## STS BUILDINGS - ERECTE PREPARING FOR WAR

and Carpenters and Masons Kept Fair Busy in Victoria During the Past Year.

ga t A Number of Large Euclness Blos and Neat Residences Built in the City.

> Building operations in Victoria duri 1896 were more general and extens than for a number of years previous True the aggregate cost of buildings less than that of last year, but this accounted for by the fact that the ar ount expended on the new parliam buildings and the new post office less than last year. In 1895 or \$260,000 was expended on those publi uildings while in 1896 the amount

> \$200,000. The most important buildings erecte in 1896 by private enterprise are th Leiser and the Yates Blocks. Th former is a handsome three-ste brick structure, on the corner of Yat street and Waddington alley. It w erected by Simon Leiser & Co., and the whole building is being utilized by th firm for their ever increasing wholesa As will be seen from t

> subjoined list, the cost is \$20,000. The Yates Block erected by M James Yates at a cost of \$15,000, con tains three stories and a basement. is annexed to the building occupied by Turner, Beeton & Co. on Wharf street and will be used by that firm. Mr. Ewart was the architect for bot these blocks and Mr. Thos. Catteral, th contractor for the Yates building a Messrs. Humber & Sons for the Leis

Another handsome structure which nearing completion is the new Bank Montreal. Mr. F. M. Rattenoury the architect and McGregor & Jee the contractors. The cost is \$40,30 It is a three-story corner block and built of stone.

Extensive alterations and addition were made to St. Joseph's Hospital an St. Ann's Convent at a cost of \$25.00 and \$7000 respectively. The addition to the Jubilee Hospital also cost \$3,50 During the year there were also a nur ber of neat and comfortable residence erected all of which shows the Victorians are doing fairly espite the general cry of hard times. Mr. W. W. Northcott, the city bui ing inspector, furnishes the following list of buildings erected during the ye William Anderson, small house

on Baronet street ......\$ Frank Armstrong, addition to Barnsley & Co., new store front 

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od, alterations to Accernment Builds Your mended .. Holmes, frame house, Dunedin street...

Mrs. A. Hiscocks, house, Oak Bay avenue.... oro Bay Road. William Jackson, addition to dwelling, Carr street.. .... Jubilee Hospital, ward build-Mrs. M. Kimmenski, dwelling

Archer Martin, The Province Geo. C. Mesher, frame building South Turner street..... Mocre & Whittington, house on Pandora street..... Moody, alterations to store,

Yates street... D. McKay, frame house, King-Norris, frame house, Chat-. & J. Parfitt, house, Fern-James Porter, brick building,

H. H. Roper, house, Milne St. Mrs. S. Robson, house, Stanley D. Spencer, alterations, Government street..... John Spears, frame house, on estunt street. C. J. V. Spratt, brick building,

Store street Thos. Shaw, boiler shop, Pembroke street . . St. Ann's Convent, brick addi-

Joseph's Hospital, addition Spencer, barn on Parry St. G. Tiarks, frame dwelling, er, nd

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inese Revolutionary Party to Establish Their Headquarters in Chicago.

Sun Yat Sen to Visit America After he Has Organized His Party in Europe.

ormation of the Chinese Empire the Object of the Powerful Party.

nicago, Dec. 30 .- According to Wong Foo, editor of the Chinese News, convenient island in the south Rooms for the junta have already monster tug. engaged in this city, and the Monof Sun Yat Sen to set the machinery sail for America within two or weeks, where he will confer with lers of the Chinese reform party in country.

MISS WILLARD BETTER.

Has, However, Given up Her Proposed Trip to the Coast.

astile, N. Y., Dec. 29.-In answer to many inquiries as to the health of Frances E. Willard, Dr. C. A. en, her physician, has authorized the ication of a statement to the effect Miss Willard has constantly imved in health and is now very much er than she was when she returned England. She has at no time sufany relapse, and all the campaign that she has abandoned is the givof her propesed trip to California. has been at no time a collapse vital and mental energies.

