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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated at the South Arm of Teslin Lake—East side of the Arm—commencing from the southwest corner post of George Byrnes' claim; thence east 40 chains to the north 20 chains to the line of Alfred J. Thomas' claim, thence west 40 chains to A. J. Thomas' northwest corner post, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement along the east bank of Hamlin River and the east shore of the Arm.

JAMES ANDREW GRANT,
Victoria, B. C., 13th October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 100 acres of land situated on the South Arm of Teslin Lake, west side of the Arm, commencing at the southeast corner post of A. Boyd's claim, thence south 40 chains along the west shore of the Arm; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to A. Boyd's line; thence east 40 chains to the point of commencement.

CHARLES EDWARD THOMAS,
Victoria, B. C., 13th Oct., 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber from off a tract of land situated on the west side of Bennett Lake, in the District, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post planted below the falls on a river flowing from the west and falling in to Lake Bennett near its south end, then 20 chains north, thence westerly following the sinuosities of the river and 20 chains therefrom to a distance of 240 chains, thence southerly 40 chains to a point 20 chains from the river, thence south 40 chains following the sinuosities of the river and 20 chains therefrom to a distance of 240 chains, thence north 20 chains to the place of commencement, and comprising about 1,000 acres.

H. A. MUNN,
September 17th, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date the undersigned intends to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 100 acres of land situated on the west side of the Arm or Slough thereof, commencing at the southeast corner post of C. E. Thomas' claim, thence south 40 chains along the west shore of the said Arm or Slough thereof, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN ALEXANDER HINTON,
Victoria, B. C., Oct. 16, 1897.

WANTED.
Cavalrymen—Queen Victoria: Her Life and Reign, has captured the British Empire. Extraordinary testimonials from the great men; send for copy free. Marquis de Lorne says, "The best popular life of the Queen I have seen." Her Majesty sends a kind letter of appreciation. Selling by thousands; gives enthusiastic satisfaction. Cavalrymen making \$15 to \$40 weekly. Prospective agents, THE BRADLEY-GARRETTSON CO., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

WANTED.
Men and Women who can work hard talking and writing six hours daily, for six days a week, and will be content with ten dollars weekly, address NEW IDEAS CO., Medical Building, Toronto, Ont.

WANTED—The address of Arthur Charles Hancock, of St. Agnes, near Buxton, Cornwall, architect and surveyor; last heard of at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, British Columbia, about six years ago. Any information as to date and place of death (if deceased) will be thankfully received by the Chief of Police, Victoria, or Mrs. D. M. Hancock, 702 Galloway, Buxton, Cornwall, Ont. oct-31-97

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.
London, Oct. 19.—A special dispatch from Madrid says that there is much discussion in the Spanish capital on the subject of an alliance between Spain and Portugal, which is reported to be in process of negotiation. The Portuguese minister of marine, who is now in Madrid, has expressed the belief that such an alliance may be accepted at any moment.

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BRAVE HIGHLANDERS

Display Remarkable Heroism at the Storming of Dargal Ridge.

Colonel Mathias' Striking Appeal to His Men and Their Noble Response.

Slinak, Oct. 22.—Dispatches from Kharappa say that it is impossible to praise too highly the conduct of Gordon Highlanders at the storming of Dargal ridge. When Brigadier-General Kempster realized that the British gun fire, aided by the mountain battery from Fort Gulistan, could not dislodge the enemy, he went forward in person to move the Gordon Highlanders and the Sikhs into the fighting line for a systematic assault.

Colonel Mathias, commanding the Gordon Highlanders, addressed his men in this striking appeal: "Men of the Gordon Highlanders: Our General says that the position must be taken at all costs. The Gordon Highlanders will take it." The men gave a ringing cheer and when the advance column they bounded after their leader, the officers at the head.

When they came down the slopes after the successful charge they were spontaneously cheered by all the other regiments. The Gurkhas also behaved magnificently throughout the engagement. Capt. Robinson of the Gurkhas led with great gallantry. He led his men across the ridge in such a way that the force there insufficient he returned alone over the death trap. He was mortally wounded while leading the second rush to support the first contingent.

