carry a full stock of stationery of all sorts, and a complete assortment of books for children. Hinton Electric Co.

Hinton Electric Co. After several years' search this com-pany has succeeded in obtaining elec-troliers that conform to the wishes of those with artistic tastes. They come from England. The straight rod from the celling has been eliminated, and an-tique chains, through which are woven fexible insulated wires, replace them. Most of the designs are in hammered iron and copper, and as each shade is made in conformity with the general plan, an artistic unity, heretofore un-attainable, has been secured. There are other electroliers of Venetian art glass. When lit they shine with all the colors of the rainbow. Lilles, roses and ether flowers, the transparent material natur-ally tinted, make these articles ideal Christmas presents for those who wish to give or receive lasting remembrances. In table lamps some of the pretiest de-iner the theorem for the pretiest deto give or receive lasting remembrances. In table lamps some of the prettiest de-signs are bronze figures, unmistakeably of French origin. Some of them have conch shell shades, that have been scooped and polished until the mother-of-pearl is seen with its brilliant iridis-cence. Others, more severe in treat-ment, recall monastic gloom and old Flemish cities. Deep crimson and opal lights have been used in many. The most new and economical designs in cooking and heating apparatus are also to be obtained at this store; splen-did specimens of harnessed electricity. They have to be seen to be appreciated. Only some of the suitable presents for Christmas are mentioned here, but for novelty and appropriateness the Hinton company's stock can hardly be sur-

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Fletcher Bros.

Fietcher Broe. Sousa is said to have called the phon-oraph "canned music," but those who have enjoyed listening to a good one feel inclined to bless the canner. It is bin this recent invention that Fletcher Brothers take the lead, having in stock the Columbia, Victor, Edison and Ber-liner makes, and the enormous number of 15,000 records. Both disc and cylin-der records are included in this supply, and all tastes can be suited! Special consignments have just arrived of selec-tions suitable for Christmas, and also a large number of children's cantatas, folios and sheet music suitable for the festive season. This firm also carries a full line of musical instruments of all kinds, from pianos to mouth organs, and covering every intermediate grade. All these articles are suitable for presents, and when the store was visited last night numerous shipments were being packed to fill duside orders.

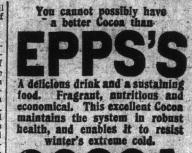
Dixi H. Ross & Co.

Dixi H. Ross & Co. Good cheer is always typified at this ore, but never more than around hristmas. Crowds come and go, but e stock shows no diminution. Though resents do not enter largely into the splay, the establishment is full of ings good to eat. Incidentally, suit-ble drinks may be mentioned, but the ow windows express this phase ade-ately. Everything for the table ems gathered in one place, with the litary exceptions of fresh meat and th. That the company is doing a shing business is evident from the mber of shoppers continually stream-ts up to the counters. Saunders Grocery Co.

Saunders Grocery Co.

Sounders Grocery Co. Johnson street has its traffic aug-mented considerably at this season of the year by the numerous purchasers that visit the block occupied by the Saunders Grocery Co. It is specially the store of old-timers. They have known the name for many years and recognize the quality of the goods sold. Both the grocery and wine departments are stocked with the best articles ob-tainable, and it is no wonder the clerks are kept busy always, but particularly around Christmas. leather.

Everything for ladies and many de-able articles for gentlemen are dis-ayed at this Yates street emporium. ayed at this Yates gireet emporium, any novelties are seen, among them ing the latest ideas in waist bags, in combs, work boxes and baskets, or the gentlemen there are smoking is, cuif and collar boxes, umbrellas d handkerchiefs. In addition there is full stock of dry goods and fancy ticles, many of which, like those men-ned in detail, are particularly suited holiday gifts. Business is rushing d the large staff of employees is kept tremely busy all the time. G. A. Richardson & Co. With its established trade of many



Grocers and Storekeeper in 1-lb. and 1-lb Tins.

