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Myrman's and Live Stock Associa-
again elected me as their secre-
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provinces, and I am now prepared
you prices, and give such other
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be my earnest endeavor to give
satisfaction to the patrons of the
in the future as I have in the
years.
I am waiting stock out with this
applying for space on or before
day of April next.
all communications to
L. W. FAIRLEY,
as of the Dairyman's and Live
Association, Chilliwack, B. C.

NOTICE.

Notice that 60 days after date I apply
to the Chief Commissioner of
of W. W. FAIRLEY, the following
land, situate on the
River, Chaslar District, more par-
described as follows: Commencing
marked "Martin Letnes N. E. 25",
thence west 80 chains, then
chains, thence east 30 chains,
with 40 chains, containing an area
of 80 acres more or less called
and situated 8 miles more or less
junction of the Eckstet River,
Skeena River.
No 2013, 1904.

MARTIN LETNES.

**SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH
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Position permanent. Business
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VOL. 34.

RUSSIANS RETREATING FROM PORT ARTHUR

Viceroy Alexieff Decides to Fall Back on Harbin Which Will Be Strongly Fortified--Recognizes Impossibility of Protecting Long Line of Communication.

New York, Feb. 19.—A cable from the Viceroy's correspondent in Berlin says Viceroy Alexieff has determined to fall back on Harbin, leaving Port Arthur to work out its own salvation.

Alexieff takes this step in view of the utter impossibility of maintaining and protecting a line of communication 1,200 miles long, and as vulnerable to attack as the railway through Manchuria.

The viceroy is fully confident that Port Arthur can withstand a long siege. He is now fortifying Harbin, and will use it as the base of a great offensive.

The announcement that Harbin, and not the "impregnable" Port Arthur, will be the base of future operations has been received with consternation in Russian military circles. It has caused a sensation more painful than the calamities which have befallen the Russian fleet, as, more clearly than any event that has occurred, it reveals the formidable nature of the enemy to whom Russia is opposed. The feeling of alarm and despondency grows deeper at St. Petersburg and Moscow.

The police have good reasons to believe that the revolutionaries are taking part in the so-called patriotic manifestations.

MANY TROOPS ARRIVE.

Over One Hundred Thousand Soldiers Expected at Harbin in Course of Few Days.

Paris, Feb. 19.—A representative of the Matin, who has reached the centre of the Russian military concentration at Harbin after great hardships, due to the trans-Siberian railway trains without halts, they began firing at them. The forts began to fire also, and the utmost confusion prevailed.

THE PORT ARTHUR FIGHT.

Petersburg, Feb. 18.—A long official dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the Emperor, giving details of the fight on February 9th at Port Arthur. It does not enumerate the Russian casualties, and says it is known that a number of Japanese ships suffered severely, and that the British steamer Ching Ping and German steamer Promo, to extinguish their lights and fires. Russian warships then arrived, and, finding three vessels in the adjacent group of Elliot Isles would cover this movement, as they did the same thing during the Chino-Japanese war, landing simultaneously on the islands, and Kiu Chou, thus cutting off Port Arthur from each side of the Liao Tung peninsula.

The general's frank statement in his bulletin of this morning on Russia's unpreparedness, owing to Japan's sudden precipitation of hostilities, and warning the Russian public of the necessity of immediate victory, confirms the opinion which has existed here, that Russia will not act on the defensive until her army is fully mobilized and the equipment of the commissariat is in perfect working order. There are already over 300,000 men in the field, and this number will be largely augmented. About 50,000 men are required to guard the railways, and a telegram received here from Port Arthur says the Japanese have captured the Okhotsk-Kamchatka Company's steamers Kolk and Bagov, with 6,000 Japanese troops at Wanson, which place, as was known some days ago, was made the point of the landing of the enemy troops.

REPAIRING WARSHIPS.

Port Arthur, Feb. 18.—The repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment of February 9th, are rapidly proceeding. The coast batteries and Palada will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of caissons. The mishap was not so great as it might have been.

JAP FLEET INACT.

London, Feb. 18.—The Japanese fleet, consisting of 16 warships, appeared at 10 o'clock in the morning off Port Arthur. Its appearance was noted by the coast signal stations as well as by the ships of our squadron, which lay in the outer roads fully prepared for the battle.

The Russian squadron consisted of five battleships, five first and second class cruisers and 15 torpedo boats, under the command of Vice-Admiral Stark and Rear-Admiral Ukhontski. The coast batteries immediately prepared to receive the enemy. Our squadron weighed anchor in order of battle, and upon the first shot being fired by the enemy, the fleet and batteries replied simultaneously with a lively cannonade. The most exposed to the enemy's fire were the ships of the squadron Battery No. 15 on Electric Hill, and Battery No. 13 on Golden Hill. Other coast batteries, principally Nos. 17 and 18, were also under fire.

