placed myself in communication with

the city's representatives, Messrs. Prior & Earle, and Senator Templeman, and with them waited on the Derntr Minister of Public Works (in the absence of the Hon.

Mr. Tarte), arranged an appointment, and

Mr. Tarte, arranged an appointment, and on the 8th, duly attended the Acting Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and laid the whole scheme before him, depositing copies of the maps, charts and estimates for the use of his department for reference. I also attended Col. Anderson, the Chief Engineer off the Marine and Fish-

eries, laid the whole question before him, depositing copies of the plans, charts and estimates for the use of his department.

Col. Anderson expressed himself as being entirely in favor of the scheme as most ad-vantageous for the city of Victoria, and

that he would be prepared to give the matter every assistance in his power. On the 9th I had an interview with the Hon. Sir Louis 'H: Davies, Minister of

Marine and Fisheries (introduced by Messr Prior and Earle), who received by messic every courtesy and carefully examined into the details of the scheme. At the conclu-

sion of the interview he introduced me to the Hon. Mr. Fleiding, Minister of Finance, saying, "The questions -- consideration are these: Can we under any circumstances

entertain the required quarantee, and can we at this state of the session entertain any fresh legislation?" M- Earle joined us

in this conference in the House, and it was proposed that I should attend a sub-com-mittee of the Executive, consisting of the Premier and the two Ministers, and discuss the matter with them prior to its being

brought up in Council. On the 112th of June and following days

I attended Mr. A. Gobeil (Department Min-

ister of Public Works), and Mr. E. D. Defleur, Acting Chief Engineer, and fully

explained to them the details of the sche

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"on our journey, was urning from the dead ed. The affection and rother are touching ical weakness causes ion to his friends. in the main, uneventfew expressions of dise part of people who a glimpse of him."

ance, Sept. 21.-All of Dreyfus at the brogne, his brother-in-established as a cloth quarter of a century n, no demonstration ne Dreyfus is expected Thile Dreyfus' his receiving visitors mate will restore his next few months, ted to spend here.

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Commissioners for the improvement of the harbor of Viotoria? By the act it is pro-posed to confer upon the Commissioners powers to expropriate the foreshore and to investigate a certain plan for the proposed improvements, to lay the same before the improvements for their approval. To facilitate the matter, I have re-modelled the act, incorporating therein the bulk of the act now before the House rela-tive to the harbor of Quebec, as introduced by the Hon. the Solicitor-General, using the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act of by the iton, the solicitor-orderal, using the Lands Olauses Consolidation Act of British Columbia, instead of the Eallway Act, as before adapted to our cast, and adding our own special financial requirefor the passage of a bill this session. Yours faithfully, ments which are contingent. The matter has been before your depart-ment for, I think, three years, and with

Thomas C. Sorby, Esq.

I at once laid the matter before our mem bers and Messrs. Bostock, Templeman and kliey, and endeavored, accompanied by the two latter, to again see the Minister. Although we went to the House four or five times, we were unable to see him, and imaily I arranged with Senator Temple-uan that he should endeavor to secure the

MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES.

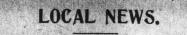
In 1861 the improvement in wharfage accommodation and deepening of the ship channel was steadily followed by improve-ment in the trade of the port. In 1857 the number of vessels entering the port was 83, with a tonnage of 33,650. In 1861 the vessels had increased to 274 and the ton-nage to 128,717. The trade follows the im-provements. In 1866 vessels drawing 20 feet of water

In 1806 vessels drawing 20 feet of water came up to Montreal, and the wharfage to accommodate them had to be extended to over three miles. There was now ample proof that what had have a consultated as

proof that what had been automplished at Montreal by deepening the St. Lawrence, and the proposition was to further deepen the channel to 27½ feet. Another question 1-resented itself to the event find, so that the channel to 271/2 feet. Another question resented itself to the export trade as to "which was the most advantageous route for the transportation of the products of the West." The Americans claimed the route by the Great Lakes via Buffalo and the Erie canal to New York: the Cana-dians via the Welland canal, the St. Law-mence and Montreal. The route offering the greatest facilities must sooner or later to first any of the route offering the greatest facilities must sooner or later the Colonist at Duncan City writes that the Key of the route offering the greatest facilities must sooner or later the Colonist at Duncan City writes that the Key of the route offering the the Colonist at Duncan City writes that the Key of the route offering the the Colonist at Duncan City writes that the Key of the route offering the the Colonist at Duncan City writes that the Key of the route offering the the Colonist at Duncan City writes that the Key of the

