effect that Galt, Tilley and Gladwere in favor of national productions were in favor of national productions when strongly favored local oplocal majorities, and thus hold our pect of their being enforced; whereect of their owns enforced; where-ional prohibition must confessedly pless in the hundrels of cities and where the local majority is the where the local many is the vay. For the same reason, the evangelist, D. L. Moody, is uttersed to national prohibition Every-knowledges his enormous common Glodstone, however, was not even abstainer, and he pronounced local an 'absund delusion.' He actually led the preference for mild claret strong port as a sign of degenerate aste. No one was mad enough st to him prohibition as a possigest to him prohibition as a possi-licy with which to extinguish the of intemperance. As long as he local option a plank in its platform, word, no statesman of the first rank the wide world is in favor of pro-

resple soy, why not try this at, as its advocates premise that e a cure all? The daughters in ry cut up their old f. ther and a caldron because of the a witch that he would thus f age and disease. They reen foo late. Try the experi-whose expense? At the exher people and at the expense y politic. It is immoral to ask his. Modern society is far too d, interdemendent and delicate sm for such experimenting. In ng by this means to cast out one even worse devils are certain to ought in. "Yours sincerely

# "G. M. GRANT."

IN THE DISTRICTS. pition meeting was held at Lake nonse Saturday evening last, at O. H. C. gswell, who acted as in, and Dr. Lucas addressed a ntative audience of electors. chairman stated he felt it an honsition he held as chairman of a on meeting, and no money would him to take the same position in nor interest. He dwelt upon the uest on from a financial standawed that the science of political y demonstrated the drink traffic to inful waste, and called upon the to defend their homes from the hat now rested upon them as be-

in his address, stated that right to license we had the prohibit, for if we license one we the 99, for it is upon that that license has any force. ht to prohibit the 100 as we have etor stated if in any case prohib-

id not been a success, it was be-there was not an adequate ren-But if this prohibition vote carries see the premier institute an ade so that men would not atbreak the laws. He showed the sentiment that comes over a by referring to the slave trade. rliament for the liberation of the about the year 1855 the bill was brown out. It finally became law, law was broken till an adequate was placed upon the crime of and that penalty was death by

more difficult to carry out a parnibition law than a total prohibi-v. The Scott Act was only a prohibition law and was not asked the people. It was only half The people want a whole loaf. ver, he proceeded to show great tage in the Scott Act even. for that act crime had fallen off 70 per

showed that prohibition was not a City is in the state of Missouri, ere is no liquor law. When in of Kansas he had been anas being in the land of "departed" d hoped we might all be there He showed that the federnment was to blame for any s in the state law of Kansas. doctor ended his long discourse strong condemnation of the liquor

REASONS. TO "ANTIS"

the Editor: "Anti's" fourth reason:
use it would throw thousands of men ork and place them on the already ded labor market." The value of some produced by labor, but by a barrel of vinegar is made for a s and in a few minutes, but in the whiskey time does the work, converse of the production of the converse o of the steel in the drink business only e given employment, whereas in any business 955 men are employed, so very dollar the workingman spends in pushes himself out of work, or \$1,000,000 spent in drink, instead of commodities, pushes 827 men out of For every \$100 spent for any proble following table will show what o labor:

machines .... ring and building iquors and beer .....

vage earners receive an average about \$20 for each hundred dollars about \$20 for each hundred dollars for atticles enumerated except for for which they receive \$1.67. "antis" want to know what the haulers, laborers, barkeepers, etc., if you shut down the saloon. They table will show the number of actually employed in the manufacestabl'shments to every million dol-costed.

and bakery ring and upholstering ry and machines shops

tatistics of all Canadian industrial aments, reduced to understandable

tics of brewing, distilling and malt-

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nefit and opens the market for more
Workingmen and others owe it to
these to stop and think for themselves es to stop and think for themselves atters bearing on their inferests, becoming not only producers of out wise inlers of our country, any one stuff us with the statet money spent in whiskey goes to any extent; it goes to pay interest upital invested, while the stuff is the vais getting drunk. I would reason why a man should vote hibitory law that it will put of men now out of employment work and put a stop to the nebusiness men losing large accarrying many who cannot now ment.

WORKIN(MAN. the vats getting drunk.

spent twenty-seven years in study-effects of salt upon the body, is o publish a book, which he thinks volutionize certain branches of the profession. He attributes diph-profession.

Likely That the Commissioners Will Complete Their Labors at Washington.

Good Reason for Believing That the Sealing Question Will Be Settled.

