## The Colonist.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1899

#### THE WAR.

The story of Mafeking suggests that the much-vaunted courage of the Boers the much-vaunted courage of the Boers has its limits and that they are very narrow. This little town has no strategic with them if it once becomes serious. advantages, and is only garrisoned by a small force. It is open to an assau from more than one direction. Yet for two months and a half a Boer force, greatly outnumbering the garrison, has been investing it. A story from Boer shall end the nineteenth century. We sources states that when Gen. Oronje was retiring from Mafeking to take command on the Modder River, he said he had been fighting "devils not men." The tury will not end until the close of next enemy thought their position at Belmont exceptionally strong. Prisoners taken at the battle said that they expected to hold it for three months, yet they were driven of Christ, each century might very conout after a sharp action. The Boer veniently be made to end with the 99. fights well from cover, but if he has the courage to resist an assault or to face 0; but then we know that in point of face an equal number of men in the open there never was a year 1; that is there field, he has yet to exhibit it.

casualties, but they are not in point very where the new year will begin. This is high, or rather they were not before the also an arbitrary arrangement, but for two last battles. At the fight at Modder convenience it is understood that the River the killed and wounded only reach time changes at 180 degrees from Green 71/2 per cent. of our force engaged, which wich, Chatham Island in the South Pa is far under the average of the great cific ocean is the first land to see the sur battles of the British army. Thus Tal- rise on a new day. At 8 p.m. Victoria avera had a casualty roll equal to 30 per time it is midnight on Chatham Island cent., Salamanca reached 25, Vimiera, and consequently the new year will begin Vittoria, Waterloo, the Alma, Inkerman there immediately after 8 p.m. of our and all the other great fights had a time. higher per centage than Modder River.

Will we take possession of Delagoa Bay? This is a question of great impowers for Portugal to permit her terr. tory to be used for the transportation of men and munitions of war intended for either of the belligerents. If it is right over Portuguese territory to use against arms the same way to use against them. We can illustrate the case by supposing that people friendly to the Filipinos should land an armed force at Vancouver Sound towns. It is easy to understand that Great Britain is averse to doing anything against Portugal, with whom she has always been on the best of terms, and the seizure of Portuguese East Africa would hardly meet with favor from the European powers. It might be possible however, to take possession tem porarily of the railway terminus without giving offence. If it becomes necessary for the success of our plans to sieze this railway, it will doubtless be taken-offence or no offence.

tance and that the Naval guns had fired the Trail smelter, and hence support the riously. Modder River, and he is said to have his try. big Naval guns so posted as to command fully open.

think there will be little change until Gen. Roberts arrives on the scene, unless the Boers precipitate a battle; but as no one can foresee when a small affair of outposts may develop into a general engagement, it is always possible that sharp fighting may occur at any time. The New York Herald's story that there was considerable discussion in the war office prior to the acceptance by Gen. Roberts of full command, must be accepted with allowance, although it is Mr. McDonald in his testimony deprihighly probable that Roberts has insisted cated any attempt to prefer skilled minthat he shall not be hampered by in- ers from coming into this province, for

make all necessary preparations.

The report that fever is prevailing among the Boer forces at Modder River may well be true. The burghers are not customed to the sort of life they must be now living, and their appre

THE END OF THE CENTURY

The Pope proposes that, so far as ield, he has yet to exhibit it.

Never was a year when people wrote the date A.D. 1. A correspondent asks where the new year will begin. This is

