

A HUNDRED DROWNED OFF VANCOUVER COAST.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 24.—A great marine disaster has occurred near Carmanah, off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Patterson, the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale, wired that sixty persons had been drowned, and asked that assistance be rushed from Victoria at the earliest moment.

CANADIAN NEWS

Mill Hand Drowned at Point Wolfe, N. B. Was Probably Carried Over Dam and Out to Sea—West India Steamship Service.

SUSSEX, Jan. 26.—C. T. White received a telephone message from Point Wolfe this morning to the effect that one of his employees, Roland Lewis, was drowned there this morning about 11 o'clock.

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—Eustace Burke, Canadian commercial agent at Jamaica, reports, the department says, that it is presently reported there that the Elder Dempster Co. propose taking up the West India steamship service, including Jamaica, with a well equipped fleet of steamers, to run from Halifax and St. John in the winter months and Montreal in the summer.

HOCKEY SUPPLIES.

- Boys' Sticks, 15 Cents. Lifter, 45c. Boys' Indian Sticks, 20 Cents. Goal 45c. Rock Elm, 25c. Spaulding's Championship, 50c. Algonquin, 30c. Boys' Pucks, 15c. Iroquois, Best Quality 40c. Regulation Puck, 25c. Grooved, 45c. Spaulding's Official Puck, 30c. Shin Pads, 50cts. to \$1.80 per Pair. Goal Pads, \$1.50, \$2.10 and \$3.00 a Pair. Hockey by Farrell, 10 Cents.

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CREW ABANDONED GASOLINE BOAT Which is Probably Drifting In the Bay. No Further Word of Supposed Barge Adrift Near Digby—Schooner W. R. Humphrey Ashore.

DIGBY, N. S., Jan. 25.—M. B. King of Southwest Harbor, Me., writes asking if his gasoline fishing boat has been picked up and towed in here. The boat has two motor engines, Knox make.

At the same time Mr. Burke adds that the new line to New York is doing a big business and is taking part of the Canadian trade. The Canada Jamaica Co., on account of the development of trade between the colonies, are doing away with the chartered boats and building a fleet of their own.

COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER OBJECTED TO DOCUMENT Which Was Read by Counsel for Hon. W. S. Fielding at Yesterday's Proceedings.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 25.—Hon. W. S. Fielding called at the court house today to sign the evidence given by him in the election case examination of yesterday. When this was done, his counsel read a statement which he wished to have returned to the court along with the proceedings of the hearing.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 25.—The most interesting evidence adduced at the Greene-Gaynor trial today was in reference to a charge made by W. R. Curtis, who had been inspector on the work done by Greene and Gaynor, to the effect that Greene made an attempt to bribe him. This was in June, 1889.

EVIDENCE IN THE GAYNOR-GREENE CASE

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—At a conference which lasted all day the attorneys in the packers case were still trying, when evening arrived, to come to an agreement regarding the facts involved in the case. The jury was dismissed for the day early in the afternoon and Judge Humphrey was informed that if an agreement was reached it would be submitted to him in the morning.

PACKERS' CASE DRAGGING ON.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. B. FRUIT GROWERS.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 25.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association opened here this morning with President J. C. Gilman in the chair. There was a good attendance and the display of fruit, especially of apples was of an exceptionally high order.

At the Fruit Growers' Association session this afternoon, Prof. W. T. Macoun of the Horticulturist Experimental Farm, Ottawa, addressed the meeting on the causes of success and failure in fruit growing.

MAY ALLOW BALFOUR TO BE ELECTED UNOPPOSED

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Vote splitting between the Liberals and laborites in three-cornered contest for the Govan division of Lanarkshire have given the Unionists other gain. This, however, is only a temporary gain, including the defeat of Coningsby Danks in the Aittricham division of Cheshire, and the unseating of J. Parker Smith for the Patrick division of Lanarkshire.

UNABLE TO AGREE. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Counsel for the indicted meat packers and for the government were unable to agree tonight on a statement of facts concerning the action of Commissioner of Corporations James R. Garfield while investigating the beef industry, and it was decided that the trial before Judge Humphrey and a jury in his court should be again taken up tomorrow morning.

CRIPPLED BY KIDNEY DISEASE.

"I was troubled for years with kidney disease and Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have entirely cured me. When I began the use of these pills I could not go to the field and work like any other man."—Mr. W. H. Mosher, South Augusta, Greenville County, Ont. This statement is certified to by the Rev. E. H. Emmet, Baptist minister of Brookville, Ont.

Suits-to-Measure at \$12, \$13.50 and \$15.

As an inducement for Men to order their Spring Suits now, so that they can be made during the dull season, we will make from a fine assortment of Imported and Domestic Cloths, Men's Suits to Measure for \$12.00, \$13.50 and \$15.00. Samples sent on application.

J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring and Clothing, 199 and 207 Union St.

FREDERICTON MEN EXPECT WEALTH

FREDERICTON, Jan. 24.—One of the best known citizens of the town of Marysville passed away last night in the person of Alexander Brogan, who had been ill for only a short time. Mr. Brogan was out on Saturday last, but on Sunday he was taken ill with what later developed into pneumonia and congestion of the lungs, and death ensued last night at about ten o'clock.

COLE UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION Was Not in the Least Confused—Verdict May be Reached Tonight.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 25.—Edward P. Cole completed his story of his relations with John F. Stevens, of whose murder he is accused when the superior court opened this morning. The direct evidence was all in within half an hour after the court convened and the cross-examination was then begun by Judge Philbrook, the assistant attorney general of Maine. Up to noon the vigorous inquiry into the details of Cole's story had been without result and the prisoner was standing the ordeal calmly.

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KING ALFONSO IN GOOD HUMOR.

BIARRITZ, France, Jan. 25.—King Alfonso, travelling incognito as the Marquis of Covadonga, arrived here in an automobile this morning from San Sebastian and immediately visited the Princess Ena of Battenberg and her mother, at the Villa Mourisco, where they lunched together. His majesty appeared to be in a most joyful humor, graciously saluting the crowds along the roads. The proposal of marriage may occur Sunday or Monday, during the dowager queen's visit. In the meantime the king will visit the princess daily. The authorities have adopted the strictest precautions for the king's safety.