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before a was found et in his minister entry of to regisPROTECTING THE A letter from the city solicitor again

STEPS TO BE TAKEN

Important Matters at Last Nights'

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Act, and promised the dispatch of

Ald. Fell said that he had an inter-

ascertained that they were only now

onsidering the framing of the bill. He

would know to-morrow or next day.

when a conference between their com-

n the course of re-classifiying of the

pany on the proposed annulment of the

Ald. Fell said it should be also con-

sidered that there is a reading room in

everyone would enjoy a "music box"

Ald. Stewart withdrew his motion. He had not thought of the reading

There was a good deal of discussion

tion was finally adopted.

mittee. Received and filed.

yards at a cost of spreading of \$80.

gravel if the same was in reason.

did not include that required for the

legal way.

city's interests safeguarded.

done exclusively by that body.

Ald. Vincent thought that any work

room being next to the one wanted.

ousiness as early as possible.

o the W. C. T. U. mission,

was in England.

Received and filed.

one over the library.

being a worthy one.

asked for an increase in salary. Ald. Yates opposed the request, as the solicitor had accepted the position at a set wage, and he was paid for Laid on the table until the estimates

were taken up. FOR EXTENDING WALL

W. H. Keating, police court clerk, asked for an increase of \$15 a month in consideration of his services as a short hand writer. Laid on the table pending the esti-

The Council Considered This and Other Mr. Borde, collector of water rates, asked for an increase of \$10 a month. This communication took the same course.

On motion of Ald. Stewart all other similar communications were dealt with in the same way, W. S. Gore and twelve others pro-There was a lot of business before tested against the changing of Victoria the city council last evening. Ald. Crescent to Quadra street, and asked

Rev. Canon Beanlands and E. O. that the old name be restored. Scholefield were reappointed library Ald. Vincent moved that the request missioners for another year; the be granted. stion of an analysis in connection Ald. Goodacre seconded the motion with the inquest on the Duval child and this caused some amusement, Ald.

was discussed at some length, and Fell stating that the motion was out of finally left to the Mayor with power to order. The changing of the streets act, the advisability of consolidating name was done by by-law, and could secretaryships of public commitnot be undone except by by-law. was considered, and another mat-On motion of Ald. Davey the petiter of much importance was the detioners will be notified that the counsion reached to complete the forecil regrets that it cannot comply with nore protection work as soon as pos-

W. Atkins et al asked for the con-The honorable provincial secretary struction of sewers in the neighborwrote reporting the appointment of hood of Dallas road and Montreal license and police commissioners. Received and filed. The communication was referred to Attorney-General Wilson wrote acknowledging the receipt of proposed the streets, bridges and sewers com-

mittee to bring in a report on Thursday evening. amendments to the Municipal Clauses Frances A. Walker and 15 others asked for a hydrant at the corner of Delta street and Burnside road.

Referred to the fire wardens. iew with members of the House, and E. L. and J. A. Brown submitted ender for the sale of a span of horses for the sum of \$550. This was the only tender that has been received for fire horses. It was stated that the team mittee and members of the house might had been offered for \$500, and that \$50 was added by the owner when he knew The W. C. T. U. wrote asking that that the city wanted the horses. This was the result, said Ald. Goodacre, of brary books those not needed be given the city making known its requirements in the way done here.

Laid on the table to be dealt with After a good deal of discussion when similar applications are considwas decided on Ald. Yates' motion to offer \$500 for the horses if it has been | bill a serious injustice to the Methodist | a storm of disapproval. H. Sperling, general manager of found that they pass inspection. the B. C. Electric Railway Company, The finance committee reported acwrote that he had received the councounts totalling \$45.40. Received and cil's request for an opinion of the comadopted.

W. W. Northcott, building inspector, 'secret" agreement. The writer said submitted a plan for improvements on ne would have to refer the council's the city hall, costing in all \$2,500. immunication to Mr. Buntzen, who Laid on the table to be considered when the estimates are taken up. His Worship reported that Mr. Sperl-His Worship next called attention to ing had written and not telegraphed. the necessity of appointment of library trustees. He recommended that the The Victoria Musical Society asked trustees who served last year be re-

for a room for the use of the society. appointed. Two rooms suggested themselves to the On motion of Ald. Stewart this was society, the council chamber and the done.