RETREAT TO HARBIN.

London, Feb. 19.—Little Far Eastern news appears in the press this morning, with the exception of official dispatches, and the comment is made that the reports of Viceroy Alexieff and others are remarkably mostly for what they have said.

It is believed now, both in London and on the continent, that Viceroy Alexieff has decided to fall back upon Harbin, Vladivostok, and the whole of southern Manchuria to Japan, and that he is hoping that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladivostok will occupy the Japanese while he is concentrating his forces at Harbin.

The papers this morning comment upon the activity which is said at Woodville and elsewhere in refitting the navy in preparation for an emergency. It is submitted that the manufacturers of fixed ammunition have been working night shifts since Christmas, and that

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These restrictions enforced could remain. It is believed that an unexampled emigration of Jews will result if the recommendations of the committee are put into effect.

The incident is general in British diplomatic circles that Russia is about to defy the United States in almost a similar manner to that in which it involved itself with Japan. The note of Secretary Hay, by which it was designed to guarantee the integrity of China, has caused a profound sensation in St. Petersburg, and the charge is openly made that the French government proposes to ally itself with the United States to become dominant in China. That Russia realizes this, and that she will follow out her old-time diplomatic methods, is shown by the intimation that she will soon send a reply to the United States note to the effect that, with certain "inconsequential" limitations, she accepts the position taken by the note.

Russia will accept no line of procedure that can in any way be construed as assenting to the proposition that the Chinese government has any sovereignty over Manchuria. She will break with the United States before she will permit that nation to outline her policy in the Far East.

Russia expects to defeat Japan in the long run, but she believes that the weight of numbers will finally tell, and that she intends to retain Korea and Manchuria. The British foreign office is uneasy regarding the outlook, while the admiralty is getting ready for rapid mobilization in case of any eventualities developing.

INTERNAL TROUBLES.

Revolutionary Party at Work in Russia and Further Disorders Are Feared.

Madrid, Feb. 19.—A Russian warship has arrived at a Canary island port. The authorities have notified her commander that his ship may remain in port for a limited time, but that he cannot be provided with coal in quantity more than sufficient to enable him to reach the nearest Russian port.

RUSSIANS CROSS THE YALU.

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An outbreak of an Anglo-French war within the next three months. This high rate is based on the fact that France has not given a formal declaration of an attitude of neutrality towards the Far Eastern belligerents, beyond a vague statement by Foreign Minister Delcasse. In fact, the French government, instead of giving such an assurance has allowed Russia to use (Japan, which is in the French colony at the head of the Red Sea, as a base of rendezvous for her fleet. This is contrary to the usage of other neutral powers.

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ON WEAK IN THE FAR EAST

UNABLE TO SUSTAIN HER TROOPS

Opinion of Oriental Exchanges Cruelties at Vladivostok Pirates on the Move.

A exchange arriving on the ship... in commenting... Russia's very weak in the Far East...

of the Nippon Yusen... considered it advisable to circular to all the company's agencies...

to a leading article in the... the Russian... excessive cruelty at Vladivostok...

to the Japanese... before the war in the Far... the Japan Mail containing...

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SENATOR DAVID WARK

Who Recently Celebrated His One Hundredth Birthday—Messages of Congratulations.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Senator David Wark is one hundred years of age to-day...

Another message is as follows from the secretary of state... Hon. Senator Wark:

On behalf of the government of Canada and myself, I desire to offer you our congratulations on the celebration of your century...

Among the messages which the Senator received is one from King Edward...

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BRAKEMAN KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

WOMAN FOUND DEAD; FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Lived Alone in Cabin and Was Known to Have Good Banking Account—Two Fires.

Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—A jump exploded in the Presbyterian church at Stonewall, Man., on Sunday evening...

Fatally Injured. T. R. Cauchon, brakeman, was fatally injured in the railway yards this morning...

Will Erect Church. The Baptists of Brandon will erect a \$25,000 edifice this summer.

New Manager. W. G. Hunt, of Montreal, has arrived to take the management of the Massey-Harris business in this city.

Preparing for Operations. Activity in Sturgeon Lake gold mining district is promised this season...

Found Dead. Warton, Ont., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Cochrane, an old lady living at Oliphant, six miles from here...

Fire Followed Explosion. Woodstock, Feb. 22.—The clothing store occupied by J. E. O. Trotter, Dundas street, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning...

