## CAPTAIN VANCOUVER.

The Life of the Intrepid Navigator Who Gave His Name to this Favored Island,

And Whose Centennial has Just been Quietly Celebrated by Historical Societies.

By Alexander Begg (Crefter), F.R.C.I With the close of the year 1892, dur ing which period so many enthusiastic celebrations have been held in the Eastern and Western hemispheres in hono of the discovery of the continent America by Columbus, 400 Lears ago, it seems fitting to refer to a few facts which appear to be but little known or apparently forgotten, namely, that only 100 years ago (1792) the Western coast of North America, it may be said, was unknown, or at least not explored. It remained for Geo. Vancouver to make such practical discoveries and to transact the diplomatic negotiations, which ended in securing to the Crown of Great Britain the whole coast of the Pacific north of Mexico, which then was claimed and taken possession of

When the western continent was discovered by Columbus, Spain was in the mith of power, and pushed forward further discoveries with great vigor along the eastern coast. Her intrepid navi gators, friars and soldiers carried every-thing before them, by conquest when required, in the name of their country and their church. They gradually pene-trated through Mexico; reached the Pacific ocean; took possession of the en-tire coast, and made settlements at the most desirable points.

Sir Francis Drake made a voyage around Cape Horn to the Northern Pacific in 1579. The narrative of that voyage, as written by one Fletcher, is not considered reliable. It contains several incredible statements. Drake was knighted after his return to England in 1581; and in 1587 and 1588 rendered signal service to his country, by the effective and leading part he took in the defeat of the

For nearly 200 years after Drake's visit not anything of consequence was done on the part of England on the West coast of North America. In 1776 Capt. Cook was commissioned to proceed on a voyage of discovery to the North Pacific. His route was round Cape Horn and by the Sandwich islands. He reached Nootka early in 1778, remaining in har-bor there several days, but was not aware that the coast formed part of a large that the coast formed part of a large island, now called "Vancouver Island." of the same inlet on which Vancouver Continuing his voyage northwards, cruising and examining the outlines of the large ing and examining the outlines of the presence. Mackenzie was the first white presence. coast to Behring sea until August, he crossed to the Asiatic side. In September he shaped his course southward, reaching the Sandwich Islands in January, 1779. In February, during a appreciation of the difficult and danger-melee, whilst assisting or directing a ous feat which he then accomplished. party of his men to recover one of the ship's boats which had been stolen, Capt.

Cook was killed by the natives. CAPTAIN GEORGE VANCOUVER.

He served as an able-bodied seaman on couver, the Resolution for over three years and a half, and as midshipman on the Discovery for more than four years and a half.

In October, 1780, he passed as lieutenant under certificate from Captains Cook, Gore, Clerk and King. He bore such an Richmond Hill, is known as one of the cook thus gained a thoroughly practical training and experience of about 20 years.

The Admiralty selected Vancouver in 1791 and appointed him to the command of the sloop Discovery, with 100 men, which included himself and three lieutenants - Mudge, Puget and Baker. His commission required him to undertake an exploring and surveying expedition to the Northwest coast of America, and to settle certain disputes which had arisen at Nootka respecting Spanish occupation there. For this important mission his experience, courage, prudence and in-tegrity admirably fitted him. The armed -W. R. Broughto commander, with 45 men, was provided as his consort. Vancouver left England early in 1791 via Cape Horn, and tered at the Sandwich Islands. He took his departure northwards in March, 1792,

for the Straits of Fuca.

The Northwest coast was sighted in May, 1792, at some distance south o Flattery. On reaching the entrance to the Straits of Fuca, Vancouver followed the southern shore of the Straits which now forms a portion of the north He turned southward at the firs great inlet (Admiralty Inlet)—explored and surveyed it—naming the inland waters "Puget Sound," after Mr. Puget, one of his lieutenants. During the past summer (1892) the residents of the various cities which have recently sprung up in Puget Sound paid due respect Vancouver's memory by enthusiastically celebrating the first centennial anniver-

sary of his discoveries in that region.

