a is the destination of the writer and name of his nearest friend or relare has not been an instance where registering could not write, so that telligent class are moving north, of those registering put their descended with the condown as Wrangel. down as wranger.
boats are being built on False k for the Stikine river route, though three londed steamers have here for the north there is no dimion in the crowds on the streets. STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

rican Vessels Calling Here to Be Inspected As Well As British.

dens have been received by the local ens have been recent that all steam-stors of steamboats that all steam-ailing from this port, British or can, or of any other flag, are to be inspected and not cleared by the or of Customs until they can show tes that they have passed a favinspection. This action on the Canadian authorities was solely to assure the safety and of travellers leaving this port, guard against such catastropher ess of the Clara Nevada. That er applies to the American vessels at this port is shown by the text otter received by steamboat In-Thompson. It reads:

tor Thompson. It reads:
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n order-in-council, dated the 27th day
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pitions to the provisions of the steaminspection act. I have therefore to
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F. GOURDEAU,
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2nd section of the act 55-56 Vic., 19, intituled "an act further to the steamboat inspection act," and I with the advice of the Queen's ouncil of Canada, is pleased to order rect that the provisions of chapter he revised statutes, "The Steamboat ion Act" and the amendments there Act" and the amend ether with the Canadian tunes and ions relating to the inspection of oats, shall apply to passenger steam-then than steamboats holding pas other with the Canadian rules and thons relating to the inspection of boats, shall apply to passenger steam—other than steamboats holding pas—other than steamboats holding pas—other than steamboats holding pas—other than steamboats holding pas—erificates from Her Majesty's board de—registered elsewhere than in Can—engaged in carrying passengers related in a, to another port or place in la, or on any of the lakes, rivers ea coasts of Canada; provided, rer, that the provisions of the said and the amendments thereto which re-Canadian passenger steamboats to Canadian certificated engineers, be pplied, and that the Canadian rules regulations relating to the inspection illers while in course of construction, of applied, and that the boilers of steamboats be deemed to have been ted by a Canadian steamboat inspection the affidavit of the boiler maker, rei by the rules and regulations be dis—discontinuous control of the control of the steamboat inspection that the rules and regulations be dis—discontinuous control of the steamboat inspection that the rules and regulations be dis—discontinuous control of the steamboat inspection that the rules and regulations be dis—discontinuous control of the steamboat inspection that the rules and regulations be dis—discontinuous control of the steamboat inspection that the rules and regulations be discontinuous control of the rules and regulations of the rules and regulations because the rules are rules and regulations of the rules and regulations of the rules are rules and regulations of the rules are ru

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JOHN J. M'GEE,

Clerk of the Privy Council

Golden Klondike

ENORMOUS ROSH OF GOLD SEEKERS GOING IN.

ade the Trip and knows Something the Uardships the Gold Seekers Must Undergo.

the rush towards the golden fields be Klondike, there are thousands who ill-fitted to stand the strain of hardand exposure, which are inseparable that trip. Illness, disease and death most certain to claim many of the ill-ared adventurers. The following letom one who has undergone the ships of the trip, will prove interestthose who intend going into the late but gold laden north:

Skagway, Dec. 12th, 1897. ear Sirs:-My object in writing this r is to give a word of advice to those For ten years I have followed the of prospecting, timber estim g and mining, and the hardships and ons which one has to undergo are igh to wreck the strongest constitu-In thespring of 1897 I was stricken pleurisy, as the result of exposure. vered from this, but it left behind seeds of disease which manifested selves in the form of heart and kidtroubles. I managed to reach Vaner, but did not have much hopes of I was advised, however. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and rst purchased but two boxes. se were gone I found beyond a were helping me, and their inued use "put me on my feet again, a common expression. I then ento go to the Yukon country and who have made the trip to rson City can form even the faintest eption of the hardships that have to orne in making the trip. Before of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and of such invaluable service to me, would strongly urge every man wh to take a supply with him, as h find the need of a tonic and upbuildthe system on many occasions: in and returned to this place by the trail, which consists of 350 ld Indian trail, starting at Pyramic rbor. In going over the trail one has times to wade through mud more than oot deep, and ford streams waist deep ice cold waters. When I started for Yukon my weight was only 149 ands, and I now weigh 169 pounds, nks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. am soon starting for another wson by the same route. This time,

lliams' Pink Pills will again form part write this letter for the two-fold pur of letting you know what your medihas done for me and urging those o go in to take a supply with them. ery man, whether he is sick or undertakes the trip to the require something to brace and kee constitution sound in that country. It say that my home is at Copper Cliff, my wife now resides.

ever, the travelling will be on snow

es, and you may depend upon it Dr

Yours very truly.