Quebec, Sept. 26.-Unless unexpected process is made during the next few the international commission will complete their labors at Washington, ading there, it is suggested, about October 7th. This will ease the position of American commissioners, who have less latitude than the Canadians and reto be continually instructed from hendquarters. Another reason for the removal is found in the great expenditure time and perhaps health caused here the attention given to social functions. Flab rate hospitality has been showered the commissioners.

Senator Kasson's pocket was picked of a small sum of money and a few papers a small sum of money and a few papers reached their destination, viz., the ports of Bristol, Liverpool and London; and on being opened the contents were found portance, whereas there were many other in each instance to be in excellent conpockets picked the same day. There sems to be good reason for the belief that Behring sea sealing question is on the way to settlement along the line indicated some time ago, that is the payment of indemnity to those engaged in the business.

## ON AMERICAN CREEK. A Clean-Up of \$275,000 Made This

Steamer Samoa, which reached the Sound on Saturday from St. Michaels, brings news that mining on American Creek for the season of 1898 has practically ended and the result is \$275,000 added to the world's store of gold, for about that amount was taken from the gravel mountains that form the banks of the creek. This came from 181 of the 200 claims on the creek, its gulches and ups," and on most of the number little eyond the required assessment work was done. From many of them no gold was taken. It came in on some claims at the rate of \$3 to the pan. The Samoa's passengers brought about \$100, Samoa's passengers brought about a from 1000 in dust. It was nearly all in possession of twenty-three first-class passengers. She left St. Michael very soon after the Humboldt and brings ac news

from that point.
"American Creek will next year show e biggest output of any of the streams Alaska," said one of the returning miners. "The output this year was be-tween \$275,000 and \$300,000. This is remarkable, considering the fact that many of the 200 claims were staked this ear and that on all but a few nothing but representation work was done. even that was omitted and lively claim-jumping resulted.

"A few claims changed owners at good figures. One instance is amusing. A miner sold a claim for \$1,000 before representation. A few weeks later on seeing the gold shoveled into sluice boxes he paid \$10,000 for a third inter-When the clean-up was completed

had a handsome surplus over the price pold for the interest.

'American Creek claims are easily worked. The creek bed gives \$1.50 to pan and is but a foot and a half from the surface. Coarse gold is found everywhere and on claims that have reached bedrock many nuggets are to be The mines had, ranging from \$2 to \$16. are easily reached from Eagle City, a new town on the Yukon, and there is plenty of timber along the river for sluicing and building purposes."

# OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION.

Sir Henri Joly's Views on the Topic of the Hour.

Montreal, Sept. 26.-Sir Henri Joly, French Protestant member of the Laurier cabinet, spoke at Cape Sante, Port Neuf county, on Sunday on prohibition. He opposed the plebiscite, but told his constituents that he expected all to come out and vote as their consciences dic-Sir Henri's principal objections to prohibition are that it would not pro-hibit, and the making up of the deficit in the revenue, and paying liquor dealers for business losses would be heavy. He objected to Canadians being treated Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick will speak

t Montealm to-night on prchibition. opposed to it on grounds similar to expressed by Sir Henri Joly.

## THOUGHT TO BE DEAD. Believed That the Emperor of China Died Some Days Ago.

don, Sept. 26.—The Daily Tele graph's Hongkong correspondent, wiring Sunday, says: Although there is no positive confirmation, all the ds to the conviction that the Emperor is dead. Private dispatches say he died on September 21, directly he issued the edict giving the dowager empress the regency. Nobdy doubts that Yang and Chang Yin Huan, who were ministers at Washington in 1895, are both innocent of the charge of poisoning the em-

RE-TRIAL FOR DREYFUS. This Decided Upon at a Meeting of the

Cabinet To-day. Paris, Sept. 26.-At a meeting of the inet this morning, all the ministers ing present, a decision was taken in a revision of the trial of former Captain Dreyfus, and the documents in case will be sent to the court of cassa-

# LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Chinaman Gin Sing, accused of ng the jewellery stores of Mesers. olte and Clayton, pleaded guilty in the Speedy Trials Court this morning and was sentenced to three years impris Frank Higgins appeared for the Crown A new departure and a good was the appearance of the official nographer at the trial. Under an stenographer at order from the Attorney-General's office criminal trials will hereafter be ported by the official stenographer, This will be a great convenience in case of appeal and applications for new train as he prisoner who desired an appeal found full record of the proceedings.