His Worship then said that he had a Ald. Stewart moved that the request | few suggestions to make. The library for the use of the upper floor in the was now closed on Saturday afterlibrary building be granted, the object noon and Sunday. The saloons were being closed, and something should be Ald. Hall thought that it should be done to keep the library open night or borne in mind that other similar ap-plications should be considered if this with those in the library to this end. Ald. Fell wanted to know if the coun-

cil was prepared to stand the expense of an extra assistant. He promised to consider the matter and to have a the building, and he did not think that report on the same.

Ald. Fell next brought up a motion calling for immediate completion of the work undertaken last year for the protection of Dallas road foreshore.

His Worship asked that the matter ter in the Mayor's hands. It would be be laid over for a short time so that he very annoying to a person reading or cuss the matter with the society, and it was built on an angular line the see if room for the purpose could not wave breaking could be accomplished council on Thursday. This course was pendicular wall, and a greater beach front would also be formed by the de-Coroner Hart wrote notifying the council that a fee of \$100 would be charged the city for an analysis of the land where the sea encroached on the stomach of the Duval child, deceased. land. which an inquest had recently been

The mayor's suggestion was adopted Ald. Fell next drew attention to the need of stopping the removal of the n this subject, it being thought that logs from along the foreshore. He moved that joint action be taken topecially, said Ald, Fell, in view of the ward's carrying this out by the council greater chance to work injury on the Ald. Vincent asked what was the shore line.

object to be attained. He did not think The motion was carried, after some the council had anything to gain. Ald. doubt had been expressed by Ald. Yates thought that a doctor after an Vincent as to whether it could be done. examination of a stomach should have a pretty good idea of the cause of to mention, and he asked for the opinion of the aldermen on it. In view of Ald. Hall moved that it be referred the approaching visit of Prince Arthur to the Mayor to arrange, and this mo- of Connaught, the governor-general and others, he wondered if it was not City Clerk Dowler reported communi- wise to appoint a permanent secretary cations from F. J. Paine, Frances A. for all committees receiving civic sup-Walker, G. F. Ellery, A. E. Mills, R. port. A saving he thought might be

S. Day, William Howes and the Taylor effected. Pattison Mill Co., which had been re-Ald. Stewart thought that the one ferred to the streets and bridges com- secretary would not be qualified for all lines of work. City Engineer Topp estimated that Ald. Fell wanted to know if the pro-

the amount of gravel required for posal provided for the Tourist Associgrading the market yard was 400 cubic ation. His Worship said no, as the secre-Yates had visited the yard and they roving agent, who was sent out here

agreed that it was in bad shape. He and there. then called on the city engineer to esti-Ald. Fullerton did not think the matmate the amount of gravel required ter altogether in the hands of the

for filling in the holes. He approached | council. Mr. Van Sant, manager of the Victoria Ald. Goodacre believed in volunteers & Sidney railway, and that gentleman but wanted more time to consider the agreed to pay half the cost of hauling mayor's suggestion. After some further discussion the His Worship said this amount of gravel meeting adjorned.

grading of the street beyond. He also -Tuesday afternoon, pursuant to proposed that the big fence should be removed. He had seen Mr. Van Sant, official inspection of Chinatown was and had asked him to let the council begun. Sanitary Inspector Wilson. know what his company was prepared Chief of Police Langley, Building Into do with respect to the market build- spector Northcott, Chief of Fire Briging. Mr. Van Sant did not seem ade Watson, and the Chinese interpleased, but promised to accede to the preter are doing the work.

-F. Elworthy, secretary of the board Ald. Fell thought that nothing should be done in the matter that of trade, has received a letter from would involve the council's liability in Mrs. Mary Bishop, 12 Lawn Water street, Halifax, seeking information re- ter of marine the necessity for doing Ald. Yates suggested that an agree- garding her son Jack Bishop, who for ment providing against such could be many years engaged in sealing. He

was at one time captain of a boat. --undertaken by the council should be -Workmen have commenced the construction of the Birdcage Walk exthe work, the necessary agreement for a portion of the way.

