Promotion of Sport a Strong Feature of the J. B. A. A.'s Work Last Year.

An Enthusiastic Meeting-Annual Election of Officers-President's Report.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the shareholders of the James Bay Athletic Association last evening, when the annual report was presented and the balance sheet for the past year was laid before the members. After these had been adopted the election of directors for 1898 was proceeded with, the following gentlemen being elected: H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P.; A. J. Dallain, D. O'Sullivan, A. C. Anderson, J. S. Yates, C. E. Bailey, C. W. Newbury, F. A. Gowen, G. Byrnes, Dr. J. D. Helmeken, C. Fletcher, W. J. Scott, W. L. B. Young, Archdeacon Scriven and R. E. Gosnell. The first five of the above will be trustees of the associa-

The association has been requested by those in charge of the arrangements for the opening of the new parliament buildings to arrange for the decoration of a room showing the development of athletic sports in the province. The suggestion was very graciously accepted, and the committee of management were appointed to look into the matter, with a view to carrying out the idea. In this connection the secretary will be alad to communicate with anyone hav ing any pictures or trophies that might be loaned for the occasion. He promises to take due care of the articles and return all to their respective owners after

Votes of thanks were tendered to the ladies for the interest they have taken in the welfare of the association, and to the retiring committee for the careful manner in which they looked after the affairs of the club. A committee of five were also appointed to revise the by-laws, and will report at a meeting to be

The following was the annual report presented and adopted:

VICTORIA, Jan. 26, 1898. To the Shareholders and Members of the James Bay Athletic Association, Limited Liability:

GENTLEMEN :- It affords us great pleas-GENTLEMEN:—It allords us great pleasure and satisfaction to present our seventh annual report, and in doing so we able to state that the year just ended has proved the brightest in the association's history in every way. This must be apparent to all of you, when the financial statement, which will be laid before you is considered and the fore you, is carefully considered, and the successes achieved in the acquatic line are borne in mind. As a convenient mode of bringing the various matters of this institution in a succinct form to your attention, we have thought it best to lay the same before you under differ-

House—The duties of the house committee have been somewhat reduced through the finance committee having taken over the supervision of the ex-penditure, but nevertheless we must say that this energetic branch of the com-mittee has performed its work in a very satisfactory manner. It is largely through its efforts that the membership has so materially increased.

We would again take the opportunity to impress upon our members the great importance of putting forth strenuous efforts to further increase the membership roll during the coming year. If each and every member of the association would make it a point to procure at least one new member, it would be the means of placing the finances of the club on a sounder basis, and the increased revenue to be derived therefrom would be an important factor in reducing the indebtedness of the association

The series of whist tournaments which have been carried on in previous years have again been in vogue during the onthe and have proved an infinite source of amusement to our mem-

Another innovation this year is the game of basket ball. A league has been formed in this city, in which six teams, including a team from our association, have entered, and a schedule of thirty es has been arranged.

now about half completed, with our team well to the front, and a good prospect of securing the city championship.
In order to encourage the members in this game, the committee has had the electric light installed in the gymnasium at a cost of \$30. This has not only proved of immense benefit to the members, but it is supposed that it will effect a considerable saving of expense

for light.

The annual smoking concert was held on New Year's Eve, and the usual celebration, accompanied by a gigantic display of fireworks, was indulged in.

This committee has also carefully looked after the necessary incidental remains to the building.

pairs to the building. We would strongly suggest to the in-coming committee that a practical in-spection of the piles under the club premises be made at as early a date as

possible.

We would also recommend that a fresh coat of paint be applied to the

buildings, and the name of the associa-tion affixed on the front of the club-

Boating—During the year there have been 16 boats and 22 canoes stored in the boathouse at a rental; and the usu repairs have been made to the club boats and building.

We would point out that the roof of

the boathouse is in a very leaky condi-tion, and would recommend that the incoming committee take steps to have same recovered before the next winter same recovered before the next winter sets in. The boathouse at one end is becoming water-logged, and this will also have to be remedied without delay. June 21, 1897, being the 60th anni-versary of Her Most Gracious Majesty's

celebrate the occasion. The club premises were tastefully decorate for the purpose and brilliantly illuminated at night, and called forth a great deal of favorable

the Arm, in which the association took an active part. Through the kind permission of Mr. J. S. Yates our reception tent was again pitched on Curtis Point, and the customary hospitality was dis-pensed to our friends under the able supervision of Mrs. H. D. Helmcken and daughters, who deserve the hearty thanks of the association for the kind ness displayed on this particular as well

as on numerous other occasions.