A CRICKETER SUICIDES. Philadelphia. Pa., Sept. 26.-Sutherland Law, once a famous cricketer, comitted suicide early this morning by mping from the window of a room on on the steamer at \$100,000. ourth story of a hotel in this city. His friends say he was temporarily in-

# OUEBEC CONFERENCE HON. M. C. CAMERON DEAD.

Octawa, Sept. 27. Lon. Malconn Comm Cameron, medichang octawr or the Northwest Territories, died to-day at Deceased was a son of the late Hon. Malcolm Cameron, formerly a member of the Canadian government and a wellknown temperance advocate, and was born at Perth, Ont., April 12th, 1832. He was called to the bar in 1860 and for any years practised successfully at Goderich. He was a Liberal and sat for South Haron in the house of com-mons from 1867 to 1882 and for West Huron from 1882 to 1887, when defeated. He unsuccessfully contested the same constituency in 1892, but was returned at another bye-election in Janturned at another bye-election in January, 1896, and re-elected at the last Dominion general elections. He was appointed ligutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories a few months ago, but has long beer in ill-health and his death was not unexpected.

IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. Successful Shipment of Canadian Fruit

to British Ports. Toronto, Sept. 26 .- Following is special cable dispatch to the Evening Telegram, dated London, September 26: The sample boxes of Canadian fruit recently sent from the St. Lawrence have

# A VETERAN RAILROAD MAN.

Fishkill Landing, N.Y., Sept. 24.-John M. Tucri, formerly general manager of the New York Central railroad, died here late last night.
Mr. Tucri was one of the oldest rail-

road men in the state and for nearly forty four years had been continuously in the service of the New York Central.

## A CRAZY PARTNER.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 24.—Wm. J. Haldeman, of the Haddeman Paper Co. at Lockland, Ohio, 15 miles from here, walked into the mill office at Lockland. late yesterday afternoon and addressed his partner and brother in law, J. C. Richardson, as follows: "I have you now where I want you, all alone," and now where I want you, all alone," and at once began firing two revolvers. Richardson was shot four times and will die. Haldeman cannot be found and it is supposed he was insome and has com-mitted suicide. His wife is a relative of ex-Secretary Sherman.

ARCHDEACON BOYD. Toronto, Sept. 20.—Archdeacon Boyd preaching against prohibition, said: The hibitory faw was its reflection upon God, most peremptory argument against a prohoth in providence and in grace. God in his providence had furnished us, not only that also with wine with milk and water, but also with wine. Did God intend that we should renounce it altogether, and because it was capable of being abused, were we justified in sayng that He made a mistake and would have acted more wisely and kindly in not giving it to us at all? Wine was only evil when usel to excess.

THE WAR AFTERMATH. Washington, Sept. 24.—The commission to investigate the conduct of the war de-partment during the recent conflict with Spain, held its initial meeting in the office of President McKinley at the White House to-day. Speaking in regard to the work to be entered into by the commission, the president sould I was his desire that the military erganization be made the subject of tagnity, and desired the committee to probe to the bottom all cases without fear or favor.

# OTTAWA NOTES.

Letters patent have been granted the British Lukon Lumber Co., with a cap-It is understood that both sides at the Quebec conference agreed to submit the Alaska boundary question to an independent tribunal. It is said also that provision will be made for bonding privleges through the disputed territory. however the matter may be decided.

# VERY MUCH ALIVE.

New York, Sept. 21,-Miss Louise King, a sister of the president of the Merchants' Association, who put on a hathing suit at Coney Island a week ago last Sunday and was reported by naid to have been drowned in the not, is alive. She was married last ight at the Hotel Waldorf, in this city. Lloyd Chamberlain, secretary of the roduce Exchange Trust Company.

NO TRACE OF SCHRODER:

New Whatcom, Sept. 26.-The party sent out in search of Walter Schroder, the young St. Louis artist, who was o't in the Mount Bok r bills, r turned without finding him. They found an outfit which they brought in. They say further search is impossible on account of the snow.

GOV. BRADY AT SEATTLE. Splendid Pasture Lands on the Aleutian Islands-The Seal Herd.

Skagway, Alaska, via Seattle, Sept. 26.—Gov. Brady has returned from an official trip from the Pryblioff islands and other points. He said he found everything running smoothly at every point he touched. Speaking of Alcutian islands he says: "They are destined to become the home of countless herds of cattle and sheep. One of the Islands has not a stick of timber on it but it, covered all over with a luxuriant growth of grass, affording the finest kind of pasture land for cattle and stock."

He says at the sead islands he found the seal herds dying off rapidly. Pelagic sealing is daily destroying the herd.