JOHN PICHE.

THERE ARE OTHERS. All of them good, but Griffith's Nor-egian Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is su-rior to all others. One bottle is equal medicinal value to at least two of y other Emulsion, and it has also the litional value of Iron and Manyanese, ich are the two most essential Sold by all ents of pure, rich blood. uggists, 50 cents and \$1.

A VERY CLOSE CALL

Ontario Liberal Government Sustained, but With a Very Narrow Majority.

Dr. Dewart Elected in North Toronto Some Seats are Still in Doubt.

Toronto, March 2.—The latest returns in yesterday's election show that the Lib m resterance has been sustained by a ity of three. The figures are: 48 Liberals, 43 Conservatives, one Patron, and one Independent. There is one constituency yet to hear from.

Later-Ontario now stands; Liberals 46; Conservatives 44; Patrons 1. Algoma's doubtful 2; Russell election later. Total 94.

2 p.m.-The latest returns to-day show O'Keefe, Liberal, defeated in Ottawa, which is a Conservative gain, and Campbell Liberal, elected in South Renfrew, estead of Dempsey, Conservative, as Muskoka is definitely Liberal, another

Iuskoka is dennitely liberal, another ale returns from Nipissing indicate probability that Loughrin, Liberal, labe elected. The most important inge, however, but not one yet cerus, is that a big mistake of fifty was that a big mistake of fifty was number 38 sub-division of North and that Marter is defeated Dewart, Liberal, elected. The f the Liberal vote was placed at tead of 98. This makes the Libelected 48. p.m.-Dr. Dewart is elected in

March 2-As might be exrill remain, when final figures are ob-ained from remote and uncertain con-tituencies, and when the election for tussell has taken place, is the attitude of the member for Parry Sound. He is he only independent in the house. The fail puts him in the straight Conserva-tive column, while the Gtobe counts him independent, and as Beatty defeated the ervative candidate, the latter classition seems more reasonable. The ail places Conmee as defeated, but fins incorrect and taking out him and leaving out Beatty, the Conservatices are if with forty-four seats. On the other de however, Muskoka and Aigoma ast, which the Globe counts as Liberal et doubtful. If Whitney wins either these, or if he carries Russell, or if agets the support of Beatty, of Parry and the government will have a marry and the government will have a marry Sound, the government will have no man jority after it has elected a speaker un ess, indeed—and this is where the party in possession has all the advantage be-

reen now and the next session-it inreases its present meagre majority at ottawa, March 2.—The Journal (Inde-endent) to-might says: "While Premier ardy may manage to carry on the is practically against the government. The Conservative members of the legislature are nearly doubled in number, despite the adverse influence of both federal and provincial office holders and their influence. This gain by the Conservative party is unparalleled in the political records of the province, and another general clearly and another general clearly against the verdict says: Supposing that the American committee considers the Maine disaster criminal, we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and another general clearly against the government.

Speculation in Madrid.

Madrid, March 2. The Correspondence says: Supposing that the American committee considers the Maine disaster criminal, we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and another province and another committee considers the Maine disaster criminal, we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the province and the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the committee considers the Maine disaster criminal we shall have to hear the opinion of the committee considers the maine committee considers

ught it time for a change." ALASKA PARTIES IN TROUBLE. New York, March 1 .- A dispatch from

would undoubtedly overwhelm the

rels, now that the people have sud-

Valparaiso says:
The steamer City of Columbia, bound from New York to Alaska, with passen rs for the Klondike gold region, is be-The vessel was injured by running on e rocks in Smith's channel two weeks ago, and had to put in at this port for reunds from New York, but the money

s not arrived. Through the United States const day Captain Baker advertised for \$25,-000 in American gold for which bottomry ds would be issued. Proposals for bonds will be received at the United tates consulate on March 2. The money aus obtained will be used to pay for reairs, and for the purchase of coal and covisions to last until the ship reaches uget Sound.

MINERS REFUSE TO WORK.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 1 .- A practi monstration of what it was that to the Lattimer massacre may be afforded just across the line from Luz-erne, in Carbon county. Four hundred men on strike in Colerain, in the colliery of A. S. Van Weyk & Co., have threatto march in parade in the public about the colliery to induce 400 re who remain at work to strike. The ain men went on strike Saturday use a miner had been discharged for hat they considered an insufficient reas They refuse to return to work until the miner is reinstated.

MINERS' STRIKE PROBABLE.