INTIMIDATION CHARGED. g Left Undone to Try and De feat Liberal Candidates.

ew York, Dec. 29 .- A special distch from Montreal to the Evening t says: A very interesting election will come up for hearing at Three s, in this province, to-morrow. The will principally hinge on undue cleriinfluence, and Bishop La Fleche, of Rivers, and seventeen of his and vicars are mentioned in the particulars. It is alleged that delivered sermons from the t declaring that the Liberal party composed of impious, revolutionary of athiests professing doccondemned by the church, and ning the faithful with spiritual es if they voted for the Liber

ase is exciting much interest in and clerical circles, as it is the ime in this Catholic province the actions of a bishop and his have been challenged.

CUBANS' HOME RULE.

Has Decided Upon an Enlarged Plan of Autonomy.

shington, Dec. 29.—From official es a denial is made of the statethat the Spanish premier has sent ecretary Olney a communication acng the mediation of the United s in carrying out a plan of autonfor Cuba. It is said no such letas been sent nor has anything of nature passed through the Spanflicials here. Negotiations toward rule have proceeded for some s and the last phases of these neions indicated an enlargement of, ome rule laws adopted by the sh cortes last year, but not put These enlargements execution. ce the election of the entire Cu-congress instead of a mixed conof fifteen members and fifteen ited by the Queen Regent and also implete control by Cuba of her The latest statement regarding

intentions in respect to the paast phase of them, Spain having ed on a considerably more liberal nent of reforms than the old one, nich the latest publication on the subject had reference. As yet, ver, negotiations with respect to plarged reforms are tentative. The of them has not been received at ington thus far, and the informa-

on them is of a general nature. UCTIMS OF THE WRECK.

Number has Been Increased to wenty-four-Bodies Recovered.

Louis, Dec. 29.-A special to the lie from Birmingham, Alo., says eath list from the wreck at Cahiver, whereby a Birmingham Minrailroad train dropped through a

110 feet high, on the Southern has grown to twenty-four. ludes the death of W. D. Rast, se foreman, who was killed in a wreck, which resulted from a of construction trains at the f the first disaster, six hours afbridge catastrophe.

ty-one bodies were taken from aba river, and since then it has ertained that S. W. Tibbs and boarded the ill-fated train at for Adger, are missing. Tibbs vife had been on a visit to the ather, residing near Guerney and boarded the train Since hing has been seen or heard of so far as can be ascertained.

Their bodies were not found in the wreck, and their absence can only be accounted for by the fact that they must have been burned up in the

Andrew Bryson, of Blocton, one of injured passengers, died at the hospital in this city to-night. He was frightfully mangled. When the train made the plunge Bryson was caught between the limbs of a tree about twenty-five feet above the river bed. Flames from the burnt cars below brought him to a consciousness of his perilous position. He was extricated and fell into the river in two feet of water. He then pulled himself underneath a large rock and, protected to some extent by the running water, escaped the flames.

SEARCHLIGHTS FOR TUGS.

Puget Sound Company to Provide Their

Boats with Them. Port Townsend, Dec. 30 .- The Puget Sound Tugboat Company is having installed on the tug Tyee-which is now is to become the headquarters at Taylor street wharf-an electric light Chinese revolutionary junta. This plant with sufficient capacity for fifty plans the overthrow of the present lights on the basis of sixteen candle se dynasty by an armed invasion power each, which is more than will be needed at any one time on board the

The company is also having built a ns here are now awaiting the com- special searchlight of three thousand candle power, which consumes about 10 operation which is to open China to amperes of current. This machine is stern civilization. Sun Yat Sen is the so mounted that, when placed in posiamperes of current. This machine is estial revolutionist who was recently tion, it will cover about two-thirds of napped in the streets of London and the compass, thus casting its ray al se release was effected by Lord Sal- most around the tug, with the excepary. He is now collecting money and tion of the stern quarter, which is esanizing his followers in England. He timated taking in about a third of the

This machine is capable of throwing ong Cing Foo, of Chicago, and other its ray forward, port or starboard, a distance of three miles, that objects may be distinguished and the rig of vessels, whether bark, ship or schooner can be plainly discerned at a distance of one and a half miles. It can flash forth an illuminated body of light at any angle, up or down.

