

LIBERALS ABANDONED

STEAMERS ON SKEENA

**Schooner Mermaid Making a Rich
Harvest of Seals—Willapa**

To quote a well-known resident of Port Simpson, now visiting Victoria, there

the Hudson's Bay Company and one to be under the management of an English syndicate. From the manner in which

a rush into the Omineca country this year, several large parties having already started out with the intention of going

the Greece trail, leading inland from the Naas river. Port Simpson business men have big expectations of what a mining excitement will do for them this coming

navigation on the river, basing their calculations on a mild and open winter, which they regard as a hopeful sign of the ice all disappearing with the first

wharf accommodation for the steamer belonging to the syndicate referred to, which, according to the same authority, will be the finest that has been plied on the line.

OFF FOR THE NORTH.

A little freight for nearly all Northern British Columbia canneries was to be found in the steamer Willapa's hold

be followed later by cannery material, that is, tin, lead, etc. The steamer goes as far north as the Naas, but will not cross to the Queen Charlotte islands

Miss Norris, R. Chambers, Mr. Willy, W. Reed, Mrs. S. A. Spencer and Mr. Robertson and family.

GOING TO ATLIN.

Among the freight she will receive here is a consignment of twelve dogs going through to the Atlin country. Several passengers will embark here also going

party of seven young men from Racine who came up to Victoria to outfit.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Queen City, after being in port just 24 hours, left again for coast

Capt. Le Blanc, of the sealing schooner Mermaid, stands in a fair way to become

The four-masted ship City of Madras, which is under charter to load at Moody-

stormy voyage and having lost one man overboard.

SPEAKER REED.

Hope in the Country.
Speaker Reed is described by the Washington correspondents as a pessimist. They

Never a voluminous talker, he is growing more taciturn as the years go by. A few years ago he was impressed with his own importance, and he thought he could see into the future. The progress of events

division, and he is, therefore, disappointed. He was opposed to helping the Cubans, and Cuba is free. He was opposed to a war with Spain, yet the war came, with its opportunities for the display of American prowess.

expansion, but in spite of his opposition the administration has committed the republican party to the support of that "baneful policy," as he described it on one occasion. About the time Mr. McKinley defeated

zines. One of these articles, a very strong paper, by the way, was entitled "Empire Must Wait." It opposed the annexation of Hawaii and the expansion policy generally. The speaker urged that our strength as a

ation. He declared that we would make a mistake by adding insular possessions to our territory. It would be better, he thought, to devise a system of irrigation which would open up for cultivation the

perhaps we might take in Mexico and Canada annexing to be done, he suggested that Beyond that he was not willing to go. It would be time enough, he urged, at the middle of the next century for this govern-

The article was intended as a sort of prophecy. It was written less than three years ago, and it seems almost inconceivable that in so short a time the republic has become an empire.

his command to prevent the annexation of Hawaii. He would not permit the Cuban resolutions to be acted on last spring until a republican faction in the house threatened to revolt against his despotic rule. So

which swept over the country during the war with Spain never touched him. Never by word, written or spoken, did he show any enthusiasm over the victories achieved at Manila and Santiago. All his comments

...ase by this government of 2,000,000 Malays at \$2 per head. He has taken no pains to conceal his disgust with the "whole expansion business."

pointed his friends. Although failing to sympathize with the purposes of the administration in the establishment of a colonial policy, he has done nothing recently to interfere with the plans of Brazilian

White House without a word of complaint. It is suggested that he has maintained a neutral position because of his desire to retain the speakership. There has been at times some talk of opposition to his re-election.

"There's two gentlemen pining for you, pretty lady," said the fortune teller; "but you won't get either of them," she adds, as the pretty lady passes by without stopping.