A remarkable coincidence occurred or the 12th Oct., 1892, viz.: the dinner which was held in the Whitehall Rooms. Metropole, London, under the presi-dency of His Excellency the Marquis de la Cassa Laiglesia, Spanish Ambassador fourth centenary of the great discovery Columbus, was also the first centennial anniversary of the day or which Vancouver left Nootka, after having arranged with the Spanish com-mander there to withdraw from the possession of that place.

On completing the survey of Puget Sound, Vancouver continued his voyage northward, surveying Burrard Inlet, Howe Sound, etc. In an inlet near Gray's Point, June 22, he found two ish vessels of 45 tons burden, with 24 men each, under command of Sen. Den D. Galiano, and Sen. Don C. Valdez, who were engaged in surveying those vears.

channels, having come from Nootka by the north end of the island. They reeived Vancouver with great courtesy, and informed him that at Nootka there were three Spanish frigates and a brig awaiting his arrival. They gave him copies of their charts, which facilitated is voyage northward. He rounded Cape Scott, the northwest point of Vancouver Island, on the 25th, and reached Nootka on the 27th of August. At the entrance to the harbor he was met by a panish officer and a pilot, who brought the Discovery to anchor near where "His Catholic Majesty's" brig, Active, was riding, bearing the broad pennant of Sen.

Don Jaun Francisco de la Bodega

Quadra, commandant of the marine esablishment of San Blas and California.

As Senor Quadra lived on shore, Lieut. Puget was sent to acquaint him of Vancouver's arrival, and to royal salute to the flag would be accepted. A polite reply in the affirmative was recurned, and a salute of thirteen guns ex changed. Vancouver afterwards went ashore and was received with great cordiality. Quadra returned the visit next day, to the Discovery.

QUADRA AND VANCOUVER. After full and careful explanations beween Quadra and Vancouver, all in the nost amicable manner, it was agreed that the whole matter relative to the right of occupancy, would remain in abeyance until the decision of the British and Spanish governments should be fully nown.

Arbitrators were appointed by both governments. They met in Whitehall, London, in 1793. The difficulty was finally settled by a convention held at Madrid, in January, 1794, by which time all the Spaniards had withdrawn from Nootka. It was also agreed that, pend ing the decision of occupation, the large island should be named "Quadra and Vancouver Island;" and so it appears in the chart of Vancouver's explorations during the summers of 1792, '93, '94, as published in 1801, along with the history of his voyage to the North Pacific and the northwest coast of America.

Quadra and his fleet left Nootka on the 22nd Sept., 1792, for his Mexican headquarters at San Blas, in anticipation of the adverse decision likely to follow. Vancouver, after arranging for the storing of supplies, etc., left Nootka on the 12th October, for the Sandwich Islands. where he wintered. During the years mentioned in the chart referred to, Vanouver faithfully and satisfactorily comleted his mission, and returned to Engand, September 1795.

It may be worthy of notice to state that in 1793, when Vancouver was engaged in surveying an inlet which extended far into the mainland, it was afterwards learned that Alexander Mackenzie, of the Northwest Fur Company, reached the Pacific, at the easterly shore man who crossed the American continent to the Pacific, north of the Rocky Mountains. He was afterwards knighted in On Vancouver's return to

was promoted to the rank of Port Cap-tain. Shortly afterwards his health failed. He continued, however, whilst On this last mentioned voyage, and on lication, an account of the voyage which Capt. Cook's former voyage, which occupied the years 1772-75, he was accommination. The latter portion of the panied by George Vancouver, who ennaviative was completed from his notes, panied by George Vancouver, who ennaviative was completed from his notes tered the navy in 1771 at the age of 13.

excellent character that by order of the Lords of the Admiralty "journals were The view up the Thames from the room dispensed with "in his promotion. Sub-sequently he served as lieutenant under and Garter, is one of rare beauty and of asy in the West Indies, having great extent. It is said that on his ar rival there, he exclaimed, "Here wou I desire to live, and here would I die. The latter portion of this exclamation was prophetic, for he died in that room, in May, 1798, at the early age of 40 years, and was buried in the cemetery of

