from Atlin

ustice Irving Meted tice to the Claim Owners.

Must Cease-A Nug-Which Weighs 4 Ounces

dent writing from Atlin August 15th, says Mr. did good work there. The nds a copy of the judge' wing claims protested. nen; a big flag at the istakably that where the aves there is justice for background the letters black, show also that Atovince. Underneath the

ATLIN COMMISSION. eby given that unless with the secretary t , I shall award this claim

(Space for name.)
P. AE. IRVING. Special Commission ion of claim see notice on the gold commissioner i

these days. "We are 0.30 p.m., Sundays thrown laim of August 12th has

police decided during the out a stop to gambling in ider his charge, with the at all games in Atlin and

gold nugget produced to tlin diggings has reached possession of its owner It is a Spruce creek ing a fraction less than gold and quartz, the in being about \$800. The taken by West from claim discovery. West told a the story of its discovery was digging in the mine wned, but has since sold. the nugget at a depth of et. It rested on a huge though a distinct piece, between two other large lost oval-shaped surface us rock has been pressed, bed slick and smooth by action, possibly volcanic led liberally over the suraccording to scientific four pounds of the pre-

it is worth more than in eed, the owner refused efore he left Atlin, and he offer of \$1,000. epresentative meeting of

Willow creek was or the purpose of conexed water question, no being at present at the miners. Mr. Thos. unanimously appointed

a presented a permit from awthorizing the miners on to cut a ditch, to Pine urpose of diverting suffor the successful work-Mr. Bateman condition and delay etting a sufficient flow follow an effort to co-operate in putting at once take advantage of the gold commissioner ormed themselves into sociation, adopting menianticles of association, and ps will be taken to com-The miners themoply the labor to construct nect with Pine creek, for water to the differen without stint, vet without estimated that the work and that supplying at \$1 per sluicehead for 24 the cost of construct eeks, besides giving the nediate opportunity of claims and also furnishing a large number of min

UMATIC STING. in Rheumatic Cure Sways nd Suffering Ceases in a

nnedy, 44 Sussex Ave. "I have been attacked with acute muscular ecting my shoulders and South American Rheumaound immediate relief afwo. My family have used ith the most satisfactory nk it truly a very efficacithis very prevalent ail-

n & Hiscocks and Hall &

onth ago my child, which is ad an attack of diaried by vomiting. I gave it as are usually given in such othing gave relief, we'sent and it was under his care this time the child had out ten days and was hav aty-five operations of the elve hours, and we were nless it soon obtained re live. Chamberlain's Colic. rrhoea Remedy was recomdecided to try It. nge for the better: nplete cure was brought now perfectly healthy .ptown, Cimer Co., by Henderson Bros., Wholetoria and Vancouver

STORIA

ants and Children.

Tragedies

Jealousy Causes Mrs. Ivy Dumas, of Rossland, to Shoot Herself.

Two Sad

Woman Found Deadin Vancouver Carbolic Acid Terminates a Notorious Career.

(Special to the Times.) Nelson is at an end. She was dead in her room here to-day. ago her sporting career was well Her right name was Annie Ont., where some of her well-to-do that she died in terrible agony a dose of carbolic acid.

special to the Province from Rosssays Mrs. Ivy Dumas committed e on account of extreme jealousy of with deep regret. asband. It was her third attempt. Dumas saw her husband speak ome woman on Washington street. upstairs in the Collins block, yed by his wife, who shot herself ough the heart. big banquet was tendered to the

ng newspaper men at the Hotel uver last night, and this afternoon rty left for the East. retary Drinkwater, of the C.P.R., member of the executive committee, arrive here to-morrow and will visit

APPEAL TO THE QUEEN. Man Throws a Letter to Her Ma-

jesty While Out Driving.
(Associated Press.) London, Aug. 24.—Considerable alarm was created yesterday by a man throwing a letter into Queen Victoria's caras she was driving into Osborne, of Wight. A rumor spread to the effect that the letter contained an ex plosive. This turned out to be false. The police quickly arrested the man, se letter was an appeal to Her Maesty to secure for him the new trial of suit which he recently lost,

As it was evident he had no intention The Queen was surprised when the letter fell into her lap, but she betrayed no

REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

The Commons Is Competent to Legislate As Proposed.