line of suitable gifts the firm has paid great attention to ladies' costumes, and has also an attractive display of blouse waists and dross skirts. Many of these are correct tartan plaids, that form almost mapproachable gifts for those whose name conforms to one of the clans whose colors are followed. Tod-dling badies, and even babies who has not learned to toddle, can have their re-quirements met at this store, which has a clientele particularly its own when the waits of the youngsters are con-cerned. Beautifully worked dresses, and dinty bonnets and caps, and little wool-len shoes would please the mother as much as the baby, and many of the youngest citizens of Victoria will re-ceive mementos next Tuesday from Richardson's big store. There is an enormous variety of goods to choose from, most of them suitable for gifts. **Bopham Bres.** line of suitable gifts the hrm has paid

Popham Briss.

Popham Bros. Candies and chocolates are a very important factor at this festive season, and "made in Victoria" goods occupy a most important place in supplying the local market. The establishment of Popham Brothers is working to its full-est extent meeting orders that have been flowing in, and its full lines of con-fectionery, cakes and biscuits meets with the greatest popular approval. This firm's goods are to be found in avery store and will grace many a hristmas table.

B. C. Fur Co.

8. C. Fur Co. Though furs are practically unnecessary in the favored climate of Victoria, their appearance is so beauty enhancing that many Christmas presents are being purchased from this firm. It carries propularity of the curito sceker and the lover of the set of the s

McCandless Bros. & Cathcart McCandless Bros. & Catheart Shoes are worn at Christmas as well as any other time, in fact, by some of the small boys more so. These can be obtained at this store in every variety. For presents, however, there are slip-pers more particularly. These can be obtained for both ladies and gentle-men. For the former there are all kinds, with both Louis and Cuban heels, while the latter can be rendered com-fortable by house slippers in felt and leather.

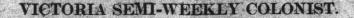
F. P. Watson

F. P. Watson This store is filled with the best vari-eties of staple and fancy proceries, the quality of which s attested by the nu-merous customers. Various suitable Christmas gifts for out-of-town friends are included in the stock; and many residents of the remoter settlements will be the grateful recipients of boxes of Christmas goods furnished by this firm.

Hallam & Wyndham, Limited

Hallam & Wyndham, Limited There is an air of prosperity about this establishment that denotes a heavy trade. In common with all other firms in the city this company is able to ca-ter to every portion of the community, and that each is satisfied is attested by the manner in which the wagons are kept busy delivering bills of goods. All grocery ingredients for the monarch of the Christmas dinner, the pudding, can be bought here, and only a good cook is required to produce the rotund king of the highest perfection. Brown & Cooper

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treme novelty, and one much appreciated during the winter, is the acetelyne pocket lamp, of which jarge numbers have been sold for Christmas gifts. There is cullery at every price, in cases, and without and a host of other goods too numerous to men-tion. George Plowell & Co.

George Howell & Co. This Government street store is a scene of great activity. The great variety of goods carried enables a present hunter to meet many wishes before leaving. which fact secures a bumper trade to the pro-prietors. There are many things to be ob-tained here that appear in very few stocks that attract a large body of customers. One thing noticed was ind cages, that make suitable and pretty gifts, but every toing in shelf hardware is also present. The goods are sold at modernate prices and a strong effort is made to have no purchas-er depart dissatisfied. John Cochrane

John Cochrane has on view in the window of his store at the comer of Yates and Douglas street, an assortment of goods in ebony and silver, such as is seldom to be seen in a city the size of victoria. The holiday goods are brushes, combs, mirrors, and such other toilet accessories, and make a splendid showing. With an eye to catch-ing the Christmas trade, the goods being peculiarly suited for Christmas presents. Mr. Cochrane is offering the otherwise duced prices. Mr. Cochrane is sico showing a great as present, and Mr. Cochrane states that his the the best make, the majority of them having come from the famous Parislao for the best make, the majority of them having come from the famous Parislao for the charles is also showing a great as-sortment of chocolares for Christmas present, boxes, and make dainty gifts. Nagano's John Cochrane