MURDERED ON HIS YACHT. San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Capt. Brooks, of the yacht Chispa, which anchored in the Bay of Sausalito, was murdered early this morning by two bay phrates. They boarded the little vessel, evidently believing it to be without a watchman, plundered the lockers, and were about ready to pull for shore in a small boat when Capt. Brooks and his companion, who had been asleep in the calain, were aroused and made their appearance on deck. A desperate fight appearance on deck. A desperate fight ensued, during which Capt. Erooks was killed and the other man, whose name has not been learned, was wounded. The murderers then escaped.

NEWS FROM THE STRDAR Lendon, Sept. 24.-The British government has received the first news from General Sir Herbert Kitchener since he started from Khartoum for Fashoda. But only the fact that he has captured some small boats has been allowed to leak out.

THE HUMBOLDT ARRIVES. Seattle, Wn., Sept. 23.-The steame Humboldt arrived to-day, twelve days from St. Michaels, with 230 passengers from Dawson City. Purser Twigge estimates the total amount of treasure brought down

Geo, Gaden and wife, of San Francisco, accompanied by Miss Bybee, are at the

# COMMISSION

The Investigation by the Hon Mr. Jutice McColl Resumed To-Day.

Payments Made That Were Pronounced Scandalous by Hon. Mr. Martin.

The royal commission appointed to enquire into the matter of certain payments to the representatives of the late Frederick Adams and others in connection with work on the parliament buildings, resumed this morning, His Lordship Chief Justice McColl presiding.

The business was commenced immenately upon the opening of the court by calling Mr. W. S. Gore, the deputy commissioner of lands and works, who testified officially in connection with the payments of the various sums. He produced copies of certain orders in council and various other official documents relating thereto, which were put in and admitted

All Mr. Gore's evidence was as to that which pertained to his office, and related to the payments and also to the reduc-

tions which were made. Mr. Keith was the architect who examined the work and reported at the request was speedily done the prison would beof Mr. Drake. He testified as to the quantity of the plastering, which was thicker than the contract called for. He was not connected with the money payments in any way, but merely in the examinations made to arrive at a settlement. When Mr. Drake left in September he said he was anxious to have the amount made up as Mr. Turner was going to Kootenay. Mr. Keith asked Drake if he had received \$3,400 and he

replied "no nothing like it."
E. C. Howell, who acted as superinendent of construction throughout the building, was the next witness: He acted as quantity surveyor and measured up on January 7th. He had no knowledge of the final report and had nothing to do with the claim. He did not know until June that application for payment had been made under the Jeees or Drake contract. He learned then it had been presented for payment because the the chief commissioner told him. The chief commissioner would not certify it or adjow it to be paid. He said it was seamdalous as they could not show an item which had been executed. The chief comimssioner also said it was a scandal

### An adjournment was taken at this point until 2:30 p.m.

DROWNED AT JUNEAU. Two Young Men Robbed of Their Lives by the Cold and Merciless Waters.

Steamer City of Topeka brings news of two drownings at Juneau. A young and over enthusiastic photographer, Will H. liockwood, while taking views at Auk Island, a short distance from Juneau, made a miscalculation on the rise of the tide and on his return from a cliff climb found his boat drifting out to sea. Being an expert swimmer, he attempted to regain it, and struck boldly out into the chilly was ter in the fast-gathering dusk. His body was severaged the marriage of the control of the chilly was the trip across the water. Not unwas recovered this morning, destitute of til a day or two ago did many make up clothing, save a pair of shoes he sl'pped on their minds to go. The Pennsylvania to avoid the small and sharp rocks with which the shore is studded. Young lock-wood was a native of Collection of wood was a native of California, and is spoken of as having acted flightily of late. He had taken a flashlight photo of him self in the act of hanging, and had also the backers of Bob Johnston, received had hanself photographed in a coffin, and telegram and letter from him on Thurs sent copies of the same to friends in California. His father is now in the interior. baving left for Dawson a few weeks ago The other drowned is one of the unfortwates who drifted back from Copper river, and who was obliged, being penaless, to take the first work offered. His name was W. Nutting and he hailed rom Michigan. He went to work at the Nevada restaurant at Juneau, and after working a few hours had occasion to go to the rear of the restaurant. It was then dark and he the restaurant. It was then dark and he sumbled over a small rail and into the then deep water of the bay. At low tide there is no water where he drowned, but the tide here has a rise of about 23 feet, and it was high tide at the time. His cries for help were not heard in time to be of any avail. He was taken from the water within twenty minutes after he fell over, but all efforts to resuscitate him failed.