#### MINES AND MINERS.

At the investigation made by Mr. mediate interest. This harbor and the town of Lorenzo Marques, which is the terminus of the railway to Pretoria, belong to Portugal. It is contrary to the laws governing the conduct of neutral ager of the B. A. C.'s properties, was one of the chief witnesses. He went into details of cases where, to his own knowledge, the passage of the eight-hour law had driven out Eastern Canadian for the Boers to get in men and arms capitalists, and said that the fear of further legislation along the same lines had us, it is right for us to send in men and absolutely prevented large sums of money from being invested here. He gave some statistics showing the investments of his company in this province, ject. Here are some figures the correct- kept them in good condition. which have an important bearing upon ness of which cannot be called in questo be sent by rail to attack the Puget the subject of mines and miners. We

	give them in detail:		
	Le Roi	\$3,950,362	00
	W. Le Roi	921,675	17
7	W. Le Roi	559,185	12
	Columbia-Kootenay	471.165	21
ğ	Caledonia	31.291	63
i	Tootsie and Whoop-Up Hoskins	17,944	15
	Hoskins	7.530	14
	Argentine	6,722	02
	Wild Horse	4.185	24
	Examinations and options	42.832	52
	Improvements	39,682	48
	Supplies in stock	32,000	00
2000000	Administration	106,186	
	Total	\$6 198 701	0.1

The absence of exciting news from the the War Eagle Consolidated and Centre amount. Mr. Belyea may, at the next seat of war does not prove that very im- Star companies, said their investment meeting of the city council, brush this portant work is not in progress there. amounts to \$3,500,000, chiefly of Cana- aside as not worthy of consideration, A very rigorous censorship is being exer- dian money. We are without data as but if the by-law ever gets before the cised, and in addition to this the pressure to the amount of money invested in ratepayers they will think about it very of official and commercial business great- other mining properties, but as these earnestly. Deducting from this capital ly restricts the capacity of the two two concerns represent nearly \$10,000,000 cost of the road the proposed subsidies cables to deal with despatches. It is is probably well within the mark to and we have left \$2,929,000 upon which

be allowed to dictate the policy of the province. We need a premier, a cabinet and a legislature that will grapple with the question without any regard to political consequences, and give the prov-

wishes of both miners and mine-owners. We are confident that this can be done.

velop rapidly the mining industry of this province without the aid of miners from the United States. Canada can only supply a very limited number. None of this extension is a vital portion, it should the companies are importing labor. We quote the concluding part of Mr. Kirby's cost, at least approximately?

Referring to the contract system, the witness said he never knew of contracts did not preatly exceed the general wage paid, the miners would refuse to take contracts at all and the system would be ended. The great incomment to take contracts in place of wages was the increased amount earned by the hard workers. Otherwise the miner could get his wages and take it easy when the shift boss was not around. Pay under the contract system always averages over the wage level of the district. This is a good arrange most all the way down hill. From Quesment for all concerned; under the wage level of the district, This is a good arrange must be to first the stage passengers usefment the slowest man in the page were transferred to canoes, the road being objected to. Contracts within a quarter of a mile of earth other. Each watchman has three signal flags. The best with in the holder of the said the something horman has three signal flags. The watchman has three signal flags. The first time of iniciant contracts of initiative watchman has three signal flags. The flags of the watch

#### VICTORIA-CHILLIWACK.

tion:

0	Expected subsidies 300,000 Expected subsidies 300,000 Proposed bond issue 509,000 Outstanding V. & S. bonds 300,000 Interest due on V. & S. bonds 120,000
5	Total\$3,229,000 (The interest already on the V. & S. bonds is due by the road to the city and
1	bonds is due by the road to the city and the province by the terms of the guar-

Thus it appears that this project, which is talked of as involving only a million 94 and a half dollars, appears on examina-Mr. Edmund H. Kirby, manager of tion to involve more than twice that safe to assume, however, that no very say that the investments in mines in the the road would have to earn a pront. safe to assume, however, that no very say that the investments in mines in the important event has taken place or we that the meetings held throughout the either for offence or defence. So after England. There ought to be a generous been heard from Gen. French's column tributes about 45 per cent. of the Ross- resented that the road would have for several days. The last news repre- land pay-roll, his company about 40 per to earn interest on only \$1,209,000. A sented him as moving slowly towards cent., and other companies 15 per cent. difference of a million and three-quar-Colesburg from Arundel. Except that In addition the War Eagle and Centre ters dollars is, we assume, a matter that Gen. Buller moved his camp a short dis- Star furnish almost the entire supply for is really too absurd to be considered se- many Victorians will remember, has

a few shells into the Boer position on town of Trail. The Le Roi in like manthe Tugela, the operations of the Natal ner keeps up Northport, but as that matter upon the necessity of informing force are being kept secret. It seems town is in the United States we need the ratepapers how it is proposed to get forcements are being sent forward to Buller, who will now find himself confronted with Joubert, the Boer leader being able to take the field again. Gen. being able to take the field again. Gen.

