The Florence Under Water.

Alberni Canal Passenger Boot Is Flooded by Every Tide.

Steamer Willapa Returns From the West Coast-Danube at Home.

Steamer Florence, are not have travelled to and from the Gorge during what he was attended in the dependence of the Ennancies, and was attended in the dependence of the Ennancies of the Brunzwick, labour, the Hall and Harri. On Saturday, he left the Gorge during the Hall and Harri. On Saturday, he left the Gorge during the Gorge previously credited to him. Capt. Hughes also states that three canoes ost from the schooner Umbrina have turned up safely at Ahousett. ing and it is his opinion that very little ounting will be done this month. The on arrival here: J. E. Sutton, Miss E. J. White, F. T. Child, A. Chafer, J. B. Johnson and wife, T. B. Loffff J. Guphil, E. Brickley and W. Laurence.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS. Work on the White Pass & Yukon Route-New Passenger and

issued a passenger tariff, making a rate of from Skagway to the Summit White Pass by passenger train of \$5, and from town where there is nearly always the Summit to Log Cabin by passenger good bicycle track, situated at present sleigh \$3.50, and from the Summit to Lake

tion of the last mile back of the town of Bennett, which is soft sand work, and about eight miles of the grading between Log Cabin and the Summit is completed. at work, and will be increased on the first of May, when it is expected that the snow will have melted and the weather moderate

been erected at the end of the track at lighted to honor. modation of freight and passengers, so that goods will be properly cared for and not liable to damage through snow and rain.
Warehouses have also been erected at Log Cabin and Bennett for the same purpose.



HIS BODY FOUND

James Kerr, the Missing Machin Operator, Was Drowned Off Beacon Hill.

investigation. The funeral will take of it all. They should try to "accept the union. James Kerr was a native of Wyck,

North Scotland, and was 35 years of age. He had worked in the large cities years ago.

THE FORT STREET TRACK.

Sir: Can any sane man give one goo reason for moving the car track to the centre of Fort street, because I will suggest two or three against it, though the principle is undoubtedly good in Freight Tariff.

Wide street, it may be commensurately bad in a narrow one. As the track is at present situated, there is the maximum space for ordinary traffic, after allow ing for standing vehicles on each side and in addition this is the only street assistant engineer. Let me also suggest assisfactorily, notwithstanding the strike, and the grading between Log Cabin and Lake Bennett is finished with the exceptance of the crossing on Government street that the crossing of Government street that the c me hapless Jehu or bicyclist comes to

W. RIDGWAY WILSON. Victoria, April 18, 1898. THE CELEBRATION.

Sir: I would respectfully suggest to the committee that a choral coma great deal.

It is expected that the railway will be completed to Lake Bennett by the early part of June. Freight is being handled in large quantities between Skagway and Lake Bennett, under the present system with good despatch. Shipments are going through in from twenty to thirty hours, and if forty-eight hours is consumed in all, and a baton to be presented to the It is expected that the railway will be the color of the days on which through in from twenty to thirty nours, and if forty-eight hours is consumed in transporting any one shipment, the officials consider that their employees have not been doing good work, and require an explanation.

Mr. Hawkins arrived in Seattle on the Laureda and will be in Victoria to-day. Mr. Hawkins arrived in Seattle on the entertainment is one that is of the greatest Laurada, and will be in Victoria to-day. Interest in most festivals, and would, I They have placed a large order for oats with the Brackman & Ker Milling Company, bers of visitors and provide enjoyment for with the Brackman & Ker Milling Company, of Victoria, and a large order for consumery supplies will be placed with Victoria and Vancouver merchants within the next few days, as tenders have already been received, but the placing of the orders was delayed on account of heavy traffic and not increasing the force as soon as was expected.

Two large warehouses 30x70 feet have been erected at the end of the track at the success of the day we are all delighted to honor.