> his remains now lie, surrounded by multitude of illustrious dead. It is proposed by the Vicar of the Parish, Rev. Mr. Oxley, that as the venerable old church is not quite suitable to the congregation to have a new church erected near by, and preserve the old nique building with its ancient tombs and tablets, as a relic of former times and that it should be used for marriage, paptistual and funeral services. The old church is said to have formed a portion of "the great Abbey of Chertsey."
> present edifice was rebuilt in 1505.

the ancient church of Petersham, where

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

An enduring and graceful complimer was paid to the memory of Vancouver in 1841 by the then governor of the com-pany, Sir George Simpson, who had a handsome marble tablet erected in Peters ham church, with a suitable inscription. Sir George visited Puget Sound overland and Vancouver Island, and therefore ha a personal knowledge of the difficult and important pioneer work which Vancou ver so triumphantly and diplomaticall

A sketch of Petersham church has been made by Mrs. Beeton, wife of H. C. Beeton, agent-general in London for British Columbia, who has also secured a fac simile of the tablet, together with a por trait of Capt. George Vancouver, from the painting presented to the B. C. Board of Trade by Mr. Beeton. These will appear in one of the illustrated London papers. There is no name more closely con ed with the early history of British Columbia, or which should be more high

ly honored than that of CAPTAIN GEORGE VANCOUVER.

St. Luke's Sunday School. Yesterday the annual Christmas tree, nicely decorated and laden with gifts elected by the Misses Tolmie and Mrs. selected by the Misses Tolmie and Mrs. Brown for the children of St. Luke's Sunday school, was held in the newly enlarged school. Mr. J. W. Tolmie presided, and handed to the respective teachers prizes according to merit for each pupil. When distribution was made, Rev. Mr. Brown complimented the younger members of the flock upon their regular attendance and increasing numbers, which were three-fold in two years.

The Right Place for Spending a Sum mer Holiday Pleasantly and Well.

scenery, Accommodation, Hunting, Fishing-Everything to Make Visitors Happy

REATLY needed in the province of Britthe province of British Columbia heretofore, has been some
comfortable and quiet
resort, where the business man in search of ness man in search of on the Coast. ness man in search of needed rest from his many cares, could,

office, find pleasant means of recuperation. The tourist, too, wearied with long journeys, often sighs for some picturesque spot where the bustle and roar A Splended Collection of the Animal and Minof civilization are left behind and its comorts alone remain. To such as these and the many other

classes of rest and pleasure seekers it is the design of the promoters of the Point Comfort Hotel to specially cater. The location of the new resort has een chosen with exceptional care. and Nanaimo and is in the direct line

of travel between these centres.

POINT COMFORT HOTEL.

point and all the surrounding places

The means of reaching the hotel from any town in British Columbia are all that could be desired. The C. P. N. company's steamers pass the hotel daily, and a wharf is being constructed in pursuance of an agreement with the company to have their steamers call at the hotel on every trip. The business man in search of recreation can thus take a run down for a day or two at almost any time without interfering materially with his

The accompanying cut gives a good idea of the general appearance of the hotel building, though a personal visit is necessary to give an adequate under-standing of the picturesque surroundings

business interests.

It is not designed to make the name of "Point Comfort" in vain, but by managing the establishment along the "comforts" which the name suggests. THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MUSEUM.

eral Wealth of the Province.

The museum, on the Government grounds, which was considerably enlarged last year, is to-day far too small

nd Nanaimo and is in the direct line the interest shown in the museum— section only a short distance from Larguests ever the first consideration. The promision to the north of the Canadian ground floor is devoted to the bar, billiard, card and reading rooms, the first steamship connections are briefly referred

A.D.1892.

SOULE AND DAY, ARCHITECTS.

VICTORIA" B.C.

A RICH COUNTRY.

ome of the Thriving Towns in British Columbia Which are Attracting Investors.

