

LIFE-SAVING BOAT FOR THE WEST COAST

Will Be Provided at Once—Orion Has Been En-listed And New Telegraphic Connection Will Be Established.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The eight miles of telegraph wire required to connect the Clayoquot line with the Sechart whaling station will be built at once, instructions having been given by the public works department to-day.

Capt. Balcom tendered the use of the steamer Orion for life-saving on the coast wherever and whenever available, and as the steamer is generally at dock with steam up during rough weather when wrecks occur, and at no time is far away, the importance of having a reliable telegraphic connection with Sechart is obvious.

Captain Balcom has proposed to carry the necessary equipment which will be provided by the government, and to proceed whenever necessary to reach and save life. The Orion is a splendid vessel for the purpose, and manned by experienced seamen continually patrolling the coast in the wreck area, her enlistment in the cause of life protection is the best step yet taken by the department for that purpose.

While the Dominion government is sometimes placed in unfavorable comparison with the United States when the question of promptness of action is concerned, it will be a matter of some satisfaction to not a few to know that

TO INQUIRE INTO LUMBER QUESTION

J. HERRON WILL ASK FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE
Young Englishman Took Cyanide of Potassium While Temporarily Insane.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—John Herron, of Alberta, has announced that he would ask for the appointment of a select committee of the House of Commons to inquire into the question of supplying lumber to settlers of Alberta and Saskatchewan at the lowest possible price consistent with reasonable profit to the manufacturers of lumber, and whether an unlawful combination exists among the lumber dealers in the Northwest.

Safeguarding Navigation.
Quebec, Dec. 13.—The marine and fisheries department has under consideration plans for the improvement of the St. Lawrence route from Quebec to the Gulf that will greatly facilitate and safeguard navigation.

Temporarily Insane.
Maple Creek, Sask., Dec. 13.—The coroner's jury, which inquired into the death of Guy D. Sharp, a young Englishman found dead in a hotel here yesterday, brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death from taking cyanide of potassium while temporarily insane. His father died in England recently leaving money to his son.

Died After Long Illness.
Montreal, Dec. 12.—Ludger Trudeau, superintendent of the Montreal street railway system, died yesterday at noon at his home in Malonneuve. Mr. Trudeau has been afflicted with Bright's disease, and for six months has been unable to attend to his duties. He was 46 years of age. He leaves a widow and four children.

BRANDON'S INDEBTEDNESS.
Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Brandon's local indebtedness has assumed the large proportion of approximately \$1,125,000, a truly significant amount when the population of the city is taken into consideration.

THE LATE COL. PINAULT.

Funeral of Deputy Minister of Militia Was Largely Attended.
Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The funeral of the late Col. Pinault, deputy minister of militia, took place this forenoon from his late residence to the Sacred Heart church. It was an impressive military funeral.

CHINESE REBELS CAUSE UNEASINESS

TROOPS DISPATCHED TO SCENE OF DISORDERS
Situation in Hunan Province Becoming Serious—Insurgents Reported to Be Well Armed.

New York, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Times from Hankow says official telegrams from Chang Shai indicate that the disturbances in Hunan province are becoming increasingly serious. The rebels, whose object is anti-dynastic, are reported to be several thousand strong and well armed.

ANOTHER SPILL IN BICYCLE RACE

TWO OF THE RIDERS SUSTAIN INJURIES
Ten Racers in Mix-Up on the Track—Teams Set a Faster Pace

New York, Dec. 13.—With the beginning of the fourth day of the bicycle race at Madison Square gardens the riders began setting a faster pace with the evident intention of relegating to the rear the weaker ones of the contestants. By 7 o'clock the average had been raised to more than 19 miles against 16 yesterday.

GRAIN TRADE.
International Movement to Compel American Sellers to Alter Standard Contract.

A CHURCH SEXTON'S STORY.
How Bileans Restored Him After Long Suffering From Biliousness, Headache and Liver Trouble.

TUBERCULOSIS.
Professor Von Behring Reads a Paper—Did Not Tell Secret of His Remedy.

COMMITTEES OF HOUSE.
Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The chairman of the select committees of the House of Commons were elected to-day as follows: Railways, A. Campbell.

DOMINION WILL BUILD THE TRAIL

APPROPRIATION TO BE ASKED FOR AT ONCE
Petition Urging Appeared in Van to Federal Government, Will Underlie Work.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
A letter from Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, was shown to a Times representative this morning in which the statement is made that he would press upon the council of the Dominion government for an appropriation for the building of a trail on the West Coast for the benefit of shipwrecked mariners.

HOW PRISONERS ARE TORTURED

MAN DRIVEN INSANE BY PHONOGRAPH
Machine Played the Russian National Anthem Night and Day For Six Months.

New York, Dec. 13.—A London correspondent at Odessa describing instances of police repression there, writes of one man who has just finished six months' sentence in jail for a political offence who throughout his imprisonment night and day had a phonograph fixed in his cell which unremittently ground out the Russian national anthem.

PROVINCIAL SAVAGES.

J. H. Turner Thinks That Bishop Ridley Must Have Made Mistake.
A Canadian Associated Press dispatch from London of a recent date says: J. H. Turner, agent-general of British Cable at the ...

DEMAND FOR PROPERTY FRONTING JAMES BAY

Number of Deals Are Pending—The Gonzales Rocks Property Has Been Sold.
(From Thursday's Daily.)
As the demand for Victorian realty grows larger so the area to which this demand applies continues to expand.

CHRISTMAS PURSE FOR MRS. PATERSON

Movement to Reward Courageous Woman—Subscription List Opened at Times and Colonist Offices.
(From Thursday's Daily.)
From all reports it appears that Mrs. Paterson, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale and heroine of the Coloma rescue, is to be substantially rewarded for her bravery.

Table with columns for names and amounts, listing donors for Christmas Purse for Mrs. Paterson, including St. John's Sunday School, Bay School, etc.

IN A CLASS BY ITSELF

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RENEWED INTEREST IN YACHT CIRCLES

VICTORIA WILL TAKE PART IN NEXT REGATTA
The Lieut.-Governor Has Been Elected Honorary Commodore of the Local Club.
(From Thursday's Daily.)
It is probable that at the international yacht regatta to be held in July next, the Victoria Yacht Club will be represented by a boat capable of beating her own against the strongest competition.

FORMER PUBLISHER DEAD.
New York, Dec. 13.—Wm. L. Brown, formerly publisher of the New York Daily News, died at his country home in Great Barrington, Mass., early to-day. He was 64 years of age and had been ill nearly two years. Bright's disease was the cause of death.

DINNERS FOR THE POOR.
Victoria Sends Good Subscription to Providence Christmas Fare For London's Needy Children.
(From Thursday's Daily.)
The Victoria list of subscriptions towards the London ragged children's dinner fund has reached a total of \$22,050.

ECONOMICAL.
Berlin City Fathers Do Not Oppose to Foreign Tons Coal.
Berlin, Dec. 10.—The arrival in Berlin tonight of the first of the foreign coal, but not receiving the sanction of the municipal committee as a foreign official city as has been the case with the Italian. The city fathers that according to an official in the decade from 1885 less than 1,000,000 mark royalties and the bills years have aggregated

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