W. H. PRICE.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

Sir: This interesting subject appear to be nursed and fondled in certain quarters as a pet theme, always handy for discussion and an outlet or safety valve for impassioned eloquence, albeit most of the latter is inapt sensational, as might be expected, and "calculated" for the very purpose of propagating wrong views of latitude and longitude, etc., etc. Yet the subject itself, one would think, is sufficiently dry, prosaic, matter-of-fact, indeed, not needing any embellishment at all, but only simple becomes views of latitude and longitude, etc., etc. Yet the subject itself, one would think, is sufficiently dry, prosaic, matter-of-fact, indeed, not needing any embellishment at all, but only simple honesty and ordinary common sense. I am of the opinion that it is quite capable of being stated reasonably, temperately, fairly, and at the same time so as to be clear to the comprehension of all except the wilfully blind or incorrigible. With this belief and hoping that the effort may tend in some measure, where such is necessary, to "strengthen weak hands and uphold feeble knees" on the one side, while on the other exposing an audacious system of land-grabbing and misrepresentation, I wish to point out, with reference to your own able article on the subject in a recent issue of the Colonist, that the treaty of 1825 is the foundation upon which both parties to it must stand; that the British desire nothing more than what is theirs under the treaty; and that the following, briefly stated, are the boundaries according to and hoping the ready and McDonald, who were up North examining the bottom of the steamer City of Topeka at the time she was ashore in Wrangel Narrows, the steamer City of Topeka at the time she was ashore in Wrangel Narrows, the steamer recity of the steamer lity por pobable that with an onthit bey will again go North to look at another wreck. The steamer of the Alaskan fleet, still lies submerged in Snow Passage and the two sub-marine men have been watching e with interest every move that has been watching to a to wreck of the Alaskan fleet, still lies submerged in Snow Passage and the two sub-marine men have been watching to a treatment of the colon of her. So far all these attempts will take the wreck over.

Steamer R. P. Rithet goes out to-day in place of the Princess Louise and from now on will continue to run on the Fraser river route. The Princess Louise before doing further service will receive her regular spring overhaul and will afterwards, it is thought, be nut on the colon of the steamer (ity o

are the boundaries according to and based upon the treaty, viz:

1. (From the Arctic ocean south to the Gulf of Alaska)—The 141st degree of west longitude, meridian of Greenwich.

Output

In the boundaries according to and afterwards, it is thought, be put on the Northern run as in former years. Steamer Cutch left en route North last evening. She will complete her northern load, which will be a very big one at Vancouver.

more than ten marine leagues from the ocean. Also the portion of Prince of Wales island lying south, as well as that lying north of parallel 56, the whole of that island having been expressly assigned to Russia by the treaty.

3. The 56th parallel is Russia's southern limit excepting as regards Prince

An inquest is to be held at 11 o'clock this morning, and it is probable that the Typographical Union, of which deceased was a member, will press for a thorough plainly to outsiders the gross selfishness of the support of the suppor

with as good grace United States of America, disdaining to ountenance any subterfuges, whether nvented by individuals of communities. will resolve manfully to face the duty of carrying out the terms of the agree nent in its integrity, because that is the

WILL BE A BIG MINE.

Anthony Company Ready to Take Over Omineca Consolidated When Deeds Are Ready.

OBSERVER

the negotiations for the St. Anthony Exploration Company for the purchase "Mr. Rathbone's report referred to in the negotiations. As has been stated in the Colonist, Messrs. More and Richards made an offer on behalf of the St. Anthony for the purchase of the Orninges Company's preparty and stated of them. It will seem odd to the colonists of the purchase of of ights. This offer has been accepted y Messrs. T. B. Hall and Simon Leiser, the trustees of the Omineca Company, appear to think so. This gentleman rights. This offer has and as soon as they can give a good and sufficient deed the deal will Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, solicitors for the St. Anthony Company,

The property includes bench claims on Manson creek; water rights on Man-son, Loss and Mill creeks; piping, a sawmill and an electric light plant. This would be a valuable addition to the property and water rights that the St. Anthony Company secured in the vicinity last year, and with the machinery they are taking in would give them one of the best hydraulic mines in British

The company's machinery has already gone North, and will be taken up th river on the first boat leaving, about the 25th instant. Mr. More will go up at 25th instant. Mr. More will go up at the same time, and will be accompanied by Mr. R. H. Hall, of the Hudson's Bay Co., Mr. Herbert Hall, who enters the employ of the St. Anthony Company, and Mr. A. W. Valleau, the gold commissioner for Omineca.