# A HUMAN FREAK,

Autopsy on a Sufcide Disclosed on Strange Condition of Affairs. Oakland, Cal., Sept. 26.-The remains of

Cleophas Grego're, who committed suicide on Friday night, will be shipped to Quebec for interment. The abnormal conditions disclosed by the post mortem examination of Gregotre are almost without parallel in medical history. There was a complete reversal of the normal conditions of the heart, lungs and viver, and the stomach had been crowded out of its natural place. One of its chief arteries did not exist in this strangely constructed man, yet evidence of strangely constructed man, yet evidence of his perfect health was manifest in his sound body. The marvellous displacement had not even affected the organs themselves, all being of normal development.

A letter was received this week by Mr. Jesse Sage, from his son William, in Ros-lyn, stating that as John Beaven, formerly of this city, was crossing a bridge between of this city, was crossing a bridge between Rosly and Carbonado, on his way home last Sunday night, he slipped and fell over. He only lived about two hours after his rescue. He was buried at Roslyn. The deceased was a teamster in this city, and had his stable on the present site of the Hotel Wilson. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his sudden demise.—Free Press.

WHERE TO VOTE. List of Polling Stations For the Plebiscite.

The following polling places have been elected for recording the vote on Thursday next: City Market Hall, Cormorant street. Esquimalt—Blue Ribbon Hall, Parson's Bridge—Price's House. Metchosin—Public Hall.

Oak Bay-Agricultural Hall.
Cedar Hill-Temperance Hall.
Tolmic Estate-Dr. Dickson's dwelling,
Lear school house on Boleskine road. LIST OF RETURNING OFFICERS. The Men Appointed to Receive Thursday's

Vote on the Plebiscite. City Market—Wm. Dalby, Jas. Mallett, R. Offerhaus, H. M. Barrow, David Hart, Walter, Winsby, R. Walker, W. H. Brooks, W. P. Oraig.

Baguimalt—Mr. Humphrey.
Parsons Bridge—W. A. Stevens.
Metchison—T. J. Rayner.

Cedar Hill—D. Sprage.

Tolmie—H. M. Pares.

Cadhop Ruy-Frank Richards. Cadboro Bay Frank Richards,

## THIRTEEN JOLLY MINERS. A Baker's Dogen From the Leander Make a "Bit of a llow" at the Police Sta Da.

Thirteen mem ers of the L ander crew consisting of soker and bluejackets, gave the police the liverest time on Saturday night which they have had for many months. The leave of the men expired at noon and a picket from the fleet was sent to arrest them. The picket located their men on Johnson street in an advanced stage of intoxication and ready to resist arrest. Sergt Walker with Detective Palmer and Constable Redgrave went to the assistance of the guard and succeeded in incarcerating the drunken tars in the city lockup for temporary de-

The troubles of the police had, however, only begun. The justy tars determined on breaking jail, and two of them runring the whole length of the corridor threw themselves against the door, which divides the office from the cells, with such violence as to wrench the big iron staple from the door jam, allowing the door to fly open. Fortunately several of Mr. A. L. Belyea appeared to represent the crown. Mr. H. Dallas Heimeken the crown. Mr. H. Dallas Heimeken any further trouble from that quarter. the police were in the office at the t.me Confined to the limits of the jail corri-

ors, "the noble thirteen" bethought them of a fresh expedient for tormenting their hosts. The doors of the cupboard were broken open and the fire shovel and other small articles tramped out of re-cognition. The broomsticks were broken and the handles reduced to suitable lengths to use as batons upon the police when in response to their next move they fondly expected the doors would again be opened. The stove was o enturned and the pipes came rattling down to the floor. where they were speedily reduced to an unrecognizable mass under the boot heels of the Jolly mariners. When Jailor Allen looked through the wicket he saw the John C. M. Keith was the next witness, hot fire in the stove when it was thrown down. Knowing that unless something. unwise to venture in among the sailors in their condition, he sent word round to Chief Deasy. The firemen quickly ran a hose into the apartment, and the effect upon the prisoners when they saw the nose of a nozle thrust between the bars is said to have been magical. Dreading the mundation of water which by their action they had wanted, they live coals out into a passageway and soon had the fire extinguished. Late that night a strong guard from the ship arrived and transferred the baker's do to Esquimalt. The damage at the station amounts to about \$10.

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THE RING

The Colored Boy Won. Scurry knocked out Kid Hutch in two minutes last night in Vancouver. The first blow did it

first blow did it. Jack Green Knocked Out. Tack Green the most popular pugilist that ever lived in Seattle, will never fight again. Green is a victim of quick consumption and the disease has made such rapid progress since he fought and whifped Jack Downey at Vancouver whifped Jack Downey at Vancouver three weeks ago, that his friends and physicians think it advisable for him to start for a drier climate as soon as pos-

THE OAR about Argonauts for Heuley.

