealand Politics

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .--- A tentative greement contemplating the dissolution CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z., Dec. 15 .of the so-called "plumbing trust" ha The Labor party now holds the balance been reached between the department of justice and counsel for the Pacific of power at the polls and dissolution will probably follow. The News says the election probably means the fall of Sir Joseph Ward. His popularity has been generally declining, the final touch

Banquet to Hon. Mr. Monk prepared by Alderman H. M. Fullerton and City Solicitor McDiamid, and re-MONTREAL, Dec. 15 .-- Hon. F. D Monk, minister of public works, was banqueted tonight by some two hunhe preparation of a memorial to the dred of his constituents in the town government urging the principle approvhall of Montreal West. Owing to Mr. Monk's recent bereavement the banhas it that the raise in rates has been quet was of a semi-private nature, and made in order to facilitate a sale of a the toast lists were short. Three other prominent Conservatives, Hon. Bruan English syndicate and that as now no Nantel, Hon. Mr. Brodeur and W. Carruthers were present. pany possesses no exclusive franchise

and crew quarters were flooded, and

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about. The Lyra carried 5,500 tons of

coal to Balfour. Guthrie & Co. Captain

McDonald was in command.

and there is nothing to prevent any WIRELESS EQUIPMENT other company commencing operations in the city. The report, which was FOR THE RESTORER

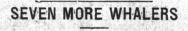
"We, the undersigned, to whom was Apparatus Which Will Allow of Mes. referred a letter from Mr. Charles sages Being Sent over 1,000 Provost concerning the telephone com miles to be Installed pany's raise of rates and to whom

> Arrangements have been made for the equipment of the cable repair ship Restorer of the Pacific Commercial Cable company, Capt. Combe, lying at Esquimalt, with powerful wireless telegraphic apparatus. Marconi equipmen with capacity of five kilowatts which will permit of messages being exchanged at a distance of over a thousand miles, will be installed. Capt. Combe will leave for New York on December 27 to consult with officials of the cable company regarding the improvements to be made on the Restorer.

> > FOUR NEW TUGBOATS

British Columbia Packers Order Vessels From Vancouver Shipyard to Be Ready Next April.

Four tugboats have been ordered by the B. C. Packers association from the Wallace shipyards of North Vancouver. These vessels must be completed by April 1 and a start will soon be made. Two of the tugs will be steam ers using oil fuel, and they will be 80 feet long by 15 feet beam. The other two will be gasoline propelled craft, 75 feet long by 14 feet beam.



#### Three New Companies Formed on Puget Sound to Hunt Off the North Pacific and Alaska Coasts.

Seven whaling steamers are to be constructed at Seattle to enter the coast whaling business. Three new companies have been formed on the Sound, the Alaska Whaling Company, United States Whaling Company and Western American Whaling Company, Norwegian whalers and Norwegian capital is interested in each of the new concerns.

### New Canning Company

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 .- Letters patent have been issued for a new dollar canning concern, to be known as the British-Canadian Canners, Ltd., with headquarters in Montreal. The company has authority to deal in all

ish products and to buy up or otherwas acquire the interests of companies. a scale of \$5-8.50 per week.

and died in the hospital of blood poisning several days afterward, O'Brien explained the shooting by the statement that he returned home a little the worse for drink and Smith, after a few words, struck him on his own doorstep O'Brien reached for his gun and shot at Smith while recumbent in the yard.

means practically life imprisonment.

On August 1, 1910, U'Brien shot AL

exander C. Smith, who boarded at his

home. Smith was wounded in the leg

## **RELICS OF THE MAINE**

Urgent Deficiency Bill Frovides That Portions of the Wreck May be Donated to Various Bodies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- That portions of the wreck of the battleship Maine, now being cleared of mud and debris in Havana harbor, are to be donated to cities, patriotic societies and the survivors or heirs of survivors of th Maine, is provided in the urgent def ciency bill.

The bill carries \$2.270.000. It auth rizes an additional appropriation of \$250,000 for raising the Maine, making a total appropriation of \$900,000 for tha purpose.

The bill would also authorize ti secretary of war to give some portion of the wreck to the republic of Cuba for incorporation in a public monument to be erected in Havana.

The work of raising the wreck nearing completion.

# ISINGLASS DEAD

World's Famous Stallion Dies at New market After a Bemarkable Bace Course Becord

LONDON, Dec. 15,-Isinglass, the amous stallion, died at ...ewmarket, at the age of 21 years.

Isinglass was one of the most narkable racehorses of the last half century and he held the record as a winner on the turf, his total being \$280,000. In 1893 he secured the triple crown-the Two Thousand Guineas. Derby and St. Leger-for Harry Mc Calmont. The sire of Isinglass was

Isonomy, himself a great racehorse. while Isinglass was always considered sonomy's greatest sun. Isinglass since his retirement from

the track has had a successful career n the stud. In the racing of this year his get won \$48,000 in stakes and purses, while his most successful progeny of the year has been the two-year-old filly, Belleisle, out of Virginia, which was responsible for \$19,250 of the to-

The most conspicuous representatives of Isinglass in America is his son, Starshoot, out of Astrology. To date, this stallion's progeny has placed him n the front of the money winners with total of over \$50,000. Star Charten being the best performer in a list of

forty odd horses. Among these is a locally owned two-year-old filly, Sunlike, which runs in the colors of Mr. Norman Macfarlane.

Telephone operators at Ottawa, have been granted an increase in their wages from a scale of \$17.50-30 per month, to placed against the the sale of the c ilding sites, brin the \$50.000, even cost of the new bui ACCIDENTAL IS JU t Arthur Clay fatally injured am, by being

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