Mr. More a few days ago received a letter from the men sent in in advance to get the ground ready for the machinery. They had reached Hazelton and were getting ready to start for Moneon

were getting ready to start for Manson creek, which point they have no doubt reached ere this.

MARINE NOTES.

Divers McHardy and McDonald, who

that the following, briefly stated, her regular spring overhaul and will the boundaries according to and afterwards, it is thought, be put on the

Omineca Libelled In London

In an earlier issue the Review contain ed the following: "The absolute stagnation which is observable in the British Columbia mar-ket will not be relieved by the result of Mr. Rathbone's recent trip to the Omdistrict. neer was sent out a few months ago by the Northwest Exploring Syndicate, i which Sir Ashmead Bartlett and other are interested, to report on certain pro-perties which had been offered to them by a man whose reputation as a pur veyor of sound mining properties does not stand very high in the province. The bargain he wished to dispose of to an unsuspecting London syndicate was an-other of his bad eggs, and appears to have had absolutely no feature which would warrant its examination by any

qualified engineer. The journey horseback from Ashcroft to a long and tiresome one, and neither the Northwest Exploration Syndicate nor its Messrs, Thomas R. More and S. O. Richards, who have been carrying on with favor any future proposals to in sleigh \$3.50, and from the Summit to Lake Bennett by sleigh \$6 for each passenger, and have issued a new freight tariff, good until the first of May, \$2 per 100 pounds, Skagway to Summit; \$2.50, Skagway to Log Cabin; \$3 per 100 pounds Skagway to Occupant Skagway to Summit; \$2.50, Skagway to Cabin; \$3 per 100 pounds Skagway to Cabin; \$4 per 100 pounds Skagway to Cabin; \$4 per 100 pounds S Skagway to summit; \$2.00, Shagway to Log Cabin; \$3 per 100 pounds Skagway to over at Douglas street. But perhaps on the steamer Danube on Thursday sen and Manson creeks he says: "I have having been numerous representation in stating that these creeks are absolutely worthless and that whatports in respect to the deal. Mr. More before his departure last night made an explicit statement as to the standing of the negotiations. As has been stated

appear to think so. This gentleman spent eleven days in the district and closed. puts himself on record as saying: "All Barnard, voin mining in this district is practically solicitors for the St. Anthony Company, have been authorized to complete the purchase as soon as they are offered a satisfactory deed. Therefore the sale will in all probability be put through this week.

The property includes bench claims on Consolidated Omineca Company, testing that the properties of the Consolidated Omineca Company, as it is unconceived with sufficient regularity and richness to admit of its being worked at a profit.

Mr. Rathbone says he spent eleven days examining the properties of the Consolidated Omineca Company, testing them with a pan, a method which he imself says was necessarily unsatisfac tory, and concluded not to recommend

tory, and concluded not to recommend his clients to acquire the property. The report contains many matters which might be commented upon and presents everything in the most unfavorable light possible, but it does not justify the language used by the British Columbia Review. He states that he never found a pan that yielded more than five cents. a pan that yielded more than five cents, and much of it was even of less value. Mr. Rathbone in point of fact spent a few hours prospecting with a pan some 1,400 acres of placer grounds. What previous experience he had on placer ground is not stated.

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ceived a advance machinton and Manson

Ton the other side of the case there are the report of Prof. Geo. M. Dawson, C.M.G.,LL.D., director of the Geological Survey of Canada, and R. G. McConnachinson; Capt. Black's report after a number of years working in the district; Mr.
C. A. Thompson, an expert hydraulic