(Associated Press.) London, Aug. 24.-The constitutional dispute over the Canadian Senate's obection of the government's redistribubill, which was submitted by Mr. harles Russell, English solicitor of the minion, to eminent English counsel, as been decided against the Senate. The opinion, which was published tolay, says the Canadian parliament is mpetent to legislate as proposed, inde-The opinion is signed by Mr. Robt. ('ecil and Messrs, Blake, Haldane, Asuith and Carson, members of parlia-

WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

(Associated Press.) Western Passenger Association because f the actions of roads not members of the organization it cannot adhere to the rules of the association and at the same The St. Paul's withdrawal will probably cause a temporary disorganiza-

WILL VISIT CHICAGO. (Associated Press.)

eterans' Association this morning reeived a letter from Sir Wilfrid Laur er stating that the Earl of Minto, the anadian cabinet and members of the anadian parliament would accept the vitation of the Chicago festival committee to participate in the festival ex-

HON. D. MILLS COMING WEST. The Minister of Justice Will Shortly Pay a Visit to British Columbia.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Aug. 24.-Hon. David Mills, linister of Justice, expects to visit ritish Columbia on official and private usiness in the course of two or three

MONTREAL MINING MARKET. Montreal, Aug. 24 .- Mining market, War Eagle 358, 357; rning board:

57, 115 at 56, 6,000 at 58.

SOLDIERS RETURNING HOME. Montana regiment and 400 men belonging of through." other organizations on board, sailed day for San Francisco.

THE PLAGUE IN CHINA. Tieutsin, China, Aug. 24.-The buboplague has appeared at Newchang. outbreak is not regarded as serious,

WOMEN SMOKE IN FRANCE. Statistics have been taken in France spread of the habit of smoking, st year, the cigarette, and even, onishing as it may appear, the pipe,

votaries. tate room. The Duchess d'Uzes and Vancouver.

the Marchioness de la Rochefoucauld now publicly take a cigarette after din-

807,000,000 eigarettes are yeari, con-

NANAIMO PIONEER GONE.

The Nanaimo Free Press announces the death of Mr. John Biggs, which occurred shortly after three oclock on Tuesday afternoon at his residence on disease and dropsy, and his death was

Mr. Biggs was one of the party of proneers who came to Nanaimo in 1854, on the ship Princess Royal, to assist in opening up the coal mines for the Hudson Bay Company. At that time the present site of Nanaimo was a primeval forest, log houses being erected among the trees, but Mr. Biggs assisted in and ouver, Aug. 24.—The career of lived to see, those early log houses make place for three. story brick business blocks, and in some instances for handsome residence of a more modern style of architecture. During the forty-five thick, and she belonged to Credited either in the city, or on his farm on the opposite side of Nanaimo harbor, at tives live. The woman had been the opposite side of Nanaimo harbor, at for over a week, and there was evil what is locally known as Biggs' Portage, and throughout that lengthened restdence he has continuously enjoyed the respect and esteem of the community generally, who will hear of his death

Mr. Biggs was a native of Paulford. Somersetshire, England, and 70 years of age. Mr. Biggs' first wife accompanied him from England in 1854, but died in this city in 1879, while their son George was a victim of the sad explosion in the Esplanade shaft on May 3, 1887. The surviving children are: Mrs. E. Quennell, Nanaimo; Mrs. John Curry, East Wellington: Mrs. A. Meakin, Na-naimo; Mrs. Lees. California; Mrs. Eastwood. Race Rocks Light House and Messrs. Henry and Wm. Biggs, of this city. Mr. Biggs was married twice, his

second wife surviving him. The funeral will take place on Satur

M. Labori's Private Secretary Visited the Northwest to Secure Information of Great Value to Drevius.

Seattle, Aug. 23 .- M. Bureau, private secretary of Maitre Labori, leading counsel for Dreyfus, who has been in Seattle even a day in the East.

