the lepers in a pitiable on, there or foar are able to do c, and, I am afraid, some of the ones suffer for lack of attention, y urgent that these unfortunates y urgent that these unfortunates e removed to some well-equipped (where they will be properly cared the meantime, it might be well if the revisited more frequently. Could province, by paying the expense to other way, prevail on the Dogovernment to admit them to Tracaretto, where there are nurses, medically and the province of the pr ndants, etc.?
R. L. FRASER, M.D.

Humphrey thought there should be weekly communication with the calse reports had been sent to Otregard to the island and although and been proved to be erroneous as well to provide against the posnealth officer and sanitary officer. Referred to ngineer submitted a plan of the extension proposed in the James strict. The building inspector will icted to interview the property a James Bay between Humboldt iglas streets and ascertain their regard to the improvement of

ef of the fire department subis report for the month of Aug-chief recommended the appoint chief recommended the appoint a wiring inspector as suggested aterview published in the Times, port was received and filed and a le will be placed in the pumping as recommended in the report. following buildings on Cormorant were recommended to be removed nt of their unsanitary condition sanitary inspector, viz.; and 51, lot 533, block H, or buildings for about 24 feet east 534, block H, as far as the Prince es saloon. The owners will be reo meet the council to dispose of

nber of Chinese merchants com of a sewer in front of their build-Received and filed and the owners notified that the matter is being to. ition also was submitted from

Christie and residents of the de of Yates street, asking for the four small poles interfering sying of the new sidewalk on Referred to the street comety engineer and electric light su-dent with power to act. mized account of the goods purthe Westminster sufferers was by the purchasing agent, lectric light committee reported alling of the following lights: of Quebec and Menzies streets; ouver and Humboldt; cor. Vanncouver and Humboldt; cor. Van-and Mears; cor. Rockland avenue, bewdney's: on MacGregor avenue; ndora and Belmont streets; on St. on Topaz, on Pine, opposite Beau cor. Esquimalt road and Cath-

treet, on Maclure; on Pemberton They also recommended that the tween Johnson and Yates be reto the rear of the new custom Wharf street. -. Kinsman wanted to know why as not a lamp on Hillside avenue, orner of Second street. The matn, several aldermen stating that ner named had been promised ree years ago, while others said corner was well illuminated insman moved, seconded by Ald. hat the light be withdrawn from avenue and placed at the point he Ald. Williams, who had just wanted to know where Centre avenue. It might be all right for ermen of that name, but it was to the Centre Ward. Ald. Macto the Centre Ward. Ald. Mac-retorted that he had given the to the city and it was without a light. It was finally decided to

sewerage committee enclosed we from the city engineer that the ge system cannot be extended to t's house on Quebec street. 10 feet of sidewalk be laid on the de of Blanchard street and north tes street, estimated cost. \$2,500; Hudson Bay Company to construct a sidewalk over the ortion of Wharf street, south of ce of the C.P.N. Co, which area by them, as it is necessary re work of macadamizing is done harf street between the Hudson Bay any's premises and the south end of everment wall. The report was ad-

finance committee recommended xpenditure of \$1,286.91, and a furappropriation of \$1,000 for the ister fire sufferers. Received and

mayor returned for reconsideration esolution adopting the report of the committee, which recommended over some narrow streets on the estate. The view was taken ld. Humphrey that as one street is in width it should be taken over. was agreed to and a resolution passnding the other portion of the moon which the narrow streets were ave was granted Ald. MacGregor to

his by-law dealing with ge of explosives. It was introduced read a first time, and will be read nd time at the next meeting. MacGregor read a resolution he introducing, which called upon ire chief to report upon the effic rwise of the city's protection from nd suggest any needed improve The subject, however, will into without a formal resolution passed to that effect council rose at 10;45.

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A Crisis Exists in France Which Presages a Recurrence of Troublous Times.

