Complete Equipment—Due in March

In Watch

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there will be purchased two Austin bottom dump wagons.

One of the principal reasons the solons of Oak Bay have made this move is the determination on their part to keep the thoroughfares throughout the section in first-class repair. During the past few years a great deal of improvement work has been rendered necessary, largely on account, it is alleged, of the heavy automobile and tally-ho traffic during the summer months. Heretofore it has been difficult to obtain gravel of a satisfactory quality. Inasmuch as penditure on the required plant was March.

fully warranted by the prospects of the benefits that might be derived.

May

#### HAGGIS FROM VICTORIA HELD BY CUSTOMS September ....

Scots, of Seattle, Had Narrow Escape
From Losing Chief Dish of
Their Banquet

Total (11 mos.).\$5

"Vas is los, haggis?" he queried.
The manager scratched his head. He
must have haggis for St. Andrew's
nicht, and it was but four days distant. In despair he went to other
cooks. None had a speaking acquaintance with haggis. Then the manager
handed to and to Victoria. That was a little bit of England, he had read that somewhere, and wasn't England close to Scotland. Of course there were cooks in Victoria who knew this hag-gis. So the order came to Victoria for 25 pounds of haggis, which was to cost

The haggis was made and sent to Seattle where it arrived by the steam-er Princess Victoria on Wednesday last. Then the customs officers step-

And the hotel man tailed to secure de-livery. He appealed to the customs men in vain. They had never heard of haggis, and they said they would have known it if it had been good to

for the hotel man, and if there was any duty to pay, it would be paid. The customs men would not let it go.

Timber Returns

B. B. Johnston Deag.

Vancouver, Nov. 30.—B. B. Johnston, capitalist, one of the best known pioneer business men, died today after a shortly after the occurrence of the accident.

## MONTH'S CLEARINGS SHOW AN INCREASE

ity of Business Conditions in Victoria

provement here. A feature of the clearing return of Victoria for the year, as been the lack of those wide changes so noticeable in eastern cen-

4,848,161 4,422,859

Total (11 mos.) .\$50,417,635

On the steamer Princess Victoria when she came from Seattle yesterday a tale of a near-tragedy was told. It was the tale of how a St Andrew's banquet at Seattle was almost deprived of the "haggis" by an overzealous customs man. Preparations had been made to hold a banquet at the Washington hotel on St. Andrew's night and Manager Langton prepared a menu. The chef, however, had no acquaintance with haggis.

"J'nal comprend pas l'haggis," said the chef when the manager laid his plans before him; "what is it, this haggis?"

The assistant chef was summoned, and he had never heard of the Scottish

The duties collected at the Victoria customs house during the month past totalled \$82,816.78. The total revenue was \$95,864.78. Of this \$13,035 was collected in poll taxes and for certificates issued to Chinese.

They looked up the tariffs and on none of them was there any reference to haggis. It must be dutiable, they held. What was it anyhow Was it an explosive; perhaps it was an article of bric-a-brac and liable to heavy duty. Anyhow it was of foreign manufacture—of that they were certain And the hotel man feet was a step
Building Permits Issued.

Building permits have been issued to erected on Hillside avenue to cost \$300; to Joseph Levy for a dwelling on Government street, to cost \$1,500; to C. H. Bones for additions to a dwelling on Government street to cost \$200 and to P. R. Brown, in the street of the street o

The Oak Bay district is being built up with unusual rapidity. During the past few months many permits have been issued for handsome homes and, The hotel manager hurried out to secure friends and all marched to the customs men. The friends would vouch has received three applications for the results of the manager hurried out to within the last several days, J. S. Floyd, the clerk of the municipality, has received three applications for the results. permits. Two emanated from the British and Canadian Land Company, who propose erecting a couple of bungalows costing \$3,400 and \$3,500 respectives. They were not sure, they said, that laggis was an edible, anyhow. They weren't going to be fooled.

Eventually someone got a bright idea. He hurried out and brought a dictionary.

Flowers Still Bloom In Open. December the first and the very be-binning of the winter season proper was signalized, as was not at all inap-E. hack. Formed perhaps in imitation of the F. hachis (E. hash), A Scotch pudding made of the heart, liver, lights, etc., of a sheep or lamb, minced with suet, onions, oatmeal, etc., highly seasoned, and boiled in the stomach of the same animal; minced head and pluck. (Written also haggiss, haggess and haggies.)

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## EXECUTIVE OF UNION

Oak Bay Council Has Ordered Bank Figures Indicate Stabil- The Members Have Interviews Man Missing Since November With Attorney-General

with the club question, and that the government intended to introduce legislation on the subject at the next session of the legislature.

Another important matter is the destined change in the tenure of office by mayors or reeves and aldermen. The union wants this extended to two years, as they believe that experience has demonstrated that the present sysem prevents anything like continuity of policy in important matters. The proposal is that the mayor shall be elected for two years, but that the aldermen, while sitting for two years, shall half of them retire from office anmally. The suggestion also carries in force the new scheme should be submitted to a referendum of the voters at the previous annual election.

Mr. Bowser was not prepared to give the delegation any answer on this matter before the executive by whom it would be carefully considered.

