gements for Training Men to Take the Places of Those Called Out for Service.

wa, March 1 .- In addition to Canrst line of defence of 100,000 men. n 46,043 will be the peace estabplans matured between the of Militia and General Lord ald will provide sufficient officers commissioned officers to form s of a second line. For example, ment of infantry will have a eer and each company a captain. a sergeant, a corporal and a as the nucleus for this purpose, on being that as soon as the e has been mobilized for active ese will at once set about traindicates of the corps which have the front, so that in a very short er hostilities have commenced anof 100,000 men can be put in

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JAPAN'S PROTEST

Remarks By President of the Arbitrational Tribunal.

Hague, Feb, 29.—The protest of anese minister against the re-ade by M. Muravieff, president rbitration tribunal and Russian of justice, in the speech which e February 22nd after announce bunal's decision in favor of the

government of Japan, convinced permanent arbitration court car rly be used as a means of athe action, motives or good name er signatory to The Hague conof 1899, protests formally both in defence of its honor y, and to prevent further mis is high court against the insultarks of M. Muravieff concerning

n further requests the inscription protest in the minutes of the and that it be given publicity equal given to the remarks which call-

UIDES FOR TOURISTS.

R. May Establish a Training School-The Qualifications.

ssing the outlook for a large tourss in Canada next year, L. O. ng, colonization agent of the C. ays: "A difficulty which the railcounters is in finding a sufficient of trained guides. It looks as . P. R., and a training school for essity of the near future. must the guide be a good canoe wants of people who demand The Hudson's Bay Company ed many such men, and many ne expert in this line through for the wants of railway men dur ods of construction, but there are ugh of them."

HEET'S INDEPENDENCE.

eply of Great Britain to Russian Foreign Minister.

March 2.-The Liberte to-day ing that the British ambassa Charles Scott, has transmitted ign Minister Lamsdorff the anf Great Britain to the Russian against Colonel Younghusband's ment that Great Britain had ce of Thibet, and that Russia en like assurance.

FIRE AT SEATTLE.

Club Destroyed-Work of an Incendiary.

tle, March 2.-The handsome new f the Rainier Club, which was to for occupancy April 1st, was y fire early this morning. The \$30,000, fully covered by insur-Chief Cook says the fire was the f an incendiary. The club house

DWIE CHASED BY MOB.

een Compelled to Abandon His Meetings at Melbourne.

on, Feb. 29.-A dispatch from ne says that the rough element Dr. Dowie through the streets and he had to abandon his meet-

OOKING TO SETTLEMENT.

Feb. 29.-Negotiations are proceed een Russia, Italy and Austria with to a complete settlement of the

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

tipeg, March 1.—While hauling ood near Touchwood hills on y, Edwin Bear was crushed to

TIMES ACTED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Mr. Justice Irving Dismisses With Costs Libel Suit Brought Against Newspaper by Mrs. Wiles.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

In dismissing the libel action in Wiles vs. The Times yesterday afternoon, His Lordship Mr. Justice Irving said that the paper was quite within its rights in warning the public; that it did so

in the public interest; that the item referring to Mrs. Wiles was written without malice; that it was, with the exception of an unimportant inaccuracy regarding the rental of the hall, a statement of fact; and that, therefore, no libel was estab-

lined the case. The plaintiff was an organizer of public entertainments, he said. She came here and entered into in arrangement with the Willard W. C. r. U. to give an entertainment. He outterms of the arrangement by the profits of the entertainment through he sale of tickets assigned to her. The ocal union was to get \$50 and a pertage from the sale of fickets up to \$52, and to get the proceeds from the sale of the tickets at the door. He In reply to H quoted from the Times of June 25th two He further quoted an editorial re-