Columbus, O., March 1 .- F. E. Farms e president of the Ohio miners' organ-tions, says that a strike of the Ohio rs on April 1 now seems inevitable Ohio operators have decided that cannot pay the same wages for min oal as was paid in western Pennsyla as the Chicago conference decided be paid, and Mr. Farms has no hey will refuse to sign the scale. e miners will not work unless the Chiago scale is paid.

TO BRING BACK IDA JONES.

Bloomington, Ill., March 1-Mrs. Katie es Bedinger, of Weatherford, Texas, started for London, England, where es to bring her sister, Ida Jones, mous song writer, known as Ilda back to her home here. Miss is confined in an asylum for the n London, suffering from acute trouble. It is believed that her to her home and family will en-restore her mind. Mrs. Bedinger her sister's removal. ared that there will be no objection

LONDON MONEY MARKET TIGHT London, March D. The more market seemed very tight to day and there is liftle prospect of early relief. The dommer-ial demand for gold to the United States continues very pressing and, according to continues of the Bank of Trance as to whether they will allow some of that bank's gold to be withdrawn from export to New York.

RAILROAD RATES CUT. Westbound Passengers Can Travel For Half Usual Price.

Chicago, March 1.-Thirty-six dollars were clipped from the passenger rates of all lines between Chicago, Puget Sound and other north Pacific coast points today, which hereafter will be \$31.50.

Up to to-day the authorized charge has been \$67.50, on the same class of transportation. On unlimited transportation it has been as high as \$21.50. has been as high as \$81.50.

No higher charge will be put into effect until the warfare between the American lines and the Canadian Pacific is settled.

The prospects for yet lower charges are exceedingly bright, as the American lines are determined to make the fight bitter, and the Canadian Pacific shows no signs of weakness, The rate of \$31.50 will be applied through Omaha, Kansas City and other

Missouri river gateways, as well as through St. Paul.

The Candian Pacific rate from all territory east of Buffalo is \$40. The rate agreed upon by the western lines, therefore, leaves the Grand Trunk, which will work with them, a margin of \$8.50 for track between Buffalo and east thereof

THE MAINE DISASTER

ported last night, thus evening up the The Naval Court of Inquiry Still in ession-No Official Announcement Yet.

> In the Event of War Europe Would Remain Neutral—Relief for Suffering Cubans.

Washington, March 2.-Secretary Long has decided to send two naval vessels to Cuba with forty or fifty tons of provisions for the relief of the suffering recon-Toronto, March 2—As inight be recommended from the closeness of the contest esterday there is some discrepancies in centrados. It is said that an emergency exists that makes it necessary to dispatch provisions at once to succor the straving. The Montgomery will take supplies to Matanzas and the Nashville to Saguala element of doubt, however, which remain, when final figures are obately after delivering their supplies, which were furnished by the New York Cuban relief committee.

Quiet at Havana. Havana, March 2.—The city is quiet to-day, but the public and private greetings to the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, which arrived here last night, have not

lessened in fervor.

Divers are working hard upon the wreck of the Maine. It is feared many of the dead were blown to pieces, which would account for the fallure to find their bodies where expected.
Senator Proctor has gone to Matanzas accompanied by Miss Clara Barton and Mrs. Ward.

Experts Will Admit Accident. Madrid, March 2.—The Spanish government on Monday received a report from the Spanish authorities at Havana saying the explosion which wrecked the Maine was due to internal cause, adding it was believed that the United States experts will admit this without reservation of

doubtful verdict we feel sure President McKinley would not wage war against Spain in the face of an European verdict to the contrary and that of the sensible portion of the American people."

Europe Would Not Interfere New York, March 1 .- A World special from London says:

The suggestion in certain despatche that in the event of war between the United States and Spain the latter may receive active re-operation from some unnamed European power, is treated with entire incredulity in potential circles in Loudon. A World representative talked in the House of Commons lobby with several members of parliament who are authorities on foreign affairs. All concurred in expressing the opinion that should war break out between the United States and Spain in relation to Cuba both powers would have a fair field and

favor as far as European countries re concerned. Sir Chas. Dilke, the highest unofficial uthority on such questions in British olitics, has already, at an early stage of the difficulty between Spain and the United States, stated his belief that no European power would intervene. He reiterated that view, saying: "Nothing has occurred to alter my opinion in that regard, although I cannot believe that war is likely to take place. No European power has any direct interest in helping

Thomas Gibson Bowles, M.P., said: "I should think it most unlikely that any European power would interpose to help Spain or otherwise. There is no European interests touched by this Cuban business that would tempt any country to meddle with it."