ber of years working in the district; Mr. C. A. Thompson, an expert hydraulic timer from California, who is out for the St. Anthony Company, who spent months prospecting in the district; Mr. T. R. More, of California, of the St. Anthony Company; Jack Kavanagh, a practical California miner who has spent two years working in the district; Mr. F. W. Valleau, gold commissioner for the district; Judge T. R. Richards, president of the St. Anthony Exploration Co., who have invested something over \$70,000 already and intend to invest a great deal more. It may be assumed that the Forty-third Mining of the St. Anthony Exploration Co. deal more. It may be assumed that the Forty-third Mining and Milling Co., of Ottawa, consider it not worthless and expect to find it-"rich enough to pay even working expenses" nothing the payers. vorking expenses" nothwithstand Rathbone's opinion, as they have been working there for the last three or four years and have expended over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in preparation. Mr. Osborne Baker, an old timer who worked there in 1872 and timer who worked there in 1872 and 1873, and who has now invested several thousand dollars and intends to invest several more on the strength of what he learned by his own experience. Mr. Owens, another old timer, who re-visited the district last year and a dozen others

that district in the early seventies. Gulf of Alaska)—The 141st degree of west longitude, meridian of Greenwich.

2. (Thence in a southeasterly direction parallel to the ocean coast and following its windings south to the 56th degree of north latitude)—A strip of land (or land and water) on the coast and islands not exceeding in width at any part of it ten marine leagues from the ocean, the outer of landward side of this strip to follow the summit of the mountains situated parallel to the coast where such summit

| Company's steamship to for Australia and Moana leave San Francis to for Australia and Moana leave San Francis that is news to me. None of us got on it in my time out there. I believe you were not on the richest streak then. It is no news to me that the gold is there. I blow-down. She will tow the ship In a former letter I told the company that I got on the old channel and got \$1.

could be mentioned who are at present residing in Victoria who made money in

the pan in the gravel and \$2 to the pan on bedrock in coarse gotu. We had to abandon it on account of not being able to drain it." (This was by drifting 300 feet in 1873). "It cost me lots of hard work and money to find it. About 1,000 feet above this I made \$20 a day with a rocker on a slide from the

Extracts from a letter from Judge Jarret T. Richards, president of St. Anthony Exploration Co., Santa Barbara, Cal.:
"I will state this, however: that Mr Thompson's report to us showed that he had made a thorough examination in company with Mr. More, of the Germansen and Manson creeks, taking into consideration the drifts made and other work down by a retire.

work done by parties who worked the work done by parties who worked the shallow diggings twenty-five years ago, and also prospecting and panning the river beds and benches himself. Upon this examination he presented us such a showing as to area and richness of gravel, and compartively limited expense of plant and current working, that we determined to make the numbers. we determined to make the purchase from the Omineca company, believing that in so doing we secured property that will yield us sufficient to satisfy our ideas of profit. The property is bought and acquired by us as an investment to be worked by us, a close corporation, as an income-yielding investment, and it is not

"Mr. Thompson is a practical man very conservative and economic, and he and Mr. More and all of us felt that we ere acquiring a property sufficiently aluable for our purposes, when we ecided to take hold of the Omineca oldings. * * * "It appears ridiculous to me that such

a misrepresentation of the Omineca dis-trict should have been made by a reput-able British journal."

Extracts from a letter from F. W. Valleau, gold commissioner, Omineca district:

"The system of tests made by Mr. Rathbone was done by panning; no shafts were sunk or cuts run in any portion of the ground and in one particular point the ground sampled was a slide of gravel where the samples taken were simply what had slid from the top of the bank at grass roots. Acros from this place at the mouth of Black Jack Gulch on another of th ompany's claims which was examined y Mr. Rathbone, four miners working this summer on shares for the compan took out some 38 ounces of coarse gold working the ground in the most primitive manner in some 20 days' actual work. I saw this gold myself and was on the spot when it was taken out.'

Jack Kavanaugh, one of the miners referred to by Mr. Valleau, states that he took out nearly an ounce and three-quarters a day to the man, from one of the claims in question, and that there are two runs of gold, one on bedrock, and one high up, that there is fine gold all through it from grass roots to bedrock.

After going into this matter so minute it seems strange that such ground as here described should be for sale at all, and after farther inquiry it the reason can be plainly shown to be a shortness of funds principally and to begin with we will quote the Mining and Scientific Press.