few days afterwards. first witness called was Mrs. Gordon Grant. She said she was treasurer of the Willard W. C. T. U. 'The made arrangements with Mrs. Wiles. The union was to receive ewhere between \$50 and \$75 worth of tickets and all money received at the door. She knew Mrs. Wiles from testimonials only. She communicated with the Times upon the question of whether or not these were the people referred to as having been here two years over the 'phone. She told the latter tha ter. She saw Mr. Hayward, and after the Times, and was referred to Mr. olas. She offered the names of two or three parties to telegraph to with reference to Mrs. Wiles. Mr. Nicholas did not wish to do this, and she tele-

graphed herself. Mr. Nicholas 'phoned afterwards and asked if a reply had been received. She replied it had and was satisfactory, and that the entertainment would go on. The telegrams were produced. Mrs. Grant had sent a message to Capt. Stubbs, of the Seaman's Home, Tacoma. The reply was to the effect

ness said that she knew Mrs. Wiles only through her testimonials. In reply to Mr. Taylor, witness said

be a lawsuit. She thought she made the notes before Mr. Cassidy wrote the letter to the Times.

His Lordship said that he would admit these notes.

Witness, proceeding, said that the cir- to were to the credit of the different parcular contained the list of the members

Mrs. Wiles was looking for the Home amen's Institute and came into the Mrs. hall when witness first met her.

Going into the agreement made, witness aid that there was no arrangement made with reference to telling those to where the carredment was between the union and Mrs. Wiles. The expenses were to be devoted to paying expenses and for the advantage of Mrs. Wiles were to be devoted to paying expenses and for the advantage of Mrs. Wiles. The price of tickets was at an entertainment given in the Y. W. C. A. last fall. Mrs. Grant had come into the office either the morning the items appeared or the day previous. Mrs. Grant said she had seen these parties with respect to their bona fides. Mrs. Greenleaf was to give the entertainment satisfied.

H. Baker testified to two ladies, calling on him. They said they represented a report on behalf of Labor. P., presented a report of the William of the metrical ment. Streat voices. The dome of the c Going into the agreement made, wit-

W. J. Taylor, for the plaintiff, out- | said that they gave the tickets away because they could not sell them. They could not sell them because people smiled when they offered them for sale and would not patronize it.

Mrs. P. Riddell, an officer of the mion, testified that the arrangements had been entered into with Mrs. Wiles

that no inquiries were made as to Mrs. eparate items. One of these was head-d "Siren Voices," and the other was a with the union. She knew nothing about the character or occupation of These items, Mr. Taylor stated, Mrs. Wiles to warrant the statements in the Times's article.

Mr. Gregory, in cross-examination, wanted to know what article was reshe specified the local mention made conmitted that she knew nothing about how entertainment referred to in the item. ladies denied this. One of the she could not consider it as bearing upon An attempt by Mr. Taylor to put in the examination for discovery of Mr. Nicholas, city editor of the Times, was

overruled on Mr. Lawson's objection.
The court then adjourned till 2.15. Upon resuming the trial of Wiles vs. the Times Printing & Publishing Company yesterday afternoon the defence was advanced. Mr. Justice Irving after hearing it all gave his decision that the items were published in the Times withlismissed, with costs. W. J. Taylor explained, on opening, that owing to illness the plaintiff was not

In opening the defence F. B. Gregory occurred before the publication of the article in the Times. The plaintiff was an organizer of entertainments, largely for charitable institutions, witness said.

Cross-examined by F. C. Gregory, witness said that she knew Mrs. Wiles only the content of the content of the content of the plaintiff. The plaintiff had attached this item headed "Siren Voices" to herself, when it did not so below:

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owere to the credit of the different parties referred to.

Objection was taken to this, but His Lordship overruled this objection, though

Cross-examined, witness said that he never knew of being put on the advisory board of the Willard W. C. T. U.