These statements indicate the general trend of opinion here, which, while regarding the possibility of war as remote, treats such an eventuality as surely an affair for the two countries concer It is right to add, however, that this scepticism about the possibility of war is not shared in diplomatic circles. Members of the St. James club, where diplomatic that that matists generally gather, state that an official belonging to the Spanish embassy said tolar circle of friends: "A rupture might take place any day, Spain being mode likely to direct it about even than the United States. The position of the Spanish government is becoming intolerble, and the instant our cabinet becomes convinced that the United States really means war, Madrid will force the situa-

tion to a head." Inquiry Still in Progress. Key West, March 2.-The United States court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine resumed its sessions here at 10 o'clock to day. Ten more eu-listed men were examined by the fall board. The torpedo boat Ericeson left this morning with mail matter for the

back this afternoon. KHLED IN A SNOWSLIDE. Silverton, B. C. March 1-Willian Inde dost his life yestender in an snew-slide near the Comstock mine. He was 27 years of age, and mame here from Linesdale, N. S. Two of his brothers

at Torugas. She was expected

STARTING FOR KLONDIKE. Dubnque Ia. March 1.—A party of 42 leuve tonight over the Chicago & Great Western railway for the gold fields of Alaska. This is the fifth expedition to

are living here. had as ten

leave here this season.

to Arrange for Construction of Light Houses.

Messrs Morrison and McInnes Introduce Two Bills Respecting B. C. Railways.

Ottawa, March 2.-Sir Louis Davies says that an engineer from the department will be sent on the Quadra about the 15th of March from Vancouver along the coast to the Stikine to see about placing lighthouses there.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill in the house to-day respecting the British Columbia Southern railway. Mr. McInnes introduced a bill to incorporate the Cowichan Valley Railway Company. Both bills wone read a first time

lls were read a first time. The interior department to-day awarded the second batch of dredging licenses for the Second batter of deetging fictures for the Yukon river bed. John Comor, of St. John, and associates, Dr. Smelie, of Gaspe, and Mr. Goodwn, of Ottawa, obtain 110 miles of Stewart river.

The report that there is a prespect of the margament railway. the government railway system dragged into the rate war, now that the Intercolonial railway has extended to Montreal, is incorrect. Mr. Blair stated that the railway department is pursuing the even tener of its way on this question, and will not go into the freight cutting business. The Hamilton Smith is lying seriously ill at the Waldorf Hotel, New York. He is expected to leave for Ottawa as soon

LOCAL NEWS. in a Condensed Form.

as he recovers.

From Monday's Daily. On account of the delay in the arrival of Eastern and European mails, the Empress of China will not sail for the Orient until Wednesday.

-The American liner Paris arrived at New York at 8 a.m. on Saturday; the Cunard liner Umbrina arrived at 5 p.m. the same day. -The infant son of Mr. T. Henderson,

of 97 View street, was burried to day. Rew. Dr. Campbell conducting the services at the house and cemetery. For failure to provide for his wife and family James Owens, of Tennyson road, was to-day sentenced by Magis-trate Macrae to three months in the

provincial gaol. Some of the members of the crew who came here; on the Amur complain that they have been unable to secure their wages. One of them has taken ac-tion against the captain in the small debts court.

R. A. Rogers, of the Parson's Produce Co., appeared in the police court this morning charged with having falled to take out wholesalers' license. Mr. Rogers having paid the license the charge was withdrawn at the request of the city.

-Five alarms were turned into the fire Five alarms were turned into the fire department during February, with total losses estimated at \$1,100. This brings the losses for the present year up to \$1-210. The only fire of any consequence during February was that on the 8th, wises the frame building on Humboldt Street, occupied as a grocery, and owned by Mr. W. J. Pendray, was destroyed,

-The funeral of the late Mrs. Riley, which took place yesterday arternoon, was very largely attended, and the flural offerings were numerous and beautiful. Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted services at the residence, Bay street, and at the cemetery. The pallbearers were H. D. Helincker, M.P.P., Dr. T. J. Jones, S. Leiser, R. L. Drury, H. A. Munn, and Cantain Deversary. Captain Devereaux.

-William Alfred Elliott, the only son of Mr. W. A. Elliott, of Cadboro Bay road, died yesterday afternoon. The deroad, died yesterday afternoon. The de-ceased, who was 42 years of age, had always been an invalid. He came here with his parents in the fifties from Woolwich, England, his native city. The funeral will take place to morrow from the residence of his father, near The Willows, Cadboro Bay road.