Many acts of heroism by the rank and file are reported. The total casualties of the day were 134, and the Gordon Highlanders lost 29 in the rush through the line of fire.

Slinak, Oct. 22.—Dispatches received to-day from Kharappa announce the plan of campaign against the insurgents has been so far successfully carried out that a junction has been effected between the British forces under General Buller, Messrs. Biggs and General Sir William Lockhart. After the storming and capture of Dargal ridge, the Samana ranges, by the troops of General Biggs, on Wednesday afternoon, the plan was for the latter to push on so as to hold the frontal hills, and then continue his advance to Kharappa, where he was to join forces with the column under Sir William Lockhart. This has been done, and the two columns are now camped about two miles from Kharappa.

The British troops met with only slight resistance, but the enemy are massed on the hills around Kharappa, and desultory firing is proceeding.

Capt. Arnold, of the Dorsetshire Regiment, Lieut. Diagswall, of the Gordon Highlanders, and Lieut. White, of the Sikhs, are among the British officers severely wounded in addition to those previously cited.

THE INSOLVENCY LAWS.

Mr. Fielding Interviewed by Representatives of London Firms.
Toronto, Oct. 22.—The following is a special cable to the Evening Telegram, London, Oct. 22: "A deputation representative of the leading firms in the export trade to Canada met Hon. W. S. Fielding, Dominion finance minister, at the high commissioner's office to-day, with reference to the insolvency laws of Canada. The deputation, introduced by Lord Strathcona and Hon. Mr. Dobell, were present during the meeting, which was private. Mr. Fielding said that he was pleased to receive the gentlemen that they would receive every consideration, and that he would lay the whole matter before his colleagues in the cabinet upon his return to Ottawa."

YUKON AND KLONDIKE MAILS.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—The post office department has recently completed arrangements for the Yukon and Klondike regions. Exchange post offices have been established at Dyea and Dawson City. The service will consist of one round trip a month, twelve trips a year. The first trip from Dyea commenced on the arrival there of the mail from Seattle, on September 11. The mail made up at Dyea contains letters and postal cards only, addressed for delivery at any place in the Yukon district of Canada. The mails made up at Dawson will contain, in addition to any part of the "United States" mail, this service includes a registered letter service. Newspaper mail will be sent into the Yukon region only by way of St. Michaels.

Appetite and strength. "I have been a victim of indigestion, and I took medicine without relief. I resolved to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. After taking one bottle I found that my appetite was better and I had more strength. I am now able to eat heartily without any distress afterward." Mrs. George Kirkpatrick, Windsor, Nova Scotia.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ailments. Sold for 25c. by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

THE TEXAS THIS TIME.

Steam Launch Boiler Blows Up—No One Fatally Injured.

Boston, Oct. 22.—The boiler in one of the steam launches of the battleship Texas blew up while alongside the battleship last night and a number of men, including two officers and a surgeon, were injured, none fatally.

A SPOKANE TRAGEDY.

An Insane Man Murders His Wife and Child.

Spokane, Oct. 22.—When Mrs. A. J. Lynch entered the residence of C. W. Kessler late yesterday afternoon, she found Mrs. Kessler dead from a shock of the four-year-old son with a bullet through his head. The husband and father has been arrested. He is half insane and it is thought he killed his wife and child.

SURVEY OF SEAL ISLANDS.

United States Will Complete This Work This Season.

Washington, Oct. 22.—General Duffield, of the coast and geodetic survey, has received word from the Pribiloff islands, under date of Sept. 6, which indicates that the party now engaged in a survey of the seal islands under the direction of his son will complete their labors this season. His information was that the survey of St. Paul, Walrus and Otter islands and rookeries has been finished, leaving St. George as the only island left to be unsurveyed.

FILIBUSTERING MUST STOP.

Spain to Notify the United States Government to This Effect.

London, Oct. 22.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says that Senor de Lome, Spanish minister to Washington, has been instructed to notify the American government that henceforth filibustering expeditions will be regarded as breaches of international law. Such, at any rate, is the substance of his instructions, though it is just possible that the form in which they will be carried into effect may modify their import.

DEGREE HONORED

Princeton University Bestows Degree of Doctor of Laws Upon the Governor-General.