John Nelson, manager of the Times, ties referred to. of the board with this one exception, that the name of Mr. McCandless appeared Lordship overruled this objection, though

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arrangements for the entertainment to have been given for the institution by Mr. Greenleaf. The arrangement was one. This paragraph appeared for the that he would pay \$50. He would then protection of the charitable giving pub bring young ladies who would canvass lic, as the agreement entered in The young ladies came over and canvassed very energetically. Complaints were lodged against the way the work witness box. The press was was carried on, and in consequence one of the ladies was lodged in jail. Witness box. The press was entitled to comment upon a public matter so long as there was no unjust imputation of

ised to make restitution. This was done and arrangements made for the release upon reason and truth could not be con-For the entertainment arranged by Mrs. Wiles he bought a ticket. He paid \$1 for it. He knew that Mayor Mc-Candless bought one also. It was a There was really affected to the question of more clied to the question of the ques

Candless bought one also. It was a Objection was taken by opposing coun-

Cross-examined by Mr. Taylor, witness said that these young ladies who would be necessary to were arrested in 1900 represented Mr. plaintiff for the loss to eenleaf, because the latter said so. ey had nothing to do with those re-

leaf's entertainment for the Protestant orphans' Home. Two ladies came in and said they were getting up a concert for the home. The tickets were \$1 each.

never saw the ladies before. They stated that they represented the W. C. T. U., and were calling upon their friends to the ladies were not specified. which the plaintiff was to participate in to give the entertainment. She sold no the profits of the entertainment through tickets. She had some tickets, but did some aid. He was led to believe that not try to sell any in consequence of the entertainment being prejudiced. The they were taking subscriptions. Witness said he did not know them and reimpression of witness was that Mrs.
Wiles was genuine.
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In reply to His Lordship, witness said that no inquiries were made as to Mrs. Mrs. Gordon Grant. He could not find Mrs. Grant's name on the list, however. The ladies said the proceeds were to go to the W. C. T. U.

Two or three days later he called at Carter & McCandless's office. The ladies were there. A discussion was Given a copy of the Times going on. It was impossible for him not to hear it. The question arose as to whether they had in their canvass been urging that the entire proceeds would be devoted to the W. C. T. U. One of the seemed on the point of crying. Witness Candless said that the objection had been nade that tickets of the same character had been sold some for \$1 and some for sible to have all the seats reserved.

In reply to Mr. Taylor, witness said thought, to have all the proceeds go to the women which they might sell. Witness was corrected on this point by it being specified that the number of tickets were limited. At the time witness did out malice. They were given in the public interest and therefore the action was the was proceeding upon the lesson the was proceeding upon the lesson that the was pro similar one. He considered in the arrangements entered into that advantage was taken of the charitably inclined in Working fund.

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Of the Protestant Orphanage. name of Mr. McCandless on the circular.

She had told him that this was a printer's error.

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Of the Protestant Orphanage.

Detective Perdue was the first witness called. With reference to the item but he had little doubt that the board averse to the practice of soliciting the Notes were produced by witness to re-fresh her memory; objection was taken the information, he believed, to Mr. when it was found that the W. C. T. U. to their use. Witness said she made the memorandum after she knew there would ence whatever to the plaintiff in this ceeds, nothing more was done towards

giving the hall free.

Geo. McCandless testified that he was Cross-examined by Mr. Taylor, witness said that a rule was in force required a subscriber to the Willard W. C. T. U. board of it, and never authorized the use of his name in connection with the Mr. Taylor pressed for the opinion of witness as to whether the items referred letter through the Times.

Protestant Orphans' Home, recalled the impropriety on the part of the plain- A SIGNAL STATION

There was really nothing to show that any of the three parties referred to in

the evidence were dishonest. He held objection was taken by opposing counsel to comparing these tickets. Witness that the reference to the promoters of the Willard W. C. T. U. was to insinuate tickets. He contended that a substantial sum plaintiff for the loss to her business. His Lordship in summing up the case pointed out that it was peculiar that ferred to in the "Siren Voices" item. He did not know that those ladies referred the terms in connection with the prothe plaintiff was not present. He recited

or had anything to do with Mrs. Wiles.

The ladies who were arrested had reported entertainment for the Protestant Orphans' Home in 1900. A scandal was created through the way the subscripresented that they were collecting for the Orphans' Home instead of selling tickets.