The N.P.A.A.O. regatta was held on the Willamette river at Portland, Oregon, on the 5th and 6th of July, in which some ten members of our association actively participated. This was the first occasion on which our organization has been represented on American waters, thereby adding to the importance

of the event. Our senior four-oared crew was not the same as last year, being composed f D. O'Sullivan (stroke), G. F. Askew, F. Geiger and P. S. Widowson (bow); and they, after a hard and exciting race and they, after a next and externing race, again proved their supremacy and brought home to the association the championship of the Pacific Northwest for the third year in succession and the handsome challenge cup, the reward for their prowess. By winning this race they also secured the championship of the Willamette river, and hold for one year the further handsome trophy which

now adorns the cup case.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our junior oarsmen, who also so ably represented us at this regatta. The crew consisted of the following gentlemen, namely: C. McNeill (stroke), G. Watson, C. E. Bailey, and W. Adams (bow), and they rowed their races in splendid form not only carrying off the splendid form, not only carrying off the junior race on the 5th July, but also winning the first intermediate race ever

winning the first intermediate race ever rowed in connection with the N.P.A. A.O. on the following day.

The heartfelt thanks of this association should be extended to the gentlemen comprising these crews for the indefatigable manner in which they present the manner for these events. nared themselves for these events.

The association was also represented in the senior and janior single account of being handicapped by poor hoats our scullers were not so fortunate for faithful practice and sportsmanlike

On their return home, the visitors were handsomely entertained at a ban-quet at the Hotel Dallas, a pleasant evening being spent by all. On this occasion we were honored by the presence of His Worship the Mayor, Capt. Finnis and U. S. Consul Col. Roberts.

In all likelihood the North West regatta will be held here during the coming year, in which event members are earnestly requested to make every effort to make it a success.

The annual club regatta took place on Victoria harbor on 28th August, the races comprising three heats in the fours, senior and junior single sculls, double sculls, with lady coxswain, dingy race for veterans, and tandem cance. All these events were well contested and were greatly enjoyed by the spec-tators. Again Mrs. Helmcken and daughters showed their interest in the welfare of the association and kindness towards our members by tastefully decorating the premises and presiding over the afternoon's refreshments, of which a large number of visitors and friends partook. This practically ended

the rowing season.

General Remarks—We have lately General Remarks—We have lately been successful in securing a much desired improvement in front of the club premises, i.e. a block crossing, which everyone will agree was greatly needed, especially in the winter months. The late council were prevailed upon to lay the crossing, and it will, no doubt, be of benefit to all of us.

It is only proper that we should here allude to the fact that our association is becoming more popular, from an athletic point of view. Since the game

point of view. Since the game of basket ball has been introduced, the gymnasium has been in constant use, and by many members. It must be a source of great gratification to know that rowing is not the only branch of athletics in which we now participate (and have always excelled), but that the institution is gradually developing into an athletic association in reality, and not in name only. We see no reason why football, lacrosse and other outdoor sports should not be firmly established in connection with our organization, but this can only be accomplished by the united action of our members. If the members would stand by the association instead of casting in their lot with outside clubs, we feel sure that this institution would reach the highest degree of

excellence that any athletic club could possibly attain. We are also pleased to mention that we are glad to state that the series is both members of this association, were about half completed, with our both members of this association, were two of the chosen few to represent the Volunteers of this province on the occasion of Her Majesty's dia-

> We must also refer to the great interest our president has taken in the affairs of this association. He has always been a faithful friend and enthusiastic member, and deserves our hearty thanks.
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> The caretaker, Mr. Page, also deserve mention for the faithful discharge of his duties.

duties.

In conclusion, we, the retiring committee, only desire to add that we have always endeavored during the past year to do our best by the association, and trust that to some extent we have succeeded in meriting your appreciation. We feel sure that the members of the incoming committee will perform their duties in the same spirit; and we would take this opportunity of reminding all members that their co-operation and assistance is always required to further the interests of the association, and for the purpose of maintaining our present high prestige and reputation for

nany years to come. All of which is respectfully submitted. (Sd.) H. DALLAS HELMCKEN.

No year passes in these times without the discovery of a new microbe. The whooping cough has yielded up the invisible, but by no means inaudible, little pest responsible for that disease. It is edingly small and club-shaped Only the most powerful microscopes reveal it to the eye. Science has not yet explained how it manages to produce such explosive effects of the vocal organs.

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celebration was as formerly rowed off on generosity of the latter.

