Orders Placed Here for \$200,000-More Californians Come Here to Outfit.

For several months past railroads in the Northwestern States have in their Klondike literature endeavored to impress upon prospective gold-hunters the fact that they could outfit more advantageously in San Francisco, Seattle or o Tacoma than in any Canadian Coast city. One of the chief arguments used was that the Alaska Commercial Comthe immense supplies used in the Northern trade in Seattle. If a wealthy corporation, the circulars stated, could buy cheaper in American cities the individual buyer could do likewise.

This argument will from now on be dead letter, for yesterday the company in question placed orders, subject to repeals, with Victoria merchants aggregating in value about \$200,000.

In recent years the Alaska Commercial Company have left considerable money with the merchants of this city, finding it greatly to their advantage to buy certain lines here. However, it appears whenever they could, the comny, which is purely an Am-can concern, placed their orders cities on the other side. Mr. A. Garstle, the buyer of the company, has been in the city for four days, placing orders. The fact that these will run up to the hundreds of thousands, tells more emphatically than anything he could say relative to Victoria's advantages as a purchasing point for the North. Mr. Garstle did say, however, that the competition in the North was keener now than in years gone by, and that the company were compelled to buy in the cheapest market in order to meet the changed conditions. The company's purchases here this year amounted to nearly \$170,000 more than in former years, and the northwestern railroads will now have to annul the literature containing their chief argument and adopt something which can be substan-

adopt sometring which can be substantiated by a few facts.

The largest order placed by the company here was with the Brackman & Ker Milling Co. The big concern will take all their supplies of rolled cats, commeal etc, from this firm, although their recent prices for inthey were quoted lower prices for in-ferior goods across the border. The rest of the orders for groceries etc. were placed with Messrs. Simon Leiser, R. P. Rithet & Co. Ltd., Hudson Bay Co.,

Several large lines of dry goods will be purchased by the company in Eastern Canada. The goods ordered by the com-pany in Victoria, which include a large empply of drugs, are to be delivered May 1. and they are to be sent through by way of St. Michael's.

Still another party of prospective miners from Southern California arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of outfitting. The party is staying at the Wilson house, and is composed of the following: J. M. Qualls, John Albert, Fred. Vonderlohe, Louis Rudolphe, and Otto Linsenbaugh. After looking thoroughly into the prices of miners' supplies in Los Angeles, Sacramento and Seattle, the members of the party say they can save from 45 to 50 per cent.

with us. When our party is complete there will be seven of us, and as we are each taking in supplies sufficient to last us a year and a half, you can see that it paid us to look around before purchasing. We found that Los Angeles and Sacramento were simply out of the question; but Seattle was not bad. However, we obtained some of the price lists ever, we obtained some of the price lists sent out by your merchants in the latter city and were not long in deciding where to outfit. Almost everything we need is cheaper here than in Seattle. Why, one of our party bought a rifle for \$16 in Seattle and paid \$4.15 duty on it when he came across the border. In our trip around Victoria to-day we find that the same rifle sells here for \$15. In the matter of clothing and blankets Seattle cannot compete with for \$15. In the matter of clothing and blankets Seattle cannot compete with you. The merchants over, there asked us \$10 and \$12 for Mackinaw suits which we can buy here for \$7.50, and then there is the duty to be considered. All of the party wrote to friends to-day advising them to come to Victoria to outfit, when they come North." Mr. Qualls and party will go to the Northern country by way of Edmonton, N.W.T. They are practical men and nearly all have been extranged in mining.

had experience in mining. A party of prospective miners from the Cripple-Greek district, Colorado, arrived in the city on Monday en route to the northern gold fields, and the members, five in number, are staying at the Occidental. Nearly all of the party are experienced miners, but there is also a professional man in the party, Dr. S. P. Green. The latter informed the Colonist that before they decided to outfit in Victoria, they had visited both Seattle and Portland in order to look into prices at those points. Their investigations resulted, as is the case of many Americans who have visited Victoria recently, in the decision to outfit completely here. Dr. Green said that if they could have outfitted advantageously in an American city they would probably have done so. Taking the duty into consideration, however, they were saving considerable however, they were saving considerable money by purchasing their supplies in this city. The party hails from Aspen, Col., and is composed of C. H. Newell, H. H. Newell, Foster Powers and Dr. S.

MR. LANDOR IN THIBET.