Nagano's Nagano's Those who are looking for appropriate presents to send to friends in England or the East, cannot do better than pay a visit to Nagano's Japanese store on Douglas street. There will be found specimens of everything in the way of art, produced by the beauty-loving people of the Land of the Chrysanthemum.

the Otherstanding propie of the Land of the Chrysanthemam. In the show cases are to be seen little statucties and charms of carved ivory, wonders of delicate and artistic workman-ship. On the shelves are ranged rows up-on rows of cups, vases, plates and other crockers articles. There may be found everything from cheap, though pretty lit-tle cups and sancers for everyday use, to the priceices objects made of the gorge-ous Satsuma ware. Prominent among the china ware are two fail vases, ornamented with designs illustrating the doings of the Samural in the good old days. Bronze ware plays a prominent part in the store. Gongs and vessels of all sorts, made in divers strange and bizare shapes meet the everywhere. Altogether the store is a regular happy hunting ground for the cupio seeker and the lover of beauty allie. Hall's Drug Store A spiendid line of manicure sets is on view at Hall's Drug Store

yet remain. Mr. Hall has laid in a large supply of goods. for the purpose of supplying the Christmas trade. He carries a fine line of Scents, the perfumeries of Paris having been ransacked to provide the best in that line for the counters of his store. Mr. Hall also shows a big assortment of their brushes, hand glasses and such other tollet accessories.

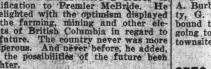
brushes, hand glasses and such other toliet necessories. Clay's Those who, through lack of knowledge, or of cooking dacililes, have been obliged to forego the making of a Christmas pud-ding this year, will be pleased to know that they will no be obliged to do without the lutury. With an eye to supplying the deficiency in such cases. Mrs. Henry Clay, of all fort street has cooked a large num-ber of the seasonable delicacies, and these are now on sale at her store on Fort St. The puddings are all done up neatly in a beg, and each one is contained in a separ-nite basin. They are the real genuine home-made article, and are warranted to be just as good as the kind that 'mother meed to make.'' Mrs. Clay has made large preparations for dealing with the Christmas trade, and has on hand a supply of cakes, short-bread, and bon-bons, sufficient to satisfy all demade. Mrs. Chay is also making a speciality of mince mean of victoria in any quantities.

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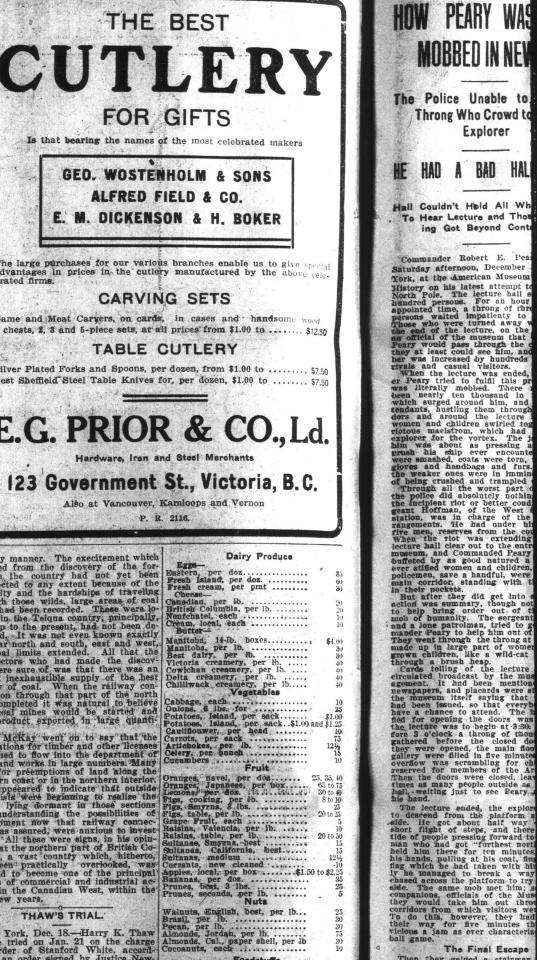
ny quantities. Peden's Some splendid fancy vestings are on view at Peden's tailoring establishment on Fort street. Mr. Peden, who prides him-self on being right abreast of the times, has taken care to get relis of all the trom England and the East, and as a con-requence has on hand a stock of such ma-terial as cannot be excelled in the citry. Mr. Peden has also recently received and shavis from the loome of England. These indexer's art. That his patrons may be induced to re-gard these rings in the light of possible the material, and are splendid examples of the waver's art. That his patrons may be induced to re-gard these rings in the light of possible the material, and are splendid examples of the waver's art. That his patrons may be induced to re-gard these rings in the light of possible the material as area the reduction the soling them at greating of the galish cow-hide traveling bags.