Must the Public Works Department Now Investigate Its Agent's Report ?

Official Excuse for Failure of the Service Declared to Be Simply Untrue.

The following is interesting and timely to Alberni supposed to be maintained by guest at the Driard. the public works department of Canada, but found to be out of order, owing to negligence or inefficiency, on the occasion of the wreck of the Commonwealth. The Colonist's statement of the uselessness of this line, as managed by the department, led to the report with which the following letters deal:

To THE EDITOR:—In your issue of the

28th inst. I find a report made by Mr. W. Henderson, the resident agent of the public works department at Victoria, to Mr. Keeley, superintendent of the government telegraph service, in which I am accused of strange conduct at the time the Nanaimo, Comox and Alberni telegraph line was transferred from my house at Parksville to that now occupied by George Williams, the present lines-man. If you will kindly allow me space in your paper, I will contradict the statements in reference to myself, and

am prepared to prove them utterly false.

Mr. Henderson states: "That on the st of the month Williams had to string on the 29th November, and had the wire strung on the 30th. Again Mr. Henderson states: "That I disconnected everything from my house the day previous to the date at which Williams was to take to make too liberal a use of a slingshot, and as a result the bird was struck, but fortunately not badly wounded. possession, throwing the instruments into a box, loosening portions, thereby causing much time to be taken in putting them together fit to work." s a portion of Mr. Henderson's letter of October 26: "I therefore respectfully inform you that both you and Mrs. Mac-Millan are relieved from performing the duties of lineman and operator respectively on the 30th November next ensuing, and now request you to hand every-thing belonging to the government, per-taining to your respective offices, on that date, to Mr. George Williams and his

wife Mrs. Williams.' We acted according to his instruc-tions, and I told Williams the day previous that he could have the instrum etc., at 10 a.m. the next day. At 9 a.m. I commenced to clean the batteries, Mrs. MacMillan working with Alberni from the Alberni battery meanwhile. At 10:30 a.m. I cut the wire, and immedi-

ately joined the Nanaimo and Comox wire, so there would be no interruption on my account on that line. The instruments were carefully removed from the operating table, and a box placed in readiness to receive them; the battery was cleaned and placed so that Williams could inspect every part. At 12 o'clock (noon) Williams came for the instruments, and I seked him to inspect everything and satisfy himself that all was in good condition before he signed the inventory. At his request I also informed him which wire to put to the ground.

After signing and certifying that everything was in good condition, he placed the instruments in the box and immediately took them away. I mailed the inventory to Mr. Henderson, and with this in his possession he should condition when Williams received them. During our term of office we had no difculty with any of the other operators on the line; and after Williams' statements in regard to me being all false, his. other statements pertaining to the line cannot be relied upon.

Thanking you for the space, I am, yours truly, D. A. McMILLAN. Parksville, B.C., Jan. 31, 1898.

To THE EDITOR:-I wish to make a few statements in regard to Mr. W. Henderson's report re telegraph office etc. at Parksville in your issue of January 28.

Mr. G. Williams says: "Mr. McMil-Mr. G. Williams says: "Mr. McMillan had cut the wires from his house and left them lying on the ground discon-nected. Pointing to a box outside the

in neeted. Pointing to a box outside the house, he told me there were the instruments and batteries and to take them away very quickly or else I could not get them for a week."

Now, as I was an eye-witness to the whole transaction, I beg leave to say I connected them together, and even without doing so they were toe short to reach the ground by about three feet. The same wires are in the same position to this day. Mr. McMillan bad asked Williams to fetch the instruments at 10 o'clock on the day he was authorized to to give everything up. As the new linesman did not appear and Mr. McMillan wished to go out at 10:30, he cut the wires, and I connected the Nanaimo lines at once by his request.

About mid-day Williams arrived. Taking him into the office McMillan said, pointing to the table: "There are the instruments; examine them and see that everything is in good condition."

Williams then asked McMillan Noble, No. Kaslo Townsite Co.

that everything is in good condition." Williams then asked McMillan "which went to the ground, zinc or copper," and on being told, placed the

nstruments himself in a box and gave Mr. McMillan a signed receipt for If anything went wrong, as Mr. Henerson says, "throwing the instruments derson says. etc. into a box, loosening portions there-by and causing much time to be taken in fitting them for work," no one was to

blame but Williams himself.
It seems that Williams, not content vith causing Mr. McMillan's removal in an underhand way, must now try to damage his character in order to exon-erate himself from blame. Hoping you will be able to find space n your valuable paper for this, I remain

Yours truly, T. D. Coe. Parksville, January 29, 1898.