How He Has Acquired Intimate Knowledge

The Rangoon Gazette prints the following respecting the trying experiences, already reported, of Mr. Walter Savage Landor in Thibet: .

"Considering the remarkable suffer-

ing through which he passed, Mr. Landor does not present very marked indi-cations of his terrible experiences at first sight. He finds some difficulty in walking, the bridge of his nose bears slight scars where the instruments used in the hot iron torture left marks, but in reality the inhuman treatment he reeived at the hands of Thibetans proluced effects which there is only too nuch reason to fear may prove lasting. he sight of the left eye for the present s almost entirely gone. The most seri spine, which, so far, shows little sign of by aid of the medical skill which will be pany of San Francisco purchased most of available when he reaches England that he may be restored to some degree o

partial measure, and his present condi-tion gives his friends no little anxiety. "Considering the duration and inten-sity of his suffering it is marvellous he should have recovered as much as he has done already. A photograph taken as soon as he was rescued from the Thibetans by a party sent to his aid by the government of India tells more clearly ans by a party sent to me and the more clearly than any words can do the extent to which he was tried. The portrait looks like that of an old man of sixty; the face is haggard and drawn and scored by deep lines and the marks of the burns can be traced far more clearly than now. His experience on the stretching log, on which he was placed for twenty-hours without relief, alone would be sufficient to put an end to the existence of most men. As it was it has dangerously inhands and ankles which he will probable and left scars on his right and Hon. Abraham Smith, U.S. conseul, on his left. Next hands and ankles which he will probable him to live through tortune which generally proves fatal, ture which generally proves fatal, ture which generally proves fatal ture to fatal ture the walls houng enough in power the Conservatives would, no doubt, find the Senate fault to buse as whole the Senate that the Liberals did now. He beand to this doubt the Senate that the Liberals did now that to the execution ground and compelled to endure the agony of momentarily expecting decapitation. Semi-starvation, too, formed a feature of his trials, for his captors only fed him once in three days, and throughout his journey his supply of provisions was extremely scanty. Extremes of heat and cold tried him severely, for the Thibetans left him with nothing to wear but a few ragged gar-ments wholly insufficient to shield him from the rigors of the climate. Mr. Landor, being under a pledge to give the London Daily Mail the benefit of the first detailed account of his adventures, is naturally unable to make public at present the story of his journey.

"Luckily enough a series of unique photographs was saved, and a number of

maps and records of surveys which when published will add much to our knowledge of a portion of Southern Thibet which hitherto has been a terra incog-

"With the exception that he failed to penetrate Lhassa, Mr. Landor, has prac-tically accomplished all he set himself to tically accomplished all he set himself to do when he started on his perilous en-terprise. He traversed a region hitherto untrodden by white men. All previous explorers who entered Thibet from India have gone either by the way of Leh or Darjeeling. Mr. Landor, in selecting Almora route, chose to enter the coun-try in an entirely new direction. Mr. Landor wishes the public to suspend indoment upon his remarkable story unjudgment upon his remarkable story un-til the whole of the facts are made known. He did not enter Thibet with any desire to seek notoriety, but Seattle, the members of the party say they can save from 45 to 50 per cent, including the duty by outfitting in Victoria.

Mr. Qualls, one of the party, said to a Colonist representative last night:

"Your merchants can outfit us cheaper and better than any of the cities on the other side at which we have stayed over on our journey up. Even if we leave the duty out of the question, we estimate that we are at least saving 20 per cent. on the dry goods we are packing in with us. When our party is complete were seek notoriety, but in the interests of the pleasure he felt at, in this auspictoria. A recitation by Mr. James Bell preceded the next toast, proposed by J. H. Falconer, "The Governor-General of India were acquainted with his intentions before he started, and independent inquiries since made by the government officials on the borders of Thibet amply substantiate the truth of his story as to his ill-treatment.

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CONNECTICUT HEARD FROM.

Party of Sixty-two Starting for the Northern Gold Fields.

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 25.-Fifteen hundred people gathered about the railway station last night to witness the departure of a party of 62 men bound for the Alaskan gold fields. The party included 34 members of the Alaskan Mining & Trading Association. All came from this and surrounding cities, and H. H. Newell. Foster Powers and Dr. S. From this and surface the state of the p. Green. They will leave by the have given up good situations or business interests. They will go direct to by way of Skagway. They are packing eighteen months' provisions for each eighteen months' provisions for each start February 4 in the specially characteristics.