Imports by Victoria Merchants were -Imports by Victoria Merchants were very heavy during the month just past. The returns for February were: Free, \$115,839 as compared with \$47,930 in January, an increase of \$67,909; dufiable imports \$260,113 as against \$174,936 in January, an increase of \$185,177. The duty collected on the imports was \$73,574.64, which compared with \$51,-096.08 of last month shows an increase of \$22,478.56.

The remains of Sidney William Wiffen, who accidentally shot himself on Friday last at Vancouver, arrived on the steamer Charmer last evening, and this afternon they were laid to rest in this afternon they were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery. The deceased was a native of Roxwell, Essex, England. He leaves a widow and two children, besides his mother and several other members of the family circle in Victoria to mourn his loss. An inquest was held at Vancouver on Saturday at which a verdict of accidental death was returned.

force the wash house regulation by-law, one of the clauses of which prohibits the construction of flat roofs for drying purposes. In the police court this morning the owners of one of these houses and the esses of another were charged with an infraction of the by law. Mr. Fell, who appeared for the defence, contended that the by law exceeded the authority given the city by statute when it proposed to interfere with buildings already erected. Magistrate Macrae reserved his decision

-A committee of the board of trade before them the report of the railway committee of the board and the resolutions passed at last week's meeting, respecting the continuation of the Stikine-Teslin railway to the Coast. The committee urged the government to co-operate with the Dominion government for

Seldom has there been a larger at-tendance at a funeral than there was at that of the late William Grant, which took place yesterday from his parents ce Point Ellice. The very sad cir residence. Point Ellice. The very sad circumstances and the suddenness of his death, just as he was on the verge of what promised to be a brilliant career, added to the impressiveness of the occasion. The services, conducted at the house and cemetery by Rev. R. W. Trotter, were particularly impressive. A united choir from the city churches was

THE CAPITAL present and rendered appropriate hymns both at the residence and the graveside. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Galbrath, C. McNeill, W. Adams, W. Grant, G. Black and E. Dier, Much sympathy was expressed for Capt. and Mrs. Grant, to whom the shock has been a very severe

From Tuesday's Daily. -Mr. Thomas C. Sorby, architect, is calling for tenders for the excavation of the site for new business premises for Messrs. Weiler Bros.

—Mr. Braden has given notice in the legislature of his intention to apply for copies of all correspondence between the government or any official thereof and legislature of his intention to apply for copies of all correspondence between the government or any official thereof and any other person upon the subject of Victor M. Ruthven.

With a view to saving freight charges and space, Messrs. Brackman & Ker have placed on the market compressed horse feed not up in bales weighing 1000. have placed on the market compressed horse feed put up in bales weighing 100

-At the monthly meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held yesterday evening, the secretary reported that during the month of February eight cases of cruelty were investigated by the society. Mr. Charles Kent was during the evening elected a member of the society.

pounds, and measuring 14x14x18, each bale containing enough cut hay and crushed grain to feed one horse for five

Icense and some papers of importance to the owner. Mr. Loveland lost the wallet on Saturday, and now offers a neward of \$25 for its return.

-The inland revenue returns for February follow: Spirits

—Mr. Justice Drake this morning dismissed the defendants' motion to set aside the writ of replevin and proceedings thereunder in Dunsmuir, v. the Klondike & Columbian Gold Fields, I.d., and Boscowitz, and under which the trig Czar is now held by the plaintiff. His Lordship held that there was no language in the replevin act that makes it necessary to take sureties at all. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., for plaintiff, Gordon Hunter for defendants.

-On Tuesday evening, 15th inst., the usual St. Patrick's day celebration will be held in Temperance hall, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown. Last year many were turned away from this cor-cert. It was intended that this year it would be held in the A.O.U.W. hall, but owing to the Lindley Dramatic Co. holding the boards there, the date could not be secured. Those who remember the treat given last year will not fail to take adventage this time,

At the city hall this evening a public meeting will be held to discuss the proposition to extend the Stikine-Teslin railway from Telegraph Creek to some point in Northern British Columbia. It is be-lieved that a large majority of the citi-zens are in favor of the entension of this railway! but the promoters of the meeting feel that some expression of opinion would strengthen the hands of the government in any steps they might take to

No. 32₁Franklin street. The bride was attended by Miss Winnie Buckett, while the groom was supported by Mr. E. the groom was supported by Mr. E. Wriglesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Buckett were the recipients of numerous handsome presents and the congratulations of a large, circle of friends.