President Faure Opposes a Revision of the Dreyfus Case and Assumes Despotic Power.

paris. Sept. 15.-France is on the brink the gravest crisis since the birth of Third Republic. The situation is by this: Premier Brisson and all the ers of the cabinet with the excepof Gen. Zurlinder, minister of war, possibly Lockroy, are convinced of absolute necessity of a revision of Dreyfus case in the interests alike justice and of the state. General nget signified his willingness to take portfolio of war and accept a revision Saturday's meeting of the cabinet a ision will be taken and it is certain that a revision will be decreed. President Faure has caused it to be rumone to the lie will resign if it be granted No ond bear ves he will resign, but every one sees that the threat to do so is a desperate expedient to get rid at one blow of Brisson's cabinet, and it is fondly hoped of the revision also. But Faure's unconstitutional action in directly interfering with the responsibility of the cabinet affords an example of the lawlessness in high places which is the first step towards a revolution. He is accused of aiming at lictatorship, and if he succeeds in destroying the Brisson cabinet it will be

e act of a dictator. The Dreyfus agitation can now be seppressed only by the exercise of an arbitrary power. President Faure made himself the champion of the army and its vaunted chiefs, who will do anything to avoid the exposure a revision would entail, and they are ready to place the arbitrary power in his hands.

A military coup d'etat is therefore free conjectured as the probable outcome of crisis, should President Faure's efthe crisis, should Fresident Faure's critical threw up the position of chief justice because he would not go to Victoria to Col. Pity de Clam, in an interview this reside. Justice McColl was also very fort to bulldose the Brisson cabinet fail. morning says: "It is known very well that my being on the inactive list has set wagging all the tongues of Paris, but set wagging all the tongues of Paris, but there is to be no sensational sequel what we westminster. This is the first time ever. My relation with this accursed that the Dominion Government has had controversy is solely official. All these: statements about my having hounded Dreyfus and his wife are execrable lies. My connection with Bordereau? I have none. The war minister-he best knows why-has retired me temporarily, and like a soldier, I ask no questions, but submit." Le Matin to-day says while the cabinet divided as to the authenticity of certain documents in the Dreyfus case, all the ministers admit they were not committed to the evidence. The paper adds: dercier, who was minister of war at the ime Dreyfus was convicted. This is the reseason for the hesitancy of the cab-

The Echo de Paris says Emile Zold is Switzerland and he will return Paris early in the month of October. He said to be posted in the principal towns

BOMBARDMENT IMMINENT.

Turks Appeal for an Extension of Time to Comply With Ultimatum Rejected.

Canea, Island of Crete, Sept. 15 .- The ultimatum to Edhem Pasha, the Turkish Military Governor of Crete, demanding that within 48 hours he should deliver up) the ringleaders of the recent outbreak, surrender the forts and railparts commanding the town, and dis arm the Mussulmans.

It is reported that Mr. Ridel the secary of the American legation at Constantinople, is coming here in connection for the destruction of the Amer.can Consulate.

VESUVIUS IN ERUPTIONS

Any Seen There in a Quarter of a Century. Vaples, Sept. 15 .- Mount Vesuvins in classes. enting the grandest spectacle The central cruter and a numhers, are vomiting lava and Three imposing streams are flow in the mountain side, burning the tnut woods at the base on Monte ima, nearly reaching the observatory, roying part of the Furnicular railroad

racks of the Carabineers. NO SHORTAGE AT DAWSON.

reto, and threatening the bar-

all Rumors to the Centrarys

camp through the winter.

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME, Royal Personages in Korea the Victims

of a Poisoner's Plot. okohama, Sept. 15 .- Further advices ived here from Seoul, the capital of orea, say that the king of Korea, who, he crown prince, became ill on Sunlast, the supposition being they were is recovering. It is now bepoisoner was a lady of the old, whether actuated by jealousy or political motives is unknown.

A DESPERATE SUICIDE.

The minister of justice being asked to-day whether saloons would have to close on the plebiscite day replied that the desirement of the had ommitted which a frachm of pressic days sand then opening the vense has orm. Landsdorf's suicide is condered a most wonderful exhibition of red a most wonderful exhibition of nerve and determination.

REVOLUTION NEAR President Family Will Stephensly Re-

Par's, Sept. 14.—Gaulois and Jour as sert that P esiden. Faure tather than allow revision of the Dreyfus case will resign and seek re-election by national assembly convened to elect his suc-

BY ACCLAMATION.

The Provincial Secretary Will Not Be Opposed at the By-Election. Nelson, Sept. 14 .- (Special)-Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, it can be positively stated that Hon. Fred Hume will not be opposed when he comes out

HAY LEAVES LONDON.