SCOTSMEN CELEBRATE.

St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society Hold Their Annual Dinner at the Driard.

Flow of Eloquence and Good Spirits Makes the Time Pass Agreeably.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society chose Burns' anniversary for ealth, but can at best only look for- Driard has always enjoyed for excellent ward to regaining his former vigor in a dinners made it able to cope with such extraordinary dishes as appeared on the extraordinary dishes as appeared on the bill of fare; even "Caller Ou' frac the Forth," "Kail an' neeps" or "Stot's Ribs and Chanpit Tatties wi' Deoch an' Dorius an' Bubbly Jock as cauld as Mountain sna', or Kebbucks frac the Ben Nevis," With all these good things before them the guests could not fail to have a good time. There were over a hundred quasis.

M.P.P. Letters of regret for inability to be present were received from Admiral Palliser, Capt. Adair, R.N., Rev. W. Leslie Clay, who is one of the society's chaplains, and Mr. J. C. McLagan, of

ancouver.

The music was interspersed with selections on the pipes from Piper Anderson, who in full plaid and kilties marshalled to their dinner, and then played to aid digestion and soothe their

There was a lengthy toast list for the Scotchmen, always courteous hosts, never like to omit important nterests at their banquets. One little compliment paid to the Press was to put them half-way up the list instead of leaving them at the tag end as is usual at most banquets.

The toast list led with "The Queen

and Members of the Royal Family," proposed by the president and drunk to the strains of "God Save the Queen"

with patriotic fervor.

The President of the United States proposed by Vice-President Smith, was responded to happily and with friendly, neighborly spirit by Hon. Abraham Smith, U.S. consul, who thanked the guests cordially for the hearty manner in which the toast was received. Though divided by a boundary line, the people of the United States and of the British Empire belonged to the great Anglo-Saxon race and part of that great family that dominates the world. In his speech he touched happily on the fact that this was Burns 'anniversary, Burns the poet who was loved the world o'er. He referred to the great prosperity that British Columbia was enjoying, and expressed the pleasure he felt at, in this auspicious year, holding the position of consul in Victoria.

Innes thanked the guests for the way the toast was received. Sootchmen way the toast was received. Sootchmen the court will be courts will have something to the rest of the toasts were:

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Col. Gregory. Hon. Col. Baker in an eloquent speed recalled the scenes he had witnessed in the Crimes of the gallantry of the Highland Brigade. The recent charge at the Dargai heights and the brave piper who played his comrades on even as he sat wounded on the ground.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gregory responded for the militis, and though a good speaker sensibly contented himself with expressing his thanks.

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Mr. Ross Monro sang a song which the president announced was composed by his old schoolmaster. It was entitled

Leslie Clay had prepared for the society.
This excited great applause, and then Piper Anderson struck up "The Cock o'ly informing the association that the benchers of the provincial society, who retire in April next, feel indisposed to the any action during the remainder of Leslie Clay had prepared for the society.

British Columbia

Canada.

their annual dinner at the Driard, a good augury for a jolly time, for as every-one knows the great bard in spite of the cloudy period towards the close of his life was of a particularly happy disposition. ous injury is that sustained by the spine, which, so far, shows little sign of improvement, in spite of the long rest tion, loving his fellow men and likat Almora. Mr. Landor is still hopeful by aid of the medical skill which will be less than the still be something to enjoy himself in their mides. The Liberal party, he jokingly of his life in Canada. He has been in said were reforming the Senate as fast as the other fellows would let them and by aid of the medical skill which will be less than the still was the 35th anniversary. bast night was the 35th anniversary making the senators all good Liberals. ARE YOU TO LIVE IN ALASKA? no question that if there was less partizanship in the Senate it would make a most useful independent body. In the parliament at Ottawa and in the local legislature Canada had men who were doing their best for the country.

Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., in replying

for the House of Commons, smilingly remarked that he was glad Senator Templeman had at last found the Senate was a most useful branch of the legis-lature. Should the Liberals remain

Turning to the British Columns and some lature he said the legislature had some imperative that all food supplies shall big work before them this session. They imperative that all food supplies shall have perfect keeping qualities. It is

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Major Mutter, M.P.P., put in a word disappointment and trouble. for the mineral resources of Vancouver island, and said that he would always do his duty to the whole of the province, and he did not believe there was a man NOW A VERY in the house who did not try to do his

partment formed in Rossland in the summer of 1895, and was for nearly eix years with the Vancouver fire department, of which he was chief. He was not desirous of leading the city's new fire department, but was prevailed upon to do so by the council, and he ansented to serve without salary; but the aldermen thought it only right that he

by his old schoolmaster. It was entitled "Jethart's Here," the guests joining in the choras, the air being that of "The Watch on the Rhine."