In an interview just before the train was for the purpose of securing information of great value to Dreyfus. "I have been to the Great Slave Lake

and Northwest Territory," said M. Buthe Dreyfus case. I hope to reach Paris in time to hand it over to Labori, but even if I do not it will still be of value,' Referring to the alleged conspiracy aginst Dreyfus M. Bureau said:

"The impression that there was a con-spiracy among high officials, against Dreyfus prior to the time he was condemned is not in conformity with out be lief or contention. It is true that the spiracy had been hatched against him. mare. It was a case of an innocent man being prosecuted while the real criminal was

"Dreyfus having been convicted iland open the way to an airing of all which had taken place. The army feared the result of a new trial and as the world knows, it required little less than an upheaval to lift the case from the

"There was never a moment that Mme Drevfus or the friends of the captain be lieved him guilty, but it was a gigantic task to overcome the prejudice existing and show the world what a terrible Chicago Aug. 24.-The Canadian wrong had been done. Through all these

> sident of the French senate, succeeded n discovering the illegality of the proeedings. Still justice was slothful. It hit upon the little piece of paper which found it merely by chance, but it was a | was present at the Esterhazy trial." missing link. Then Alfred Drevfus publicly denounced Esterhazy, and the world | and ommenced to see that an awful wrong

fore M. Brisson, minister of the interior, came forward, and, crossing the mini-"Dreyfus is an innocent man. The entire world believes it now, and if he when 140, 138; Montreal & London 58, is not acquitted and exported 1 be Republic 130, 128. Sales: Republic lieve that there will be a revolution in lieve that there will be a revolution in at 128; Montreal and London 500; France. The case cannot die an in- ed it. justice has been done and it must be righted. The army committed a grievous Manila, Aug. 24.—The transports Valen- fus still regains his admiration for the right itself. And to-day Cantain Drevand Zealandia with 790 men of the army, notwithstanding what he has pass-

It is M. Bureau's firm belief that even if Drevfus is acquitted, and he fails to how any other decision can be rendered, that prosecutions of high officials | led to will follow. He says there has been perjury against Drevfus, and the condition of affairs will make the state proceed against the guilty ones.

THE BEST REMELY FOR FLUX. Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., savs: "After sufferit has been discovered that within ing for over a week with finx, and my physician having failed to relieve me. I was e found an enormous increase in their and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one The fashion of smoking among women | bottle cured me." For sale by Henderson no longer confined to the secrecy of a Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and

the Marchioness de la Rochefoucauld now publicly take a cigarette atter dinner. The statistics alluded to show that COURT MARTIAL

Nicol street. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time from heart Generals and Other Officers Crowd Onto the Witness Stand Anxious to Make Explanations.

THE EVIDENCE TO-DAY IS FAVORABLE TO DREYFUS.

Extraordinary Scenes at Rennes--Mercier Again Refuses to Answer Questions--Prisoner Denies Having Made Any Confession to Captain le Brun Renault.

(Associated Press.)

Rennes, Aug. 24 .- When the court- timmartial opened at the Lycee here at 6.40 a.m. to-day Colonel Jouauste, president of the court, ordered that the evidence given by M. Penot, a friend of the late Colonel Sandherr, chief of the intelligence department, be read by the clerk of the court.

It was to the effect that Colonel Sand herr said that the Dreyfus family offered 150,000 frances on condition that he would clear Dreyfus.