To the Editor: In your issue of February 11, "Mine Superintendent" treats the general subject of mine management in a sensible way. His letter should be read by every one in any way connected with m.nes. One point not covered in his letter seems worthy of consideration, and that is what may be termed the "treasury influence" upon the management. A mining property should be looked upon as a business entity, and the superintendent should manage it solely from the standpoint of the mine's best interests. How many superintendents are privileged to do just that? How many superintendents have spoiled promising mines and their own reputations, not from choice, but at the behests of a hungry treasury?

The mine superintendent should be reliable and an energetic, level-headed man of affairs, having a good, general practical knowledge of all departments of the business, and, preferably, a specialist at none, for in such executive. To the Editor: In your issue of Februa

the mine superintendent should be relived and on an energetic, level-headed man of offices. An one offices. An one offices. An one offices. An one offices and one offices. An organization of such they have carry for the year of offices. An organization of such the proposition of the p

cesses. The works may be operated in the only avenue of excess to the country. Most in the only avenue of excess to the country. St. knavery or folly, and not upon its avenue of the country of the coun

neis" to catch the are quickly, rob the mine by gouging the good ore, stop development to avoid expense, realizing all the time that they are open to the sensible criticism of their own employees, but compelled to the course by the demands of the treasury. Verily, a large but hungry vein is more to be desired by the average superintendent than a large and hungry stockholder. More good mines are closed because the super-intendent manages them from the stand-point of an abused treasury than because of his lack of skill and good sense.

MINE OWNER We find that the above will apply pretty well in this case. A number of young men were taken by the manager at the request of some of the directors, young men without any experience in min or in fact any hard work. When season, none finishing out the full season, and of course writing and bringing tales of hardship and mismanagement. Some of them could not shovel enough dirt to per think in the course with dirt to pay their board although other men who went in at the same expense and on their own merits were making from \$4 to \$5 per day. Indians were making these wages on the same work.

WHAT A SMELTER MEANS.

Great Enterprise at Trail Which C. P. R. Would Duplicate in Boundary.

Special to the Colonist. Trail, April 13.-During the winter, when

the War Eagle and Le Roi mines were closed down for the purpose of blocking out ore and introducing improved machinery, the smelter at Trail was practically obliged to close down. It is now announced as ready to resume operations American citizens, or else upon some other of the hundred and one quibbles time advantage has been taken of the closing down to enlarge the capacity and in green way improve the realistic full. every way improve the smelting facilities. task of determining the position of those As a result the smelter is able to treat who staked claims under the Territoria over double the quantity of ore ever attempted at any time previous, and to do that it was within the boundaries of th tempted at any time previous, and to do it in the most economical way and to the Northwest Territories.

The "jumping" through the winter the distriction of the dist best advantage to the mine owners; in fact, the "jumping" through the winter the "pumping" through the winter the "pumping" through the district.

It would be interesting to know what has already been accomplished since the C.P.R. very nicely surveyed by Mr. Br took hold. The amount of ore smelted and who has followed the plan of the original survey in all essential particulars than any other argument could do the value of smelting to the country as an though the only title that there is to deal dustry. The figures, taken from the company's books, are as follows.

Silver, 187,649 ozs... Copper, 1,694,237 lbs. (at 16c.)... Lead, 755,840 lbs. (at \$4.20).... The expenditure in connection with the smelting operations was as follows:

A rough census of the town received.

 Pay roll
 \$ 146,444

 General expenses
 396,164

 Paid in ore
 694,238

All this vast amount of money has been

expended in the vicinity of Trail, for labor, principally, and in payment to mine own-The smelter itself and the entire smelting operations under the present administra ion are directed and managed by Mr. W H. Aldridge, who before coming to British in his present capacity, was the general managers of one of the largest smelting house, assuring an ample supply of this tleman who has earned for himself a re-

The Tangle At Atlin City.

Titles a Most Uncertain Quan. tity Until the Arrival of the

Pneumonia's Fatal Work--600d Prospects on Many Creeks.

Norman Rant, of Atlin, who saw the birth of the new camp and its capital and is as familiar with all its conditions as any man can be, is paying a brief visit to his home in this city, having left Atlin City just two weeks ago and completed a much-interrupted trip Monday evening, the City of Seattle having transferred him to the Laurada, and the Kingston having brought him from Seattle here. At Atlin, when he left, the miners

were already getting their sluice-boxes in shape and making other preparations for an early start of actual operations.