Mr. Ian Coltart proposed "The Clergy and Medical Profession," the reply for the clergy being a very witty one from Rev. Dr. Campbelt, who hoped the Mayor and aldermen present woul' not take offence at his closing anecdote of a Scotchman who prayed "The Lord have merey upon all fools and especially on the town council of Edinburgh."

Dr. Milne replied for the medical profession, alluding in his remarks to the recent visit to Victoria among the members of the British Association of Lord Lieter, one of the British Control of the Li

and promised that if

Rev. Dr. Campbell proposed "The land we left and the land we live in," resident members contribute to it books and in doing so read the address to the Gordon Highlanders which he and Rev. proof building were secured for the reproof building were secured for the re-ception of the volumes, or else would in-

dons.

Chieftain McKay, of the Sir William
Wallace Society, added to the enthusian by rectiting in splendid style "The Charge of Dargai Gap."

The Senate, the Dominion Parlia"The Senate, the Dominion Parlia"The shaft house at the Iron Mask has been destroyed by fire, believed to have ment and the Legislative Assembly of been destroyed by fire, believed to have was proposed by originated in the stove. Charles Fon-Dr. Milne, who briefly traced up the day, who was temporarily in charge of growth of constitutional government in the hoist, stepped out for a moment on an errand, and when he returned he Senator Templeman replied for the found the interior of the shaft house in

Some Requirements that will be Found

The universal article of diet in that country, depended upon and indispen-sable, is bread or biscuit. And to make the bread and biscuit. either in the camp or upon the trail, yeast cannot be usedit must be baking powder; and the pow-der manufactured by the processes of the Royal Baking Powder Company, miners

provincial legislature paid a high compliment to Scotch character, and gave several capital anecdotes of Scotch wit.

Turning to the British Columbia legisin that country, everything must be the

big work before them this session. They had a great country to legislate for this year, their greatest work being to carry out public works for the development of the province. There was a small population and though the revenue was large for such a small number of people this was an immense country, and the legislature needed the courage of the Gordons at Dargai in the work before them. There was the need of railways through the country, and the absolute need of roads and trails into every portion of the country that was reproductive, and what part of it was not likely to be reproductive? Some of the portions of the province which had been most deepised were likely to turn out the best in the country. These great works had to be faced, and he had every confidence works for British Columbia. (Applause.) He only wished he had been a younger man so that he could live to see the results that would follow. Through depressed times he had stuck to the prov-

He only wished he had been a younger man so that he could live to see the results that would follow. Through depressed times he had stuck to the province through thick and thin, and now in

The Royal Baking Powder will not the works he had suggested would be well under way at the next session. (Applause.)

Mr. J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., in responding to the toast, spoke of the enormous increase of the mineral output of British Columbia. He was satisfied that in the districts up North they had a country that might rival Kootenay as a mineral country, and he would do his best in the legislature to help open out that country. other brands of baking powder,

in the Maratime Provinces.

Assurance and Hope for the Most Desperate Cases.

Wells & Richardson Co. should receive a gratuity of \$100 per quarter to indemnify him for the expense he would be at in filling the position.

The local association of barristers and solicitors is making an effort to have the provincial law society install a law library in Dental and solicitors in making an effort to have the provincial law society install a law society in

From THE DAILY COLONIST January 27 MR. HIGGINS' RULING.

The Courts Would Gag the Press as the Speaker Would Silence the Legislature.

Why He Thinks Political Libels should Be Allowed to Pass in Silence Until Trial.