Cheered by a Throng of Friends, the Ambassador Bids Good-bye.

London Sept. 14.—Col. John Hay, the retiring United States ambassador, and Mrs. Hay, left London to day for Liverneed to sail for New York on board the White Star line steamer Teutonic. A large number of friends assembled at the railroad station to bid the colonel and his wife cool bye, and they were loudly cheered. His wife and they were e dealt with.

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Constantinople, Sept. 14.—The Turkish government has sent a circular to the powers alleging that the British provoked the disorders at Candia, claiming that the situation is due to the measures adopted" by the powers at Crete, and protesting against the bombardment of Candia. Finally, the Porte announces its refusal to withdraw the Turkish troops from Crete in spite of the decision of the Admirals that such a step is absolutely necessary. The circular has made a deep cessary. The circular has made a deep impression in diplomatic circles. Candia, Island of Crete, Sept. 14.—The Bashi-bazouks have consented to disarm providing the arms are delivered to the Turkish authorities.

VACANT JUDGESHIP. Beluctance of British Columbia Lawrens to Accept Positon.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—British Columbia lawyers don't seem to be very anxious for the bench. E. P. Davis, Vancouver, near refusing it because he would not leave New Westminster, and now Archer Martin hesitates about the puisne judge such matters as these to contend with. It shows that British Columbia lawyers are doing a dig business and are loath to go on the bench. Such is not the case on this side of the Rockies. The department of agriculture is about to establish three experimental poultry stations with a view to instructing farmers on the best methods of feeding poul-

try for market, one station in the prov-ince of Quebec, one at Ottawa and one Western Ontario. Aylmer Maude, an English communist, had an interview with Mr. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, to-day on behalf "A revision of the trial will bring up the of the Russian Christians of the Univerquestion of the responsibility of General sal Brotherhood whom it is proposed to Smart will report the matter to Mr. Sife

> Charles Russell, son of the lord chief instice, is here. He says all formalities in connection with Sir Thos. Lipton's challenge for the America top are con-

> pleted to the London Tab-let, a leading Catholic weekly of Great Britain, is here.

AWAKENING OF CHINA. Marquis Ito Arrives at Pekin The Em peror's Actions Indicate Great

Changes, Pekin, Sept. 15 .- Marquis Ito, the Japadmirels of the international fleet, at anese statesman who is understood to be andia have rejected the request of the visiting China for the purpose of ar-Turkish authorities for an extension of ranging an offensive and defensive at the time in which to comply with the lighted between Ching and Japan, arrived liance between China and Japan, arrived

> simulighed visitor An edict has been published, extending the postal operations throughout the empire, replacing the present system of govrnment couriers.

Frequent edicts introducing reforms and cutting down expenditures prove that the emperor's advisers are bent up on a policy which can only be the result A Spectacle Which Excels in Grandeur of a complete change of opinion: Most of the Chinese and old European residents look upon the change as being too sweeping and as entering to the official It is evident that the emperor has decided to abolish many abuses. His nec 1872, due to a violent outburst of efforts are welcomed by those enlightened countrymen who counsel moderation,

RIOTING STRIKERS.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15. For some time there has been a strike among the plasterers of this city and vicinity for until to-morrow.

Musgrave v. Bethune Action for rent

Musgrave v. Bethune Action for rent higher wages, but until to-day no serious trouble resulted. This morning the strikers gathered in considerable force near Gerry's saloon. Abusive words led North-West Mounted Police Dispose of to the throwing of missiles and finally one of the strikers drew a revolver and Port Townsend, Wash, Sept. 15 .- fired into a crowd of non-union men. This Steamer Discovery arrived here last was immediately followed by a volley night from Skagway, Alaska, bringing from the strikers. Wm. Kane fell moradvices from Dawson up to August 27, fally wounded. When the police appear-It is stated that the Canadian police at they were met with a volley of bullave completed a thorough investigation of the food supplies for the coming winder. They report that the amount of and is more than sufficient to carry the same through the winter. strikers of the gesult of which is not yet known.

OTTAWA NOTES,

Increases of 20 cents per gallon in the tax on spirits and 10 cents per pound on raw leaf tobacco brought up the exse revenue for August to over \$800,000 the highest figure it has ever reached any single month.