The Lardeau, Argenta and Duncans in the Kootenay-An Encouraging Outlook.

remunerative investments in the direct line of the assured growth of the country. has been directed very strongly of late, of what will no doubt become one of to the Kootenay country. Those who the most attractive and popular resorts have ever visited this promising section of British Columbia are unanimous in the verdict that it is one of the most wonderful of those rich fields, which without being too far removed from his lines of an old English inn, to give all the seem to be only waiting that magic wand, the miner's pick, to pour forth their treasures into the lap of commerce.

Of this section General Superintend ent H. Abbott, of the C. P. R., said, a short time ago, that his company would in all probability, be very active in that region during the coming year.

Speaking of the resources of the sec

tion, Mr. Abbott stated that some rein the very heart of the city.

markably rich mining ground has been The restaurant has since been removed for the satisfactory display of the great markably rich mining ground has been collection of mammals, birds, marine discovered during the past season, and collection of mammals, birds, marine discovered during the past season, and algo, Indian curios, minerals; etc., all of notably in the Slocan and Lardeau new Driard, but the hotel remains to do surveyors are now locating the line of the

of which road is on the property.
A hotel, store and other buildings have

gone up lately and lots are being freely purchased. The trains will bring residents to town in such a way as to make residing in Saanichton even more convenient than it would be three or our miles out of Victoria.

The number of inquiries received by Mr. Croft regarding these and other properties which he is handling, show plainly that British Columbia generally is becoming a strong favorite with those who have money to invest in real estate and The attention of those desiring safe and kindred lines. The coming year will no in these pro doubt be an active one

> THE DELMONICO HOFEL. An Establishment That is Known the Length of the Pacific Coast Ever since Delmonico made his famous restaurant the theme of the praises sung

by New York epicures, his name has been cepted as a synonym for all that is firstclass in the hotel line. It was probably for this reason, and also perhaps because the restaurant then running in connec tion had previously been christened the Delmonico by its proprietor, Mr. Ernest at home. Escalet, that Messrs. Jackson & Petri The th have so named their hotel on Government street, between Yates and Johnson.

Situated on the northwest corner of which serve to illustrate the wealth of Mayne Island, it is equi-distant from Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster

Taking the registration as an index of group of mines are located in the latter with the comfort and convenience of starting from this city, will span the

MAYNE ISLAND. B.C.

BY RAIL AND WATER.

Practical Terminus of Four Transcontinental Railways and Three Steamship Lines.

How all Routes Lead to British Columbia's Capital-Highways

As the practical terminus of three great transcontinental railway lines, with a fourth projected and assured, and as the first port of call and last of departure for both the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific ocean liners for the Orient, Victoria is known wherever travellers consult railway guides or ticket agents answer questions. For the information, however, of the few who may possibly be still in ignorance of how best to reach British Columbia's capital, the following table is published, which might also be preserved with advantage by those

The three great rail routes by which Victoria may be quickly and comfortably reached from the eastern shores of the Continent, are the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific, each hav starting from this city, will

WATER ROUTES.

From Vancouver and all points East, via the C. P. R.—Steamer Islander (C. P. N. Co.) arrives every evening but Monday, to sail at 2 a. m.

and all points East and South, via the N. P. R. and U. P. R. -Steamer City of Kingston daily, excepting Sunday, arriving at 4 p. m. and departing four and a

steamships Empress of India, Empress of China and Empress of Japan arrive and lepart monthly; Northern Pacific steamips Victoria and Tacoma also arrive and depart monthly.

ports—Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamers City of Puebla, Umatilla and Walla Walla arrive and depart every five days during summer months, and weekly throughout the winter.

Puget Sound and Hawaiian Steamship Co.'s Zambesi makes monthly trips, carrying passengers and freight, the latter chiefly fresh fruits.

From New Westminster and Fraser P. Rithet, Princess Louise and Yosemite arrive and depart three times per week. From Nass and Skeena Rivers and Queen Charlotte Islands (the home of the Haidas)—Steamers Barbara Boscowitz. (J. D. Warren & Co.), and Danube (C. P. N. Co.), arrive and depart every ten

From Alberni and Barclay Sound ports
-Steamer Maude (C. P. N. Co.), makes

Steamer Joan arrives and departs weekly.

From Bellingham Bay ports and San.