THERE was an unfortunate family row

THE WIRE TO ALBERNI old man's wife. The defendant who is 72 years of age had married a young woman of 23, a sister of his son's wife. The defendant's wife had not been living with her husband for some time past but with the son and his wife. It is since then that the suit was taken out, A motion for a non suit was not allowed, but the jury after a very few minutes deliberation brought in a verdict in favor of defendant. Mr. Gordon Hunter and Mr. L. P. Eckstein for plaintiff, Mr. Belyea acting for Mr. Taylor for defendant.

THE CITY

MR. W. W. Spaulding, of Portland. The following is interesting and timely who sent up a shipment of meat placed correspondence in the matter of the wire at \$1,200 by the ill-fated Corona, is a the first Mr. Spaulding had insured.

> by the many attending the entertain-ment in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church yesterday. A literary and musical programme was provided and refreshments were served.

UPWARDS of seven thousand invitations are being issued by Mr. Speaker for the opening of the new parliament buildings of the province on the 10th instant. The invitation is ornate in the externe, a genuine work of art, and includes besides the invitation proper, a recent view of the buildings from across James Bay, and a complete list of the executive, mer here of the government. tions are being issued by Mr. Speaker executive, members of the government, Lieut. Helm is a skilled hydrographist, the legislature and the officials of the a man of abundant energy and perhouse. The front of the invitation is a man of abundant energy and perhouse. The front of the invitation is a sistency and one of the best executive model of fine litography in colors and officers in the hydrographic service. gold, an example of the especially artistic work of the Colonist establishment.

"RYAN," the cunning but uneducated parrot of Mr. Taylour's collection. Victoria West, which made good its escape about three-quarters of a mile of wire." a few days ago, was recaptured yesterday received wire, brackets, etc., from me on the 29th November, and had the wire on the 29th November, and had the wire matchless plumage, was discovered in matchless plumage, was recaptured yesterday and provide the provided by the provided provided by the provided prov

of the story in the police court.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Alfred Cook, F. M. Costin, L. M. Crawford, James Cultetsume, D. Curtis.
D—Mrs. Davis, Clarence Devitt, Miss Pansy Dean [2], R. Draney, E. Dickson.
E-E-Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Dr. Edwards, Mrs. or Miss Ellen, J. Ellingham, F. Emery, Harry Evans, M. Eberts.
F-Walter Fenin, C. A. Fore, Gavin Fowlie, S. Frazier, Jas. G. French, H. Freeman, C. Francis, F. H. Frost.
G-Capt. M. N. Garland, Frank Gerthau, John Giroux, Mrs. Gilpin, Thos. Gillason,

A. McLean, Mike McMahon.

N—Nat. Cash Register Co, Miss C. J.

Goble, No. Kaslo Townsite Co.

O—C. M. Oliver, Mr. Owens. O-C. M. Oliver, Mr. Owens.
P-Miss Rusha Peck, Roger S. Perry, E.
Perry, A. L. Poudrier, John Pringle.
Q-M. J. Quadras.
R-A. Reeve, F. Robey, A. Rogers, A

R.—A. Reeve, F. Robey, A. Rogers, A. Y. Ross.
S.—B. Salmon, S Salmond, E. C. Senkler, Otto Sumesch (2), Thos. Shere, Geo. Sheppard, Geo. Shedden, E. R. Stanton (2), R. F. Stephens, J. Steele, A. T. Stewart, Dr. J. A. Sweat, Robt. Syer.
T.—D. M. Taggart, S. R. Tollemache.
W.—Miss A. Wensley, M. F. Weskill, D. L. Werthumer & Co., Miss Eva Wheeler, G. V. Whitfield, Wm. Wilson, Wm. Worden, J. Woocerz.

den, J. Wocerz.
Y.—C. N. Young, E. Y. Young.
Chinese—Churn Sing, Harng Wo Chang,
Chong Jim, Wing Lee, Hop Kee, Cham
Sing Kai, Sam Wo Lee. It is suggested that the number of railway accidents might be diminished by following the example of Germany

which givee a gold medal and \$500 to THERE was an unfortunate family row which givee a gold medal and \$500 to every engineer who performs ten years of service without an accident. How about section bosses, track inspectors, an action brought by a son against his father for slander. Both are residents tors? Conditions of safety are largely of Comox, and the son sued for \$5,000 in their hands, and very few accidents alleging that his father had said that the plantiff with his wife and the dewere tastefully decorate for the purpose onds apart.