### Johnston and Hackett. W. H. Quann, of Vancouver, one of

day stating that he was in first-class condition and relt confident of making a good showing on the day of the race. The balance of the stake money amounting to \$800 was wired to Bob by Mr. Quann, with imperative instructions not to post the money or make any further arrangements till his boat arrived from New York. The following telegram was received by W. H. Quann yester-Rat Portage, Sept. 22.

W. H. Quann -Boat has arrived and ke her well. Race arranged for October 4th. Come at once. R. N. JOHNSTON.

LACROSSE. The Westminster Match.

All members of the Lacrosse club (seniors) are requested to be on hand this evening at 8 o'clock in the secretary's office, Fort street, when the question of the debe discussed. A letter has been received from the Royal City team setting forth their regret at having to allow the match to go by default, and suggesting that if the weather holds good in October the neatch could be played in that month. There is, of course, a divided opinion upon the subof course, a divided opinion upon the subject, and there is liftle doubt that the Capital club would prefer to see the match played rather than claim by default, but there are facts to be taken but consideration which will come up before the meeting, this evoning. One of those facts is that next month there will be considerable difficulty in getting a team together, the boys cannot be expected to remain constantly in practice, and there, is that important factor the weather to be considered. The standing of the clubs at present is as follows: is as follows: Won Lost Drawn

It will be seen that the contest for championship honors is in a very critical condition, and it is open to the local players to say whether they will, as they are clearly entitled to, claim the game, or whether they will show leniency and take chances or whether they will show leniency and take chances on wresting victory from the Royal City players in a match which may be brought off next month. There is still a draw game to be played off between the two teams.

# TURKS TO LEAVE CRETE.

Rome, Sept. 24.—Within twenty-four bours Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy will append their signatures to an agreement for the pacification of the islland of Crete, including a plan for co-ercion of the Sultan into submission.

The scheme has for some time been drafted, but its enforcement was delayed to invite the participation of Germany, which country declined.

At the beginning of the week the four powers will send an ultimatum to the Sultan of Turkey, summoning him to accept the project and informing him that nuless he does so measures will be taken to enforce his compliance. The powers have irrevocably decided to settle the Cretan question immediately to settle the Cretan question maintenance and will not hesitate to send their fleets to the Dardanelles and beyond if necessary

M S. Amphion Lecurus With News From the Victoria Sealing Fleet.

## Bad Weather and Small Catches-One Schooner Returning Under Seizure.

Looking as trim as ever, notwith standng the fact that on Wednesday and Thursday last she experienced a most errific hurricane, H. M. S. Amphion, Capt. Finnis, steamed into Esquimalt harbor yesterday after a cruise in the Behring sea. The officers of the warship say the storm was a most violent one, and they fear that some of the schooners, about nine of which left for home some time before they left the sea, may have met with disaster. The hurricane flooded the cabins and washed in torrents along the passage ways between decks and on the decks everything swam, guns rolled about in fact everything that was not very securely fas enel was torn away. The majority of the boats were thrown into the water and their outfits lost. The boats themselves were eventually saved. It was indeed a howling gale, said Capt. Finnis, and had not things been so securely battened down great damage would have been done. The sealing vessels which were on their way down would undoubtedly be caught in the trough of the storm, which resembled the dreaded typhoon of the China sea, and they would be roughly used.

The Amphion reports that one vessel of the fleet is on her way down under seizure. The officers decline to give the name of the seized schooner or the charge upnder which she has been or end back to port. The catch for this season will apparently be a small one, for up to Septebmer 16th the last day any of the vessels were boarded by the Amphion, the highest take was that of the Otto, which had 770 on September 10th. The visse's boarded by the Amphion, with the dates and total catches to them, were as fol-

Diana, boarded Aug 12
Ainoko, Aug 12
Enterprise, Aug 13
Penelope, Aug 13
Ida Etta, Aug 13, Sept 13. Ida Etta, Aug. 13, Sept. 13.
Favorite, Aug. 13
Umbrina, Aug. 17, 25.
Abbie M. Deering, Aug. 25.
Deta Steward, Aug. 26.
Otto, Aug. 26. Sept. 10.
City of San. Diego, Sept. 9.
Minnfe, Sept. 11.
Teresa, Sept. 13.
Carrie C. W. Sept. 16.
Ocean Belle, Sept. 16.

Ocean Beller Sept. 16.