The long-standing suit which has for some time attracted the attention of all Oddfelows David Green v. Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I.O.O.F.—has been settled, a conpromise being made on the lodge promising to pay Green \$250 and \$100 costs. "The facts of the case were as follows: Green, a member of the lodge, was lows; treen, a member of the lodge, was injured in a railway accident in 1890, and applied for sie!; benefit. Subsequently, however, he was expelled from the lodge, it being alleged that he had shammed disability. Last June he took action againsto the lodge for reinstatement and

-President James Tagg presided over the usual meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last evening, when there was a small attendance of delega which caused a postponement of the elec-tion of officers until the next regular meeting. The council heartily endorsed the bill introduced by Mr. H. D. Heimc-ken in the local legislature providing for a penalty for the employment of Chinese in the underground workings of the coal mines in the province, and a committee was appointed to wait upon or petition the provincial government urging upon them the necessity of appointing a permanent insepctor of stationary boilers. This, with the usual routine business, was all that came before the council, which adjourned until Monday, 14th inst.

"The Stone Age of the Indians of the Northwest Coast" was the subject of an interesting and valuable paper read before the members of the Natural History Society at their regular meeting last evening, in the legislative assembly, by Mr. J. W. McKay of the Indian office. The conclusion of Mr. McKay's research es into this subject embodied in his paper was that no distinctly stone age existed, it being believed that wood and metal tools and weapons were always The discovery of stone implements and the absence of any trace of the wooden or metal ones was accounted for in the essayist's opinion by the fact that the latter rotted and decayed by oxidation The primitive methods by which the work of tree felling; canoe and hut building was done, fire being largely made use of in these processes, were well described.

-The Chinese merchants in the are up in arms upon the advocacy by Mr. Maxwell, M.P., and other anti-Chinese agitators of an increase in the head tax ate with the Dominion government for the immediate construction of the line. The interview was a satisfactory one, the Premier replying that they had been requested by representatives from all parts of the province to take the matter of the province to take the matter. ed, to Li Hung Chang, who when in the city promised that the matter involved in the proposed change of the law would be personally considered by him. The be personally considered by him. The opposition to the increased tax is not obected to when it falls upon the laborelement of the immigrants, the "tyhees" the labor

day next, 8th hist, by the Oity of Kingston from the Sound. The General will be accompanied by Commissioner Eva Booth, his daughter, Commissioner Nicol (editor in chief of the Army publications), and Colonel Lawley, a Salvation songster of London, England. Two meetings will be addressed by the General in the Metropolitan Methodist church, one at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, which will parters of the nature of a general salvation. take of the nature of a general salvation meeting, and the other at 8 in the even-ing, when the subject of the address will be the "Advance of the Salvation Army." No fee will be charged for admission but a collection will be taken up. Lieut. Governor McInnes will preside at both

-Mr. F. Norris has just about com-pleted probably the largest single con-tract for harness that has ever been undertaken in the Northwest. He has now ready for delivery 200 sets of heavy har-ness, 50 pack saddles, 50 aparejes, a large number of heavy horse blankets, feed bags and other necessities for a wellequipped horse transportation company. The goods are for the Klondike Mining Trading and Transportation Company, and the contract was not awarded to Mr. Norris until his prices had been compared with prices for similar articles in all the -W: F. Loveland, of Saanich, who is staying at the Oriental, is bemoaning the loss of a pockethook containing a large sum in United States currency, a miner's this is that Mr. Norris has his own tansary of importance to the state of the currency of the same in the leather nery, where he turns out all the leather used in his factory, and this is no small amount at the present time, for besides the contract mentioned he has completed smaller ones for the Maitland-Kersey Co, and the Cassiar Central Railway Co., while single orders for dog and horse harness are piling in. In fact the rush has been so great that Mr. Norris has

> on Chatham street. From Wednesday's Dally. -This morning another long string of miners, about 200 in number, besieged the custom house for licenses.

been compelled to open a second factory

-Steamer City of Kingston this morning took a carload of merchandise for the Kettle river country. Seemingly the big trade done last year with the Kootenays is being revived. -The registers at the Occidental and

Queens show no diminution in the num-ber of arrivals from the Mainland, most of those staying here being prospective miners who have decided upon making Victoria their outfitting and starting point.

-Sad news awaits Capt. Magnesen when he returns from the north, for yesterday death came to his wife at the Jubilee hospital. She leaves besides her husband four small children, the two being twins, hardly seven youngest months old.