# PRESIDENT LOUDON SPEAKS ON BILL

### Head of Toronto University and Chanchellor Burwash of Victoria Condemn Present Bill as Unfair. \*

of Toronto University, when shown a New Westminster. Times representative: "The matter will very probably be considered by the

neans that the college will be a feeder of McGill. I think it quite unfair that they should receive such an advantage over other eastern universities. I as it was established. notice that Sir Wm. McDonald is givdo this, being a privately endowed institution, while the University of Toronto, which is a provincial institution. cannot spend money outside the province; although we can hold examina-

"Columbia College at New Westminster is now affiliated with Toronto University, directly through Victoria "We have a large number of very

leges and collect fees.

rominent graduates in British Columbia, and they will doubtless do everything possible to prevent McGill gaining such an undue advantage.

Toronto, Feb. 7 .-- President Loudon | church and to Columbia College at

dispatch from Victoria stating that the plied to the province for a charter second reading had been given to a hill granting Columbia College University establishing a university college of standing with courses in arts and theology. A charter giving the power British Columbia under the direct control of McGill University, said to the on the ground that a provincial university had been provided for, and that no other institution should be allowed to pre-empt the prerogatives which be-Senate at a meeting on Friday evening. longed to the provincial university. "If the bill goes through it simply The Methodist church accepted that decision, and has founded its institution, and carried on the work with a view to affiliation with the provincial university and unity of action as soon

"Now to grant McGill University the ing his support and McGill is sending powers refused to the representatives out a number of professors. They can of the Methodist church will be to do a very serious injustice to the church and to Columbia College.

"If the legislature has changed its programme and does not wish to establish a provincial university, and is going to let eastern institutions come tions and affiliate with western colin permanently, then the Methodist college, which has been doing the work for the past eight years, should have the same opportunity as any other. "We got word that a university bill was being railroaded through the

British Columbia legislature, and at once telegraphed for a full statement of the matter, and shall consider the best course to adopt." The chancellor added that there was

a possibility of the lieutenant-governor "Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria, being asked to disallow the bill if it university said he considered such a were shown that it caused too great

TO LESSEN DANGER TO SHIPPING ON COAST

Hon. W. Templeman Has No Doubt the Federal Government Will Take

The Ottawa Free Press of January 29th says: "The many marine casualterest and members of the board of driven upon the rocky west coast and lost, most of the crews perishing.

so near the city of Victoria, said they occurred almost altogether during the the Pacific." winter months of December, January fact that the government instruments with the provincial authorities. The gales and fogs of the year also prevailand February, when nearly all the removal of the logs gave the sea 2 ed. The prevailing wind on the Pacific coast of Canada was from the southwest, which would, when a gale was blowing, carry all ships making for the Straits of San Juan de Fuca towards the Vancouver Island coast. All vessels sailing to the American ports on Puget Sound or to Victoria or Vancouver pass through these straits and there is, consequently, at all times a number of vessels converging towards probably fifty miles wide, having a light at Cape Flattery on the American

side and at Cape Beale on the Canadian "In a very heavy gale, made worse by fog and blinding rain, as in the case of the unfortunate Valencia, and in ninety-nine out of a hundred vessels will be driven to the Vancouver Island shore. For two hundred and His Worship said that he and Aid. tary of that association was a kind of fifty to three hundred miles from south to north the coast line is one continuous chain of ridges and mountains, with rocky islets along the shore, which fortunately has several excellent

harbors. "There are several lights on this coast line, and more are needed. But there is little or no settlement, so that the first news of a disaster is received from an incoming steamer. The Domininon government operates a telegraph line to Carmanah and Cape Beale recent order of the city council, the lights, over which the news is sometimes sent, but as the wires which connect at Victoria with the C. P. R. system, is carried for miles through the dense forest that lines the coast and uses the trees for telegraph poles, communication is at all times subject to be

out off for days at a time. "Conditions, Senator Templeman thinks, can be improved, and he will press upon the attention of the minissomething to lessen the dangers to navigation. It was only last session that drawn by the city solicitor, and the was last heard of four years ago, and the government gave a subsidy of \$10,-000 to a wrecking steamer, which, under Victoria with steam up at all time, to render assistance to vessels in danger. and rendered valuable assistance at the Mikado.

wreck of the Valencia. Whatever else can be done by the government to lessen the dangers to shipping on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island, and to give assistance when disasters occur will be done, the minister for British Columbia has no doubt. He thinks, the government's very liberal policy during recent years in all questions relating to marine matters is a guarantee that nothing that can be done to eliminate the risks to shipping as much as possible, as well on the Pacific as on the Atlantic, or in the St. Lawrence, was sufficient guarantee of its intentions in that direction.