The second of the consideration. The second of the constant of the co to be taken for granted that heavy reinforcements are being sent forward to

Buller who will now find himself con
then, we have two mining concerns, nue to the City Market and the E. & its chief interest to Victorians will be on This is interesting, especi.

This i ally as the Boer force retired without to have been considered than the demaking any opposition. Dortrecht is a mands of a few miners, who may have ficiently serious. We assume that there have made it a centre of intelligence and railway terminus north of the Stormberg been dissatisfied with the conditions would be no difficulty in bringing the V. refinement of the most attractive range. It is reached by a branch of the under which they worked a year ago. & S. to the Fountain on the present nature." He tells of our city's great that Mr. J. M. Martin, M. P. P., has as road from East London. The occupation Surely before a law, that was calculated street level. This would involve a drop wholesale trade and its high favor with good reason to withdraw his support to have a radical effect upon the profits of 13 feet from the present level of the tourists. Our old friend, Judge ———, from the Semlin government as Mr. J. th acre to move a radical effect upon the profits of mining, was placed on the statute around the Boer position at Stormberg book, some effort ought to have been around the thinks it advisable to do statute and British Columbians generally, I should say stop-and wait for further development as Mr. J. the camp from being left on the beach of mining, was placed on the statute rails, which could be managed easily book, some effort ought to have been should say stop-and wait for further development as Mr. J. the camp from being left on the beach sand penniless. As regards Victorians and penniless. As regards Victorians and British Columbians generally, I should say stop-and wait for further development as Mr. J. the camp from being left on the beach sand penniless. As regards Victorians and penniless. As regards Victorians and British Columbians generally, I should say stop-and wait for further development as Mr. J. the camp from being left on the beach sand penniless. As regards Victorians and penniless. As regards Victorians and British Columbians generally, I should say stop-and wait for further development as Mr. J. the camp from being left on the beach sand penniless. As regards Victorians and penniless. As regards Victorians and British Columbians generally, I should say stop-and wait for further development as Mr. J. the camp from being left on the beach sand penniless. As regards Victorians and penniless are victorians and penniless. As regards Victorians and penniless are victorians and penniless Junction if he thinks it advisable to do made to ascertain what its effect would line to begin the descent, but what route that the Judge's "excellent lady and of the Grand Forks mining district have so. Gen. Methuen reports all quiet at be upon that extremely important indus- would be followed in getting to the their son and daughter, as well as him- been altered without consultation with We do not propose to discuss in this will be are both open questions and ex- elegant Victoria society as one could ency in which the district is situated. the whole Boer position. The news that his wounded are rejoining him shows that his lines of communication are with the mining industry. All the com- tance is about 2,000 feet, and the drop suburbs, which he greatly admired. He Columbia consists of one man, Mr. F. L. with the mining industry. All the competent witnesses examined by Mr. Clute have, so far as we have seen, agreed that it does. The point which we want to make is that legislation, calculated to make is that legislation, calculated to the competent witnesses examined by Mr. Clute in the level is 24 feet 6 inches. There found "the residential districts well carter-Cotton, and that a suggestion to found the residential districts well carter-Cotton, and that a suggestion to stocked with lovely and well gardened the sentative would begardened to make is that legislation, calculated to the compensation in the matter of the beach claims. It is It is reported again that the Free have, so far as we have seen, agreed is a rise of 2 feet 6 inches to the next stocked with lovely and well gardened. There have, so far as we have seen, agreed is a rise of 2 feet 6 inches to the next stocked with lovely and well gardened. There have, so far as we have seen, agreed is a rise of 2 feet 6 inches to the next stocked with lovely and well gardened. There have, so far as we have seen, agreed is a rise of 2 feet 6 inches to the next stocked with lovely and well gardened. Staters must realize that they have need-lessly engaged in a quarrel that can have only one outcome.