To THE EDITOR:-I had hoped to with-

v, but your article of this morning impels me to again point out the dangerous position which you occupy and into which you appear to have hastened with eyes and ears closed tightly to your peril. There would seem to be no halting place, no half-way house, no spot body, you may exercise your mental faculties for the advantage and instruction of your readers. You just think a thing ought to be, and because you think it ought to be, you say it must be; and so you rush unheedingly on towards the slough where many unthinking, inconsiderate, and withal, like yourself, well meaning persons have been engulfed. I do not propose to again discuss the matter from withal. persons have he standpoint of the right of the legislature to review the subject-matter o the libel cases. Your quarrel is with "May," not with me; but I cannot help in passing, pointing out how absurd and inconsistent your attitude on Tuesday morning really was. You headed your article "No One's Mouth Closed," and proceeded to proclaim the right of everybody to discuss the guilt or innocence of the accused persons; but almost in the same breath, in the same article, you upbraided Mr. Speaker for having exuporatued Mr. Speaker for naving expressed his views as to the right of parliament to consider the matter. You should have headed your article thus:
"No one's mouth closed except Mr. Speaker's, and his only because he does not agree with the editor of the CoL-

The point on which I propose to join sue with you to-day is where you say "We tell the Times that it is the law of the land that it may every day from now until the crack of doom proclaim its innocence of the libel with which it has been charged, and that there is no power under the sun that can prevent it from

I say in remonstrance that there is no law of this land which permits a news-paper or the plaintiff or defendant in an action to bias public opinion as to a case while it is awaiting judicial action. No such law or rule exists in Canada or in any other British country. The practice has never been resorted to without drawing down on the head of the offending party the severest penalty. It is distinctly a contempt of court to attempt to influence public

circumstances. Law would become a h est, and courts a mockery, until the people, despairing of justice through the proper channel, would take matters into their own hands and meter out punishn ent by means of a popular tribunal. Charles Lamb, in his charming essays, tells us that Chinamen are in the habit tells us that Chinamen are in the habit of burning down their houses to roast their pigs in the flames. You, sir, are not only burning down your friends' houses in the vain hope of advancing their interests. You are bringing your own house down about your ears, for if you endeavor to carry into practice through the Colonist the principle which you lay down for the guidance of the Times you will shortly find that the content of the manner of the Times you will shortly find the content of the manner of the Times you will shortly find the content of the manner of the manner of the Times you will shortly find the content of the manner of the Times you will shortly find the content of the manner of the Times you will shortly find the content of the manner of the mann

days) your heart should be filled with pity, not rancor; you should weep over those who offend you instead of presenting to them the marble heart of unforgiveness and the flinty face of uncharitableness. If I have said anything in this or any previous letter which will induce you to refrain from a course that if persisted in will surely place your person and purse in danger and damage the cause of your friends in public estimation, I shall be glad, for I really look upon you as a good man gone wrong temporarily, and shall be indeed pleased to work that I have been the means of rewring you to a healthy condition of hind.

D. W. Higgins.

cipal business before the board was the passing of the estimates for the current year. After a lengthy discussion it was

the absence of Mr. Williams. .

Several communications from teach re asking for increase in salary were read. They will be considered later on.
Mr. S. Scarth, secretary of the Nanaimo public school board, wrote asking if monitors were employed in the schools here. The secretary has already written stating that the term monitor was not used, but that pupil teachers were em-ployed, and he explained the positions they held.

A letter from Mayor Redfern was read in which the receipt of the papers bearing on the refusal of Auditor Raymur to sign some of the accounts of last year was acknowledged. Copies of all the papers and the letter from the secretary of the school board, the Mayor's letter states, have been forwarded to Mr. Raymur. Applications for positions as teachers from Miss Josephine Colquboun draw from the bitter controversy that has arisen over the libel actions and and Miss E. R. Lee were laid on the into which I was drawn quite unwitting-

Arthur Loundes, 14 Franklin street requested the board to permit his daughter to attend the South Park school, be ause he does not think her advancement rapid enough at the Central. The nspector and superintendent will report n regard to the matter.

Auditor Raymur wrote asking for cer-tain information regarding the three where, while refreshing your corporal different teachers put in last year, and also asked to have copies of several letters employing teachers. The letter was referred to the finance committee and they are empowered to give the in-

formation asked for.

The board then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the estimates. The first draft totalled up to \$51,450, but upon the suggestion of Chairman Hayward this was cut down to \$49.900. An additional sum of \$2,500 will also occur in the estimates to be used in extraordinary expenses, making the total estimate for 1898 \$52,400, or \$3.510 more than last year. As a couple of new schools will probably be opened during the year and extensive improvements are contemplated in the school grounds, it was considered necessary to make the estimates higher this year.
Chairman Hayward announced the

following standing committees for the year, which were approved by the board: Finance-McMicking, Belyea, Hall. Supply—Mrs. H. Grant, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. McMicking. Legislation—Belyea, Marchant, Mc-

Micklng. Alteration and Repairs—Marchant, Hall, Belyea. Printing and Insurance-Mrs. Jenkins,

Mrs. Grant, Mr. Belyea.