"'I am afraid,' the Senator from British Columbia added, 'that outside of the government there is not very much interest taken in Canada's maritime growth on the Pacific. And very ittle thought is given to the enormous possibilities of British Columbia as a maritime province. I suppose that beties that have occurred on the west cause the Atlantic is still to easterners coast of Vancouver Island during the at least the one great ocean highway, last month or two have served to direct but the growth of the trans-Pacific public attention once more to the dan- trade has been going on at such a rate 9.30, after a pleasant voyage from isfaction in getting in and out along folio, and he was resigning uncondigerous character of navigation in those during recent years that it is only a Japan, lasting from the 23rd January. waters, at least at certain seasons of question of a very short time until all The only really bad weather encountthe year, and to revive with added Canada, politicians included, must adered during the passage was on Febcould confer with the city engineer. force the demand of the shipping in- mit the enormous importance of our ruary 1st, when a stiff gale was exgreat western coast, with its magnifi- perienced. Last night the cabin has trade of Victoria, B. C., for improve- cent harbors, open three hundred and sengers had a farewell dinner on board, matter of building a foreshore wall. If ments along that coast, such as the sixty-five days in the year, which will which proved a very pleasant affair, erection of more lighthouses and the yet take first rank in commercial im- although with one exception all who maintenance of wrecking vessels and portance of all the ports of the Domin- sat at table were from the land of the be secured. He would report to the in a much better way than by a per- life-saving stations at the points where ion. Even now, Vancouver's progress Mikado. The exception was Capt. J. they will be of greatest service. Be- as an ocean port is highly suggestive. E. Labatt, a United States army offisides the loss of the Valencia with 150 When the G. T. P. and the Canadian cer, who has spent the past six months. Sheet and the latter sewn up. Capt. positing of sand. His scheme was one lives, several freighting ships during Northern have reached the Pacific, in Japan inspecting the cavalry horses the last four or five weeks have been just watch the maritime commerce of for the Japanese government. doubt that we cannot afford to ignore "Senator Templeman, when asked to the requirements of British Columbia by and it was this language that explain the cause of so many disasters in anything that will tend to the success and expansion of the commerce of

CHANGES IN REGULATIONS.

Some New Instructions Issued for Guidance in the Postal Service.

The following changes in the postal regulations are reported by Postmaster Noah Shakespeare: As intimated in departmental circular

of the 6th November, 1905, all mail matter enclosed in transparent envelopes having the address on the enclosure is to be treated as non-transmissible by the entrance to the straits, which are mail in Canada, and the same regulation applies to matter in envelopes having a transparent front portion covering the The reason for prohibiting the circula-

ion in the mails of the matter in question is that the difficulty found in deciphering addresses under transparent coverings seriously interferes with the rapid and accurate sortation of mails in post offices and mail cars.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the Postal Union regulations, governing correspondence interchanged between Canada and other countries, require the or address side; and, as cards having the directed to caution the public to be carecards in future.

The postal administration of the Comfor single post cards and from 3 pence to affecting a safe landing at Minobe. pence for reply post cards, dating from 1st January, 1906.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that no parcel mailed in Canada for transmission to another country by parcel post may contain written correspondence of any kind.

-The Jap passenger on the Talemachus, ordered deported by Dr. contract, is required to be ready at Milne and who escaped from the steamer a few days ago, has been located at a Japanese boarding house, It was finally decided to carry out tension. A sidewalk has been laid for That steamer is now in commission and sent back to the land of the

Splendid Work Done by the First Presbyterian Church During Past Year. The annual meeting of the congrega-

on of First Presbyterian church was held last week. The congregation was well represented. The pastor presided, and congratulated the congregation on FOUND TWENTY BODIES the harmony which existed during the year, and the good work which had ed that good progress was being made in all lines of church work. The treasurer's statement showed \$800 more than that of the previous year, which enabled the board of management to pay off a debt of \$794 on the church at the leginning of the year and placing the congregation now entirely free from debt. The aggregate amount raised from all sources during the year was \$4,579, together with \$85 for Manitoba (From Wednesday's Daily.)