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main in Victoria probably until Mr. Rogers' departure, he having been noti-fied by the company that he was about to be transferred to another office, but just where has not been settled upon. Mr. C. Wurtzel, at present agent at Tacoma, will succeed Mr. Rogers in this



Mrs. Carey, of Seattle.

the proceeds of the open-air concert given last Monday night at Oak Bay. There

Delegates Chosen. -- Messrs. Fred. Carne and Andrew Strachan have been appointed delegates from Court Van

duties as conductor. The present offi-cers and committees were re-elected, and

News Budget.

Placer Mining Now Slackening Off on Several of the Creeks.

Just One Drunk.—Only a drunk oc-cupied the docket of the city police court yesterday morning. He was fined \$2.50, or given the option of serving a term of five days in prison. No More Cutting of Rates--Con-tracts Let for Trail Building.

Dawson advices up to the 5th instant were received through the arrival of the Danube last night.

From the Yukon Sun it is learned that Public Meeting.—His Worship the Mayor has called a public meeting for next Wednesday evening, to take into consideration the report of the citizens' committee on the Point Roberts ferry charge of the office during the consul's

Courting Danger-Wing Lee, a washee man on Yates street, has been summon-ed to appear in court to-day, for having the stove-pipes in his laundry running too close to the woodwork of the build-ing.

recorded almost three years ago by Death of Mrs. Shewan .- The death Frost & McGregor. It is considered

occurred yesterday at the family resi-dence, 203 Douglas street, of Mrs. Will-iam Shewan, a native of Lancashire, England, aged 71 years. She leaves a bushand, and two sons and a damptas sons, and a daughter, eattle. Suitable machinery and supplies will be provided for the beginning of work.

O. O. F., atter initiation ceremonies last evening, enjoyed a banquet laid in Caterer Pottinger's best style. Will Not Move.—The construction of the new Williams block on Yates street will not interfere in any way with Mr. D. R. Pottinger's provision store. The building occupied by Mr. Pottinger is on different property and he has a long lease of it. High Values.—The sample of bornite ore from the Copper Queen claim of the Van Anda company was assayed yester-day, with the following result: Gold, 22 or (5440), cilinger 26 er (58 000, 22) Odilon Cadieux accidentally shot and

The upper river steamboat companies have come to an agreement on passenger rates, and there will be no more cutting. The rate agreed upon is that established by the Flyer line and some of the ore from the Copper Queen claim of the Van Anda company was assayed yester-day, with the following result: Gold, .22 oz. (\$4.40); silver, 13.8 oz. (\$2.29); cop-per, 41.2 per cent. per ton. The ore was taken from the 350-foot level. wagon and was incoming in contact with being smashed in coming in contact with a big rock. Deceased was a brother of the Nicola valley for many years. He formerly lived in Vic-toria." Financial Success.—The Secretary of the Arion Club advises having forwarded to the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Jubilee hospital a check for \$130, being the proceeds of the open successful and the second, \$22.50. The British America Correction how

The British America Corporation hav-eing closed out their whole Lower Yukon business, will now confine their opera-tions to British Columbia. were also deposited in the collection box-es a horn button and a ticket good for one drink at the Brown Jug. These have

one drink at the Brown Jug. These have been retained by the Secretary for his personal use. Contracts are now let for the com-pletion of the Dominion trail a distance of 33 miles. The last 22 miles is to be built by Patterson & Cleveland, J. H. Sealey and J. H. Sutton at \$1,900 per-mile. The portions to be built by each of these parties have not yet been clearly settled. This trail will be finished in less than three weeks, and just as soon as the engineers finish their work on the Do-minion trail or orad, they will go to work laying out the road up Bonanza and laying out the road up Bonanza and Hunker creeks.