Ald. Stewart remembered purchasing tickets for the concert for Mr. Greenfor the home. The tickets were \$1 each. They wanted to put him down for five tickets. He took only three. He was a little suspicious about it, but he was given to understand that everything was to be free, all the services being given and the money going to the Orphans'. Home. He did not know that the concert ever eame off.

J. Forman said he had been solicited to casualties which have occurred in a troupe she represented. The principal performer was Mr. Greenleaf, the same gentleman, he presumed, as figured in the resulting in 1900. He outlined the proposed entertainment in 1900. He outlined the proposed entertainment in seling tickets. Referring to the articles which appeared in the Times he said the item headed "Siren Voices" in no way referred to this case. If could not, as the circumstances and times were entirely to be seen an application for the circumstances and times were entirely at the proposed entertainment in 1900. He outlined the proposed entertainment in 1900. to buy tickets for the concert for the Willard W. C. T. U. Two ladies waited different. If was therefore to be elimin-

> The same methods largely were employed in the two cases referred to. The instructions were in each case to receive only a small part; tickets were being sold, and subscriptions were sought, according to Mr. Forman's evidence. It was perfectly within the limits of the paper to have freedom to warn the pubic of what was going on.
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> The "Siren Voices" article he found

was not connected in any way, and was published without malice. The second tem was also published without malice The statements were facts, with the small, unimportant inaccuracies referred

He therefore dismissed the action with

SUCCESS OF CINDERELLA vn By Report Presented Before Daughters of Pity of Jubilee Hospital.

The Daughters of Pity of the Provin cial Royal Jubilee hospital held their regular meeting Wednesday. The accounts in connection with the children's Cinderella were presented. There was a balance of \$258.45 left after all expenses by the board at intervals extending over were paid. Of this amount \$250 was funded and \$8.45 devoted towards the working fund. Miss Angus also presentlearned in connection with two other concerts. He inferred that this was a fund also. The result of the funding of fund also. The result of the funding of the \$250 from the Cinderella makes a total-amount of \$410, with \$34.45 in the

It was decided, on the recommendation of the doctor, to purchase more easy chairs for the semi-wards. The society will also join in the Lenten sewing at the hospital on Friday afternoon.

Creation" concert.

sale of tickets. Miss Hartnagle and Miss Ruby Fell undertook the concert at the hospital for the first Sunday in March. A vote of thanks was accorded the many friends who contributed to the success of the

journed until Monday, March 28th. REGULAR MEETING.

Cinderella, and to the Times and Colonist

At Wednesday's regular meeting of the Victoria trades and labor council, T. H. Twigg, a member of the Jubilee-hospital of the board with this one exception, that the name of Mr. McCandless appeared with the wrong initials, due to a printer's error.

John Nelson, manager of the Fines, said that in the item referring to Mrs. Wiles witness wrote the first part of the local. Complaints had been received the local. Complaints had been received the local. Complaints had been received the local. The secretary Cross-examined by Mr. Gregory, witness said that she got the name of Capt. Stubbs in Tacoma to telegraph to from Mrs. Wiles do do the information relating to the Seattle women.

Re-examined by Mr. Gregory, witness documents. Mrs. Wiles did not know that she was taking this name or any others. Witness told Mr. Nelson that she was satisfied after making inquiries concerning Mrs. Wiles. She had no recollection of saying that the other lady who accompanied her was not satisfied. Mrs. Wiles was looking for the local. Complaints had been received the local. Complaints had been received the local. Complaints had been received at the office for a few days about the information relating to the Seattle women.

Re-examined by Mr. Lawson, witness of these women. The objection was that some years before a concert had been canvassed for. Mr. Greenleaf was to give that concert also. Trouble had a five that purpose, the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the council expressing its intention to a full the unions asking them to subscribe to a fund for that purpose, the council expressing its intention to head the list. Two communications asking the to all the unions asking them to subscribe to a fund for that purpose, the council expressing its intention to a full the unions asking them to subscribe to a fund for that purpose, the council expressing it Home.