-By the Kingston this morning there arrived a party of intending Yukoners who will purchase their outfits and supplies in Victoria. The party includes C. M. Balsley and R. N. Snodgrass, of Springfield, Ohio B. F. Denis, Palmetto, Ohio S. Roberts, Houston, Texas: J. H. Wolfe, Jolly, Texas; and G. Herring and J. M. Maloney, of Duluth. During their stay in the city procuring their out-fits, they are staying at the Wilson Ho-

William Buckett, a well-known and opular going Victoriae who for a number of the bound of the Victoria yespopular form Nictorian, who for a number of pears, has been in the employ of Messrs, E. G. Prior & Co., last evening married Miss Annie Atkinson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Speer, at the residence of Mr. Buckett's parents, at the low Mile house, now in this city on his honeymoon trip, at the Victoria yes terday evening. Among those present was a first of the low Mile house, now in this city on his honeymoon trip, at the Victoria yes terday evening. Among those present was a first of the low Mile house, now in this city on his honeymoon trip, at the Victoria yes terday evening. Among those present was a first of the low Mile house, now in this city on his honeymoon trip, at the Victoria yes terday evening. Among those present was a first of the low Mile house, now in this city on his honeymoon trip, at the Victoria yes terday evening. Among those present was a first of the light of the low Mile house, now in this city on his honeymoon trip, at the Victoria yes. the Mining Critic, S. R. Robb of the Vanconver World, and Miss Wilmot. Mr. Borland and his bride, Miss John Glassie. Savona's, will spend several days in this city before proceeding to their home at

> -"On Tuesday," says the Whitehaven News, "the marriage of Miss Caroline Elizabeth Branthewaite to Mr. Ernest W. Whittington, of Moore & Whittington, Victoria, B. C., took place at the Seascale Methodist church, Cumberiand, England, The Bev. C. Swannell officiated. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. John Banthewaite, Stanley Villas, and the bridegroom is the eldest son of and the bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. Wm. Whittington, of Victoria, British Columbia, formerly resident at Seascale. The bride was given away by her father. Miss E. C. Branthewaite(sister of the bride) was bridesmaid, and Mr. T. ing, of Coniston, was best man The choir attended and sang "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," and the organist, Mrs. W. H. Bulman, played one of Gounod's voluntaries as the party entered the church, and Mendelsshon's Wedding the church, and Mendelsshon's Wedding March as the happy pair left the altar. The Rev. C. Swannell said he had a pleasant duty to carry out. On behalf of the trustees he had great pleasure in pre-senting to the pair a Bible and Wesley's Hymns, under the exceptional circum-stances of the happy couple so soon going abroad, and also out of respect to their worthy parents, especially Mr. Whittington, who not only built the chapel, but also started their cause in Seascale."

AGVERY RICH CREEK.

A Party of Californians Who Expect to Reap a Golden Harvest in Omineca.

The Grider party leave by the Boscowitz to-night for the Naas river en route to the Omineca country. Mr. Grider is a Californian who has been in the northern districts of British Columbia at least once (he claims to have been in the interior of the gold regions of the north three times), and he has succeeded in inducing between 50 and 60 men to payhim \$75,000 h in advance, in return for him \$75 each, in advance, in return for his promise to show them a creek where each man can clean up \$100 a day in dust. The fact that the possession of the knowledge he claims to have would enable him in 43 days to take out an amount equal to that he has succeeded in obtaining from those men does not ap-pair to have entered into the calculations of the men themselves. One hundred dollars a day would enable Mr. Grider to detrival the Count of Monte Cristo himself in a short time, and if he choose to employ men to work for him he could afford to pay them fabulous wages, and while enjoying the comfort of a man of leisure, would become a millionaire with he ease of a Rockfeller or a Leiter. Mr. Grider must, of course, know here the rich diggings of which he speaks are situated, for he came back from the north on his last (some say his from the north on his last come say it only) trip with a large amuont of golf True, no one can be found who saw a gold in his possession but he says he is it, and on this subject he is the best thority. It is hence the promises makes to those accompanying him to the promise will be realized—or it may be

diggings will be realized or it m haps not be well for it. Grider. DEVASTATED BY A HURRICANE. Sydney, N.S.W., March 1.-A terriffic hurricane has devastated New Caledonia, doing great damage to shipping. The French gunboat Loyalty was sunk.

She Carries Two Hundred Miners Northward-Nell Not Permitted to Carry Passengers.

Before Examining American Vessels Steamboat Inspectors Will Give Beasonable Notice.