The number of vessels passing through the Soo canal to August 31 was 2,661, decrease of 149. Minister Fisher secured only 20,000 square feet of space for Canadian ex-hibits at the Paris exhibition. He asked

The minister of justice being asked to-

Hewitt Bostock, M.P., was in Hessland this week on his annual tour of his con-

The only Pills of take with Hood's Sursaparilla (Chicago, September 9th, 1808.

MR. JUSTICE MARTIN Higher Returns Than From the Eldorado

Puis re Judgeship Vacated by Chief confirms the statements had to previously Justice McColl's Preferment is Given to a Victorian.

The Chief Justice Will Reside in Victoria-Something About the New Judge.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 15.—(Special)—Archer Martin, of Victoria, has been appointed Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in the place of Mr. Justice McColl who was recently made Chief Justice

Lord Aberdeen has approved the orderin-council making the appointment. The question of residence in regard to the districts has been before the govern-ment constantly, but the only decision arrived at is that the Chief Justice, who resides in New Westminster, will be ex-pected to reside in Victoria, where the the en market, one of site truos

Archer Martin, now Jistice Martin, is the second son of Mr. Bdward Martin, Ont. He was born in 1865 and was educated at Trinity College school, Port Hope, and at Ghent, Belgium. He went to Winnipeg in 1882 and was called to the bar of Manitoba in 1887. In the end of 1893 her left Winnipeg, coming to Victoria, which he had visited in 1887. In 1896 he was appointed counsel for the Dominion Government, and agent for the minister of justice at Victoria; and formed his late partaership with W. H. Langley, in the beginning of 1897. Mr. Martin is a beginning of 1897. Mr. Martin is a great-grandson of Mr. Richard Martin, M.P. of Ballinahinch Castle, county Galway, Ireland, who represented that ounty for many years and achieved celebrity in obtaining the passage of "Martin's Act" for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and also introduced measures for the abolition of the death punishment for forgery, and for the alpublishment for lorgery, and to the lowance of counsel to prisoners, reforms which seems strange to mention now. The new judge has, we believe, the distinction of being the first member of the finction of being the first member of the bar of British Columbia, to write a legal work, his book on "The Land Tenures of the Hudsons Bay Company" having been recently published in London and highly reviewed by the critics. It may be mentioned that the Hon. Justice Irving and the Hon. Justice Irving and the Hon. Justice Martin are fellow-townsmen and "old boys" of the same school.

of the same school. THE YUKONER A RACER. She Makes a Record Breaking Trip Up the Yukon River.

The Yukon Midnight Sun of August The Yukon Midnight Sun of August 27, a copy of which has just been received here; contains the following in regard to the arrival of the C. P. N. Co.'s river steamer Yukoner at Dawson: "The steamer left St. Michaels on August 8th, in the steamer left St. Michaels 8th, in the steamer left St. Michaels 8th, in the st. Michaels 8th, passing every steamer overhatled making the trip in fourteen days. The passengers and crew say that the trip was made in eight days and four hours actual made in eight days and four hours actual running time. The officers are Commodore John Trving in command: Captains E. Tackaberry and G. W. Grant: Chief Engineer John McLarty, and Purser H. W. Price. The steamer has very graceful thes, with plenty of driving power and large boilers. The row of cabins along the main salcon, and the ladies cabins show interior fin sh and comfort not to be found in all boats." The steamers passed by the Yukoner on her rapid trip up were as follows:

as follows:
On August 10 the Sovereign bound down, and the Sault Ste. Marie, Gold Star, Joe Matthews and D. Armstrong

On the 18th, May West and Seattle No, bound up, and steamer Linda unload on the 19th, Redout with barge bound On the 20th, launch Aduilla and John

Barr bound up, and The C. Power Ou the 2 st, Rock Island No. 2 and Canadian bound up; J. T. Healy and Hamilton bound down. On the 22nd, Rock Island No. bound

The Yukoner is designed similarly the same company's fast Fraser river boats, and hence records will be tackled from this date, as Commodore Irving takes a pride in riding on a fiver.