Much Interest Taken in Commemoration Proceedings—Distinguished Visitors Present.
Princeton, N.J., Oct. 22.—The one hundred and fifty-first birthday of Princeton university was celebrated here to-day. More than usual interest was manifested this year in the commemoration on account of the presence of Governor Cleveland and Lord Aberdeen, governor-general of Canada.

WILLIAM IS AMBITIOUS.

Germany to Make Increases in Her Army and Navy.
London, Oct. 21.—The German government, according to a special dispatch from Berlin, published to-day, in addition to the sums of money which will be asked for to increase the strength of the navy, will shortly ask for further increases in the army estimates. While at Wiesbaden, the dispatch adds, Emperor William struck the list of the army in pursuance of the policy of placing younger men in the most important posts. It has already been decided that the German army manoeuvres of 1898 will be held in Alsace Lorraine, and that they will be on an unprecedentedly large scale.

STARVATION AT DAWSON.

Capt. Hooper Says the Alarming Reports are Not Exaggerated.
Washington, D.C., Oct. 22.—Capt. Hooper, commander of the Behring sea patrol fleet, who has arrived in Washington to attend the seal conference, said to-day that the reports which concern the scarcity of food in the Klondike region have not, in his judgment, been exaggerated. In the neighborhood of Dawson City are about 5,000 miners whose supply of provisions for the coming winter are no greater than are barely sufficient for half that number during the last winter. Great suffering would be the inevitable result of this scarcity of food. Although some of the more vigorous among the miners might attempt to get away on the ice of the Yukon, the chances were that a considerable number of these will perish of hunger and exposure.

Ball heads are becoming too frequent among the middle aged. This can be prevented by the timely use of Hall's Vegetable Sillian Hair Renewer.

A GOOD SHOWING.

Large Increase in the Volume of Trade Shown by the Statement of Exports and Imports.

News of the Sifton Party—Application for a Charter for Another Coast Railway.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—The statement of exports and imports for the quarter ending September 30th last shows a large increase in the volume of trade as compared with the same time last year, the aggregate. The increase in exports was nearly twelve million dollars. This is exclusive of the billion increase, which for the month of September alone was over six million dollars. Turning to imports, they show an increase of over three hundred thousand dollars, with decrease in the duty collected of eighty thousand dollars. The returns for Vancouver, B. C., however, have not been received for three months. When they do come to hand they will amount to not less than ninety thousand dollars, and this will show an increase in duty for the quarter, notwithstanding the reduced duty by reason of the preferential tariff and its extension to other countries than Great Britain. Imports for the month of September show an increase of about one hundred thousand dollars over the same month in 1896. The export figures for both quarters are as follows:

	1896.	1897.
Produce of the mine—\$ 2,637,122	\$ 3,644,759	
Produce of the fisheries	2,640,324	2,482,061
Produce of the forests	12,487,806	13,808,569
Animals and their products	11,920,223	15,441,855
Manufactures	2,459,738	2,874,405
Miscellaneous articles	84,586	80,223
Totals	\$35,811,503	\$47,554,759

Increase for 1897, \$11,743,256. Imports for past three months were \$32,900,471, as compared with \$22,684,422 in 1896. Exports for the month of September were \$12,057,115, as compared with \$11,330,069 for 1896, an increase of \$727,046. Duty was \$1,910,175, as compared with \$1,801,001 for the same month in 1896. Exports for the month were \$16,900,088, as against \$10,497,531, an increase of over \$6,000,000.

A. P. Collier, private secretary to Hon. Mr. Sifton, reached Ottawa to-day. A letter has been received here stating that the Quadra with the Sifton party reached Skagway all right and everyone was well on board.

Application is to be made next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway from Burrard Inlet at or near the city of Vancouver, B.C., to the city of West Westminster, thence in an easterly direction through the Hope mountains, south of the main line of the C.P.R., to the Columbia river and Lethbridge in Alberta, with power to build a branch line to Kamloops and to some point on the Gulf of Georgia at Marangul, and to navigate vessels on the coast and inland waters of the province.

The appointment of Dr. Fiset as senator is gazetted. The proclamation has been issued appointing 29th of November as Thanksgiving day.