Special set of reflectors has been provided which condenses the current thus causing a one hundred-fold intensification of the light on this machine, which is considered by those who have seen it, especially tug boat captains, to be an important agent in locating a vessel's whereabouts during dark and dreary nights on the Sound, particularly so should the compass on board be out of gear.

It will undoubtedly be an agency of much saving to the tug boat company in the consumption of fuel, for in dark and heavy weather the tug having these searchlights can ascertain if any sailing craft is within a distance of three miles instead of steaming around at night in quest of vessels that need a tow, which means the consumption of a large amount of coal and a big exense to the company.

Yet, from a still more important point the use of the searchlight will nights to see vessels that may be in distress or piled on the rocky shores of Cape Flattery. Many have been the occasions heretofore when the use of located a distressed or disabled vessel, had organized in the county of and been the cause of saving many plain a general system of cam- lives and valuable property; and occang against the Liberal candidate siens just as important are apt to occur again. The saving of one ship under such circumstances as these would reimburse the tug boat company many times more than the total cost of installing similar machines aboard the seven tugs of the company.

tugs of the company with similar lights.

GUERILLA WARFARD.

New York, Dec. 30.-A dispatch the World from Key West says:
A recent massacre by General Melzuioz's troops in western Cuba is dean insurgent leader. In a little hamlet forty miles north of Pinar del Rio dwelt about 75 people, most of them old and all non-combatants. The lived from hand to mouth, having a few cattle and some small cane fields and truck farms.

Spanish guerillas, commanded Pierronto, visited the place a fortnight ago. All the people were assembled and searched for valuables, the women and girls being subjected to indignitles. Not finding as much as they wanted, the guerillas shot two young men, pre tending that they were Spanish desert ers. Six others were tied to trees and terribly whipped. Two young women were tied to trees, their backs bared and the lash applied because they resisted the advances of the soldiers. Their screams so aroused the anger of the other women that they made a ombined attack on the guerillas with lubs. The guerillas easily beat them off and fired indiscriminately among em, killing 15 or 20 men and women and two young children. The others escaped, though the Spanish murderers

fired at them as long as they were in The guerillas then fired the houses throwing the dead bodies in the buildings, drove off the cattle, destroyed the crops and trampled their horses over the potato patches, so nothing in the way of food could be had. These poor people, without food or shelter, took up their abode in the foot hills, building themselves huts of branches and grass. Some have died of exposure and not more than thirty of the seventy-five

now survive. The letter told of other outrages, and stated that for miles and miles where formerly were happy homes and flour-ishing fields, not a house nor a living being is to be seen.

OLD 7 /1 1 (3 13 . A Grand Army Man Crosses Swords with Heart Disease and Wins a Glorious Victory With the Aid of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart.

Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart can not be over-estimated, says H. M. Musselman, a well known G. A. R. man of Weisport, Pa., and he continues: My allments were palpitation and fluttering of the heart. I used two bottles of your valuable cure and feel like a new man. I have taken bottles and bottles of other medicines without help. I introduce it to my friends at every opportunity pos-sible. It is a great medicine. Inside of

Hon Mr. Laurier Replies to Criticism of Conservatives on the Settlement.

Papers Which Were Ready to Accept Tupper Compromise Charge Treason.

But the Charges do Not Annoy Premfer-Banquet Adjourned at an Early Mour.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier last evening was one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind that has been held in this city. The attendance was very large, among those present, besides the guest of honor and all the leading Liberals of Montreal, being Hons. R. W. Scott, W. S. Fielding, Sidney Fisher, Sir H. G. Joly, J. Israel Tarte, Thomas Greenway, W. Paterson, Str Richard Cartwright, Dr. Borden, L. H. Davies, W. Mulock, C. A. Geoffrion, Senator Power, and Senator Thibaudeau. The toast list was not reached until after ten o'clock. The Premier spoke for Referring to the attitude of those