LAW INTELLIGENCE

Mr. Justice Irving held the regular Wednesday sittings of the chamber court this morning. v. Hume, Nelson election in Corles v. Hume, Nelson electionse, an order was made that the petition gave particulars within 30-days of allegations contained in the petition Fell for respondent and Moresby for peti-

Barnes v. Gray-Application to aside a writ of execution was adjourned of premises on Broad street lately cupied by the Klondike M. & T. Co. plaintiff claims that Mr. Bethine had a year's lease, but the defendant says it was a monthly renancy and that he handed the premises over to the company, who were accepted as tenants by Mr. Masgrave, and he brings in the company in third party proceedings and claims in-demnity from the company. Order made that the issue between defendant and the company be tried immediately after the trial of the original action. McPhillips for plaintiff, Higgins for defendant and Peters. Q.C., for the company.

Steamer Canadian reached Dawson city on August 23rds and like the Columbian, she was despatched up the river to the White Horse. While ishe was on a bar above Circle city a deckhand named Kelly, who hails from this city, had his left leg broken and his right leg dislocated by the parting of a hawser.

Much in Little de especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in

A meeting of the stockholders of the Gypsy Queen Gold Mining Company of West Virginial was held in Chicagot September 6th, 1838. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year. F. L. Champiain, president; W. Hallaste, first two president; M. H. Peters, second vice-president; A. H. Peters, second vice-president; L. H. Ash, secretary; Robert Pringle, treasurer; Arthur Lossk, H. E. Pringle, treasurer; Arthur Lossk, H. E. Rycroft, D. V. Kent, H. J. O'Brien, W. H. Gilmore, general manager of the company's affairs in the Northwest. (Seal)

HOWIBLEL News

News just received from Dismson fully 12 VANCOUVER. regarding the richtess of he beach diggings. It is said that a valt to the important creeks in the vicinity of Dawson will bring out the fact that almost every available point for the lodgement of an old river channel is undergoing development work. The discovery of a rich deposit on French Hill have given cause for a multitude of theories. It is a well known fact that a few of the best sitnated bench mines give higher returns for the same space of ground than is taken from the Eldorado creek claims. Long-headed mining men have reached the conclusion that the old underground river channel offers better inducement for

river beds. Sections of the ancient river bed have NELSON been uncovered at various points and im-mense deposits of wash gravel have been Exports. found on the table hill back of Klondike city. When it is definitely located and ts course determined Dawson residents believe there will be a time of prosperous mining far exceeding those enjoyd hitherto. A repetition of the Table Mountain and the Blue Lead placer mines of California, the course of immense anent rivers, is looked for sidus usual. The discovery of the beach diggings has doubled the area of land available for profitable mining and when the re-search is pushed to the point where the course of the old river bed is known it can readily be seen that the field will be almost unlimited. aboye mentioned copper matte are:

MANY ROBBERIES

An Epidemic of Outlawry on the Trails in the Klondike Mining District.

Dawsonites Say the Action of Col- here by the Coquitlam, arriving to-day, lector Ivey Is Responsible For This.

Late news received from Dawson received in papers brought down by the Garonne gave the news that many held-ups and robberies are taking place in the mining districts. Emboldened by the action taken by Collector Ivey in endeavoring to secure the release of Arthun Perry, accused of stealing \$76,000 from Alex McDonald, the bandits bave become brazen

On August 22nd a Mr. Myerhaefer was attacked by robbers on claim No. 62 below, on Bonanza, He was walking along the trail about midnight, when he was stopped by the report of a pistol. the shot from which fortunately missed him. Then he was suddenly attacked by him. Then he was suddenly attacked by two men, who seemed to have been lying in wait to rob whoever came along. They strick him with the butts of their reworders, and overpowered him. He offers to let them take his money if they would let him go, when they released him and gave him a chance to defend himself. Being a powerful man, and notwithstanding that he was bruised and cut in several blaces he hurled one and cut in several places, he hurled one of the men over an embankment, and, breaking loose from the other, ran down to a coin about fifty yards distant. He was brought on to the barracks hospital. where side we strong the same state and began est, and he had four large gashes and several smaller bruses. He had on a heavy fur cap, to which fact he says he owes his life. The police, who lack on it as a case of attempted murder, are launch being the flagship.

Armstrong's launch being the flagship.