Juan Archipelago—Steamers Island Belle
and Burt make three trips a week.

BY RATE.

From Wellington, Nanaimo and intermediate points on the Esquimalt & Nanai-mo Railway—Regular trains daily. (The Victoria & Sidney Railway, to open up a rich agricultural district and make it tributary to the city, is now under construction; the Canadian Western—trans-continental—will be thus far advanced before the present year closes, and numerous other lines to connect with the West Coast, or by means of railway ferry, with existing American lines, are

n contemplation.) .
From Esquimalt and Russel Station Victoria West)-Electric cars every half

in location, business, or other circuits or less in the possession of articles of greater or less half hourly.

From Mount Tolmie Park—Road to be

CARIBOO MINES. The Development of Slough Creek-The Great-

Placer Wealth of Cariboo The development of the Slough Creek Mining Co.'s property on Slough creek, near Barkerville, Cariboo, is steadily progressing under the direction of Mr. Chas. Ramos. A shaft is being sunk where the boring apparatus demonstrated that gold was to be found, and a drain is now being run in to tap this at thirty-five feet below the surface. A considerable staff has been employed since June last, the pay roll averaging \$750 per month, and reaching as high as \$1,000. Over 600 feet of drain is completed, which illustrates the energy which has been displayed by Mr. Ramos, who is thoroughly convinced that a vide recovery. thoroughly convinced that a rich reward will be reaped when the gold is reached.

The Slough Creek Company are disbursing the largest sum of any company in Cariboo in the development of their property, and all who have a knowledge of the district are certain that Mr. Ramos' predistrict are certain that Mr. Ramos' pre-diction of a handsome profit will be realized. There is no doubt in the minds of those acquainted with the field that Cariboo yet produce from her placers, when these a largely and intelligently worked, as great results as those of the early history of the district. In a recent letter Mr. Ramos re-

marks that if one quarter of the money that is being ventured in rock in Kootenay were put to use in working placer ground in Cariboo, British Columbia would outrank any mining country in the world as a gold producer. He expresses the hope that Vic-torians will awake to the fact that there is physician, Robertson, who is at St. Louis baving an analysis made of the viscera of two of the victims.

Dr. McGlynn is likely to become Professor of Sacred Oratory in the University of the Sidney & Saanich railroad, a station Washington, D.C. and energy to secure it.

to Victoria.

From Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma

half hours later.
From India, China and Japan—C.P.R.

From San Francisco and all California

From Honolulu and all Hawaiian ports

From Portland—Steamers Wilmington and Haytian Republic arrive and depart weekly, carrying freight and passengers. From Alaska—Pacific Coast Steamship

Co.'s excursion steamer Queen arrives and departs every ten days during summer months, as does also the C. P. N. Co.'s Steamer Islander. During the winter a fortnightly service is maintained by the P. C. S. S. Co.'s Mexico and City of River ports-C. P. N. Co.'s steamers R.

semi-monthly trips.

From Nanaimo, Comox and Valdez Island-E. & N. Railway company's new

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The Forks of Quesnelle the distinction, at present, more attention than any oth The Victoria Hydraulic C

pleted a ditch 12 miles lo the bottom, 7 feet on top and from Spanish Creek to North to connect with the ditch. It that work will begin early in and a clean-up made next so South Fork Co. have eight m completed, 4 feet at bottom deep. They have some deep. overcome before getting the ground, but when this very heavy production of go looked for. It is to hydraul this vicinity and Horsefly R must look for the first solid Cariboo mining. Taking a cof the whole situation as it Cariboo, there is no inves

these various hydraulic pro-large capital, in the vicinity Forks. Too limited capital has failure or retarded the succ than one great enterprise, a money can be nowhere so w as in opening hydraulic known value, on the large this is done we have reason the advantage gained will h by the discovery of good evelopment after hydrauli the district has proved a gree encouraged capital to

There is a vast country l the North Thompson and g the Fraser, which is practice and invites the attention of pectors whose ambition it where no one has yet travelle says in his report, that "

entrance to Plumper's Pass and are so verdict is most gratifying, the daily at-properties are located in the same mentioned department being stocked tendance ranging from 70 to 100 persons. But there are many other undeniable evidences that the institution is very credit-The Great Northern is probably The Great Northern is probably one tainable in the province, while the pool of the largest bodies of galena ore which and billiard tables are unquestionably as has as yet been discovered in Kootenay. fine as any in British Columbia. ably fulfilling its mission. From all has as yet been discovered in Kootenay.

situated as to command a magnificent view of the finest scenery of the Pass, the Gulf of Georgia, and the Cascade range rears its lofty peaks to form a fitting background for this scenic gem.