It is reported again that the Preg staters are growing disaffected. There that it does. The point which we want that it does. The point which we want that the does of 16 feet, and in the next stributable to a feeling that they have the teem fighting long enough, but it is as well as the stories of this kind with many grains of allowance. The Free long will one outcome.

It is a rise of 2 feet of 16 feet, and in the next to make is that legislation, calculated to embarrass and discourage the investment of eapital, or which may have the there is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a well-known fact that when the sum in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a well-known fact that the that the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop of nearly 6 feet, and in the maxter of the been claims. It is a drop Staters are growing disaffected. There that it does. The point which we want street, i. e., Discovery, and in the next villas," and "the commercial parts of the Indiana that it does. The point which we want street, i. e., Discovery, and in the next villas," and "the commercial parts of the Indiana that it does. Columbia needs at this time is some one inches; then comes a rise to Cormorant scragged," falling upon dresses sewn been doing duty at Pretoria as policein South Africa, and we are inclined to with sufficient courage and patriotism to of 21 feet 3 inches, and then a drop of together with fish-bone needles and do what is right, regardless of conse- 53 feet to the E. & N. depot, and all grass-made twine. To dispel this illu- Bioemfontein are alleged on good authquences. The time has passed for this through some of the principal streets sion he describes his visit to a tennis demagoguery and personal ambition to of the city and in a distance of less tournament, devoting half a page to a than 5,000 feet. Moreover there are at lady, who wore a fiery scarlet hat with least two corners to be turned, which a white dress. As this was on August least two corners to be turned, which a wante cross. As this was on Anguet will involve the acquiring of property.

4, 1898, the lady readers of the Colonist If any of the narrow streets east of can figure out who she was who in a telerably good age for a man who Mounted Rifles for Africa. The appointment of the canadian Mounted Rifles for Africa. The appointment of the canadian Mounted Rifles for Africa. The appointment of the canadian Mounted Rifles for Africa. If any of the narrow streets east of Bouglas are utilized, the variations in level will not be so great, but the streets will be rendered practically useless for residential purposes and there will still be the corners to turn. In view of these ince a law that will meet the reasonable

n. He said it is impossible to de tion of the line to the surface of the ang Mayor Redfe

Miner:

The majority of mines do not pay, but are sinking money in the effort to find pay ore. Any increase of their burden discourages or stops the enterprise. A large pay mine, like any other producing business is a complicated affair, delicately adjusted to is conditions. A slight change is enough to destroy its profits and create a loss. Any persistent interference will "kill the goose that lays the golden egg." A difference of two-tenths in the labor received for wages amounts to a profit in itself. Few mines can stand such a burden if it is imposed upon them, if unable to get relief by the contract ystem, many mines must close. I need ardly add that capital is proverbially mid and nothing will scare it off so compity as class legislation or labor ouble.

Referring to the contract system, the in the holders of the \$1,500,000 balance

all the men work hard to earn good pay, and there is no loafing about. If the lays were such that the passengers went twenty-three hours without food. The We do not understand what Mr. Rel- writer of the letter speaks of broken yea had in mind when he spoke at the corduroy, which made it necessary for city council of \$4,000,000 being asked the passengers to get out and shove the for a project that would only cost \$1. | coach. This condition of the road is due 500,000, mentioning this as though it to the parsimonious policy of the Semlin were a proposition advanced by the Col- government, which is cutting down neconist. We have no recollection of hav- essary outlays in orders to make the ing mentioned \$4,000,000 in connection most favorable showing possible on pawith the Victoria-Chilliwack project. per when the house meets. The result But Mr. Belyea's observation makes it will be that the successors of these genworth while to see just what foundation tlemen will have to spend twice as much there is for calling this a \$1,500,000 pro- money restoring the roads as would have

#### THE BRITISH ARMY.

number of men serving with the colors hitherto locked up 500,000 of very excelis far below the Continental standard. lent land between the mountains and the But when the figures are totalled it will strait. This is expected to be followed

rn. It is made up as tonows	
Regular forces1	84,500
Militia	11,700
British troops in India	51,140
Colonial forces (about)	70,000

all we are not so badly off.