Sir Henry Joly is endeavoring to secure the introduction of the metric system in Canada. He has procured a set of instruments from Paris and will present them to the normal and training schools so as to make teachers familiar with the system.

The supreme court has ordered judgment to be entered in the case of the Union Colliery Company vs. the Attorney-General of British Columbia, in the terms of the decision announced last Tuesday.

Messrs. McCreay and McConnell, of the geological survey, predict a great boom in mining in British Columbia as soon as cheaper smelting is procurable. The Montreal Gazette this morning publishes the story of Sir Henry Strong's intended retirement from the chief justiceship of Canada. The fact is that he is very desirous to remove permanently to the old country, and represent Canada on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He has yet, however, to win the government to approve of the plan.

It will be a matter of some surprise to the superintendent of insurance if any other assessment insurance company gets a charter from the Canadian parliament. He has always opposed this form of insurance business and now believes that the parliament will fully back him up since the fall of the Massachusetts Benefit Co. Up to the present there have been no insurance applications for next session and no mention of any outside.

The cabinet council met this afternoon at the call of the premier, Hon. Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture, has also some business to bring before the council.

Hon. Mr. Sifton decided on reaching Skagway, to go along the Chilkoot Pass to Tashish and down the White Pass. The customs department issued this afternoon a consolidation of all orders regarding the reciprocal tariff in one form.

London, Oct. 23.—Chief justice Armitage has today announced the award of \$1150 against Deputy Returning Officer B. M. Fleming, of this city, for refusing to allow Collins to vote in the last Dominion election.

CANADIAN TRADE.

Weekly Statement Issued by R. G. Dun & Company.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: "The trade distribution at Montreal taken as a whole, is of a very fair, reasonable character with most houses, but for hardware, paints, oils, etc., a steady demand is reported, and the general tendency is towards a strengthening in values. Cements are moving freely and prices are firmer, owing to an advance in Europe and the scarcity of freight for the usual stock, the shortage of supply is anticipated.

But and shoe manufacturers have completed the bulk of the fall shipments and will be shortly preparing for the usual stock taking, so that no very heavy buying of leather is expected. Wholesale grocers report satisfactory business for dried fruits. Cheese and butter values show some slight weakening, but the outward movement from this port continues brisk, cheese alone exceeding 100,000 boxes last week.

The general report regarding remittances is that the improvement noted late is maintained. The market is a shade firmer, and the few banks who were quoting 3 1/2 per cent. for call funds, have now made the rate 4 per cent. in conformity with the majority. The discount rate remains at 6 to 7 per cent.

General wholesale trade at Toronto is fairly satisfactory. Prices continue very firm with an upward tendency. Business is active in hardware and metals, and prices are firm. Groceries are in fair demand with prospects bright. The tone of the leather and hide markets is firmer.

Large quantities of wheat have gone for export of late, and prices rule steadily around 80 cents at Ontario points. Coarse grains, however, are inclined to be heavy. Hogs are lower, while cattle, mostly, which are in limited supply, are firm.

Money markets are unchanged, with prime commercial paper discounted at 6 per cent. and call loans 7 per cent. Funds for the week are 3 1/2, against 5 1/4 for the same week of last year.

THANKS FROM INDIA

Canada's Large Contribution to the famine Fund Acknowledged by Sir Francis Maclean.

The Government Position as Regards Mr. Woods' Book "Ocean to Ocean."

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Mr. Courtney, deputy minister of finance, has received a letter, dated Calcutta, 17th September, from Sir Francis Maclean, chief justice of Bengal, in reference to Canada's contribution to the Indian famine fund, of which Mr. Courtney was the honorary treasurer. After thanking all parties in Canada for assisting the sufferers in India, the letter proceeds to say that outside the United Kingdom and India itself Canada was the largest contributor.

The letter concludes as follows: "There have been no customs returns shown by all classes in Canada towards India in her need, apart from the very substantial aid afforded, most gratifying to the people of this country, whether European or natives. It has doubt not, assisted in knitting more firmly the bonds which unite the various people of Her Majesty's vast empire, and has certainly afforded to the different parts of the empire a number of the interest and regard entertained for their welfare by Her Majesty's subjects throughout the world."