The delay caused by the rough weather experiencel by the Alaskan steamers during the later part of February has broken up all schedules. The steamer Cleveland, which sailed northward this morning is five days behind her scheduled time. She had in all 203 Klondike-bound travellers, 50 dogs and nearly 1,000 tone of freight. nearly 1,000 tons of freight. As Captain Hall had received no notice of the amendment to the steamboat inspection act, ordering the inspection of all steamers, irrespective of flag, sailing from this port, it was not enforced in the case of the Cleveland. All steamers will be notified before the amendment is enforced. The Cleveland sailed shortly before noon

dutes to have her The steamers Amur and Boscowitz have been delayed, the former owing to uncompleted alterations and the latter awaiting the arrival of her cargo. The Boscowitz will sail this evening and providing the work of berth building, etc., is completed, the Amur will follow her late to-night. The Amur will have about 150 passengers, and a full cargo, composed of lumber, hay, produce and sleds for the Klondike, Mining, Trading & Transportation Company, and the baggage effects of her passengers. The Boscowitz, on her way to Wrangel, will call at all the northern way ports, while the Amur will sail for that port direct, stopping only at Vancouver.

The missionary steamer Glad Tidings will sail for the north on Friday carrying Rev. T. Crosby on a visit of inspection to the missions at Cape Mudge, Riv ers Inlet. Bella Coola, Kimpsquit, Bella Bella, China Hat, Kitimat, Hartley Is-land, Port Simpson and the Naas.

The steamer Nell left this morning for Wrangel with the river steamer Monte Cristo in tow. She carried no passengers northward, the authorities having refused to grant her the necessary permit

The C.P.R. steamship Empress of China will sail for the Orient this evening, after the arrival of the Charmer with eastern mails

COTTAGE CITY ASHORE. Pouched the Rocks in Hikish Narrows

And Had to Be Beached. The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. are having the hardest kind of luck with their steamers on the northern route, the latest one reported in trouble being the Cottage City, which started last week on her first trip on the northern mail route. A telegram received this afternoon by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., from Capt. John Irving, who reached Union early this morning with the Islander, states that the Cottage City ran ashore in Hikish Narrows. She was not seriously damaged, but to make sure that she was in condition to proceed on her voyage, her officers decided to beach her in Swansin Bayand This was done, and the examination proving that she had not been seriously damaged, it was decided to proceed on the trip. The officers exted to float her yesterday and proceed

north The Islander is due to arrive here at

midnight. SEALERS DROWNED.

Seamen of the Sealing Schooner Mermaid's Crew Lost.

The sealing schooner Mermaid, Capt. Anderson, arrived at San Francisco on Saturday last with 20 skins. She re-ported the loss on the day previous of three of her crew: Allan Shepperd, aged 27, a native of Ontario, and employed on poard the sealer as a hunter; Edwin Pike, boatswain, aged 26, an native of Newfoundland, and George Belairs, 22, boat puller, and a native of England. Captain Anderson says that at nine clock Friday morning he ordered out wo boats and ten canoes to hunt for seals. The sealer was at that time lying about fifteen miles southwest of

something serious had happened, and deided to come directly to San Francisco to find if anything had been heard of his men and boat. The men had evidently been caught in a current and were taken, in spite of their efforts, into the m spite of their efforts, into the surr and drowned in full sight of a crowd of spectators gathered on the beach.

The three drowned sealers are well known in Victoria, Shepherd having been for several seasons a hunter on the schooner Carlotta G. Cox, and Pike mate in the schooner San Diego.

SAILORS SWEPT INTO THE SEA

Adelaide, South Australia, March 1.— The French bark President Felix Faure, Captain Fossard, from Barry, November 15, for Port Pirie, arrived here and re-ports that during a gale February 2, her second mate and 15 sailors were swept overboard. ANGLO-GERMAN LOAN SIGNED.

loan contracts were signed yesterday. The interest was fixed at 41 per cent, redeemable in 45 years. The contract price is 83. The final Kiao Chou treaty is not yet signed.

Pekin, March 1 .- The Anglo-German

BRYAN'S RUNNING MATE. Columbus O., March 1:-A local paper oublished a story to the effect that there is a movement on the part of silver republicans and demograts to make Mayor R. E. McKisson, who contested with Senator Hanna for the United States senatorship, candidate, on the silver na-tional ticket, with W. J. Bryan in 1900, for vice president of the United States.

THE DOLPHIN ALMOST READY.

New York, March 1. The dispatch boat Dolphin has been floated in the dry dock in the navy yard, where she has been undergoing repairs for several months. It is the intention to have the Delphin go into commission by March

His Lordshin-I im deeply interested in the new gold discoveries.

Friend You don't think of going to the Klondike do you?
His Lordship—Oh no! But I thought of advertising that I should be glad to communicate with any successful min-er who might happen to have an un-married daughter.—Puck.