who claim the concessions in the Manitoba school settlement are insufficient, the Premier said: "And what is the reason they give? This-that according to the judgment of the Supreme Court of the Empire, the Catholics of Manitoba had the right, not simply to such concessions, but to complete restoration of separate schools as they existed before 1890? That is the language used to-day by the leaders of the Conservative party, language we heard from them in Cornwall and Stormont. That is the reasoning they presented to the electorate of that county, but through the sophistry of which the people penetrated. If it be true that the highest tribunal of the Empire by its judgment prescribed as a moral duty of the fedral parliament to re-establish separate schools, why in the name of common sense did the late government, in the month of March last, offer to compromise with the Manitoba government on enable the captains of tugs in dark this very question? The compromise they offered gave Catholics much less than had been granted by the concess sions to which the Manitoba governsuch powerful illuminators would have ment consented, and the same press which to-day attacks us, which denounces us as heretics and traitors to our race and religion, because we have accepted these concessions, was prepared to accept that compromise offered by the late government."

Hon. Mr. Laurier's closing remarks were as follows: "The reason which continue the state of war and animosity which paralyzed our national progress, and for having acted thus I have in-Conservative press. I do not believe, gentlemen, that disturbance in such a scribed in a letter received to-day from quarter prevents me from sleeping, or in the slightest degree troubles my repose. I read in the Conservative press charges of treason: that press continu ally reminds me the rock is not far from the capitol. Their attacks and this language are not new in history. At every period when in a time of a politi cal crisis, there were found men who then unsolvable, these men have been called traitors for not doing what it was

not possible to accomplish. There were 855 gentlemen in attendance at the banquet, which was adurned when the programme was only half through on account of the news of Archbishop Fabre's death. Mr. Greenway did not speak till 1 o'clock.

NEW MOTIVE POWER.

An Invention That it is Said Will Re-Place Steam

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.-J. G. Keller, of Mankato, Minn., has applied for a patent for an invention which he says will take the place of steam engines and electric motors. The device is called a hydraulic motor and the principal upon which it works is the natural one which causes lighter substances than water to rise to the surface. An endless chain of small air-tight tanks is placed over two sprocket wheels in such a manner that on one side it will pass upward through a large tank of water. As each tank enters the water from below through a water tight valve it will be forced to the surface by the superior weight of the water and in this way the chain will be kept in perpetual motion, revolving the sprocket wheels to which shafts are attached. Thus, if the claims of the inventor are frue the mo tor will run on indefinitely without fuel. He claims that the first cost will be less than that of a steam engine, while the operating expenses will be so small that all other motive powers will be driven constructed.

ANOTHER AMERICAN PRISONER Secretary Olney Asked to Use his Influence for Dr. Belancourt.

New York, Dec. 31.-The World this morning says: "Cuban sympathizers in New York have sent to Secretary Olney a formal appeal that the state of the Cuban junta in New York. Lo-

renzo Belancourt, the prisoner's son, lives in this city. He said to a reporter last night: "The Belancourt family is one of the oldest in Cuba. For more than two hundred years the Belancourts have been the principal landholders in Cameguay. Several are included in the Spanish nobility. My father was only 17 years old when the Lopez revolution began in 1851. He joined it, was captured and condemned to be shot escaped to this country and lived here up to a few years ago. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania college of Den tal Surgery and practiced in Boston and New Orleans. He married Miss Crowler, of Albany. In the last ten years' war much of his property in Cuba was destroyed by the Spanish. It was only to prosecute his claim for damages that he finally went to Havana. His naturalization paper was issued in 1872. attribute his arrest principally to the fact that he was outspoken in his admiration of everything American, in it-Montreal, Dec. 31.-The banquet to self enough to make Spanish officials hate him. He is 66 years old and infirm. He cannot long survive in Moro dungeons.'

AFRAID OF CANADA

Merchant Tailors of Buffalo Want Canadian Goods Shut Out.

Buffalo, Dec. 30.-The merchant tailors have decided that, as it seems to be the fashion for everyone on this side of the line to do all they can against Canada, they will follow suit. They have in consequence had a meeting and subscribed considerable money to send delegates to Washington, who will appear before the ways and means committee and draw attention to the fact that American tailors in the border towns are suffering from Canadian competition. They claim that it is quite a common practice for residents to take a flying trip to some Canadian city and bring back with them sufficient clothing to last

JAPANESE COMPETITION

Samples of Canned Meats Sent From Japan to Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 30.-Japan is sending samples of canned meat to this country. An entry was made vesterday at the local customs house of several cases of canned meats brought from Yokohama by the Northern Pacific Steamship Braemar. The duty on the goods was 20 per cent.