The site has been so selected that th hotel is sheltered from all winds except those from the northwest, from which direction there blows in the summer months a cool and refreshing breeze which tempers most delightfully the heat of the day.

In this mild and balmy atmospher those in search of health can regain their shattered strength and take on a new lease of life.

On the other hand the well and vigor ous in search of recreation will here find themselves in a veritable sportsman's paradise. The fishing along the beach in noted as the finest in British Columbia The members of the finny tribe swarm in profusion and range in variety from the herring to the salmon. The adjoin ing forest is filled with game of all kinds and vast flocks of ducks and other aquati game birds haunt the water ways.

Those who are disposed to rema nearer the house will find many means of eleasant recreation. To the south of th otel and very near to it, is located small crescent-shaped bay with a smooth beach of pure white sand upon which the small waves play in gentle ripples, mak-ing a most delightful spot for the child-ren who are thus enabled to amuse themelves to their hearts' content withou peing out of sight from the hotel veran

prepared for all kinds of athletic sports and games, while numerous shady walks parks and gardens tempt the

ootsteps of guests into their cool retreats Those who are unable, on account o elicate health, to endure the open air bathing, will be furnished with warm sea water baths.

The entire grounds consist of son one hundred and thirty-eight acres, formerly the property of Mr. W. H. Mawdsley, and as auxiliaries to the hotel boast a complete arrangement of farm buildings with all the latest improvements, a dair, and creamery, a number of acres of wel cultivated farm land, a kitchen garden, fine fruit orchard, strawberry patch, and a great variety of small fruits-sufficient guarantee of a bountiful supply of their fresh products to meet the requirements

The cuisine will be in the hands of a experienced chef and no effort tending to increase the comfort and enjoyment of the guests will be spared. A steam launch will be provided by means of which picnic and sporting parties can be conveyed to any desired

quarters continue to pour in rare speci-mens, and it is in making room for these been located for a long distance. In two been located for a long distance. In two —and every square inch of the building places it has been cross-out by natural is economized by Mr. Fannin, the depressions, which demonstrates the recurator—that the building is at markable width of the ledge.

Present over crowded. The rate at This property has been purchased by which it is being stocked may be judged the Rockefellers and will be developed from the additions made during the past all it is worth in the spring. twelve months.

During this period, 23 mammals have naturally send their ores for shipment en added to an already large display 187 birds, of almost every description known to this clime; 80 extras to the marinæ algæ assortment; a special collection of 300 Indian curios, including some very ancient work; 940 samples of minerals (making a total showing of 1,967 samples in this department), and a varied lot of rare fossils, skeletons, heads, antlers, furs, etc., etc.
Among the mammals was a very

pecimen of the wapiti, claimed to largest and best on the coast. The specimen was secured in the Comox district and proves a very valuable addition Of the Indian curios, too much

not be said, as intelligently read, they are in themselves a history of the aboriginies of this province.

The Kootenay district has contributed very liberally to the minerals on view and especially fine are the samples of silver from West Kootenay.

Among the birds added this year are

some very rare species and many superior plumages to those which heretofore adorned the cases. Mr. Fannin is bus at present preparing some fine exhibits, which will be allotted a suitable place as soon as ready.

TELEGRAMS CONDENSED.

Premier Taillon attended the Chambly nomination and outlined the government policy.

Mayor Fleming, of Toronto, has awayor

out another information for criminal libel against W. F. McLean, M.P., proprietor of the Toronto World. The charge is based against W. F. McLean, M.P., proprietor of the Toronto World. The charge is based on the statement that an appointee of the City Solicitor's department had secured his position through having a "pull" with

the Mayor.