Maitre Demange, for the defence, disosed of this allegation by reading the actual note on the subject written by Sandherr, thereby proving the colonel's remarks had been distorted, Dreyfus's brother only having said: "We are coninced of the innocence of our brother and will spend our entire fortune to discover the truth." The testimony of the

First Witness of the Day.

that of Linolle, a former official of the government, was also in favor of Dreyvisiting the eminent physician and French vice-consul, Adriene Monod, has left for what M. Dubreuil deposed yesterday return the despatch out of the evidence. The prisoner was found to be a Ger- Paris. He is anxious to reach Paris as garding the alleged intimacy of Dreyfus The prisoner was found to be a Ger- Paris. He is anxious to reach ratio as a same partial re-organman, and was not aware his action was as soon as possible, and will not stop with a German attache at the house of having been concluded. Colonel Jouization of the ministry will be made. The M. Bodson, a mutual friend.

to harm the Queen the man was re- left, Bureau admitted for the first time | Colonel Maurel, who was president of vo that his trip to the Pacific Northwest the Dreyfus court-martial in 1894, Complete silence fell upon the court as the Colonel Maurel to the bar. The coionel reau, "after information connected with was attired in a black frock coat and wore the ribbon of the Legion of Innor in his buttonhole. His hair is grey, and he has a ragged iron grey moustache, His face showed anxiety, as though he was conscience stricken, as M. Labori lashed him with pointed questions. The colonel hesitated of

Answered in a Short, Choppy Manner, and when M. Labori finally disposed of proceedings by which he was robbed of him, the witness left the platform with ance with what General Risbourg rehis honor and degraded were illegal, but a pale face and the scared look of a counted. "Moreover," continued Drey- Hohenlohe will make this matter a cabwe do not think that any deep-dyed con- man who had awakened from night- fus, "when a frightful charge has been inet question."

Counsel had drawn from the colonel a confession that the secret dossier was victions, but should bring proofs, otherin the background. In this respect the communicated to the judges of the courtconspiracy was peculiar as I will ex- martial in 1894 by Col. Du Paty de Phis indignant protest

This avowal produced a sensation in ous enough to take up the case again subsequent declaration that this one document sufficed to convince him. M. Labori then nut a series of search

ing questions to General Mercier, with place, first, when M. Labori asked Genit chartered the boat to the government

An Interesting Scene Ensued. The general refused to reply to all the questions, and there were sharp passages at arms between the counsel and Colonel Jouanste, who upheld General dark days the whole soul of this noble Mercien while the dialogue between the name and his release from a dismal pri- showed it in voice and gestures. General

Knew Nothing About the Evidence "Even after this a year had passed be- in the Esterhazy prosecution. "What," cried Labori, Mercier, who was the chief accuser of drew ster of justice, ordered an investigation. Dreyfus, did not follow the proceedings in the Esterhazy trial?"

Colonel Jouauste immediately suppress-

A Strange Scene

for a court of law. General Roget, mounting the platform 11.45 a.m. give explanation, was followed by General de Boisdeffre, M. Gribelin, Mafor Lauth and other military witnesses, all holding up their hands to signify they desired to speak, while at the same time Labori was firing questions.

and itsed to try Chamberlain's Coile, Cholera the president of the court could stand it age of 1,629,995. The wheat crop is placed the president of the court could stand it no longer, and when the government commissary, Major Carrier, also interpolated a few remarks. Col. Jouauste the medicine that never disappoints? Thouse the medicine the medicine the medicine the medi turned to him and asked him to be The wheat estimate is considered conserquiet, remarking the judges could not vative.

hear half a dozen persons at the same

Labori questioned Mercier with refer-1894, and yet was not produced at the first court-martial of the prisoner. The general confessed he

Did Not Know of its Existence, and the same statement was elicited from General Gonz, who declared Col. Sandherr was responsible for its nonproduction.

These replies were tantamount to confession that Colonel Sandherr and Lieutenant-Colonel Henry played with the minister of war, and even that Gen eral Gonz, assistant chief of the head quarters staff of the intelligence depart-

Then Labori proceeded to trap the Parizzardi despatch, and bring out the contradictory translations of it and the falseness of the final version After hearing General Mercier and General Chamoin on the subject, Colonel

The examination of General Mercier auste asked Dreyfus if he had anything The president of the court then called to say, and the prisoner, in a calm

