Chief Watson, of the Fire department, ho has this year undertaken the task decorating the streets and civic buildigs for the Victoria Day celebration, a big gang of men at work yesteray, and by tomorrow evening the city ill have donned her gayest attire, as usiness men will add to the brilliancy of usiness men will add to the brilliancy of the city, by elaborate decorations, trings of flags have been strung along ither side of the business streets and undreds of electric globes will make a rilliant archway by night. The City all is being draped, and here, too, electric globes will be used to brighten the ffect after dark.

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It is expected that the attendance from ntside cities will be farger than for sevaral years. The steamship and railway ompanies, as well as the committee, ave generously advertised the celebration, and all look for good returns. Bedies the two Sound steamers, it is likely that other special steamers will run etween here and the cities across the traits, while the C. P. R. will offer the Mainlanders every inducement to be come down.

The trap-shooting under the auspices the Victoria and Capital Gun elubs, ll be held at Beacon Hill on Satur-y, commencing at 11 a.m. sharp, and t on Friday, as erroneously stated. DINNER AND CONCERT.

Petty Officers of the Grafton Spend a

An enjoyable dinner and smoking conook place at the Coach and Horses petty officers of H. M. S.
The chair was occupied by J.
ship's corporal, who was supSergt.-Major Churchard, R.
in the vice-chair. After dinchairman gave the toast of the ning, "Our King and Queen," after hostess, coupled with the name of Mr. Smith (late proprietor), for the nost able way in which the catering was carried out. Songs were rendered luring the evening by the following: Ship's Corporal May, "Tit-Bits"; Leading Stoker Holmes, "Chairman of the Griendly Lead"; Chief Torpedo Armorre Rozzel, "May I Dance With You?" Petty Officer Templeton, "Old Joe, the lockey"; Chief Torpedo Instructor Mccidill, "The Bugler;" Petty Officer Vinicombe, "The Light Brigade," who responded to a song with "Where Did You Lose Your. Arm?" Leading Stoker combe, "The Light Brigade," who responded to a song with "Where Did You Lose Your Arm?" Leading Stoker Warrines, "Light in the Window"; Petty Officer Logan Smith, "The Dustman"; Petty Officer Gocks, "Welcome to the New Year"; Gunnery Instructor Pegan, "I Love Old Ireland Still"; Petty Officer Elliott; Gunnery Instructor Field, "You Iove Us for Our Rhino"; Leading Stoker Todd, "A Glass of Stout and Mild."

The guests of the evening were Mr. Cleaver Gunner, R.N.; Mr. Walker Parsenterk, R. N.; Petty Officer Cuthbertson, from the navy yard.

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Mr. Smith presided at the piano and ayed accompaniments. The whole of played accompaniments. the numbers were loudly applauded and several enthusiastically encored.

CHINA MUTUAL FLEET SOLD

A Big Organization Formed to Carry On Trade With the

Orient.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Seattle, Wash., May 20.—News was received here today of the sale of the (China-Mutual feet of steamers, consisting of the Hyson, Yang Tse, Ching Wo, Kaisow, Kintuck, Moyune, Ning Chow, Oanfa, Oolong, Paklin, Teenkai and Ping Suey to Alfred Holt, of Idverpool, the consideration heims 2,600 000 A consideration being \$2,600,000. A ov the Northern Pacific Steams pany, the Great Northern and the Bos-con Steamship company will be made, it s stated, and be all operated as one fleet with headquarters at Seattle, the Northern Pacific railway still loading its steamers at Tacoma, however.

The schedule will be as follows: South China line, steamships Victoria, Tacoma, Olympia, Tremont, Shawmut and Lyra. This will be known as the Northern Pacific fleet. On the North China run will be the steamships Hyades Pleiades and the Great Northern liners as soon as those craft are in service, which will be this fall.

The steamers Clavering Breeman. with headquarters at Seattle, the North-

this fall.

The steamers Clavering, Braemar, Duke of Fife and Glenogle, which are now operated from Tacoma by the Northern Pacific will be dropped. These steamers have been under charter and the charters have about expired. Some of them will remain in service for the remainder of this year, however. Five new steamers will be added to the fleet, viz., Pleiades, Shawmut, Lyna, Hyades and Tremont. The Shawmut, which was launched in April, and the Tremont, which is under construction, have a capacity of over 18,000 tons.

The new vessels to be added this fall to the Great Northern fleet are the largest adjoat, having a carrying capacity o the Great Northern fleet are the lar-est afloat, having a carrying capacity of 28,000 tons. The Great Northern is seginning extensive docking improve-ments at Seattle to accommodate these hips. These changes do not affect the lippon-Yusen-Kaisha, which will be op-rated as heretofore.

CUBAN CABINET. Men Who Did the Fighting Are Ignored

erated as heretofore.

Havannah, May 17.—None of the Havanna papers today comment on the composition of President-elect Palma's cabinet. This does not mean disapproval. It is rather attributable to the cabinet. This does not mean disapproval. It is rather attributable to the Spanish manana spirit. It can be said, however, that the selections have made a good impression, especially among the better classes of Cubaus and the Spanish element. The active insurrectionists, the men who did the fighting in the field known as the militaries, are somewhat disgruntled, not a single active soldier is recognized. General Gomex, himself, is understood to share this feeling, but he is shrewd enough to realize that Palma in choosing his advisers, wanted conservative men of ability to inspire confidence in all classes.

WATER SUBSIDING.

River at Grand Forks Returning to Normal Conditions. Grand, Forks, May 17.—A. C. Flum-erfelt, assistant general manager of the Granby Mining & Smelting company, eft today for Montreal.

The water in both forks of the Kettle river is falling and no further danger of in flood is anticipated. Householders whose dwellings were partially sub-merged are returning to their dwellings.

FOUR KILLED. Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—Word has eached here that an Eastbound passnger train on the Montana line of the

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway collided with a stock train this morning at Hyannis, Neb. Four passengers were killed and a dozen injured.

NEW CLUB HOUSE.

Montreal Amateur Athletic Association to Have New Building. Montreal, May 19.—The Montreal Amateur Athletic association tonight decided to erect a new club house at a cost of \$150,000.

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