On the 13th the Dwyer Emily M. and W. S. Stratton bound up and the Merwin, Susie and Cudahy bound down.
On the 15th the Northern Light and Clara bound up with barges, and Alice.
Tanana Chief and P. B. Weate bound for the 18th Mental Stratton and Chief and P. B. Weate bound to the Permitted Stratton bound to the 18th Seattle No. 1; here. of the law are confronted with cases more numerous and cases of greater grafity in the line of outlawry and crime may be accidental, or it may be the result of the snowledge of criminals that they can escape with ease to the American side. In any event, the fact that an avenue of escape is open to law-breakers in Dawson, has a tendency to make evil-doers more bold and daugerous. Property holders express uneasiless since this new danger peared. And miners who in all the his tery of the camp never carried a gun preparing themselves for a proper lefense when the critical time Men are being sandbagged on the trail, others fired at along the creeks; such occurrences will cause a change of tacoccurrences win cause a charge view on the part of the public. A man cannot be blamed for taking precautions on behalf of his life and gold dust, especially

when he has a long, dark walk slong a brush-lined trail.

There is one thing the robbers and bandit may count upon in Dawson. Bigorous and swift as the mounted police are in suppressing lawlessness, the thief and bandit will be in better luck should he fall into the hunds of the volice than into the hands of the miners and property owners of Dawson. This has been civil camp for two reasons. First, because of the perfect police system, and secondly because all the people here wanted it to be orderly, civil and law-It will continue to be a biding. camp as these would-he desperadors. duding Mr. Ivey, will find out before the winter is over."

AN ALPINE FATALITY. Son of a World-wide Known Ma sician Meets a Tragic End.

Berlin, Sept. 14.-Mr. Norman Neruda artist and well-known Alpine climber, a son of the famous violinist while descending the, it Schmidkamin in the Dolomite Alps on Sunday, was the Dolomite Alps, on Sunday, was struck on the head by all falling stone, receiving such serious injuries that the party was obliged to remain all night on the rocks. A rescue party arrived in the morning, but Mr. Neruda died in the arms of the guides who were carrying the scratched.

The Moyie group, East Kootenay, was bonded to Vancouver men recently for \$125,000, with \$5,000 paid. The balance is due in 60 days. Six men are at work.

To Whom it may Concern.

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The rolls for the voters' list for the next municipal elections—there are elections coming, though some of the aldermen may not think so—have just been closed, and City Clerk McGuigan's stenographer is busy getting them in shape for the printers. There is an increase this year of over 500 names, which is the largest increase over the usual number that has been known for years. Last year the growth noticeable in this regard was comparatively small, for example in Ward 3, there was absolutely no increase at all. Five hunared voters represent a larger additional population than is signified by the number mentioned above.

mining development than the present The customs returns for August are as

 The mine, copper matter.
 \$44,222 00

 The forest.
 62 00

 Animals and their produce.
 30 00

 Manufactures
 2,323 00

 Total exports......\$46,635 00 Dutiable goods. \$33,741 00 Potal imports. Was to still 9 \$36,497 00 The values of the different metals in the Gold \$ 7,517 00 Copper 12,281 00 Total \$44,422 00
The greater proportion by far of these matte shipments are from the Hall Mines smelter. Several funds have been started in the

city for the relief of Westminster.
The creditors of the B. C. Iron Works, unsecured, have been offered 50 cents on the dollar. The majority of the creditors will accept the offer. A Philadelphia firm will take over the works if the offer is accepted.

A purty of Manitobans have reached

who came out via Telegraph Creek, having gone in by the Ashcroft trail. They claim to have passed men actually starving, sixty in one place. They had lost clothes, horses and provisions. The poor fellows were dazed with weakness, and their minds wandered. They were existing on squirrels, gophers, etc. Their horses had starved to death. If no relief is sent such they will die.

ALBERNI

Forest fires are raging all over the hills in this vicinity.

M. Shaw is fixing up his building as a store 100m; a chance for a bakery, jeweller or some enterprising man to occupy Messis. Craig & McLeod, of Nanaimo,

came in some days since and are enjoying themselves at Sproat lake. They both were supprised at seeing Alberni in such a flourishing condition.

Some miscreants set fire to the woods between Alberni and Redford's slaughter house, nearly causing the destruction of

the slaughter house and barn. A constant lookout had to be kept during the night in order to present serious damage to neighboring property. The barn of the Best was completely destroyed by live, his entire crop of hay and grain being stored therein; a heavy loss to a new beginner.