Replied to Mercier's Statement that he (Dreyfus) could have obtained infantry sengeant, who was acting as that he (Dreyfus) could have obtained usher, entered the hall and conducted the information about the artillery promised in the bordereau while staying at Bourges, where the artillery trials were being held. Dreyfus entered into an explanation as to how he spent his time, showing he could not inform himself about the trials of the new gun brake. General Risbourg recounted what Captain le Brun Renault, said about Dreyfus, and this brought the latter to returned to the prison, which is at vari- cussed. hanging over a man's head for five years, people ought not to talk of con-

legally a revision of the case opened the court, and Maurel's declaration that he door to many complications. It reflected only read one of the documents did not to deny the story that he had made a contemporary to deny the story that he had made a Chicago, Aug. 24.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road to-day gave notice
the were some of the principal reasons why it was so hard to find an official courageit was so hard to find an officia whose evidence, when it did not bore the audience, produced merriment.

Two interesting scenes, however, took eral Roget to give his opinion of Esterembassy on October 23rd, 1897.

the court

woman was given to thought and labor general and M. Labori became acrimoni- Crushed Him With the Curt Refusal had been called by another man having exoneration of her husband's ous. Counsel became very heated, and even to allow General Roget to respond. The second scene was between Labori Mercier, however, troubled as his mind and Jouauste after the deposition of fall a diamond ring valued at \$525 dropmight be, seldom departed from the cal- the Royalist Deputy de Grand Mason, lous demeanour characteristic of him. which consisted of a claptrap tirade The lawyer made a strong point on the against foreigners intervening in the part Esterhazy played. Mercier said he affair and tittle tattle outside the case, was the duty of the minister of justice did not know Esterhazy, and had only to move, but he did not. Then Picquart seen him once, at the Zola trial. peroration worthy of an election har-"That is very interesting," exclaimed angue, ending with the preposterous involved Esterhazy in the bordereau, He Labori. "But surely General Mercier words addressed to the judges: "If you think Dreyfus innocent, acquit him, but, The general replied he was not there, if you decide he is guilty you must pronounce his condemnation.

The deputy accompanied this instrucof laughter from the audience, which three stanzas are typical:

A Fierce Stage Villain Look A loud murmur of surprise and indig- from him, that again convulsed the

nation came from the audience, but court. M. Labori, however, called the deputy back. He wanted to examine several of Counsel then brought Mercier to his de Grand Mason's statements, but assertion that thirty-five million francs Jouanste refused to allow the questions error, and now it has an oportunity to were spent by the defenders of Dreyfus, to be put, at which the counsel became and asked the general to say how he tremendously indignant, insisted upon knew this, who spent it and other awk- his right to do so, and a warm altercaward questions, which the general was tion ensued between the president and counsel. The former, however, The question as to how the bordereau ar- tained his decision, which was indisputrived at the offices of the general staff, ably unfair to Dreyfus, and Labori sat its date, etc., was then introduced, which down, gagged and boiling over with in dignation, which feeling was shared by a majority of the people in court. The court adjourned for the day at

MANITOBA'S HARVEST.

(Associated Press.) Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 24.-The govern-The result was a perfect babel, until product at 62,429,335 bushels from an acre-

J. H. Patten Jumps J. St. Clair Black-

J. St. Clair Blackett, formerly of this city, but now of Skagway, has been a victim of the lot jumper. The Skagway-Atlin budget of August 13th, says: Early this morning J. H. Patten took it into his head that he would jump the ot at the northeast corner of Bond and State streets. Acting on either his own judgment or some one's advice, he pro eded to fence it in, buildings and all and to commence the erection of a shack. Phil. Abrahams, agent for J. St. Clair The Accumulation of Munitions Blackett, the holder of the property, appeared during the morning and demolished a portion of the fence, which was replaced later on. The marshal also took a hand at persuasion, but owing to the absence of Judge Schlbrede and papers ecessary for action, the matter must be

This lot is one of those that Captain

William Moore had under fence in 1897, and one of the seven which John Smith, Utited States commissioner at that time, set aside for the captain So long as Smith was in office he refused to record the lots for claimants. and all who located were served with warning notices against occupancy or improvements, but they gradually slipped away and no fight was made for them, individually, the contest remaining on the original claim for the trading and manufacturing site. Owing to the nature of the improvements at the time they were taken away from Captain Moore and the fact that they are included in the forty acre decision at Sitka, there can be but ence to a document in the secret dossier which it was affirmed existed prior to ship of the property.

deferred until his return.