The cause of the lowness of the catches, the Amphior's officers say is due to the very bad weather encountered in the sea this season. Lowering days have been few and far between. Then, too, the seals are scarcer than ever. Capt. Finnis, from scarcer than ever. Capt. Finnis, from observations made by him in the sea gives his opinion that a great many are worried to death and destroyed by whales, which are increasing greafly in the sea. School after school is seen swimming leasurely and undisturbed, there being no whalers there to hunt the management of the winess until six months ago, when the winess and knew nothing about running engines until six months ago, when the winess and knew nothing about running engines and and paparatus. He was 27 years of age, and temperate in his

whether, which are increasing greatly in the sea. School after school is seen swimming leasurely and undisturbed, there being no whalers there to hunt the spouting throngs.

Capt. Finnis visited the Priblioffs and in his opinion, he says, the seal herd is diminishing, the branding operations and the penning of the younger seal in the lagoon is having the effect of driving many from the islands. The branding many from the islands. The branding operations are still being carried on between seven and eight thousand having been branded this season.

LOSS OF THE BOSCOWITZ.

Card From Passengers Expressing Ap preciation for Services Rendered. The following acknowledgment by the

asengers on the ill-fated Boscowitz of the conduct of Capt. Steele and of the kindness shown them by residents at time of the disaster speaks for itself: Victoria, Sept. 26, 1898.

We, the undersigned, who were pas-sengers on the steamer Boscowitz at the me of her wreck desire to publish rough the medium of the press our appreciation of the thoughtfulness and prompt action of the thoughtrulness and prompt action displayed by the officers and crew at the time of the disaster, and we especially consider that the action of Captain Steele was highly commendable, as the co lness shown and the prompt measures taken by him had the effect of restoring confidence and calming the fears of the most timid. thanks and app eciation are also due tendered to the storekeeper and Mrs. Pearse, and to Mr. and Mrs. Halden, faulted match with New Westminster will the missionary teachers at Kitkatla, all be discussed. A letter has been received of whom were exceedingly kind, the thought of which will ever remain as a pleasant memory in the minds of those to whom in the hour of misfortune their kindness was extended.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilkinson, D. Wilkinson, G. L., Anderson, D. Stevens, C.

W. Sowerby, and several others.

# JUDGE M'GUIRE'S OPINION.

Of official action in the Yukon, Judge McGuire said to a Winnipeg Free Press reporter, that he agreed with Mr. F. C. Wade's clear and sensible statement made on his return and published in the Press. Some of the minor clerks may have been guilty of slight indiscre-tions, but no harm or injustice was done. Gold Commissioner Fawcett's office was altogether inadequate for his business, but he had no authority to enlarge the premises. His staff was small, but he heal sent two or three of his clerks out of Dawson City, fearing that there would not be sufficient food to sustain hem all winter, and when the precaution he had taken was found to be unneces sary he could not engage additional clerks, as the residents of Dawson City were not of the class required. People living outside Yukon had no idea of the predominating element there. The judge in his study of the various elements was made well aware that the chief ag-tators were United States citizens who could not get over their chagrin, when it was definitely known that Klondiko was not in Alaska. These were joined by Australian miners who had come from Ballarat in Australia, a class both des-perate and dogged, and who were against any government that attempted to rule them. Naturally they drew into their ranks several Canadians, but it is generally conceded that the government Dominion is administering the affairs of the Yukon with justice. Other parts of Canada will commend the minister in charge of the department when the first vent's showing has been made public.

"Eukon has paid its way and the administration of the district has been a painful surprise to all who prelicted disaster would follow in the steps of those who had enforced the regulations governing to the case had been "sawn off."

S. Hawley, New York; Fred Feeler, Houston, Texas; Frank McManamy, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The election petition against Mr. John McLaughlin, Conservative member for Stormont, came up at Osgoode hall to-day, and was dismissed, no evidence being offered as the case had been "sawn off."

that part of the continent and who had undertaken to see that Canadian laws, no matter in what remote region of the transment, should be respected and obey-

THE LEYFUS CASE. Col. Picquart Hidden-A Paris Editor Shot.

Paris, Sept. 23.—The military authorities have accomplished the plan of stifling Col. Picquart by placing him au

Col. Picquart's friends have been denied admission to the prisoner. His counsel, M. Labori, has twice appeared at the office of the clerk of the court martial and applied to see his client. On both occasions he was informed that Picquart had been placed as secret, and could be seen only on orders from the authorities, which order M. Labori has been unable to secure.

La Liberte predicts important action by the council on Tuesday, which may

result in the convoking of the Paris, Sept. 23.-Mme. Paulmier, wife of M. Charles Ernest Paulmier, member of the Chamber of Deputies from the department of Cavalades, has added another tragedy to the bewildering intricacies of the Dreyfus plot.