The West Coast assay office, situated opposite Ward's hotel, was burned to the ground on Friday morning. An explo-

sion of gasoline was the cause of the inci-dent. Colley & Dickinson lost all their clothing and a set of surveyor's instru-Mr. Kislingbary, superintendent of the Thislie mine, received his branch by the last boat and now the prospector, as she is called, will be quite an acquisition to

GREENWOOD. A. Hamilton, the C. commissioner, H. T. Wilgress, the right of way agent, and L. M. Rice, C.E., reached Greenwood on Thursday evening from Grand Forks. Mr. Hamilton is making his last visit in connection with the right of way. He is making final the right of way. He is making arrangements with the owners of perty. In Grand Forks he and Mr. gress met the council and issued their ultimatum, which is practically Mr. Wilgress's first offer to the conneil. If the railway is to go through Lower Grand Fortes it must be on a fressle, as it is impossible to leave a steep bluff and run on a level with the lower towns. I station will be on the bench modway tween the upper and lower towns. The council were given until to-day to decide the matter, when Mr. Hamilton will again meet them. In Greenwood the C. P. R. officials had no difficulty. The arpangements made with the townsite peo ple are satisfactory to all parties con corned. The railway will run along the bench across the creek and will therefore not interfere with any private property. The station is to be built on the bench almost opposite the Greenwood City. Mercantile Co's old magazine. It is understood that the C. P. R. have taken an interest in the Greenwood townsite. The empany is to make Greenwood the C.

R. headquarters for the district. DEER PARK. Negotiations for the sale of the Deer Park townsite and a good deal of the adjoining land which have been pend-ing for some weeks culminated the other day when Mr. Mackin osh's offer of \$10,000 was accepted. The townsite was laid off and platted two years ago by Colone E. S. Topping, of Trail, who owned a half interest, John, Julius and S. F. Peterson being joint owners of the other half. The deal includes 1,400 acros in all, taking in the unsold lots in the townsite proper, with the exception of by the vendors.

BROOKLYN. The other evening as the Rossland was leaving Brooklyn the lights of a the bows of the big boat which erashed into her, cutifur her could be let on the district on way. And the stern the other, buestormined. all on board were saided. The two rends of the tug were aftenwards secured and towed to land. The Ressland received no damage, her bows being merely a hi-

FORT STEELE A meeting of the Fort Steele Liberal Association was held in the Steele house on Seturday evening. September 3rd, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. C. Nelson president; John Grassick, vice-president A. L. McDermot, scere cary-tensurer; R. E. Beattie, E. Small, J. B. Langley, L. W. Patmore, W. Van Arsdalen, executive committee.

Tracastal of ROSSLAND The tocal Liberits held a meeting at Smith Curries office in the Imperial block Saturday evening, at which matters affecting the interests of the party in Residual district were discussed. An address was delivered, by George R. Maxwell M.P., and brief speeches were made by James Martin M.P.P. Smith made by James Martin M.P.P. Sn Curtis and C. A. Gregs, of Victoria.

Voluntary Attendance Does Not Add to the Success of the Monthly Meetings.

Promotion of Mr. Soady-Mr. Tait to Succeed Him-School Matters.

The most important business brought up at the meeting of the Board of School Trustees last night was disposed of in committee of the whole, with closed doors, after the regular meeting had terminated. The matter which it was considered necessitated this departure from the regular procedure was the receipt of communications relative to the relations existing between the principal and vice-principal of the South Park school, which was freely discussed, but which contains nothing meriting the publicity which would be given to it in

pupicity which would be given to it in the columns of the newspapers.

While in committee, too, the trustees appointed a successor to Mr. J. H. Sondy, B.A., who has been given the position of principal of the Nelson Public school. Mr. Sondy's place in the North Ward school will be filled by Mr. D. S. Tait, Miss Lottie M. Powell succeeding Mr. Tait at a salary of \$50.