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A United States Government Expedition to Find the Deep Water Channel.

Copper River Country Also to Be Prospected for Route to Klendike.

Prof. Prichett, chief of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, has completed his arrangements for the expedition which will start for Alaska in A VERY pleasant evening was passed the spring to make an examination of the delta of the Yukon river, for the purpose of locating and marking, if possible, a deep-water entrance to the river. For the carrying out of this work and for the exploration of the Copper 30—Ss Bristol, San Francisco... and for the exploration of the Copper river, congress has just passed a bill apsistency and one of the best executive nection it is interesting to note that all the authentic information which the United States authorities have of Alaska is that which was furnished by John E. McGrath, of St. Louis, who made the first survey of that territory some years ago, and that whatever further informa-tion will be obtained this spring will be secured through an expedition organized by another St. Louisan, Prof. Pritchett. The expedition will leave San Francisco in April. It will consist of about thirty men in all. The expedition will be taken to the mouth of the Yukon on

charge of being implicated in the steal-ing of 1,300 lbs. of flour from M. R. Smith & Co.'s bakery. Nine hundred-pound sacks were recovered biddered.

portunity this morning of telling his side of the story in the police court.

VICTORIA appeors to be a favorite stopping place for runaway wives. Harry Morse, of Portland, is now here looking for the absent sharer of his joys and sorrows, she having left him with their little four year-old daughter two weeks ago, and other Portland residents having seen her in this city a few days later. Morse is satisfied that there is no man in the case in connection with his wife's desertion of him—he says that he refused to allow her to visit her mother in San Francisco, and she thereupon abandoned the erstwhile happy home. He is now prepared to concede her right abandoned the ersewhite happy.

He is now prepared to concede her right to go anywhere, only provided she river is all done by means of flat-bottomed boats, which are loaded at Fort tomed boats, which are loaded at Fort St. Michael. This often causes a delay of a month, for when the sea is rough the flat-bottomed boats can not venture out in it.

ont in it.

A—Geo. Norris Adams. Mrs. Lena Adlerson, Miss E. Allen. Axel Anderson, W. H. Auger (2), Julien Auger, Caroline Anthony, W. D. Armstrong.

B—Edward Barren, Thos. E. Barnett, Ouglin Bouthier, Guy Bellavis, Geo. Beken, Percy. A. Biggart, British Yukon Exploration Co., Mrs. Eunice Brown, T. J. Browne, Brown & Davy, George Brown, James Burl, Burrōws & Pidman, Mrs. J. Byrnes.

C—J. C. Calibreath, Mrs. Lottie Carter, Donald Campbell, Mrs. C. Campbell, Miss. C. Campbell, Mrs. Cordict, Canterois, Cleve. Can. & Gold Storage Co., G. Clinch, Ernest Cleveland, Mrs. Frankie Clark, Hy. Corwold, Alfred Cook, F. N. Costin, L. M. Crawford, James Cultetsume, D. Curtis. sent all the way up the river in case a deep water entrance is found, but more likely that a town would be established at a convenient point on the river, at which reloading of river boats could be done, instead of at Fort Michael, as at present. It would cheapen freights to such an extent that the present serious problem of getting sufficient food to the miners in the Klondike would be solved at once and Dawson City would probaof the expedition being so great, Prof. yet been selected, but they will be chosen with the greatest care, the fitness of each man composing the party for the work to be done being first ascertained. While part of the expedition is conducting he sea soundings, another party will be engaged in engineering work upon the

In addition to the exploration of the be made of Hooper bay and the Kassun-nuk river, in the hope that a deep-water vere discovered it would greatly shorten the Yukon trip. Prof. Pritchett says

Their exploration of the river, however, will be thorough. The Copper river country is thought to be richer in gold deposits than the Klondike, and is all in American territory. The explorations of this party may also show a much shorter route to the Klondike region than any which has yet been found. The Pacific Coast Navigation Company has already announced that during the present season it will run steamers to the Copper river, and is booking a large number of passengers for that region. Professor Pritchett says that from the information received by the coast and geodetic survey he is confident that the spring rush to the Alaskan gold fields will aggregate 150,000 people. All the places on the boats now in the Alaskan trade have been booked ahead, and as many as twenty new boats are being built to carry argonauts and provisions to the land of promise.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS. Exports from the Vancouver Island Mines

The following were the shipments of coal to foreign ports from the mines of this island during the month just

WELLINGTON MINES

Date.

2—Ss Corona, Victoria.

3—Ss Santa Cruz, Juneau.