### AS OTHERS SEE US.

Mr. J. W. C. Haldane, C. E. whom written a book entitled "3,800 Miles trated. The publishers are Simpkin. Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd., fountain, and what the land damages self, were as admirable specimens of Mr. Martin, who represents the constitu-

perous appearance.
'The pictures relating to Victoria give cost, at least approximately?

View of the Parliament Buildings, one of the have gone into this branch of the

The railways in Cape Colony are

Colonist yesterday. He was represented and covered the same distance in the mines was forgotter. For years mines of all the men work hard to earn good pay, haul the baggage and mails. Seven and and there is no loafing about. If the men do not earn more than the average a half hours were consumed in going the same time, their object being to seize and had been in operation, and yet they dispersed as mysterbusely as they had been in operation, and yet they dispersed as mysterbusely as they had been in operation, and yet they dispersed as mysterbusely as they had been in operation, and yet they had been in operation, and yet they dispersed as mysterbusely as they had been in operation, and yet they had been in operation. n more than the average a half hours were consumed in going the eman would not be able next thirty miles. At times four horses \$500,000 to the Chilliwack scheme "on destroy a stock of Boer ammunition, and yet they disappeared as mysteriously as they had been in operation, and yet they disappeared as mysteriously as they had been in operation, and yet they disappeared as mysteriously as they had been in operation, and yet they disappeared as mysteriously as they had been in operation. next thirty miles. At times four norses and once even six horses could not haul the coach through the mud. These dehe said was that the conditions should side was a wounded horse. be such as would not prevent, etc.

the legislation in which they are inter-this project, and it is a remarkable five hundred years ago an effort was made to locate these properties but without sucested passed before a break-up. We do not see why this consideration should inswer even one of the points that have

Residents on the Washington side of the Straits of Juan de Fuca are daily expecting the promulgation of an order The habit is to represent the British by the United States government setting army as a very small affair, because the aside the forest reservation which has be seen that the available fighting force by a great inrush of people, for the now enrolled is a very formidable con- reason that very little land fit for settlement remains in the hands of the government of that country.

It is proposed to erect a memorial in the parish church of Botusfleming and the town of Saltash, in Cornwall, in memory of that gallant soldier, General Sir William Penn Symons, who fell at the battle of Talana Hill, while leading. his troops forward in a great object If the Canadian Mounted Police and lesson intended to show the Boers the

there will be no more secure guarantee of peace to the world than for the Empire torians a few words of caution. I should be was successful in finding the mines of the among from this campaign armed to advise no one to go in unless he is able to according of his facet trip, that they were to emerge from this campaign armed to advise no one to go in unless he is able the occasion of his first trip, that they were

nations.

At Nome last year there were from two to three thousand men engaged in that Mr. J. M. Martin, M. P. P., has as that Mr. J. M. Martin, M. P. P., has as

men. Johannesburg, Pretoria and ority to be deserted cities. For a historical parallel we must go back to the cities of Greece during the Trojan war.

away, is it not absolutely essential that, before the city talks about granting any a residential city. He happened to be 67 when he died, in command of the that he shall not be hampered by instructions from home. It is absurd to attempt to direct from London a campaign carried on in South Africa.

Ladysmith being all well, there is no London as a plan showing the relationship to the same policy. He pappened to be at lunch at the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855. Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic be forthcoming as to the route to be thought the fire presented a very remarkable spectacle. From the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855. Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic be forthcoming as to the route to be thought the fire presented a very remarkable spectacle. From the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855. Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic be forthcoming as to the route to be thought the fire presented a very remarkable spectacle. From the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855. Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic be forthcoming as to the route to be thought the fire presented a very remarkable spectacle. From the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855. Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic be forthcoming as to the route to be thought the fire presented a very remarkable spectacle. From the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855. Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic be forthcoming as to the route to be the city talks about granting any one a right of way for a railway through at lunch at the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855. Campbellford, Dec. 27.—The Catholic be forthcoming as to the route to be at lunch at the Boomerang when the clied, in command of the British forces before Sebastopol in 1855.