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#### \$50,926,346 DORA SIEWERD HOME FROM BERING SEA

Last of the Local Fleet Returns Home With 575 Skins From Northern Waters

(From Wednesday's Daily) The sealing schooner Dora Siewerd, of the Victoria Sealing company, Capt. Heater, which was stormbound at Heater, which was stormbound at Ahousaht, has returned with 575 seal-skins, last of the sealing fleet from Victoria to return to port. The fleet of eight schooners took 4,440 sealskins and 35 sea otters, while the 38 schooners from Japan took 11,000 sealskins and over a hundred sea otters. The Dora Siewerd took the second highest catch made within Bering sea, where she remained later than most of the schooners. The schooner remained until late in October, and although there were few opportunities for sealing, each occasion the boats were lowing, each occasion the boats were low-ered was profitable. In two lowerings in October the schooner took 150 seal-

#### ANTILOCHUS WILL CARRY MANY CHINESE

Funnel Liner Will Sail Today From Outer Wharf For Far East and Liverpool

Tse steamer Antilochus, of the Blue Funnel line, will sail from the outer Funnel line, will sail from the outer wharf today after loading some whale oil and salmon, and embarking several hundred Chinese. It is expected that between 300 and 400 Chinese will be taken by the Blue Funnel steamer. Chinese have been assembling in Victoria for the past week from points as far east as Newfoundland awaiting the sailing of the big Blue Funnel liner. The officials of the Chinese department at the costoms house have been busily engaged for the past few days in listing and issuing certificates to the homing Chinese. The identification marks of each are listed. If there is a scar or pit, or any distincation marks of each are listed. If there is a scar or pit, or any distinguishing mark it is noted. One man, for instance, was described: "Five feet three inches in height, baid on top of head; scar at both sides of forehead; pits at left corner of mouth." Each man is listed to avoid any substitution on the return, each of the homegoers being entitled to come back free of head tax within twelve months of the time of departure.

some hours on Monday night on the reef between Trial island and the shore. She was floated at high water yesterday morning without much in-jury being sustained.

# NO TRACE FOUND OF

1 Cannot Be Located By

has been worrying over an illness which he had and that he was subject to hallucinations. He often remarked to friends that he was sure the police vere following lifth and on more than one occasion he declared that not only the police but also others were dogging his footsteps. The was of a quiet disposition, rarely had much to say and never gave aff explanation of his suspicious that he was heine followed. was endeavoring to get hold of his money. An investigation made by his brother and the police shows that in a local bank, and in banks in Wapella and Winnipeg, Knowles had on deposit about \$14,000 in cash while he had a large amount out on mortgage in the cast and was nossessed of consider. east and was possessed of considerable real estate in Victoria, Wapella and Winnipeg.

Since his arrival here in September he had made arrangements to bring out his sister to reside with him and had purchased a residence on Work street which he was furnishing. Be-fore leaving Wapella to come here his brother, James Knowles, received a To Support Society.

Victoria Typographical union at its regular meeting held on Sunday last, passed a resolution favoring the maintenance of the provincial tuberculosis sanitarium being paid for by the provincial government out of the public revenue.

Building Permits Issued.

## C.P.R. WILL FIGHT FOR PACIFIC TRADE

Schedule of Rates Lower Than Opposition Rates Will Take Effect on Friday

The report published some time ago that the C.P.R. will take advantage of the position which has arisen in the Pacific and will not advance its freight rates as the other systems have done, with the exception of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, following the enforcement of the interstate commerce commission's regulations providing that the shares of railroad and steamer in through freight rates be published, is confirmed in a despatch from Chicago which tells of the filing of the new export and import tariff of the C.P.R. with the exception of the Nippon Yusen Kalsha, following the enforcement of the laterstate commerce commission's regulations providing that the shares of railroad and steamer in through freight rates be published, is confirmed in a despatch from Chicago which tells of the filing of the new export and import tariff of the C.P.R., which becomes effective on Friday next. The new schedule practically reafirms the old rates. The other transcontinental systems have filed tariffs in which the ocean freight rate is added to the domestic charges to Pacific coast terminal. The United States railroads formerly gave a rate Pacific coast terminal. The United States railroads formerly gave a rate much lower than those imposed on domestic freights to the seaboard to through shipments and when the ruling was made that both the land and ocean rates must be published the railroads fearing objection on the part of domestic shippers advanced the railroad share of the through freights to meet those charged on domestic shipments. The C.P.R. alone of the railway systems has not made an advance. Owning its own railroad and steamship service the Canadian system is in a refer to the charged rates became effective reduced the ocean rates to meet the advances made to the during the fact that the statements made by the Japanese papers are purely imaginary, Mr. Yukawa said his personal opinion is that the practice of granting subsidies is necessary if efficient communication with the outside world is to be maintained. As to the details, the marine bureau was sparing no efforts by way-of investigation. Mr. Uchida, who had gone abroad for the express purpose of collecting data on the subject, was expected back very shortly, and the information he brough home would decide the future policy of the government. Until his report was submitted nothing definite would be decided."