The tangle in connection with claim titles had not yet been cleared, it being found that Commissioner Graham does not possess the power to adjudicate upon the matters in is the matters in issue, and the camp now waiting for the arrival of a commissioner whom it is understood the government have appointed—either Mr. Justice Irving or an Eastern gentleman

he will find the task before him far from an easy one, as claim-jumping by wholesale has been the rule all the winter, the jumpers relying on the fact of the original owners proving besetting mining law.

law when the new gold fields first came

handle all the material available, and for as low figures as the best smelters in the United States.

the old creeks escaping more luckily than any others—Pine, Marsh, Birch and Spruce. As for Atlin City, the town has been

though the only title that there is to deal in as yet is the possession right, which it has been thought The rights for one lot on which a 10x12 896,986 cabin had been run up, changed hands 12,587 quite recently for a consideration of 271,077 \$525, and nowhere in the limits of quite recently for a consideration of \$525, and nowhere in the limits of the 31,745 town has less than \$100 been accepted A rough census of the town recently taken showed the present population of Atlin City to be in the neighborhood of 396,164 Atlin City to be in the neighborhood of 694,238 1,500 or 1,700, the alien bill having had the effect of greatly increasing the Canadian element, while taking away the majority of the pioneer American

ners. In the town premises, strange to say, tents largely predominate sawmills are running night and day, however, to supply the demand for lumber, and better buildings will unquestionably arise before the close of the present season. The winter witnecessity during the hot weather, while

Special Commissioner.

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Mr F ed Peters' 8 Officers of Regimen

From Our Own Correst Ottawa, April 21.-A mentary upon the slac of public affairs is the the first upon which ness had precedence but actually the twent; day of the session, th absolutely nothing to house, with the result 15 minutes spent in rou Premier had to move There was considerabl chaffing from the Cons at Sir Wilfrid's action. Mr. Fielding could no estimates will be down

speech delivered. The government's ac noon will enable the co the Liberals have advan ly that the long speech official crookedness dur the address were dela

Paeific Ca The Drummond Coun Pacific cable matters towards the end of Charles Tupper said he Charles Tupper said he gret a statement in the secretary for the colonies that Her Majesty's gove as yet agreed to the proments regarding the Pa suggested that the governments regarding the Pa suggested that the government of the subject. He thouse the government is a charles of the government of th Sir Wilfrid Laurie pro correspondence would be

Preferential Mr. McNeill, upon into supply, will move ressing regret that throne contained n the government has (in peated advances by orities) made any at the produce of Canada ment in the markets

Artful Lotteri The Royal Canadian A is petitioning parliament o-called art lotteries in

Eight-Hour I Major Beattie will intrestablish eight hours as the throughout Canada,

One Favored Vic The government was se task in the Senate to-d the steamer Stanley on to Prince Edward Island convey the Hon. F Georgetown. Mr. Prows the government's action extravagance, and espective reters is now a residen

A State Secre Senator Perley tried to of the production of Arc vin's letter to Sir Wilfrid plaining of the inadequa toba school settlement, h

Crow's Nest Runnin The Nelson & Bedlingto a notable victory to-day way committee of the granted it permission to Crow's Nest line for a d niles. If the two con agree upon the terms, the settle the matter in a mon The First Baltal

The militia general orde tain the following: Fifth I battalion-Major A. G. S command, and is perm the rank of major.
To be Major: Capt. R. Sargison, retired. Major rank senior to Major Hi To be Captain: Lieut. vice Monro, promoted. To be Second Lieutena ally: Capt. A. Martin, fr talion, Royal Grenadiers.

Anticosti Islan The correspondence relisland of Anticosti was pro-liament to-day. It contains of the solicitor-general, island has not been the scrown for 200 years. Th in the possession of M French subject, will not

expropriating it for milita COMMENT ON BROO Chief Liberal Organ Think

Local Man Should I Yukon Scanda

Toronto, April 21.—The pire says: "However muc of Comstock for Brockvill point the friends of clear government it is no surprisk now what has been going stituency during the seet of White made an able and h for the seat and is nanks of the best men