Seeking Land. Lethbridge, Feb. 22.—The immigration office is daily in receipt of inquiries from prospective settlers...

HOW NEW SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED

TELEPHONE COMPANY IN MODERN QUARTERS

Will Effect a Splendid Improvement in the Service—Something About Its Merits.

For a few seconds' duration about 1 o'clock Sunday morning Victoria was without a telephone service...

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THE CONVENTION OPENED TO-DAY

PROVINCIAL MINING ASSOCIATION MEETS

A Number of Delegates Delayed on Way Will Arrive To-night—Preliminary Business Transacted.

(From Monday's Daily.) The Provincial Mining Association opened its second annual convention in the city hall this morning...

It is presided over by John Keen, of Kaslo, who is acknowledged to be unsurpassed as a chairman...

The reception committee of the board of trade were also represented by Col. Prior, the chairman, Secretary Elworthy and T. R. Smith.

Herbert Culbert, of the Tourist Association, was also present, extending a welcome on behalf of that organization...

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A STATEMENT OF SEALING CLAIMS

INCIDENTS ATTENDING SEIZURE OF VESSELS

List of Cases on Which Commission Will Sit in London on Thursday Next.

The announcement made from Ottawa by a commission to assess damages arising out of the seizure of Russian vessels...

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STILL IN OFFICE

No Truth in Report That M. DeLacoste, French Foreign Minister, Has Resigned.

Paris, Feb. 19.—There is no truth in the rumor that Foreign Minister DeLacoste has resigned...

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—A loss of \$100,000 was caused by a fire which burned out of control in a five-story brick building in South Boston early today...

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REV. R. B. BLYTH

Who Has Been Compelled, Through Ill-Health, to Resign Pastorate of the Congregational Church.

Rev. R. B. Blyth, of the Congregational church, took formal leave of his congregation on Sunday...

During the evening a very pleasing musical programme was carried out under the leadership of W. K. Kinnaird...

All delegates arriving by tonight's steamer are requested to attend the smoker this evening...

The secretary of the convention, H. Mortimer-Lamb, is in the meantime looking after the transportation arrangements...

STOMACH "SCOWLS."—Ever notice the seams and furrows that steal into the face of the sufferer from indigestion...

Coffee is very antiseptic. There are many diseases the microbes of which are destroyed by it.

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, dirt, or grime—but won't wash clothes.

MONKEY BRAND SOAP

JUST CHEESE

CANADIAN FULL CREAM, B. BRICK CREAM, B. CALIFORNIA, Very Mild, B. SWISS, B. GERMAN BREAKFAST, each NEUPHATEL, each CAMARBIT, each SAP SAGO, each EDAM, Direct from Holland, each ISLAND CREAM, each ROQUEFORT, GORGONZOLA, M. GAREN'S AND LIMBURGER JUST OPENED UP.

Dear Sir:—In the absence of the Hon. the Minister of Customs, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., urging that oils for use in the Elmore process of concentrating ores be admitted free of duty.

I shall place the same before the minister immediately upon his return to the city, but meanwhile permit me to say to you that I know the matter referred to has been engaging the attention of the minister.

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Carefully Selected And Purchased Right in the Best Markets

Our stock of fancy and staple groceries is unequalled in quality and value. A fresh shipment of our popular teas just arrived.

Tea (golden tipped Ceylon) per lb. 50c. "Kalamb" (Orange Pekoe) per lb. 40c.

The Saunders' Grocery Co., Ltd. 38 and 41 Johnson Street, Phone 28. The "West End" Grocery Co., Ltd. 42 Government Street, Phone 88.

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reached the latter port on Tuesday...

TWO TROPHIES WON BY VICTORIANS DECISIVE MATCHES PLAYED ON SATURDAY

J. B. A. A. Beat Vancouver at Basketball - Victoria Team Vanquished Terminals at Hockey.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Alaskan excursion steamer...

THE BAIRGE SIDNEY.

McDonald and another Victorian have chartered the Vancouver tug...

CANADIAN STOCK BREEDERS.

Should be Discussed at the First Annual Meeting at Ottawa.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

Ships Are Arriving Frequently at Halifax For Canadian Strongholds.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Ship, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Cyrus David, of the district, near Brandon, sufficed while driving home in a motor car.

BOLENS.

At New Westminster, on Feb. 14th, the wife of W. J. Cameron, aged 60 years.

MAHAGED.

At New Westminster, on Feb. 12th, the wife of H. M. Fullerton, of a son.