The meeting unanimously agreed to make considerable improvements in the auditorium of the church, the pioneer of Presbyterianism in the west, which is to celebrate its 44th anniversary next Sunday, when Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Vancouver, will preach at both forenoon and evening services.

islands of the Gulf of Georgia.

Messrs. A. Fraser, Sexsmith, Murie, Gillis, and Capt. Gould were elected to the board of management, after which votes of thanks were passed, and the meeting closed.

IMPORTANT DEAL.

Grand Forks, Feb. 5 .- To-day a deal of the North Fork district was closed quired the well known Pathfinder mine. The nature of the deal is a bond for months. The first payment to be made will be the sum of \$15,000 on October 1st next and the payments of \$15,000 each payment, which will be the entire balance due at that time. It is understood by the terms of the agreement that the new owners will start opening up the property in the early spring and work continuously on the property during the life

The Pathfinder is a gold-copper proposition on the Pathfinder mountain some twelve miles from Grand Forks. It is also intimated to-day that this is the first of a number of deals that will take place in the near future as a result of he immediate prospects for railway

NAVAL OFFICERS TO JOIN NEW WARSHIPS

Built in England For the Japanese Government - Crew of a Scuttled

The big steamship Shinano Maru Capt. M. J. Curnow, docked at the outer wharf Tuesday morning at about that the use of the dory gave best sat- ish Columbia at lest had got a port-British Columbia grow. There is no ever, all those who participated in the recherche spread spoke English fluentprevailed. The party comprised a number of Japanese naval officers, who are en route to London, England, to take over a couple of warships being built in the Old Country for their government. They are all men who have seen service during the late war with

> who figured conspicuously. The names Capt. H. Sakamoto, Capt. S. Ijichi, Fleet Paymaster H. Hawaguchi, Fleet Surgeon S. Otsubo, Fleet Paymaster T Tomita, Fleet Surgeon S. Yamagishi, Lieut. Commander Y. Kanno, Lieut. Commander M. Ohtaki, Chief Engineer T. Kurita, Sub Lieut. First Class S. Imamura, Chief Engineer I. Fujuja, Sub Lieut, First Class G. Hyakutake. Capt. Labatt gives a very entertaining account of his visit to Japan. With him were two English, two French and another American officer, who went

to inspect the cavalry horses of the Mikado. They had recently been importing Australian mounts, but these do not appear to be giving satisfaction. As a result it is probable the supply will in future be secured in the United States and Canada. The captain and his associates were entertained by the stamps used for prepaying postage on Mikado, and formed a very high opin-

printed matter to be placed on the front of the progressive spirit of the people. Among the steerage passengers were stamp on the back are being returned to twelve members of the crew of the this country as non-transmissible by the British ship Challenger, which was steamship Valencia, which occurred the Royal Roads from San Pedro yester-British exchange offices, postmasters are scuttled off the Japanese coast on Deful to place stamps on the front of their laden for Japan, and when nearing dependent of that now being conduct- Steinbek, another vessel in the Roads. nonwealth of Australia has given notice for several hours it was found that consist of Assistant Secretary Lawr- repairs. that the rates of postage on post cards there was no hopes of suppressing the sent from Australia to Canada have been | flames, and the Challenger was scutreduced from 14 pence to one penny each tled, the crew taking to the boats and Smith, assistant deputy commissioner

Among the second class passengers the following were booked for London, being warrant officers of the Japanese guchi, S. Saito, T. Katon.

There were 94 Japanese in the steerage, 22 of whom landed in Victoria, testimony. with six Europeans.

The cactus is coming into fashion in

FROM VALENCIA WRECK

Work Has Now Been Abandoned by Fleet of Steamers - A United States Commission.

College, and \$65 for a missionary steam launch to be used among the While no bodies will be brought to be so badly decomposed as to be entire- 3, 96.53 per cent. ly unrecognizable and beyond removal. the provincial police have still three men on the ground who will look after the burial of the remains of any victims recovered, and will take charge of all flotsam that may drift ashore. For several days the condition of the wreck has not changed materially. It lies with one spar above water, with the cylinders showing in a calm sea and with a great deal of cargo still in the hold. All the lighter freight, such as fruit, of course, came to the surface and for miles oranges and such like are to be seen along the shore. For the great importance to Grand Forks and | purpose of ascertaining if the machinery can be recovered a crew of whereby the Granby Company has ac- divers under command of Capt. Chas. Nelson was to leave Seattle this morning. They will make a complete ex-\$110,000, the life of the bond to be eighteen amination of the wreck and will after wards report to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the underwriters. The crew will also examine will be made thereafter until the last | the wreck to see if any bodies have teen caught in the mass of debris be-