There is now in Dawson under bond about 4,000 barrels of beer, the Pabst Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, alone having 2,000 barrels. The A. E. Com-pany have something like 500 barrels, and the Ames Mercantile Company has as much more, and there are several smaller lots. With a permit to run a brewery, Dawsonites would have an unlimited supply of this beverage for at least this winter.

There are only a few creek claims on Dominion doing any work. Most of them are closing down. Some of the hill-sides were still working. The lower half of 5 below upper Discovery is doing good On the upper half and next to this claim Donald Frazer and Frank Newton the exportation of grain suddenly jumped from 16,759,580 bushels to 22,755,946 bush-els, again rousing attention to the neces-sity for further harbor improvements. In 1881 the tonnage frequenting the harbor from, no matter how long ago. To news-paper proprietors willing to assist a dis-trans-atlantic vessels continued to grow are doing well. one is confident that there is going to be good work done this winter, as the pay has now been well located on these creeks and as a consequence there will not be as much dead work done as last winter. In fact, everyone is looking forward to plenty of work, and the biggest clean up in the Klondike. The road houses are all making prepa-rations for a good winter's travel, most of them enlarging their present accommolown 26 feet and have got rich On the strength of this strike the adjoining claim owners are putting down holes

promise of the commission as before sug-gested, and I left for Victoria on the 6th of July. The following is the Minister's morth-

ance or to attend your appointment. am, etc., THOMAS C. SORBY. reply: On the 28th of June I received the fol-lowing letter from Sir Louis Davies: MINISTER OF MARINE FISHERIES,

In a report preced Marquis de Gallifet. nts out that Dreyfus gone five years de as the law does not tation with five year it, the prisoner would years' detention calls attention to the of the prisoner was ised, and that without danger to detention. The nister concludes thus will not have met the ountry, which desires does not hasten to this painful conflict M. le President, by an nity, to give the of appeasement which hands and the good of nands. has addressed the fol

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M THE CAPITAL.

ative Sails For Can-Voters' Lists Not ady-Mr. Tarte.

rrespondent. 21.-Mgr. Falconer ive for Canada, sailed o-day. He will arrive the middle of October. ought he will make his

ved at Quebec to-day. very good. of the printing bureau the Dominion voters' ompleted until Decem-

upper leaves for the es to-morrow. L THE WORLD.

per Discerns a Job in In to Highlanders.

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tes to arbitrate on the The Yankees are to as they are always ecure the humiliation of but we would stultify nting the request and

Thomas C. Sorby, Esq., Commissioners to have the privilege to sub-let and to have the option of purchase. Russell House, Ottawa. He expressed bimself in favor of the sug I fully discussed this correspondence with gestion and referred me to papers recently brought down to the House at the instance ir members, with Senators Macdonald and Templeman and Messrs. Be brought down to the House at the instance of Col. Frior. These papers were placed if with general and Templeman and Messrs. Bostock and if my disposal by Mr. Bostock, and Mr. Sifton said he should be prepared to carry but the propositions therein stated. This would enable the (Commissioners to make arrangement, Mr. Bostock made the neces-the deavor to affect some satisfactory ar-rangement. Mr. Bostock made the neces-in the session before I could arrive a favorable arrangements with the railway and other interests, and effectually dispose favorable arrangements with the railway and other interests, and effectually dispose of all questions concerning the Indian res-ervation to the advantage of the city of Victoria. On the 15th I had a short conference with On the 15th I had a short conference with orandum before him: MEMORANDUM RE. VICTORIA

the promise of the Hon, the Minister of Public Works to our members that the matter should be dealt with this session, I have been accredited to the Government

by the city of Victoria to do all in my power to expedite the matter. I should, therefore, be glad of some definite an-

swer from your department for my guid-

Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, relative to the proposed future extension of the rail-ways along the water front and to the HARBOR.