J. Lawlor Woods, who is reported to be canvassing for a work to be published by the Dominion Publishing Company, and for which he says the government is going to bear the loss, if there is any, while the company is going to get the profit, if there are any, is evidently entirely mistaken about what the government has promised to do. All that is contained in the letter from Hon. C. Sifton, a copy of which Woods is using in his canvass, is an expression of opinion favorable to the proposed book, "Ocean to Ocean," which Mr. Woods is canvassing for. The department will also purchase a number of the books for use among their European agents. This is the only connection of the government with Mr. Woods' enterprising advertising scheme.

There have been no customs returns from Vancouver, B.C., for the past three months, so that for that period the revenue is short of what it ought to be by about \$90,000. If these returns were in the inland revenue for the first quarter of the fiscal year would show a small increase. For the month of September the revenue increased by \$100,000 over what it was for the same time last year.

The Globe, under the caption, "The Westward Movement," has an editorial very complimentary to British Columbia, taking for the text Sir C. H. Tupper and Mr. Peters' removal to that province. It says that the day is not far distant when British Columbia will outnumber Ontario in population.

In view of complications which have arisen in connection with the Atlantic mail service, it is announced that the government is disposed to receive further propositions for performing this service for the coming year.

DEATH ON THE TRAIL

Klondikers Over the Chilkoot Find Very Hard Conditions—Mother and Children Perish.

Provisions at Lake Linderman Are as High as at the Klondike Gold-Fields.

(James W. Logan in S. F. Chronicle.)
Lake Linderman, Sept. 23.—Three hundred yards up the mountain side, on a knoll that commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country, is a little latticed box. It is a lonely looking spot, but, then, graves are always more or less depressing. The story of this little four by six sepulchre is particularly sad, involving the obliteration of almost an entire family.

Five weeks ago a family named Card, of Montana, started for the gold fields. The journey from Dyea to Lake Linderman was easily made, but once this point was reached their troubles began. One morning the mother awoke to find her baby girl dead in her arms. A few days later the little boy, a bright-eyed lad of seven, sickened and died. Last week the mother died. Those who saw her during the last few days of life say her heart was broken. Well, the husband has gone on to the gold fields. He told me that he might just as well die there as at his former home.

The story of the three graves in one, by the side of the trail that leads to the headwaters of Lake Linderman, is repeated in some way at every camping ground on this side of Dyea. On Tuesday last a Seattle man died at Long lake. At the foot of Deep lake is a rude grave made of stones. On the headboard is roughly carved the following: "He was known as Paul." I tried to learn his name, but no one seemed to know it.

From Dyea over the Chilkoot pass was not as bad as expected. The spot where the Seales is a piece of ground probably 200 feet each way. I started with a seventy-pound pack, and I was at Crater lake in just 55 minutes.

From the foot of Crater lake to Long lake, a distance of four miles, one travels the roughest imaginable. Up and down hill, over sharp-pointed rocks, across weary wastes of snow and ice, and half a mile through a mountain stream that more than icy cold. Add to this a pelting rain and a wind that not infrequently blows one down, and some idea of what is to be encountered may be gained. A Long lake many of the prospectors camp, pending the arrival of the goods. The water is bad, and, in consequence, there has been much sickness and one death.

The good of the prospectors ferry their goods across the lake, the cost being \$10 a ton if the wind is not blowing very hard, and \$15 a ton if the water is rough. There is a portage of 4000 feet from the foot of Long lake to Deep lake, ferrying on the latter body of water averaging half a cent a pound. From Deep lake to this point there is a portage of two and one-half miles, over a rough piece of trail as one would care to take even a light pack.

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CABLE NEWS.

Paris, Oct. 21.—Major Moses P. Handy, special commissioner from the United States to the French international exposition of 1900, reported seriously ill yesterday, starts to-night for Havre, thence he will sail for Southampton and start for home on Saturday.

The physician called to attend him found the latter's heart affected, and absolute quiet is indispensable, though his condition no longer causes serious apprehension.