low water. There are now no steamers cruising for bodies in the locality. All left the scene yesterday, the Lorne and Wy- the public school trustees of the provadda and the United States cutter ince will be held in Victoria on the Perry coming to Victoria, and the 20th of this month. A programme is Grant proceeding to the Sound. On the being prepared under the direction of Wyadda and Lorne two bodies were the local committee, and it is expected trought, but they are in such a state to be of even greater interest than the that they cannot be identified. That first convention, which was held in picked up by the Wyadda was found a Vancouver last year. Delegates will be mile or so off shore. Sergt, Murray present from all parts of the province and Capt. Smith and party of ten men arrived down on the Lorne.

curred. They have been on the coast continuously since then, keeping a constant watch for bodies, at times carrying them for miles over almost impassable trails or searching the rocky coast ine under difficulties, occasionally al most insurmountable. At nights they slept in an Indian hut which offered little in the way of cort except shelter from the weather. "But we did not mind this," said Capt. Smith this morning. "We would willingly have remained longer if we could have accomplished any good. In fact, I would have no objection returning to the wreck if it can be shown that any purtions were to remain so long as I desired. My party found in all twenty bodies. Two were buried on the beach and eighteen were shipped. They were the shore. The Indians proved of little | tionally on that account.

Capt. Smith says that the last body they buried on the beach showed conclusively that it was useless attempt were so far gone that they could not be lifted until they were placed in a Smith did not wish to offer an opinion about what might have been done in ent to-day, are the officers of the two lowering a boat from any of the steam- new Japanese warships which have just ers in the attempt to save the lives huge wave swept all into eternity, but to be known as the Koshima and Kotori. he does not wonder that there is a diversity of opinion about how close To those on the wreck and to those on the steamers cruising around outside the distance he thought would appear | Yamaguchi, Chief Engineer Fujiye, Fleet altogether different.

Russia, and among the list are some Among the latest identifications re- Otaki, Sub. Lieut, Imamura, and War ported at the undertaking establishments in the city are those of the hodies of Chas P. Welsh, pantry man. aged 18, which will be shipped to San Otsube, Fleet Paymaster Kawaguchi, Francisco on the steamer Queen this | Chief Engineer Kurita, Lieut.-Comman evening and the remains of Mildred er Kwanno, Sub, Lieut, Hyakutahi, and Cole, a first class passenger. By mistake a body was shipped to Seattle on Yamahawa. Monday which was supposed to be E. R. Stephens, local agent of the N structions that the body was to be toria amounts to over 200 tons. F buried in Victoria.

the parlors of W. J. Hanna when it are in Victoria to meet the Shinane should have been here left. It had been given up by the young man in the parlors, however, upon certain repre- that the steamship Queen, scheduled to sentations being made to him. Referring to the wreck, a dispatch

post cards or unenclosed cards mailed as ion of Japanese hospitality, and also from Washington says: By direction of ing evening. The steamer City of 10-President Roosevelt a searching in- peka will be due from the Golden Gate vestigation will be made by a special commission into the disaster of the recently off the coast of Vancouver day after a voyage of 19 days. She becember 28th. The ship was guano Island. This investigation will be in- longs to the same company owning the Buckmano fire was discovered in the ed by inspectors of the steamship inhold. After working hard at the pumps spection service. The commission will will, it is expected, enter dry dock for ence O. Murray, of the department of commerce and labor; Herbert Knox wharf yesterday for an inspection of corporations, both of whom were Comox. members of the "General Slocum" board, and Capt. Wm. T. Burwell, Japan passed up to Vancouver yestercommandant of the navy yard at day. Imperial navy: K. Sakai, M. Naka- Bremerton, Washington. United States gawa, K. Goto, H. Taguchi, K. Yama- District Attorney Frye will assist the the vessel seen at Carmanah to be driftmon witnesses and to secure necessary and coast, and which the steamer Salver