Gymnasium—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Grant,
Mrs. Jenkins. Before the meeting closed Trustee

Marchant introduced a motion to the ef-fect that the Mayor and aldermen be written to for the purpose of ascertain-ing whether the school board could not have use of the room used by the water commissioners in which to meet in future. Considerable discussion folowed, and it was finally decided to further consider the matter at a meeting of the board to be held on Friday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

RELEASED ON BONDS.

The "Commonwealth" Will Now Be Brought to Victoria by the "Lorne."

to attempt to influence public opinion one way or the other before a case has been disposed of. And rightly, too, for it is from the public that jurors have to be drawn to try a case, and how can there be a fair trial with jurors who are prejudiced for or against a man? It will be a most unfortunate thing for Canada when, copying the perniciour practice of the United States, newspapers shall be allowed to try actions and to convict or acquit the accused. A fair trial would be impossible under such circumstances. Law would become a ere until the decision of the action.

SANGS O' SCOTIA.

urns' Anniversary Celebrated Musically-A Ballad of Home Authorship.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Slight Increase in Estimates for This Year—
The Committees Named.

The adjourned meeting of the school board was held yesterday afternoon when a number of important matters were brought up and discussed. The principal business before the board was the

Skating Championships. NEW YORK, Jan. 25 .- The amateur decided to place the estimates for general speed championships of America are to school expenses at \$49,900, or \$1,010 be decided on the ice at Silver Lake on more than last year, and in addition to take for the sum of \$2,500 for extraordin-week. The entry list, which closed years week. The entry list, which closed yes-ry expenses.

When the meeting was called to order all the members of the board were pres-ent. Mr. Speck acted as secretary in The skaters are entered in most of the Extra Mean Never-Wear

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Views of the Oriental Press on tions by European Po A few days ago we gave 1

A few days ago we gave to of two leading members of Chinese community with the Kiaochau incident, both were firmly convinced of the a great foreign coalition an tending partition of China. representative had an interwith a well-informed Engli Chinaman who was recently and who claims to be conve both Western and Eastern p by no means regards the s hopeless nor the attitude of as unfriendly to China. flatly disbelieves in the exist such coalition, and looks special telegram to day as m quite on a par with othe rumors of a similar nature. the Kiaochau incident, he long been known that Germa the lookout for a coaling state port her commerce, and the was premeditated. When in Eu Major von Hanneken, who w in command of the northern the Chinese navy, and he gat him that there was a feeling satisfaction at being left, as in the cold. Britain had France had obtained advanta in the south, and Russia I railway concessions in the no Germany was out of it. Our then asked Major Hanneken they would like, and he imme plied Kiaochau. Germany w of great and growing comp portance, and he failed to see concession should not have l to her. He also felt assured ever action Germany had taken with the full knowledge This all tended to show tha sionary outrages which were d by irresponsible parties had be pretext for advancing what

less a settled policy and advant of the opportunity thus afforde of the opportunity thus allorde a coaling station.

The views held by Singapo as to the imminent break up under foreign pressure, are bo the opinions entertained by the further north.—Singapore Fre

When the new Russian mi ceeded Mr. Waeber in Kor used it as an opportunity to n vance in its policy of interfere the military power of Kore sumed, next the finances brought under its superintend about the same time a ce got the privilege to cut out to another applied for the privil a gold mine. A Russian also the right to catch whales and

the right to catch whales and to the coaling depot she alread an island in front of Chem making efforts to get anotl island opposite to Fusan. Is going to fix two buoys in the mulpo and to establish a Rus ment in Fusan. In the no Mokpo and Chin-nan-po, that over 100,000 tsubolaid out as the site for the Ru laid out as the site for the R sulate. There is informationalso that Russia is trying to in Han-Kyongtao, a good por gical purposes, so as to make naval and commercial port in The result will be that an i in front of it will be occupied A peninsular in front of W also be occupied by Russia will either make it a settlem ing depot. It is also said the are going to be engaged she tom house officials and the great Russo-Korean bank.
is stated that the Russian employing Koreans on the frontier in various situation railway in a certain part of be made by contract in co with Russia.—Hongkong Tel

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