This sample shipment is significant. Almost everything is canned in Japan, and sharp competition in that line may be looked for by the American manufacturer. While Japanese canners are sending their goods here, the compliment is being returned. A consignment of can-

MEXICAN HARBORS.

Large Amount of Money to be Spent in Improving Them.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30.—The Mexican Government, recognizing the increasing importance of its west coast the improvement of Coatzacoalcos and Salina Cruz, the eastern and western terminii of the Tehuantepec road. The move to improve the harbors is caused 1896 at \$1,926,729,000. said, by the rapidity of railroad building toward the Mexican Pacific If the searchlight on this tug works made me accept this legislation, on coast, which will open up a fertile satisfactorily it is believed that all the these concessions made to our compational country and develop a large commerce accordance with the government's plans an eminent engineer. Arthur V. Wrotnowski, has been sent to the western curred disgrace at the hands of the determine which shall be improved and to what extent.

> SUGGESTED A COMPROMISE. Alleged That General Gomez Appealed

> > to Campos to End the War.

New York, Dec. 31 .- A special to the World from Madrid says: "The Tiempo publishes the alleged text of a letter addressed by Maximo Gomez to Marshal Campos at the end of January, had the courage to solve problems, until 1895, a few days before General Campos left Cuba, to which Campos replied that he could do nothing as he had resigned his commission, but would communicate the letter to his successor. The letter ran thus: "General, as you are a gentleman, and owing to your high qualities deserve the sympathy of the whole country, I appeal to you. I would not do so to any other person representing the authority of Spain on the Island. We must all lament the shedding of blood and the ruin of Cuha For my part I would wish to contribute to stopping so much desolation. If you can find some means for working out peace,

have no scruples in telling me, because I will make any sacrifice to devise on my side some form of compromise. Strangely enough General Campos was not allowed to carry out the home rule of Gomez which might have checked the uprising. Most Spaniards, especially the Liberals, cannot help thinking now how practical and politic it would be under the present instance to send the gallant marshal back to Cuba There is a widespread rumor in military circles that General Weyler probably will be recalled and will be succeeded by Marshal Primo de Riveria, captaingeneral of Madrid, who will have two able assistants in the persons of Lieut.-Generals Macia and Correa.

STABBING AT ROSSLAND.

Italian Harpist Uses a Razor on Clement J. Hancock. Rossfand, Dec. 30 .- At an early hour

this morning a serious stabbing affray took place in the barroom of the Interout of use. Hydraulic motors to fur national hotel. Victor Capobianca, an nish any horse-power required can be Italian harpist, was on a spree all the evening, and about five in the morning got into a quarrel with Clement J. Hancock. Drawing a razor he attacked Hancock viciously and cut him across the head and arm. Officer Webb, who saw the scuffle, attempted to arrest the infuriated Italian; but, as he had no wear pon, was at a disadvantage, and the Italian succeeded in getting out to the street, when he made a dash down Spo kene street and thence along Columbia avenue. Officer Webb kept after him partment exert its influence in behalf of avenue. Officer Webb kept after him Dr. Casparada Belancourt, arrested in and finally knocked him down with a 30 minutes after the first dose I had Havana on suspicion of being an agent club. Hancock's condition is still critical.

Hon. Mr. Borden and Major Kitson, the New Commandant Have a Conference.

Mr. Martin's Application for a Charter for a stailway Through the Crow's Nest Pass.

The Premier and Ministers Return to the Capital from Montreal This Afternoon.