and the water front and to the inter wharf, etc. On the 19th I had a conference with Sir Y. Hibbert Tupper (by appointment) to onsider the best method to be adopted o urge the matter upon the active atten-tion of the forward of the city ex-afficial during his year of office, and one representing the Board of Trade or ship-ing of the forward of the city excombined action amongst the whole of the ping interest. 2. To take up and inquire into the whole British Columbia representatives. I sub-

question of harbor improvements, to take expent and other evidence and report and submit suggestions to the Government. sequently saw Mr. Bostock (Liberal Whin). and he promised to make the necessary ar-3. An adequate appropriation to meet expenses incidental to the efficient carry-In the 21st Lattended, by appointment

at Montreal, to meet Mr. J. Kennedy, the (Chief Engineer of the Harbor Commis-sioners_(introduced by Mr. G. A. Keefer). I laid the matter fully before him and left ing out of the objects and intentions of e act and to repay the municipality of Victoria the costs already incurred in the matter

copies of the plans, charts, etc., with him so that in the event of the city deciding it to seek his opinion he would be better prepared to take the matter up. He called attention to the mecessity of providing wharves of greater length than I had shown, and that this could be obtained by reducing the width of the herber from 4. The Commissioners to appoint such temporary officers as may be necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the

act. When I got to clause three he said: "It is admitted that the proposed works would be very advantageous to the city of Vic-toria, but what has Victoria itself done in the matter? Montreal barbar shart over educing the width of the harbor from north to south at the considerable saving the matter? Montreal baroor spent over three and a half millions before it reof excavating on rock. It also appeared three and a nair millions perore it re-ceived any assistance from the Government. St. John, N. B., spent \$750,000 on its har-bor before it sought assistance from the Government. These cities were in earnest to him that the \$250,000 provided for dams, pumping out an overflow might be saved by blasting under water, as he was doing at Montreal. With infinite trouble and courtesy he took me over the great work he had in hand and explained the details of the splendid mechanical appliances which he had specially designed to handle the with. I took notes of the night its cost the mission description of the splend suggested that I should draft a short Act in accordance with he had in hand and explained the details of the splendid mechanical appliances which he had specially designed to handle the with. I took notes of the plant, its cost and capabilities for future reference and, the memorandum and discuss it with the members, and Sir Louis undertook

in a supplement, I have added some his-torical particulars of the evolution of the larbor at Montreal as a gnide as to what we may expect here. Mr. W. M. McInnes, M.P., suggested that the passing of our proposed act would be simplified if it could be made to embody the wording of the Quebec Act, now before the Hoase, which in itself had been based that the passing of our proposed act would be simplified if it could be made to embody the wording of the Quebec Act, now before the House, which in itself had been based upon the Montreal Act of 1894. In con-sultation with Mr. Lefleur he entirely

I drafted the short Act as suggested and In the Montreal Act of 1894. In constitution with Mr. Leffer he act of 1894. In constitution with Mr. Leffer he act as suggested and more than the part of the Minister with the suggestion, especially as it ware do it to the Minister with the suggestion, especially as it ware do it to the Minister with the formation of the Minister with the formation of the Minister with the suggestion, especially as it ware do it to the Minister with the formation of the

L. H. DAVIES.

L. H. DAVIES. The delay in starting made it so late in the session before I could arrive at "The proposal to deepen the channel from 25 to 27½ feet at the public expense, as a mational undertaking, raised a storm of bringing the matter well before the Gov-ernment and getting it thoroughly under-stood. From my knowledge of what has taken place in the gradual development of the works at Montreal, which had been under the guiding hand of Mr. Kennedy for a mammber of years, I think it wond be weff for the city to obtain his oplnion, both works at Montreal, which had been under the guiding hand of Mr. Kennedy for a mumber of years, I think it would be well for the city to obtain his opinion, both for their own satisfaction and also that they may show the Government that they have taken all reasonable and proper steps to satisfy themselves that the scheme to satisfy the scheme to satisfy themselves the scheme to satisfy themselves that the scheme to satisfy themselves that the sche free channel and every harbor to assume their own responsibilities." This debt was subsequently assumed by the Government on completion of the channel in 1888 to a 27½ feet deep, and the revenue relieved of this annual liability. An improvement in business, which took place in 1886, proved that the time had arrived when it was imperative to meet the requirements of the harbor, and Mr. **Kennedy**, the commission engineer, was requested to piepare a progressive plan of **harbor** improvements in order to meet presand is well known to the departments of the Government immediately concerned, and also to our representatives in the House. Mr. Kennedy's special experience

number of the subject of the second s sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS C. SORBY.