3—Ss Bristol, San Francisco.

4—Ss Wandarer, Port Townsend.

8—Ss Tyce, Port Townsend.

10—Ss George W. Elder, Portland.

10—Ss Wellington San Francisco.

11—Ss Alki, Port Townsend.

12—Ss Thistle, Seattle.

14—Ss Sintram, San Francisco.

16—Ss Corona, Victoria. -Ss Corona, Victoria -Ss Bristol, San Francisco... -Ss Bristoi, San Francisco. -Ship Sargeant, San Francisco. -Ss Santa Cruz, Seattle..... -Ss Wellington, San Francisco. -Ss Oregon, Juneau...... -Ss Tacoma, Port Townsend....

7—Ss Aztec, San Francisco..... 7—Ss Resolute, Seattle..... 5—Ss Mineola, San Francisco..... 5—Ss San Jose, San Francisco.... —Str Sea Lion, Dyea...... 8—Ss San Mateo, San Francisco... 4.050 .14,948 NEW VANCOUVER COAL MINES. -Ss. Burma, San Francisco......

7—Ss, San Mateo, San Francisco
7—Str. Mocking Bird, Port Townsend
3—Ss. Peter Jebsen, San Diego
5—Bark Carrollton, San Francisco
5—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend
9—Str. Tyee, Port Townsend
9—Str. Burma, San Francisco
11—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend
11—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend
12—Bark Rufus E. Wood, 'Frisco
15—Ss. Mineola, Port Los Angeles
17—Ship Sterling, San Francisco
10—Str. Fearless, Port Townsend .28,061

BOUND FOR THE STIKINE. teamer Boscowitz, Heavily Freighted Sails for Wrangel To-Day-The "Alki's" Mishap.

pound sacks were recovered hidden in the brush in the vicinity of the bakery, and the suspicion against Goellmer is to the effect that he intended going to the Klondike on one of the steamers leaving last night, and the flour was to have formed a portion of the outfit. Mr. Frank Higgins has been retained for the defence, and Goellmer will have an opportunity this morning of telling his side of the story in the police court.

mouth of the river, and will be prosecuted with vigor. It is desired, if possible, to locate and mark a deep-water channel to the river within a couple of months, so that the steamers which sail for Alaska during the summer months may avail themselves of it.

The Yukon is one of the mightiest rivers of the world, and yet, strange as it may seem, all that is known of its degrated by the company. About forty tons of horse feed, and also a number of delta is mere tradition. There is no odefinite knowledge. The rough survey This evening the steamer Boscowitz cowitz. Among the passengers are Frank Roundy, who is going up to the

> The past week has been one of numer-ous misadventures in northern waters and now comes news of a fourth acci dent, which fortunately was not attende by serious results. The Alki in conse quence comes over from the Sound this evening to go on the Esquimalt marine ways. She touched the rocks somewhere in the locality of Juneau, and so injured The discovery of a deep water channel up into the Yukon would be of incalculable value. Beyond the delta the river is navigable for deep water vessels for over 1,000 miles. It is not probable that the ocean-going vessels would be sent all the way up the river in case a stated a few days ago, occupying the ways, she having been only sufficiently hauled out of the water to allow meas urements being taken of the propeller and shaft fittings. her bottom that repairs are of immediate necessity. The Commonwealth is not as stated a few days ago, occupying the

> bly have its population swelled to 50,- about the time of the Pelican's sailing 000 in a few months. The importance received reports of several large logs received reports of several large logs floating in the path of vessels bound Pritchett will leave nothing undone to from the Sound towards the Orient. It make it a success. The thirty men who is the opinion of many Coast shipmasters will go with Lieutenant Helm have not that the Pelican struck one of these and sank before her boats could be manned As high as 85 guineas reinsurance has

> SHIPPING TRADE FOR JANUARY. Happenings in the shipping worldthat section of it at least of which Victoria is a part-have been pretty much confined to the northern trade during the month of January. The comings an Yukon's delta, and exploration will also goings of steamships freighted to their utmost limit with passengers and cargo the great revival of shipbuilding during inlet to the Yukon may be discovered the month, and other such incidents will through the stream. If such a route go down in history leaving January memorable with those whose interests centre in this city. Of the deep sea fleet that there is adsolutely no information about Hooper bay and the Kassunnuk of arrivals. The sailings are notable for river except Indian tradition. The tradition is that the bay and the river are thirty-one schooners, for cruises along both deep enough to admit a vessel of the coast. Probably the last of those to good draught. Just what the condition of the bay and river is will be definitely ascertained by the coast and geodetic survey explorers.
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> Toolofy the last of those to sail will be the Ocean Belle, Captain A. McDougall, which cleared yesterday with a crew of seven whites and twenty Indians. She and the Zillah May lay in The expedition which is to be sent up the Copper river will be a small one, probably of not more than four men. clearances and entries for the month are as follows: Clearances: deep sea, 104; coastwise, 87. Entries: deep sea, 111;