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Christmas Fruit Cake, delicious, per 1b. ......35¢ Chrystalized Fruits, per box, Glace Cherries, per lb.... 75¢ Chrystalized Angelica, per Fancy Boxes Chocolates, fine for gifts, 75c, 50c, 40c, 25c, and ..... 10¢ Bon-Bons, per box, \$1.00, 75c, 50e, 35c, and .... 25¢ Christmas Stockings, each, 50c, 25c, and......10¢ Xmas Tree Candles, per box, Xmas Tree Candle Holders, and Xmas decorations, per yard ...... 10¢ Xmas Tree Ornaments, per box ...... 25¢ Pears, 3 tins ......25¢ Tomatoes, large tins....10¢ Blue Funnel Scotch, per bottle ..... \$1.25

Rye, per bottle, \$1.25, \$1.00, Dry Gin, per bottle, \$1.00 and ..... 50¢ Gilbey's Spey Royal, per bottle ..... \$1.25 Gilbey's Strathmill, per bot-Port Wine, per bottle, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, and ......50¢ Gilbey's Invalid Port, per Gilbey's Castle Sherry, per bottle ..... \$1.25 Burgundy, per bottle ... \$1.50 Rhine Wine, per bottle, Wines and Liquors by the

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A recent Montreal despatch says in this regard: A big rate war is likely to be inaugurated on the Pacific ocean between the C.P.R. and a big Japanese line. The Capadian Pacific will take up the gauntlet thrown down by the Nippon Yusen Kalsha in its reduction of seventeen per cent. In through freight rates from the Far East to the Pacific coast. The fight is for supremacy on the north Pacific route, which rests practically between Canadian and Japanese steamships. The Canadian road, through the exceptionally favor-able position in which it stands as the owner of a through transcontinental railway as well as the owner of the Empress line of steamers and on account of its being independent as regards this traffic of the ruling of the American interstate commerce commission, has been able to develop a most beneative commission, has been able to develop a mission, has been able to develop a most lucrative carrying trade in silks and teas. The Nippon company has been able to cut down rates through cheap labor and cheaper food that will satisfy its crews but it must hand its traffic over to the American railways at Seattle or any other Pacific port in which it may establish itself. This puts it still in an inferior position as regards the entire through rate when the silks and teas reach their ultimate destination whether it be New York or London.

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GEORGIA CARRYING WHEAT FOR MEXICO

Continental ports for local merchants. Capt. Worsnop, general manager of the line was advised that the Lonsdale has 300 tons of European cargo for Victoria and Vancouver. The freight left Liverpool by one of the Atlantic liners plying to Puerto Mexico on November 1st, and had it not been for the delay caused by the necessity of making repairs to the Lonsdale following her collision would have been landed in Victoria in 44 days. The Lonsdale is expected here about December 17. cember 17.

H. C. Walrond, of the Canadian-Mexican line, and Mrs. Walrond, are among the passengers of the Georgia.

Mr. Walrond is going to Mexican ports to look over the business prospects of

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS ARE NOT EXCLUDED

WHEAT FOR MEXICO

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Lonsdale Leaves Salina Cruz With the First Shipment of European Freight for Victoria

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The steamer Georgia of the Canadian Mexican line, which is to sali from the outer wharf, this morning is taking the first grain shipment sent from British Columbia ports to Mexico. The grain, brought from Calgary, is the first of several shipments booked for the steamers of the Canadian-Mexican line. A low thorough freight is given in order to work up a business and it is expected that a large demand for Canadian grain will result. The Georgia has practically a full cargo, a From New Westminster and Sidney mills she has 1,500,000 feet of lumber, and there are shipments of sacked grain, box shooks, salmon and general freight, filling the greater part of the freight space. Twelve passengers will be taken to Mexican ports of whom two are bound to England by way of the Tehuantapec railroad and one of the steamers plying from the Atlantic terminus of the isthmian railroad to Liverpool.

The steamer Lonsdale, which has the first of the first

Girl Electrocuted

Syracuse, N.Y., Nov. 30.—Mary Maloney, 20 years old, a domestic, was electrocuted today while dusting an electric fixture. Her employer, at the risk of her life, pulled the girl from the fixture to which she was clinging. The coroner believes that Mass Maloney's shoes were wet, and that, standing on a register, a complete circuit was made when her hand touched the fixture with defective insulation,

"White Slaves" Deported Chicago, Nov. 30.—The first deportation of alien "white slaves" as a result of the government's crusade began today, when Daniel D. Davies, chief immigration inspector at Chicago, left the city for New York with five French women. The women will be sent back to France. They were brought here by Alphonse and Eva Dufour, who, following a raid, escaped to Paris, forfeiting their bonds.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—A young woman named Jessie Wilkinson, was placed under arrest on Saturday accused of a series of clever forgeries. The victims were a large number of retail merchants and others who cashed worth-less cheques.

Through Canadian Woods. Albany, N.Y., Nov. 30.—James S. Whipple, state forest, fish and game commissioner, returned today from a trip through the woods of Northern Canada. Mr. Whipple investigated the Canadian system of forest fire protection, took a large number of photographs and killed a moose,

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