It is understood that Patten's claim the property is that an alien cannot hold town lots by location but since this question has been affirmatively decided courts the claim will hardly stand stand.

On Judge Sehlbrede's return the case vill no doubt be taken into court and set, tled. In the meantime Mr. Blackett may he expected to show up on the scene any

GERMAN CABINET (RISIS

ment, kept from the latter just what he The Maiser Refuses to Accept Ministers' Resigaction, but the Ministry Will Probably Be Roorganized.

Berlin, Aug. 24.-The correspondent here of the Associated Press learns aumauste declared the court would rule thoritatively that Emperor William has appointed to express to the government refused to accept the cabinet's resignaposition of Dr. von Miguala, vice-president of the council of ministers, and the Prussian minister of finance, is as strong as ever and this shows the improbability of a dissolution.

The Emperor, despite recent events which have greatly affected his estimation of the Conservative members of the cabinet, is unwilling to have complete the rupture of the Conservatives. The political alliance which the Freisennis leaders and the press offer him seems nuacceptable.

Another session of the Prussian crown council will be held to-day, at which the his feet, and he pointed out that the captain shook him by the hand when he Chancellor, for dissolution, will be diswish of Prince Hohenlohe, Imperial It is regarded as doubtful that Prince

WANTS BIG DAMAGES.

Charles M. Maxwell Sues the Canadian Pacific Railway. district court yesterday Charles M. Maxwell brought suit against the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to recover \$5,-000 damages for personal injuries, \$525 for

the loss of a diamond ring and \$65 for medical attendance. The complaint of the libelant alleges that the Canadian Pacific Railway Companw is the owner of the steamship Athenian and that prior to August 14 last secret dossier for the court-martial and hazy's role and his visit to the German pany was required under the charter to furnish and pay all employees on the boat Roget replied, in a tone of studied dis- during its trip to the Philippines. On which he habitually adopts to- August 14 plaintiff was engaged in putwards counsel for the defence, "I abso- ting an electric light and steam plant in lutely refuse to tell you." M. Labori the vessel. While passing through the warmly insisted, but the president of hold he fell through a trap door, to which the attention of the officers of the boat fallen through. He landed on a coal pile and sustained bodily injuries as a result of which his leg is paralyzed. In the ped from his finger. The complaint alleges that plaintiff is capable of earning \$850 per month at his business.

KIPLING'S LATEST POEM. Pays Tribute to the Cruiser, Daughter of the Frigate.

London, Aug. 18 .- The Morning Post pub ishes a poem by Rudyard Kipling entitled 'Cruisers,' describing them as daughters tion to the court with sweeping gestures, of the frigate, which "made a play for her and turned to leave the stage amid roars bully, the ship of the line." The following

And when we have wakened the lust of To draw him by flight to our bullies we go: Yet never so hasty that he is outrun. And never so halting that we are undone.

Then, lurching and lunging, he followeth With hall of long pleces our beauty to Till, 'ware of fresh smoke stealing neares he flies.

And our bullies close in to make him

Anon we return, being gathered again, Across the gray ridges all drabbled with rain; Across the keen ridges all crisp and curled, To join the long dance round the curve

good prize.

of the world. "TO THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD Will but increase my pain." If you have ment estimate places Manitoba's green thrown away money for medicines that did not and could not care, why should you not now begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla,

HOOD'S PILLS cure sick headache, in- around the world.

Troops Fon Capetown

Manchester Regiment Sails From Gibraltar and Thirty Officers Leave Southampton.

in the Transvaal Causing Much Anxiety.