England and Germany. A German writer demanded by the President, and by the when a favorable wind carried her off maintains that cactus blossoms excel all State of Washington. Senator Piles others in variety and in beauty of form and Representative Humphrey, of that disaster that every boot was ordered out state, had a talk to-day with President | ready for the arew to make their escape.

gation be conducted by a commission such as inquired into the "General Slocum" disaster. It is certain that the inquiry now being conducted by the department of commerce and labor by inspectors of the steamship inspection ervice will not meet the demand.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Attendance For the Past Month Reached the 2,800 Mark,

For the first time the attendance in the public schools reached last month the 2,800 mark. The classes in junior grades suffered a good deal from irregularity, so that the per cent. daily present barely escapes being below 90 Victoria West shows the best attendance, over 92 per cent.; three others, South Park, North Ward and Boys' Central reached 90 per cent. There were only three divisions in the honor lsit for regularity-90 per cent, or more: Boys' Central, division 1, Victoria from the Valencia wreck, for | 96.04 per cent.; North Ward, division 3, the reason that if found they would 95.80 per cent.; Victoria West, division

In the following schools more than half the children distiguished themselves by not missing a single session during the month: Boys' Central, South Park, Spring Ridge, Victoria West, and in several divisions, namely, Boys' Central, division 1 and 6; North Ward, division 1, and Victoria West, division 3, the number credited with perfect attendance was over 70 per cent, of the number present during the month. Following is the abstract for the various schools:

		No.	Daily	Attend.	P. C.
School.	PI	esent	. Ave.	P. C.	Perfec
High		251	222.49	88.64	34
Boys'		552	501.55	93.86	57
Girls'		470	421.80	89.57	48
North		416	375.35	90.22	4/
South		374	341.21	91.23	51
West		231	213.16	92.27	50
Spring Ridge	Э.	179	159.95	89.35	52
Hillside		105	86.85	82.71	31
Kingston		166	147.85	. 89.06	53
Rock Bay		63	56.41	89.54	49
	-		-		
	2,807		2,526.61	1 90	48

## Capt. Smith's party were among the first on the scene after the wreck occurred. They have been on the coast WILL RESIGN SEAT

ELECTION WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY

New Minister of Inland Revenue to Leave Senate and Run For Vic oria.

picked up on either side of the wreck, arrived here to-day. He will resign but mostly to the westward, because of his seat in the Commons this afterthe current which carried them in that noon. Seen by your correspondent he direction. In our work we discovered said that he was delighted that Brit-

assistance, and there were very few | Hon. W. Templeman will resign his dle the bodies when they did find The writ for election will be issued at

NAVAL MEN ON SHINANO.

ing to recover any more. The remains Officers for Two New Jap Ships En Route to Victoria...

Coming on the N. Y. K. steamer Shinano Maru, which is due from the Oribeen completed in England for the of those on the Valencia before the Mikado government. These vessels are and, according to those assigned to their command who are en route to Victoria the rescue steamers were to the wreck. on the Shinano Maru, they will be officered as follows:

Koshima-Capt. Ijichi, Fleet Surg rant Officers Goto, Nakagawa and Waka-

Kotori-Capt, Sakamoto, Fleet Engineer Warrant Officers Saki, Toguchi and

that of Peter Glude, of Brownsville. Y. K., has been notified of the naval offi-When Messrs. Watson & Butterworth, cers aboard, and has been asked to ex-Seattle undertakers, discovered their tend to them every courtesy on their error they wired to Victoria for the arrival in Victoria. The Shinano Maru right body, but the request was denied has many other passengers in addition to as Collector John C. Newbury had in- those mentioned, and her cargo for Vic Studley, local manager of the N. Y. K. Another body was also taken from line, Seattle, and Capt. Gilmore, pilot, The local agency of the Pacific Coast

leave Victoria for San Francisco to-mor-

row night, will not sail until the follow-

this evening. The German ship Wandsbek arrived in The ship Melverton, now in the Roads,

The collier Tellus called off the outer made of some mules she had aboard for

The sugar ship Cambrian King from

The French ship Admiral Courbet was mmission, thus enabling it to sum- ing dangerously near the Vancouver Islhad hurried down the Straits to rescue A searching investigation into the re-cent disaster of the steamship Valencia she reached Nootka Sound. She was off the coast of Vancouver Island was within a hundred feet from the rocks shore again. So close was the ship to