> > bout breaking the combine remen centh effected in Seattle regulating northern rates. A member of the C. P. N. staff, when shown the clipping re-erred to, said that he knew of no cuting being done, and if there was any it roust have been on the American side. le believed, however, that there was a by that the transportation men intend mation.—Nanaimo Free Press.

TO CLOSE THE YUKON

United States Scheme to Deprive British Vessels of Rights Guaranteed by Treaty.

Proposal to Cut Off Fuel Supply or to Impose Prohibitory Tonnage Dues.

The following despatch has appeared it never reached Victoria by wire, and is now printed for what it may be worth. though it does not seem reasonable to suppose that the United States government would countenance the sharp practice proposed:
Washington, Jan. 22.—The Secretary

of the Treasury is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Sifton, the Canadian minister of the interior, asking for information as what navigation regulations the treasury department is contemplating for the control of navigation of the Yu-kon river during the coming season. Superintendent of Navigation Chamber-lain is now at work framing these regulations, and confesses himself much perplexed over the problem which is pre-While there is nothing sented to him. in the letter from Mr. Sifton to indicate any purpose on the part of Great Britain to object to the regulations which the United States government may promulgate, the officials of the treasury department are not certain that some steps of the kind may not be taken by the Canadian authorities.

The reason for suspecting such a purpose lies wholly in the provision of the treaty of Washington in regard to the navigation of the rivers of Alaska. This provision is as follows:
"The navigation of the rivers Yukon.

Porcupine and Stikine, ascending and lescending to and from the sea, shall orever remain free and open for the purposes of commerce to the subjects of her Britannic Majesty, and to the citizens of the United States, subject to any laws and regulations of either country within its own territory not inconsistent with such privilege of free navigation.'

It is considered just possible by the treasury officials since the receipt of Mr lifton's letter that the British government may be preparing for the contention that the treaty gives the British a right to send any of its steamers up the Yukon river without being subject to the customs regulations of the United States. The treasury officials hold to the position that no such claim of Great Britain would be tenable. But the in-quiry by the British minister of the inerior has put the treasury officials upon heir guard, and the regulations for the navigation of the Yukon will be framed by Supt. Chamberlain with a great deal of care, and will be submitted to both the state department and to the department of justice before they are promulated, and a copy of them furnished the British ambassador. It has been practically determined by the treasury officials that Fort St. Mi-

the treasury officials that Fort St. Michael would be the principal sub-port of entry for all foreign vessels, and that all traffic for the Yukon must be entered and cleared from that port. This will have the effect of preventing British steamers from unloading upon river boats outside of the three-mile limits, then taking advantage of the free navigation allowed on the river and navigation allowed on the river and avoiding the payment of customs dues. There is now a law which compels the payment of \$2 for each passenger on a foreign vessel which undertakes to carry passengers from one United States port to another. This law will be amended so as to increase the penalty from \$2 to \$100. Another regulation contemplated

would be another handleap to the for-eign vessel. A tax may also be levied on the fuel privilege.

It has been determined that every foreign vessel which goes up the Yukon will be accompanied by a customs in-spector to prevent any infringement of the customs law. These and other regu-lations to govern the navigation of the river by foreign vessels will, it is thought, make the trade so unprofitable to their owners that no foreign vessels will be put in the Yuken trade.

CHINESE IN MINES.

Reported Employment in the Van Anda and Proceedings Against the Management.

A short time since it came to the ears of Dr. Walkem, M.P.P., that a number of Chinese, unprovided with the necessary mining licenses, which are so carefully exacted from white miners, were working at the Van Anda mine, and that this company were working Chinese below ground against the provisions of the act. Dr. Walkem at once communicated with the Minister of Mines, insisting upon steps being taken, not only to col-lect the licenses, but also to punish the manager of the Van Anda or his agent for working Chinamen below ground, Col. Baker at once directed Mr. Bray

to take the necessary proceedings in connection with Dr. Walkem's request. Last Tuesday Constable McIndoo was despatched wish the necessary informacoastwise, 87. Entries: deep sea, 111; despatched wish the necessary information ready drawn to be sworn to before the local J.P., Dr. Forbes, should the necessary evidence be forthcoming. The constable did his duty well. He obtained against Canadian steamboat conviction, but Dr. Forbes refused to take the information, although Mr. take the information, although Mr. Bray informed him in a letter by the hands of the constable that the prosecution was at the instance of the Minister of Mines.