With reference to Mr. Kennedy's suggestion of the sub-marine blasting, I would base my caluculations upon the following data from Montreal: In the year 1897 I with estimates and costs. Finally the Minister of Public Works di-rected Mr. Perley, his chief engineer, to take all the various schemes into his con-sideration and recort thereon for his infind 18,146 cubic yards, consisting of "one third shale and two-thirds trap rock, seamy and difficult to drill," were removed in 153 days, in water varying in depth from 153 days for one boast to remove the estimated 27 to 34 feet, at an average cost of 79 cents, or, including dredging and depositing on the spoil bank, of \$1.03 per cubic yard. days for one boat to remove the estimated quantity of rock from the floor of Victoria larbor. This is exclusive of Laurel Point, which could be proceeded with simultane powered to advance \$2,000,000 at 5 per cent. r jously. The rock so removed would be of little or no value for walling, for which purpose I calculated to use it. We should, therefore, have to purchase and bring in all that we required in addition to that recovered from Laurel Point. This addi-t'onal material would be partly large rock and partly concrete, that would have to be set on a blasted and dredged foundation

In the province of the Department of Pub-lic Works than mine-while the contem-plated scheme involves matters under my jurisdiction as Minister of Marine and Fisheries-still, being a great public work, Mr. Tarte locks upon it as more immediate.

tainment should take the form of a smoking concert, the date for which the officer commanding the R. M. A. will be

asked to fix. The committees of the three companies and the sergeants' mess The Game Act Cases .- There was another hearing of the charge against P. T. Patton, charged as manager of the British Columbia Cold Storage estaband hand will meet this evening to arrange for the affair. The mittee reported a surplus of \$34 and a number of prizes on hand. The prizes were passed to the sports and games lishment with having game unlawfully in his possession. It will be remembered that last week, on the strength of a search warrant, officers found some 90 committee, who will arrange competi-tions for them in the gymnasium during requested to picpare a progressive plan of harbor improvements in order to meet pres-ent necessitities pendlag the report of the flood Commissioners. In 1888 the harbor en-gineer, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. St. George, the city surveyor (as representing the pre-vention of floods ques:'0.1, submitted a joint report, accompanied by sir plans, with estimates and costs. the winter.

AN OLD WARSHIP. Movements of the Ganges, One of th

First Ships on This Station.

claimed he was only acting as a servant for the company. Decision in the case was reserved until Monday. The quai charge came up in the afternoon, but was remanded until Tuesday next to allow Mr. Yates to look up some author

(From Friday's Daily Colonist.)

Harvest Services .- At. St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, last evening, the annual han vest festival was celebrated.

really old—has a displacement of 3,594 tons, was laid down at Bombay, May, 1819, was built of teak and was launched

ties.

THE BIGGEST YET.

"Dad" of Klondike Nuggets Found or Eldorado Creek Recently.

The dad of Klondike nuggets was brought The dad of Klondike nuggets was brought down from Eldorado Saturday night, and is now on exhibition at the Klondike Hotel, suys the Klondike Sun. It weighs 72 ounces and 8½ grains, and is worth \$16 per ounce, or \$1.158. Its extreme length is 5½ inches, width 2¾ inches by 2% inches thick at the heavy end and tapers down to about 1% inches the sum of the hore. First Snips on This schema about 1% inches at the small end. It shows a about 1% inches at the small end. It shows a agood deal of quartz. This is the largest nugget ever found in the Klondike, and was taken about a month ago by Peter George and Lewis Swanson, who had been given all they took out of the claim for representing it. They have now taken out \$4 ounces and \$10 besides the nugget brought down Saturday. This claim has been known as a blank on Eldorado, not because it was an absolute blank, but because the rich pay streak usually found in that creek had not been located. John Nelson and Harry Smith bought a half interson and marry smith bought a hair inter-est in it two years ago, paying \$12,000. The work done this summer would indicate that big pay was there, as in adjoining claims. Several large pieces of gold have been taken out of Bonanza and Eldorado valued at \$500 to \$600, but this is the dad-of the bunch