The mysterious death of thirteen convicts in the Little Rock, Ark., penitentiary was entirely due to some kind of contagious disease instead of poisoning, which was supposed until to-day, when a convict named George Long who was not in the Helena George Long who was not in the Helena investments.

generally will be investment that it is proposed to run a railroad from that place to Grey's Harbor and thence by ferry to connect with Victoria. This will give an added impetus to Port Angeles real estate and enable those who have property in that town to realize on the investments.

This property has been purchased The mines of this rich section

north to the east arm of the Arrow Lake, which is the outlet for Fish Creek and Lardeau mines. Here at the head of navigation is loca ted the town of Lardeau. The natural advantages of the situation of this town together with the fact that it is the cen tre of a country of undoubted richner makes it safe to predict for it a wonder

ful growth during the coming season. The general value of property has in creased from 400 to 500 per cent, in the Slocan country in the year past, and the same will be true of the section in and around Lardeau. Investors are becoming aware of the fact and rapidly secur ing the choice locations.

Ample railroad connections are already Argenta, on the north end of th

Kootenay, and Duncans, on the Upper Kootenay, are also promising towns,

discovered near Duncans and the future of the town looks very bright. Mr. Henry Croft, M.P.P., of Victoria s handling properties in all the above nentioned places and is prepared to fur-

A large number of Victorians are interested in Port Angeles, and the public

sire a convenient suburban residence is

with the very best liquors and cigars ob-The second and third floors are devoted

to the accommodation of guests, each room or suite of rooms being well furnished, well lighted, well heated and well ventilated. The parlors are always open for the accommodation of guests, and the attaches of the house make it their business to do all in their power to advance the pleasure of those who remain under the Delmonico roof. The house is in the very heart of the business centre, and is own all along the slope as the Hoffman of Victoria.

GOING-GOING-GONE!

Mr. D. Johnson, the Popular Auctioneer, Send Forth His Cheery Call to Custon Many people find themselves, from changes

ience. Then again one may find himself the owner of chattels which represent considerable cash, and desire the quick conversion of the former into the latter. Ample railroad connections are already in sight, and there is every reason to say that this rich region will soon put forth some astonishing developments.

These classes and many others of a similar kind naturally seek the services of an auctioneer. Their desire is to find some one who by reason of a wide circle of customers

and known integrity and ability will be able to realize the best possible results from the sale of his patron's goods. Kootenay, are also promising towns, lecated where they are sure to catch the trade of rapidly developing mining sections, and both of them offer very strong inducements to those who wish to get mon the ground floor and so take advantage of the rush which will presently be made to that region.

Some excellent placer claims have been discovered pear Duncans and the future. ing business to move from one place to another in search of more room, until now he is to be found in commodious salesrooms in the new Duck building, on Broad Those in search of bargains in all lines nish anyone who wishes for it, with com-plete information regarding any or all of household goods to the handling of the entire stock of some retiring merchant, an artists' collection of paintings, or some valuable library, the result of years of patient col-lecting and ripe scholarship, will find some-thing to suit both in quality and price at

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place sooner or later. Cari drawbacks which other go have not suffered from, but be said to be insurmounta they are of a character to ke more accessible places. W The construction of the Car would produce a very remark because it would open that p district which is at present sible and would lead to the country, known as the great Fraser, which is rich in gol waits cheap transportation large population.

With the new importance

by reason of the single sta maintained and the conseq in silver, we think a great be given to mining in Caribo future. Those quartz prophave been opened already good features which make the attention of capital. Mountain Mine, B. C. Milli Co.'s property and the properties only require more heaper labor to be made There are other prospects still greater attractions, but extended field for it only a very small section of has been prospected for qua the whole district is worthy tention. It is possible tha auriferous quartz may be i California, to be outside of

area. If a mother lode exis to be discovered, but a key be found in looking for similar to those which prevail along the best known gold quartz countries. In the vicin irregular pockets and stringe of so-called porphyry which slate and granite, having in intruding the slates.

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