Constable McIndoo returned to Nan-

aimo via Vancouver on Saturday night, good deal of truth in the concluding an- Mr. Bray, and who in turn reported to rouncement of the paragraph, which reads: "It is stated that wily ticket brokers in Seattle are demanding large commissions from the steamers, and, if the collection of the licenses also atrefused, work so as to exact a commis-sion from the people whom they can in-domiciled on Van Anda property, hen ce eion from the people whom they can induce to buy from them. The wise on shis disinclination to receive the infor-

From THE DAILY COLONIST Feb NUGGET SEEKERS

Many Americans from Decide That Victoria Is Al as an Outfitting Poi

Nearly One Hundred Pr Miners from Los Angele Outfit in This City Sho

Close upon one hundred pe

the vicinity of Los Angeles wil Victoria during the next fort the purpose of outfitting. No f ten large parties from South fornia have outfitted here la have departed for the Yukon The majority of these parties interviewed by the Colonist views on the matter of outfitt been made known to their frien South by papers sent to them. sult has been highly satisfa nearly a hundred people hav back asking for accommodation various hotels. Most of these bably arrive during the pres and local outfitters will hav time filling their orders. The advertising matter sen Victoria merchants has up to th time apparently been productive good in California than anyw

as many prospective miners North have expressed the int coming here to outfit.

Mr. D. A. Waldron, an old
miner who has lately resided
Francisco and who is at prese
tered at the Pritchard house ceived the following letter y which speaks for itself:

San Francisco, 409½ Geary S January Friend Waldron:—I have received Friend Waldron:—I have receiver and three papers from you an formation they contained has full my two partners and myself to Victoria and go in by the Stiki One of our party leaves here on 5 to size up things in Victoria a himself on prices and sailing date son and myself start north on inst. and will hope to see you on a Yours truly, J. y. Letters are daily being receive

cal outfitters from people who
the Klondike craze and are an
know the best place from which
The following extract from a ceived by Mr. J. B. Perry, who eling passenger agent for the C Alton railroad, was handed to Cameron, the Johnson street yesterday:
"Can you give me any news o

dike. I am somewhat interest am going to send many from h diana) that may come to Victor fit. They will soon start, and by thousands, too. What is the and best way to the spot? If y any special information, let me

Perhaps the most perfectly e-party that ever started out from is now registered at the Wilson It is composed of T. M. Qualls, V Wilborne, O. T. Danilson, J. Al Rudolph, O. F. Finsenbord and derloke, all from Los Angeles, Comembers of the party are all pmen, and most of them have spen years in mining in the Golde Two carpenters and three expert are in the party. They have, claim, appliances for making th ground of the north yield up it which have never been tested u far north, and they say they w lutionize mining in the north. matter of outfitting Mr. Qualls, of the party, said to a Colonist

"Although we are all Ameri have passed Seattle by to out We were in that town and looked into prices, but are contact we save over \$100 in cas outfits purchased here. In thoroughly are we convinced he we can do better in Victoria the coast city, that we are writing friends in the South to come her fit. We intended to go in by Edmonton when we came here, probably now go to the North fields by the Stikine river or D the matter of clothing none of the cities can touch Victoria. For in the price of a Mackinaw state of the stiking we will be stiking the price of a Mackinaw state. outfits purchased here. In in the price of a Mackinaw s quality, we can save \$4 to \$5 chasing here. In groceries, acc the prices furnished by Mr. Earle to-day, we can save you cent. duty and have a little m have no hesitation in saying t toria is the best outfitting point so far come across. As we are two years' provisions, which considerable investment, you that we considered the outfitting

It is expected that the Victor Club's representatives to meet the players two weeks hence with Mr. Thomas H. Piper, Mr. C. Major B. Williams, Mr. B. J. Mr. C. W. Rhodes. Strong ebeing made to induce Mr. Mare either Mr. C. or Mr. B. J. Schwessenwicht he playing marty. accompany the playing party, it is not yet known whether or gentlemen will be able to acc Seattle team is headed by Mr who is one of the foremost che of the Coast, and a gentleman had plenty of recent practice American kings of the game, a proposal under consideration international matches between and Victoria a twice-a-year o

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