Mrs. McCullough, president of the latter part written by Mr. Nicholas. He knew nothing about the item and had seen the latter part written by Mr. Nicholas. He knew nothing about the item under the head "Siren Voices."

Thanksgiving day. 1900, arrangements.

There were a lot of tickets given away when the entertainment was spoiled. The uncertainment was spoiled. The metertainment was not given. The examined by Mr. Taylor, witness are being wanted the house filled.

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IS RECOMMENDED

Council of Victoria Board of Trade Approves of One for Trial

The council of the Victoria Board of Trade met on Thursday with President Todd in the chair, and a representative tion in waters adjacent to Victoria. This has been cutting at San Juan. report was adopted by the council and ment of marine and fisheries, and to the company, also shipped out of the country, less expensive course on the part of the local representatives in the Dominion House. After dealing with the recommoder that the local representatives in the Dominion but in addition sold logs to the Sidney publisher, generally speaking, would be mill, now operated by Mr. Moore, of recompense the mendations of the committee the meeting adjourned.

The report is as follows: Gentlemen:-Your special committee safety to sea-borne life and property, port of Victoria, beg to report: that a light and fog alarm should be estab-

lished on Trial Island, we instructed your secretary to obtain the views of pilots and aptains conversant with the situation. Appended hereto is a copy of the secretary's letter and all the replies received, which you will observe are all strongly favorable to the proposition. Besides the reasons given in these replies, attention is mony of many navigators, is considered be sold in order to realize the amount strong enough to base an application for claimed.

received as the rent of the hall did not certain that complaint would be in a great neasure overcome by the estab a fog alarm on Trial Island, taking it for granted that the alarm on the island would be stronger, and the navigators having taken their bearings therefrom the alarm on Brotchie Ledge would be of less importance than it now is. Your committee recommend, however, that the fog alarm on Brotchie Ledge be made easily distinguishable from nearby fog alarms.

Your committee learn that the light on Berens Island, inside Victoria harbor, is ot serving the best interests of the port in its present location, and we have been equested to ask that the light be ren o another position, nearer McLaughlin

We have been asked by the Yale and New Westminster Pilotage Authority to urge the establishment of an additional aid to navigation at the mouth of the Fraser river, but consider that a matter outside the scope of our reference, but nevertheless worthy of your consideration.

Other matters requiring the board's attention are the suggestion for a more powerful steamer at the quarantine station and the establishment of a life-saving station on the southwest coast of Vancouver Isl and. The latter has been repeatedly urged

All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) GEORGE CARTER ROBERT MOWAT. D. R. KER.

"KEEP YOUR STOMACH IN GOOD WORKING ORDER and your general health will take care of itself." This is the advice of an eminent specialist on stomach troubles, and he "clinched" the advice by prescribing Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tab-lets as a wonder worker in all phases of stomach disorders from the little "ferment" The proposal to furnish one of the rooms in the new Strathcona wing was cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.-136.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Appointments Made by the Provincial Government Appearing This Week.

This week's Gazette contains notice of the appointment of the following J. P.'s: Says He Never Advocated Protection M. H. White Fraser, of Agassiz; G. J. Pownall, of Fort Steele; F. J. Richards and

E. J. Clarke, of Vancouver.
J. Porter, government agent at Telegraph Creek, is appointed stipendiary magistrate. Henry Shaw, of Greenwood, is appointed to be a court of revision and appeal under the Assessment Act of 1903 for kettle River and Vernon assessment districts, vice

D. Rabbitt and J. Mawhinney.

J. R. Saunders, of Victoria West, is appointed a license commissioner for Esquimalt district, vice H. F. Bullen, resigned.

Chas. F. McHardy, of Nelson, is appointed a notary public. John Cochrane, of Victoria; H. H. Wal-

board of examiners under the Pharmacy procal preferences. Albert Lanvill, Chas. McAulay, H. F. Ross, Thos. Anderson, W. J. Orr, W. R. Owens, F. Humphrey, T. T. Richardson and Geo. D. McKay, of Vancouver, are ap pointed commissioners for taking affidavits inder the Election Act.