Mme. Paulmier to-day entered the of-fices of La Lanterne and asked to see M. Millerand, M. Millerand was absent, and M. Ollivier, who was present, stepped forward to receive the lady, who without waiting for any explanation, whipped out a revolver and fired twice. M. Ollivier fell to the floor wounded. He was taken to a hospital. Mme. Paulmier was taken into custody, and when questioned answere She explained that La Lanterne had slandered herself and her husband, because her husband had written the letter to Gen. Chanoine, the minister of war, with reference to putting a stop to

war, with reference to putting a stop to the attacks upon the army provoked by the Dreyfus affair.

The alleged libel published in La Lan-terne was contained in an article writ-ten by a journalist named Turol, and not by M. Millerand or M. Ollivier, in which mention was made as to the conjugal relations of Mme. Paulimer and her husband. The article, it is pressim-ed, was published without M. Miller-

one of the bullets fired by Mme. Paulmier entered M. Ollivier's chest and the other struck him in the armpit. FALL ASSIZES

The following table, which has been ga-etted, shows the dates and places of the fall assizes:
Nelson. Tuesday, 20th September
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Richfield. Monday, 26th September
Ramloops Monday, 3rd October
Lytton. Friday 14th October
Vernon. Monday, 10th October
New Westminster Tuesday, 1st November
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VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY.

The Accident Due to a Piece of Wood Becoming Wedged

portable sawing engine and apparatus. He was 27 years of age, and temperate in his hubits. hubits.

J. E. Ggice, half-owner of the enginesial the woodwork had been overly if about three months ago. The decens had worked with Perry's engine throweeks before taking charge of the Gringething

machine.

Constable Clayards described the position in which he found the body a few minutes after the accident. Grise was lying on his face about nine or ten feet from the engine. A large piece of the wheel bad gine. A large piece of the wheel had passed through his body, making a hele in his chest. Portions of the thorax were scattered about within a circuit of about

30 feet.

In charging the jury the coroner remarked that no precaution seems to be taken to ascertain whether the engines employed on the streets are in safe condition or whether the engineers are qualified.

The verdict brought in by the jury is as follows: We, the jurymen empanelled to enquire into the death of Peter Grice, find that the deceased came to his death by the breaking of the fly wheel of a steam sawing machine, caused in the first place by the slipping off of the governor belt, which was too stiff and unwiel by for the purpose, and afterwards, in order to best, which was too stiff and unwielly for the purpose, and afterwards, in order to check the increased velocity of the engine, the deceased made a brale of a short piece of cordwood, which slipped between the rim of the fly wheel and the frame of the waggon, which, acting as a wedge, broke the fly wheel, part of which went through his body. We consider that such machine, if permitted on the streets, ought to be under inspection, and that the men employed to run them ought to pass an examination as to their competency.

J. MESTON, Foreman.

### CANADIAN NEWS. Quebec. Sept. 24.-It is understood that

the Canadian maritime interests will send deputation here to urge that if the Canadian government grants free canals to the American maritime, the Americans are to be required in return to give the right to Canadian vessels to participate in the coasttrade of the United States. The question of wrecking is also to be brought before

the commissioners.

Professor Mendenhall, formerly of the coast and geodetic survey of the United States who has been called in as an expert by the American commissioners on the Alaska boundary matter, has left for home, from which it is surmised that the question has been reduced to its simplest form. It is believed that it will be dealt with by an independent tribunal, both sides agree ing to special provisions in the treaty giving bonding privileges to the other side of the territory from the head of Lyan

Mr. Alexander Begg, veteran Crofter commissioner from British Columbia, has arrived here to assist the British comm'ssioners with such information as he pos sesses in reference to this question.
Winnipeg, Sept. 24.—Judge Dugas, who succeeded Judge McGuire in the passed through last night for Dawson. Very heavy trains passed through here tonight over the Canadian Pacific railway, many taking advantage of the last days of

canal.

the reduced railway rates. Montreal, Sept. 24.-L'eutenant-General Lord William Seymour, commander of the British forces in North America, arrived nere to-day, en route for the Pacific coast, where he goes to look after the new land defences. General Seymour had not been in Montreal for 37 years, being brigade

major her in 1861.

Hon. Joseph Mart'n reached here to-day and will proceed to Quebec. The attorney-general said that he had some matters to attend to and would only be in Quebec a couple of days.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen this morning elected the grand board of trustees as follows: A. S. Hawley, New York; Fred Peeler, Houston, Teyser, Frank McManamy, Grand for Teyser, Frank McManamy, Grand major her in 1861.