Ottawa, Dec. 31-(Special)-Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, and Major Kitson, commander of the Kingston Military College, had their first conference at 2:30 to-day in the minister's office of the militia department. Charles Herbert, caretaken of the

Calgary immigrant building, has been dismissed. Hon. Mr. Laurier and the other ministers returned from Montreal this af-

lency's reception in the senate to-mor-Archer Martin, solicitor, Victoria, makes application in to-morrow's Canada Gazette for a charter for a railway from Lethbridge through Crow's Nest Pass to the Columbia river and

or straits of Georgia. The fisheries department is advised that a Newfoundland company proposes to exploit the whale fishery off the Labrador coast.

thence westerly to near the Fraser river

The corporation of Ottawa intends to ask the Dominion government for a new financial arrangement with the city Communications have been sent to the principal capitals of the empire, and the replies have been received from London, Dublin and Edinburgh respectively. mmunications are expected shortly from the Australian and South African

colonies. The sub-committee of the council the Dominion rifle association has deeided to recommend one set of plans for the proposed Bisley building as coming within the requirements of the conditions both as regards appearance and

The city council presented a collegiate institute boy, Douglas Lyon with a gold watch for attempting to save the lives of ned beef left here for the Orient on the two boys in the Rideau canal last month.

DEVELOPMENT OF GERMANY. Report on Her Industries by the U. S. Consul at Chemnitz.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States consul at Chemnitz, Germany, writes the state department calling atommerce is determined to improve the tention to the marvellous growth of the Arrangements have been German empire as an industrial state, made to raise a considerable sum for its length of coast, its splendid harbors this work, in addition to \$5,000,000 for at the month of numerous paricipals at the mouth of numerous navigable rivers and its recent enormous indus 1896 at \$1,926,729,000.

MACEO IS DEAD.

Stories to the Contra not Credited the Junta.

New York, Dec. 31.-The representa tive of Dr. Palma at the Cuban Junta was asked to-day about the dispatch from Key West which alleged that Antonio Maceo is alive and in a Cuban hos pital recovering from his wounds, and also the statement that the wife of a cominent Cuban has landed at Key West and confirmed the statement that Maceo is alive. He smiled incredulously and said: "You can say the Cuban Junta believes that Maceo is dead and that he died in the manner described n the circular recently printed by the We fully satisfied ourselves of

VALUES OF SCHOONERS.

his death.'

Witnesses Examined on This Point Before the Commission.

Yesterday afternoon when the commission resumed its sitting, John A. Thomson, inspector of boilers, gave evidence in the case of the Thornton. He submitted a report of the inspection of the engines of that schooner made on October 8th, 1885. He said the engines of the Thornton would be about from 13 to present. 15 horse-power. The cost of putting in those engines at that time, he thought. would be about \$2,700.

Gordon F. Grant, chief engineer of the said he thought the valuation of the enas to the horse-power of the Thornton's engines.

Capt. Lewis submitted a statement survey of the Thornton made in 1883 for insurance purposes. The cases of the Grace, Dolphin, An na Beck and W. P. Sayward were then

resumed. Mr. Peters out in the registers of the schooners. The Grace was built in Victoria in 1881, the W. P. Sayward at Victoria in 1882 and the Anna Beck at San-Francisco in 1865. The gross tonnage charge the plan pursued by which I of these vessels was: Grace, 83.01 tons; W. P. Sayward, 64.11 tons; Anna Beck,

41.17. John A. Thomson, recalled, produced the reports of the inspection of the machinery of the Anna Beck. The engine and attachments of the Anna Beck he valued at about the same as the Thornton's between \$2,600 and \$2,700 as they were practically duplicates. The witness also produced the repor of the inspection of the Grace's machinery. The actual orse-power of the Grace's engines would be about 25 horse-power; the nominal was 6.2. He also produced the report of the inspection of the Dolphin's ma-

1885, were worth about \$3,400. Capt. Theodore Magneson, called out f order by Mr. Dickinson, as to the trouble, the cases, told of the sealing catch of dress Wn George G. Strong, the Sea Lion in 1890, when 718 skins Rockwood, Mich.

were taken in Behring Sea. He left the sea about September 14th that year. In the month of September he took about 300 seals. "The people who say you cannot get seals in September." said the witness, "know nothing about it." His hunters, he said, were "nothing extra." Gordon Grant, chief engineer of the Quadra, recalled, said the value of the Grace's engine was about \$3,500. Dolphin's would be worth about from \$200 to \$500 more. The Anna Beck's engines he valued at from \$2,800 to \$3.000.

Thomas Turpel valued the Dolphin when first built at about \$8,000 or \$9,000, this was without her steam power. The W. P. Sayward he valued at from \$7,000 to \$8,000, in 1887.