CANADIAN MINERALS. Toronto, March 3 .- Members of the Canadian Mining Institute, in session here, have

FOURTH TEST MATCH.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES FOR STUMPAGE DUES

Property at Port Renfrew, San Juan and Sidney Taken Possession of by Officials.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

fault of this the seizure took place. Not only were logs taken at Port Renfrew and San Juan, but the timber cut from a part of the output from San Juan is unnection Mr. Moore, of the Sidney mills, journalistic profession his contract with Becker & David, who control the logging camp at San Juan, was that the logs were to be dedirected to casualties which have occurred livered free of all dues. Under the act, at Trial Island. Only a few years since however, the timber cut from logs may at Trial Island. Only a few years since the tug Velos, with a barge, was wrecked there and nearly all on board lost their & David for stumpage is about \$1,700. lives. More recently the steamer Edna Of this amount, it is said, only \$700 is Grace, and again, only a few weeks ago, represented by the cut at Sidney. The government officials state that un-

the light and fog alarm on Trial Island | They add that the amount claimed is now recommended. Your committee would purely the 50c. a thousand stumpage further recommend that a signal station dues, and has nothing whatever to do be established there and connected with the with the question of shipping logs out of

was circulated that the return of the government candidate would result in no stumpage dues being required from the comes as a very sudden awakening, for those interested to the fact that promises at election time are not always to be relied upon.

A BLIZZARD. Destruction of Property-In Places Temperature Dropped Firty Degrees.

Lacrosse, Wis., March 3 .- A blizzard raged in this vicinity all night and the wind broke many windows. The temperature dropped 45 degrees during the night, the thermometers this morning registering zero.

Cold, Rain and Snaw, Louisville, Ky., March 3 .- The temperature here has fallen from 69, to 32 degrees in twelve hours, and appeary rain has been followed by snow forries. The maximum velocity of the wind during the night was 46 miles. No serie damage has been reported. Houses Unroofed.

Kansas City, March 3 .- A cold wave prevailed to-day in Western Missouri, throughout Kansas and in Northern Oklahoma, the temperature of this part of the southwest having dropped over 50 degrees within six hours. The low temperature was accompanied by a gale at some points in Kansas crippling telegraph wires, and damaging buildings At Great Bend a half dozen small houses were unroofed. At Clay Center part of an unused hotel was blown down and at Greensburg slight damage was done to property. No one was seriously hurt as far as known. In Western Kansas, in the vicinity of Salina and Ellsworth, several small prairie ares precaused considerable damage to farm pro-

BALFOUR'S STATEMENT.

Either in or Outside the Cabinet. London, March 3.—Premier Baifour aroused both cheers and derisive laughter by the statement in the House of Commons this afternoon that he had never advocated protection either in or outside the cabinet.

AUSTRALIA IN LINE

Melbourne, Victoria, March, 3.+Pre-mier Deakin to-day announced in the House of Representatives that the Flederal government was prepared to alter the ton, of Vancouver; and F. C. Stearman, of tariff in favor of Great Britain, making Nanalmo, are appointed members of the sacrifices, if necessary, to secure rec

> FIRE AT TORONTO Outbreak in Parliament Buildings age Five Hundred Dollars. Toronto, March 3.-Fire, suppo been caused by lightning, did \$500 damage to the parliament buildings at an early hour this morning. The fire originated in the C. P. R. telegraph office in the main

hall of the building. THE DOMINION HOUSE.

The Mover and Seconder of the Address in

Reply. Ottawa, March 3 .- Geo. Grant will move the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the House of Commons, and

Noah Raby passed away in the poor-house at New Brunswick, N. J., of which he had been an immate for the last forty years. If he had lived until April 1s next, according to his own statement Raby would have been 132 years old.

will be seconded by L. A. Rivet,

The Mora colliery near Mahoney City,

NEWSPAPERS AND THE PUBLIC.