When the regular meeting commenced

When the regular meeting commenced shortly after eight o'clock, there was a full attendance of the members, Chairmon Hayward presiding, and in addimon Hayward presiding, and in addition there was present a delegation consisting of Principal A. B. McNeill, Principal Agnes Deans Cameron. Principal Gillis, and Mr. Soady, B.A., representing the majority of the teachers present at a meeting held in June at which a resolution was carried asking the board to report to the old arrates in research. to revert to the old system in regard to the holding of the meetings of the Teachers' Institute. Formerly the meetings of the institute were held on the second Friday in each month at 2.30 second Friday in each month at 2.30 o'clock, and attendance was compulsory, but some of the teachers objected to the compulsory feature, and it was decided to hold the meetings in the evening, and leave it to the teachers' own volition whether they attend or no. The Jan has not succeeded so well as it should have done, and, as stated, the majority of the teachers decided to ask the beard to revert to the old system, Mr. McNeil and Miss Cameron stating the case for the majority whom they represented and being ably seconded by Messrs. Soady and Gillis.

sented and being ably seconded by Messrs. Soady and Gillis. Miss Cameron said that their desire was not prompted by any ulterior metwas not prompted by any ulterior motive to gain an hour from their duties, but simply by their desire to see the institute achieve the object for which it was established; that the meetings migh be bright and well attended, and more helpful, as they used to be, and not the light state that have determined. the slim gatherings they have deterior

ated into lately.

Mr. McNeil had several strong arguments in favor of the proposed return to the old order of things, and could not call to mind any arguments which were advanced by those who are opposed to

the change. Trustee Marchant saw some objections to the alteration asked, but also be-lieved that if the institute failed of the object it was intended to fulfil something should be done to remedy it. The main idea was to assist the young teachers, and in the nature of things they were probably the ones who failed to take advantage of the opportunity unless it was combulsory. However, he suggest-ed that the matter had better lie over for say three months and that in the meantime instructions be given that a register of the attendance be kept and laid before the next board. Dr. Hall seconded this and it carried.

During the discussion the chairman asked Miss Cameron if the same ob ject would be achieved by allowing meetings to be held say at four o'clock and making it compulsory on all teachers to attend. Miss Cameron thought this would serve the same purpose, but some of the trustees questioned whether the board could make any such compulsory arrangement after school hours. Trustee Marchant said it might be done in making new engagements or in rein making new engagements Hayward asked Miss Cameron whether the advantage gained by the teachers in attending the institute at 2.30 would not be more than offset by the other consideration, that 2,000 children would be losing an hour's education, Cameron pointed out that it would not be an hour, but amounted really to only

half an bour a month. Trustee Belyea did not think the board were called upon to do much to save the institute from death, if the teachers themselves, for whose benefit it exists, did not care to keep it alive. The mat ter dropped ofter the resolution of Messrs Marchant and Hall had car-

Communications were then dealt with as follows: From Miss Cameron, inviting the members of the board to attend the concert in the South Park school tomorrow evening; accepted with thanks. From the principals of various schools, asking for necessary supplies, to the supply and alterations committee with power to act. From J. H. Soady, B.A., notifying the board of his appointment to the position of principal of the Nelson Public school, and his consequent resignation from his present post in the North Ward school; accepted and the ward school; accepted and the setter to notify Mr. Soady that his departure is a source of regret to the board. From Miss Cameron, again calling attention to the overcrowded condition of her school; received and filed. and Miss Cameron to be notified that the board do not intend to make any changes at present. From Miss Cameron, presenting the board with a very handsome photograph of the football teem of South Park school; received with thanks, and the picture ordered to be displayed in the board room. A letter was also received from the puty minister of education stating that no change was contemplated by the

department relative to the higher inations for entrance into the The monthly report showed the average daily attendance to be 2.230; the average actual attendance 2.114; the pupils actually attending, 2.277; and the average per teacher 46. attendance during September 2.410 pupils, as against 2.253 for the same month a year ago. and 2.175 two years ago. No corresponding increase in taff has, however, been made, Belyea then moved that the Trustee Belyea then moved that the matter of framing regulations governing the position of the city superintendent be again referred to the legislative dent be again referred to the legislative committee, and the resolution carried ut animously.

The board then resolved into a com-

mittee of the whole. Colonel H. M. Wentworth has struck the main lead in his gold and copper claim, two miles west of Granbrock, It assays \$24 in gold and 30 per cent. con-The claim is only one-half mile from the new railway.