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just ended a victorious campaign and | was planning to invade China. Count

surely be some one who is responsible for mines has remained unclaimed. More than fluence anyone. Defeat the government and pass the necessary legislation afterwards. A government defeat does not imply a new election.

swer even one of the points that have been made against the business aspect of the by-law, and yet Victoria is not a city whose people are averse to engaging in newspaper discussion. We are well aware that the points made by the Coler, a diamond merchant in Road at the lead of this remarkable expedition is Edwin Street. aware that the points made by the Colonist cannot be successfully met, but the extraordinary thing is that the promoters that he has entered into an agreement with of the project have not thought it worth the Egyptian government by which he while to say anything, although their agrees not only to bear all the expense of his explorations but also to share the profscheme has been demonstrated to be hopelessly bad as a business proposition as it now stands. We hope if the scheme Mr. Streeter, who claims to have made is to be submitted to the people in the lis remarkable discovery, is a man of no form of a by-law, all these objectionable little ability. Not only is he a pr features will be cleared up; for we should greatly dislike to oppose any pro- repute and an author of considerable ject intended to give the island better newn. One of his books, connection with the mainland

NOME MINING LAWS.

If the Canadian Mounted Police and other police forces are included in the list the available total will be swelled to about 950,000, which can be easily increased to a million. All this enormous force is armed, drilled, uniformed and officered. It can all be relied upon either for offence or defence. So after a first serve made either for offence or defence. So after a first serve made to show the Boers the mettle of British infantry. Baron Kingsale is at the head of the movement, of which F. A. Rawling, mayor of Saltash, is honorary treasurer. Gontributions are invited to be sent to the honorary treasurer at Saltash, Cornwall, either for offence or defence. So after their own laws in connect with the limit ing laws of the United States applying to Alaska, I have to state that this is not the case. No miners or no miner's laws that are in constant and make laws that are in constant and make laws that are in constant and the mines that had been buried in order that they might be kept from the hands of the Romans. With this idea in view he went to Egypt bent upon finding the mines that had constant and the country one of the richest Judging from present indications, one effect of the South African war will be a great revival of the martial spirit all over the British Empire. The several that are in conflict. When he returned he said nothing about the british that are in conflict. When he returned he said nothing about the British Empire. The several that are in conflict.

velopments in connection with the Cape Nome country before going there. From Cape Nome to Cripple river the beach

JOE MURPHY.

### A SQUADRON COMMANDER.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—News was receiv-

CLEOPATRA'S EMERALDS London Equips an Expedition to Search

When Cleopatra died the location of the hazards is a matter that will probably ne

We hope the city council will give the best possible consideration to the points made in this paper touching the Victorian-Chilliwack by-law. There must be known, but the fact remains that the Romans did not discover the mines and that the Romans did not disco

figure in the commercial life of London, but he is an explorer and archaeologist of and Gems," is already in its sixth edition and is regarded as one of the few standard works in this field of knowledge. Under Letters to the Editor. these circumstances it is not strange that commercial London should have been willing to accept his remarkable story without

According to the statement made by Mr. Sir: With regard to Cape Nome's of the leastlon of these mines for more than twenty years. Long ago he had read

governments should encourage this, for that are in conflict.

With reference to Cape Nome, its history many cation with the governments with the source of the communication with the governments. man was taken out in from four to seven weeks. This money saved the men of

Cape Nome to Cripple river the beach diggings have been worked well over; from Cripple river to Cape York has been scratched by the prospectors; and from York to Port Clarence has been sensitive to the prospectors and from York to Port Clarence has been ment be taken into partnership in the

necessary to travel by camel and the stones mined will have to be brought to the Nile by the same means. Up to the present time this portion of the Arabian desert i practically unexplored, and Mr. Streeter expects to make some important discoveries during the next five days .- Exchange

BORN. TOLSON—At Fozeley, England, Dece 22nd, 1899, the wife of the late of Tolson, of a son.