It is an inexplicable fact that the newspaper press, after a century of conflict for the liberty of expression which is chiefly of value to the public it serves, still has to wage expensive legal contests for recognized and established rights. The most carefully conducted and the most reputable journals are most frequently targets for the assaults of hose whose reputations are alleged to timber inspectors, have made seizures for certain facts it may be essential the publie should be informed upon. But such facts are usually held by some one to be -prejudicial to his interests, and a demand for an apology and a retraction from the legal representative of the agreport was adopted by the council and The former company shipped logs to grieved party is sure to swiftly follow. copies will be forwarded to the depart- Blaine. The latter, which is a Seattle The easier, the more convenient and the contrition, and promise not to offend companies were warned repeatedly in the again. The conductors of newspapers natter. They were notified that the cut are but fallible and they do sometime was in excess of the dues paid, and were make mistakes. When they err, and ordered to make up the arrears. In de- through such error inflict injury upon any one, they may be depended upon to do all in their power to make reparation, Their mission is not a malevolent on der dispute at Sidney. In this latter con- if they live up to the principles of the

> But, as we have said, when a newspaper is sure of the facts it has made public, and is convinced that it is in the public, interests that they should stand, law should inspire nerve-racking terror will be required to bring it in submission to its knees

The action of Wiles vs. the Times having been dismissed by His Lordship They add that the amount claimed is Mr. Justice Irving Wednesday, with costs against the plaintiff, or those who sustained and encouraged her in her suit, it is now a subject for comment. In addition to In connection with this matter there is othe facts published in regard to the matthe strength of the fog alarm on Brotchie said to be a little political story. During ter, many complaints were lodged in this Ledge. As far as your committee can asoffice in reference to the manner in which the canvass was being carried on. If it had been considered necessary we logging companies operating, there. If could have had testimony from the prothis be true the seizure of the property vincial police department on that phase vincial police department on that phase of the case. But, thanks to the loyalty to our cause of many of the ladies and gentlemen who first called attention to the peculiar processes which appeared to be sanctioned by some of the chiefs of the Willard W. C. T. U., that was not necessary. Our contention after the first agitation if we had not been enjoined from expressing it would have been that if Professor Greenleaf and his corps of irresistible canvassers were worthy of the patronage of the public, they should have come here upon the same conditions as all other travelling entertainers. The fact that they did not, the fact that they appealed to the public in the much-abused name of charity, in itself was sufficient to cause people of nse and understanding to regard them with suspicion.

The public of Victoria is long-suffering. It has to put its hand in its pocket for miscellaneous purposes oftener, probably, than any other community upon earth. Henceforth we believe it will be inclined to examine more closely into the nature of the appeals made in the name of charity.

LIBEL SUITS.

ary, The Times, on its successful defence The cause of the action brough it were some comments made by it cautioning the public against certain parties who were soliciting support and subscrip-tions for alleged charitable purposes. The facts, as brought out, in our opinion, fully justified The Times's comments. They were made in the public interest; were entirely without malice or prejudice

and merited commendation. It is to be hoped that this decision and ome recent cases in Eastern Canada, in which newspapers successfully defended themselves against libel suits of a somewhat similar character to that brought against The Times, will have a beneficial result in protecting newspapers from actions brought against them for statements made solely in the public in terest, and in the course of that duty that devolves on all journals which recognize the responsibility resting on them as the mouthpieces of public opinion and the guardians of public morality.

RUSSIAN CRUISER

Allowed to Remain Five Days at Suez to Complete Repairs

Sucz March 2-The Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi, which applied for permission to remain here for repairs, has been allowed five days in which to complete the necessary work.

A London, Conn., dispatch says:

"Three are dead and two dying at Port Terry, Plum Island, as the result of a ebauch among a small part of soldiers from the 125th company, coast artillery. The men were poisoned by drinking wood Sherman l'arker and Thomas Foster, miners' union leaders, accused of at-

quitted by the jury. Chilblains Cured by Foot Elm

tempting to wreck a passenger train at Cripple Crek, Colo., have been ac-

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