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After a pleasant and gratifying visit to a number of interior points, including vernom, Revelstoke and Ashcroft. Pre-Monday evening. The primary object of his trip was to attend the convention of the Liberal-Conservative Association at Vernon, called for the purpose of nom-inating a candidate to represent the party in the next provincial elections. As stated in the relegraphic despatches the result of this gathering, which proved one of the most enthusiastic in the annals of the organization in that constituency, was the unanimous selection of Price Elli-son, M. P. P. Leaving Vernon, the pre-turn to the cost, spent several hours at ashcroft. Everywhere he was tendered ashcroft. Everywhere he was tendered asc. codil welcome. The aforementioned convention was the atore and a unanimity of sentiment which is accepted as a happy augury of the outcome of the campaign which Mr. Ellison will enter upon in the course of a few months. That night a banquet was the oddfiellow's hall of the own at which were present no less than the difference in the oddfiellow's hall of the own at which were present no less than the affair by a band and took his seat at the festive board amid there. Booke at Vernon On Friday evening a public meeting



city property besides several smaller parcels. James Musgrave has made several im-portant sales within the past few days, including a lot at the corner of Douglas and Chatham streets for \$3,000; one aere at Oak Bay, \$1,700; lot at corner of Cor-morant and Blanchard streets, \$1,000; and four lots at Oak Bay, \$1,200. The total bank clearings for the week ending Dec. 18, as reported by the Vic-toria clearing house, were \$1,168,324. THE BEST CUTLERY FOR GIFTS **BLEACHED SKELETON** Is that bearing the names of the most celebrated makers FOUND ON BEACH GEO. WOSTENHOLM & SONS ALFRED FIELD & CO. **Prospectors Grewsome Find on Oueen Charlotte Island** Near Skidegate The large purchases for our various branches enable us to give advantages in prices in-brated firms. manufactured by With the arrival of the steamer . Tees esterday morning details were received CARVING SETS of the loss of the schooner Gabriola, with all on board, Capt. Schultz, J. Game and Meat Carvers, on cards, in cases and handsome wood Lindstrom and an Indian, off Queen Charlotte Islands. The three men had been engaged in halibut fishing, pros-pecting, etc., cruising about the northern TABLE CUTLERY coast with their small vessel-she was Silver Plated Forks and Spoons, per dozen, from \$1.00 to \$7.50 ot more than 30 tons gross. In Sep-Best Sheffield Steel Table Knives for, per dozen, \$1.00 to \$7.50 tember they left Jedway, Herriott Bay, for Skidegate, and when the Tees was <text> on her last trip were considered overon her last trip were considered over-due., Then the general impression was that the vessel would not arrive, as the trio were known to have been drinklig heavily just before going to sea, and also had liquor on board. One of the passengers of the Tees, a prospector, who walked on the beach from Massett to Skidegate, found on a bar north of the latter port, the wreck E.G. PRIOR & CO., Ld. Hardware, Iron and Steel Merchants 123 Government St., Victoria, B.C. Also at Vancouver, Kamloops and Vernon P. R. 2116. cursory manner. The execitement which resulted from the discovery of the for-though the country had not yet been prospected to any extent because of the difficulty and the hardships of traveling through those wilds, large areas of coal lands had been recorded. These were lo-cated in the Telqua country, principally, but, up to the present, had not been de-veloped. It was not even known exactly how far north and south, east and west, the coal limits extended. All that the prospectors who had made the discov-ery were sure of was that there was an almost inexhaustible supply of the best quality of coal. When the railway con-struction through that part of the best that coal mines would be started and that product exported in large quantify these. Canadian, per 4b. British Columbia, per Nenfchatel, each Cream, local, each Butter---Buitter-Manitoba, 14-lb. boxes... Manitoba, per lb. Best dairy, per lb. Victoria creamery, per lb. Cowichan creamery, per lb. Delta creamery, per lb. Chilliwack creamery, per Vegetables that product exported in large quanti-ties. Mr. McKay went on to say that the applications for timber and other licenses continued to flow into the department of lands and works in large numbers. Many were for preemptions of land slong the morthern coast or in the northern interior. This appeared to indicate that outside capifalists were beginning to realize the wealth lying domant in those sections and, understanding the possibilities of development now that railway connec-thon was assured, were aixious to invest there. All these were signs, in his opin-ion, that the northern part of British Co-lumbia, a vast country which, hitherto, had been practically overlooked, was centres of commercial and industrial ac-tivity in the Canadian West, within the next few years. THAAW'S TRIAL