DIED

CRAIGIE-At the residence of his mother (Mrs. John L. Blackmore), No. 239 Yates street, on the 22nd instant, William John youngest son of the late Thomas Craigie, aged 19 years and 7 months, ESLOUIS—In this city on the 22nd inst., Felix Lesiouis, a native of Dieppe, De-partment de la Seine Infre, France, aged 84 years.

(From Thursday's Fell Down

The Marvel Conn Acc in Her House

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Falling Down Believed to H ed Her 8

A woman known as whose correct name Mrs. C. L. Johnson, ·62 Broad street, last e of injuries received stairs. Early Tuesda mates of the house crash, and going into the unfortunate wom of the stairs, and th lamp, which she had h tered about the floor. scious, and could con explanation of how the A physician was im and after he had mad of the wounds ordered tal. This her friends they obtained her con regained consciousness She was conscious all all she could remember tripped and fallen. that she had an apople falling she fractured Sergeant Redgrave remains last evening to the morgue, notify

tem examination and an inquest in the The woman had b about a month ago house in which she tives in Northport, V SURPRISED TH

The coroner decided

Officers of the Charm Rudlin With a Car It s not often that ger of the steamer Charm to be taken by surprise. on Sunday last, when the run over to Vanc waited upon him, and respect and affection for presented him with a h ed ebony cane, bearing ficient inscription: "Car cers of the Charmer. handsome gift was actfollowing cordially work

'We, the undersign S.S. Charmer beg you small token of our est the spirit of good will ing between captain an tinue unbroken. In po this cane it is our wish companion for many yearing you a Merry Christ Year, we remain, (Sd.) Thos. McLaughli Heritage, Chief Engineer lee, Second Engineer; Engineer; J. D. Griffin Leod. Mate: A. S. N H. Moxon, Steward; T. Clerk; W. Ahern, Bagga To say that Captain completely by surprise ation but mildly. He limit and it was so found voice to express the handsome gift and ings evidenced by his of

GOLDEN W Unusual Celebration I on Christma

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, formerly of Saani their golden wedding were married in Sprin December 25, 1849. Tw born to them, of whom ing, and besides they have With the exception of were present at the cele their home was prettil couple came to Victoria since resided on the Is callers on Monday were: the Misses Tolmie, Po-Noah Shakespeare, Ald. ward, Mrs. and Miss Spo Mr. and Mrs. Newcom sr., Mr. H. Young, Mr. son, Mr. and Mrs. J. H A. Booth, Miss M. Est Stuart Yates, Mr. T. W Pierre and daughter, M Monk, sr., Mr. and M Mrs. Bamfield, Mr. H. Helmcken, M.P.P., Mi and Mr. D. D. McTavis The health of the c by Mr. H. D. Melmcker them on the event, one kind held in this secti He spoke of the esteem held and hoped that t The list of presents f

Mrs. G. A. McTavish Higgins, gold belt; Mr. Clanton, gold ice cream Spotts, gold mug: Mrs. cream jug; Ald. and Mr. gold flower pot; Mr. an cake plate and cheque; gold tea set; Mr. and speare, gold salid spo Barnswell, pair gold Booth, pair gold vases; Carter, butter bowl; M gold brooch: Mrs. M. saucer; Mr. and Mrs. fruit bowls; Mr. and spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. stand; Mr. and Mrs. I kerchief and cash; the brooch; Mr. John Tolm Dr. and Mrs. S. F. To frame; Mr. Herbert Carte Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Helm Mr. J. T. Pierre, cheque (Saanich), cheque: Mr. cheque; Mr. T. Alexander Mrs. D. R. Ker, pincushi pincushion; Mr. and Mr. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. And The evening was sp supper in singing and to party not ending up till

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