(Associated Press.) Gibraltar, Aug. 24.-The Manchester egiment, numbering 1,000 men, has ailed for Capetown.

Southampton, Eng., Aug. 24.-The British steamer Arundel Castle sailed from this port to-day with 30 officers and 770 men of various regiments, bound for Capetown.

Ammunition for Boers. Capetown, Aug. 24.—The Delagoa Bay ncident, coupled with the recent transit of a large amount of ammunition, has directed the attention of British officials to the immense accumulation of munitions which enter South African re

publics, especially the Transvaal. The Uitlanders being debarred from carrying arms, the supply of weapons, as shown in the Lorenzo Marquez (Delagoa Bay) returns for the three years, is greatly in excess of the Burgh ers' requirements, and consequently there is a growing feeling among the British community in South Africa that no settlement of the existing crisis will ensue with lasting peace unless it in cludes a provision for the reduction of

Premier Visits the Queen,

London, Aug. 24.-The Marquis of Salisbury spent the afternoon and even ing with Queen Victoria. It is believed the grave situation of affairs' in the Transvaal was partly responsible for the premier's visit to Her Majesty.

Germans Ready. Johannesburg, Aug. 24.-At a meeting here of 200 Germans, a committee was the willingness of Germans to volunteer for service in the case of war, but requested that they be entitled in a separate corps on account of the hardships endured by Germans in the Ma

gato campaign. Orders to Reserves. Durbane, Natal, Aug. 24.—The men belonging to the British first-class reserve, residing here, have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to rejoin

ASSESSED TO THE PERSON OF THE Klong the Waterfront.

******** S. F. McKenzie, of McKenzie Bros., of Vancouver, who have offered to provide a fast steamer service between Victoria and Vancouver if an annual subsidy of \$12,509 for ten years is allowed, in an interview said: "If my offer is accepted I will have the steamer ready for service in eight months and I will have it built Seattle, Aug. 23.—In the United States ing it built in Great Britain for the shipbuilders there have already more orders than they can fill in two years. I think just as good a steamer can be built here as anywhere else, and at any rate I will guarantee to provide a palatial steamer that can easily maintain a speed of 20 knots per hour. In the event of my proposition being accepted I am willing to put it in competition with any other service that may be in existence when I am ready to start and I ask for no stipula tions on that whatever. The reduced fares which I propose are high enough and I am perfectly content to take chances of losing money on them. A faster service is badly needed in Victoria and the offer I make is a good chance for the city to secure a really first-class ferry service and an up-to-date and luxuriously fitted up steamer.

> Over three thousand excursionists have gone from the Sound to Alaska since the season opened, the local steamboat men estimate. This is not an exaggeration. but probably under the actual number of tourists, says the Tacoma Ledger. Four boats carried the excursion trade, or a large share of it. These are the Queen, City of Topeka and Cottage City, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's boats. The Rosalie, Humboldt, Dirigo and other steamers have carried excursionists, but the number has not been large. The estimates of the steamboat men give the following figures as the number of excursionists carried by the different boats: Queen, 750; City of Seattle, 850; Topeka, 750; Cottage City, 400; other boats, 400. Total, 3,150. The past has been the best Alaskan excursion season in years. The number of organized excursion parties has been greater and the number of private parties going North has been unsually large. The prospects of the next year, as judged from the present one, are unusually bright.

Steamer Miowera of the Canadian-Australian line will sail to-morrow evening for Honolulu, Brisbane and Sydney. Among those booked to sail from here are Mrs. J. N. S. Williams and children, who go to Honolulu to join Mr. Williams, who, having secured a position in the islands, has taken up his residence there. Mrs. Williams is accompanied by Mrs.W. L. Green. T. S. Tipperts is a passenger to Sydney. The Warrimoo of this line is due here on Sept. 7th from the South

The naval village at Esquimalt is looking forward to a visit from one of "De Kaiser's" warships about two weeks hence, His Imperial German Majesty's ship Geier is now at San Francisco and will leave there shortly for Esquimalt. where she will arrive on September 25, and remain ten days. She is on a tour