The commissioners then adjourned until 10:30 this morning. When the sitting of the Commission was continued this morning Inspector Thomson, recalled, said the number of passengers allowed the Dolphin was 50.

The number allowed the Grace was 25. S. McCulloch Smith said he superintended the building of the schooner Dolphin in 1881 and 1882. The vessel was built of Oregon pine and yellow cedar. She was built by day work and was in every way a first class vessel when completed. He valued the Dolphin at \$9700, exclusive of her machinery. The Grace was a larger vessel than the Dolphin, but not so well built. He valued the Grace at \$10,000 without machin-The W. P. Sayward was worth

ternoon and will attend His Excel- \$7500. Mr. Warner 'valued the Dolphin at \$5000 without her steam power, and the Anna Beck between \$5000 and

\$6000. Andrew Gray, owner of the Victoria Machinery depot, and formerly inspector of boilers, said the cost of putting the machinery in the schooner Thornton would be about \$2600. If kept in good condition, he said, her boilers would depreciate in value about five per cent. each year. The witness said the cost of putting in the machinery of the Anna Beck, Grace and Dolphin vould be: Anna Beck, \$2600; the Grace and Dolphin each about \$3100 or \$3,-

Captain Baxter was called out of ordin the cases of the Black Diamond and Wanderer. He said that in 1886 when master of the Black Diamond he anded at Ounalaska on the 1st of July and was served with papers by the collector of customs advising him to leave the sea. Fearing seizure, he left the sea about August 4th. He originally ntended to stay in the sea until the end of August.

An adjournment was then taken until 2:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREATS. A Number of Christmas Trees Stripped

Last Night. Last evening, the children of Christ Church Sunday school enjoyed their Christmas treat. A, short service was held in the Cathedral at 7 p.m., and afterwards Bishop Perrin distributed the prizes in the school room. Tea and cake followed and then the curtain was raised, showing a beautiful Christmas tree on which was a present for each of the children. Rev. Canon Beanlands was also presented with a handsome drawing room lamp by the teachers and

pupils of the Sunday school. Carol

singing and games followed, and as the

children dispersed each was given oranges and a bag of candies. At six o'clock last evening the children of the First Congregational church Sunday school gathered in Temperance hall and for the next two hours en joyed themselves with games of all sorts. Tea and cake were also served At eight o'clock the parents and friends were admitted and an interesting programme was carried out. Among those taking part were Rev. P. C. L. Harris, Lilian, Talbot, Eddie Coates, Sidney Talbot, Miss Scowcroft, Winnie Scow croft, Harry Coates, Pearl Beckerdike, Alfred Spragge, M. Harris and the in-fant class. The Christmas tree bore as

present for each of the children. The little Baptist church in Victoria West was crowded last evening when the children of the Sunday school were given presents from a well supplied Christmas tree. The children in return entertained the older folks with an interesting programme, the follow,ing taking part: Francis Weaver, Gussie Olds, Ethel Wilson, eight boys. Nina Weaver, Charlie Olds, Mattie Andrews, Paul Smith, Dela Weaver, four girls, Arthur Knappett, Alice Smith, Harvey Olds, Edith Painter, Rod Smith, Maud Knappett, T. Bruce and H. Wilson, Marion Smith, Jim Painter, Bruce McNaughton, Brab Olds, Fred

Wilson and the school. The children of the Protestant Orphans' Home enjoyed their Christinas treat at three o'clock this afternoon. There were many friends of the Homes

To-night the Sunday school children of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will be given their presents and prizes from a Christmas tree in Dominion government steamer Quadra, Semple's Hall, and those of St. Barnabas church will hold their annual engines of the Thornton was a very fair tertainment in Odd Fellows' hall, Fernone. He also agreed with last witness wood Road. Tea will be served there at

A MESSAGE TO MEN.

Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me. I will send him confidentially and free of was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to asist any fellow being to a cure. am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am new perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can tely on chinery. The engines of the Dolphin in heing oured and the proud satisfaction of baring bon of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my Absolute secrecy is assured. question of catch, which will apply to all Send 5 c. silver to cover postage and ad-