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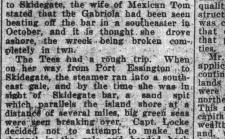
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ridors. Motris K. Jessup, president of a fran Museum of Natural History, jean Museum of Natural History, president of the Arctic Club, w the expense of Peary's trip, pres-explorer to his audience. "The people all like pluck." said Mn We all want to see the North Po-ered, and we have come near it that we are not going to give have the greatest personal admin this man, and the more I know more determined I am to stick to

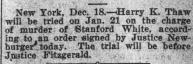
Teast-Who is your wife's author? Crimsonbeak-I am, s I make up some of the most ful stories she ever heard.-Statesman.

Vancouver Syndicate Takes Ov of Pacific Coast Lumber The deal which has been pe

BIG TIMBER DEAL.



THAW'S TRIAL.



customers, this firm is fully acquainted with the fact that Christmas is com-ing. Though many of the shoppers are looking about for presents, the regular strade is being catered to with much success to Richardson & Co., and satis-faction to prudent housewives. In the

FACTS IN NATURE.

Not Only Do We Get Inspiration From Nature, But Realth as Well.

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The sole motive for substitution is to permit the dealer to makes and sgravates many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, One a laxative; two or three are cathartic.
E. G. Prior & Co., Limited
The sole motive for substitution is to permit the dealer to make a little more substitution is to permit the dealer. It is thoroughly the being made at present of Boker and Wostenholm carvers, but of Boker and Wostenholm carvers, but of articles suitable.
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All of the has been per connection with the Pacific Coa ber company was announced y says the Vancouver News-Adve Sunday. A local syndicate hi of the price reported to be someth 300,000. This has also to do with anot purchase. Mr. George McCorn has been manager of the Pacific lumber company for a few mon and who in the fall disposed of the Canadian Pacific Lumber of which has a large establish both Moody. The consideratio which has a large establish both Moody. The consideratio y by T. W. Paterson, of Victor ident; T. F. Paterson, Vancouv retary; Perry D. Roe, Port Mo J. Abernethy, Port Moody. A ber has been disposed of in this the has and been made as to w THE COASTING LAWS Northern Business Men Securin at Coast Fear a Monopol The proposal of the Vancouve of Trade that the Canadian laws should be enforced from th next year is meeting with som nons opposition from Yuko chants as well as from some firm city says the Province. Protests the request of the Board of Tras been forwarded to Ottawa by a of Individual merchants doing the ner and in the North. The northern business men cha they do not wish to be placed