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quites of Nanaimo and the V. W. A. team is certainly too absurd to be seriously considered by sportsmen.

WILL PLAY HERB.

"The Vancouver College ladies' basketball team is endeavoring to arrange for matches with the Seattle High school girls' team and the Victoria ladies' team."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

GARRISON 2; FLORA 1. On Saturday afternoon a match was played between the Garrison and Flora teams at Work Point.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CENTRALS WON. The Centrals defeated the Cloverleaves on Saturday afternoon by 57 points to 0.

HOBBY.

CAPTURED TROPHY.

Victoria captured the Thorpe cup in a match played on Saturday at Oak Bay with Vancouver. The score was 3 goals to 2.

LECTURE ON WAR.

Lieut.-Col. English Delivered Address on Conflict Between Russia and Japan Last Evening.

THE V. W. A. A. TEAM.

The vice-president of the Victoria West Athletic Club has written George E. Tracey, of Vancouver, requesting that he be named as the representative of the club to play the Victoria team in the provincial championship.

REORGANIZATION.

At the meeting of the Victoria West Athletic Club on Saturday evening, the reorganization of the club was discussed.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Signalling Class, Under Lieut. McTavish, Will Parade on Friday Evening.

NO MORE CATASTRALIC CASES WILL BE GRANTED IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

THE PARTIES HOLDING LOCATIONS MAY HAVE THEM CANCELLED IF THEY FAIL TO CARRY OUT OBLIGATIONS.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—There will be no more hydraulic mining leases in the Yukon under the present law.

COMING CONVENTION.

Everything Points to a Large Attendance and Successful Convention.

RAILWAY APPLICATIONS.

Application will be made next session for an act incorporating the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal & Railway Company.

SUSPECTED OF THEFT.

A. J. Lewis Believed to Be Man Wanted by Police.

REORGANIZATION BRANCH.

Reorganization of the Victoria West Athletic Club is being discussed.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Chinamen Accused of Murder Must Appear Before Higher Tribunal.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

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WRECKED MARINER'S STORY

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Six days floating around on a stormy sea in a dismasted, waterlogged lumber schooner, with little to eat and no dry quarters to sleep in, was the exceedingly trying experience of Henry Bryndal, a sailor belonging to the local American schooner Emma Utter, who arrived here from the West Coast on the steamer Queen City shortly after 8 o'clock last night.

The schooner left Aberdeen, Wash., on the 9th Inst., bound for San Francisco, with 2800 feet of lumber. The lumber filled the hold and was piled up on deck fully nine feet. The tug Traveller of that port towed us to sea, taking such care as to get us to the open sea. On the way out the schooner struck heavily on the bar, but we did not think any damage had been sustained, and we continued on our way. We struck about 4 o'clock. Two hours later a heavy gale set in from the east, and during the night the vessel sprang a leak. At 8.30 o'clock on the morning of the 10th the hold was full of water. All the furniture was floating round in the cabin, and it was impossible to enter this part of the vessel. Pumps were worked all night, but the water came in faster than we could keep it out.

"When daylight came we realized our only chance of safety lay in fine weather. We were about thirty or forty miles off shore, and no vessel was in sight. The crew were very well played out, but the wind was still blowing heavily from the eastward, and the seas were running high and were breaking over the vessel most of the time. Small sails were set to steady the schooner, and during the night the vessel sprang a leak. At 8.30 o'clock on the morning of the 10th the hold was full of water. All the furniture was floating round in the cabin, and it was impossible to enter this part of the vessel. Pumps were worked all night, but the water came in faster than we could keep it out.

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"On the morning of the 11th the sea grew a little calmer for a few hours, and we endeavored then to discharge some of the deck load. Probably a couple of thousand feet were thrown overboard, when we again had to desert as the weather became too rough to continue operations. The lumber, however, being unserviceable was left on the deck, and gradually all was washed into the sea.

"All that day we had not a thing to eat. There were two cans of corn left, but none of us felt like eating. About 4 o'clock that afternoon we launched a boat, and Capt. Hansen and six of the crew got into it. I was the only one left aboard. Before I could get the others out of the boat, the lumber, and for a minute or so I could not get them out. By this time the boat was away from the side of the vessel, and it was so stormy the boat could not get back. I was very much disappointed at not getting away with them as I had no hope that the boat would weather the gale. We were then about forty miles off the coast, and I had the chance of them ever reaching land. I think it is being picked up by some passing vessel. I could see them until it grew dark, but after that saw them no more.

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ASPHYXIALION.
Two People Found Dead—Cool Gas Escaped From Hot Air Furnace.
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