London, Oct. 21.—Sir Hamilton D. Young has been appointed Governor of the Imperial Ottoman bank at Constantinople, in succession to Sir Edgar Vincent, resigned.

Munich, Oct. 21.—Baron von Crailsheim informed the finance committee of the Bavarian diet to-day that the condition of demented King Otto has not materially changed, and the Prince Regent did not desire an alteration in the regency. He maintained that modification of the constitution would be possible "only in the event of most urgent circumstances."

London, Oct. 21.—Dr. Geo. C. Davis, a popular citizen and widely known as a prominent Mason, took an inhalation of chloroform last night and was found dead in bed this morning.

London, Oct. 21.—The morning papers comment at length on the correspondence regarding the bimetallic proposals of the United States Monetary Commission.

The Times says: "When the extent and significance of the American proposals come to be generally understood we will be surprised if even bimetallics venture to contend that they could be accepted as the basis of any serious international agreement. Sir W. Westland's dispatch is an admirably reasoned state paper. As to the American proposals, aside from the re-opening of the Indian mints, it is difficult to understand how they could be treated with gravity by British statesmen. It is really amusing—we do not like to use so harsh a word as impertinent—that some gentlemen from the United States should come here to tell us how to improve our methods of currency and banking. The counsels of the fox that lost his tail are discounted by the common sense of mankind."

The Daily Chronicle says the public will read the story of the negotiations with little surprise. It calls Senator Wolcott's proposal "cool," and asks: "What of Mr. Balfour and his promise in the house of commons in March last year that the government would re-open the Indian mints?"

The Morning Post, Daily Telegraph, Standard and Daily News all comment upon the sweeping nature of Senator Wolcott's proposals. The Daily Telegraph admits it was "very adroit to take advantage of India's financial difficulties."

The Daily News says: "Had the proposals been known, public opinion would have killed them in a single day, but the cabinet containing Mr. Balfour has taken three months to give them their quietus."

The whole press applauds the government's decision and agrees that the bimetallic agitation is virtually killed.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of influenza, and, recognizing it as dangerous, he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic, and the cure was a permanent and speedy one. We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent Cough Remedy to anyone afflicted with a cough or cold in any form.—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. For sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, Victoria and Vancouver.

That tired, languid feeling and dull headache is very disagreeable. The two of Carter's Little Liver Pills before retiring, it is really far better than any remedy I know of."

CUT BY A SCYTHE.
"I have used Quinine for many accidents during summer," writes Dr. S. J. Andres, of Montreal. "One very bad case from a scythe was healed in a wonderfully short time—in one week the cure was complete. For burning and sores it is really far better than any remedy I know of."

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ON THE ROCKS OFF POINT ARENA

The Steamer Casper Wrecked in an Awful Storm—Thirteen Men Drowned.

Only Captain and One Sailor Escaped—Terrific Gales Rage Off Cape Flattery.

Point Arena, Cal., Oct. 23.—Thirteen men, comprising almost the entire crew of the steamer Casper, were drowned early this morning by the wreck of their vessel. The rocky shore in this vicinity was strewn with wreckage to-day, but there was no way of identifying the ship until this evening, when two men from shore, who had gone out in a small boat to rescue any of the crew who might still be alive, picked up Captain Anfinssen and Seaman C. Larsen, who had been floating about on an impropru raft for over fourteen hours.

To his rescuers, Adolph Peterson and Henry Anderson, the captain of the wrecked steamer said that the Casper struck on a reef at 12:30 this morning and seven minutes later capsized. When she tipped over all the members of the crew were washed overboard. The steamer carried fifteen men, but from the moment the accident occurred the captain has seen none of his crew except his companion Larsen, and has no doubt that the other thirteen have all been drowned.

When thrown into the water Anfinssen and Larsen, by great good fortune, were enabled to raft some pieces of floating timber. They succeeded in drawing the boards together, and clinging to this improvised raft from the time of the accident until late this afternoon, while the storm beat about them, all the while being exposed to the most fearful and furious winds. They had almost succumbed to the cold, exposure and exhaustion and were with great difficulty saved by the rescuers.

The sea had been so high all day that it had been impossible to launch a boat from shore, and even this evening the two men who went out and accomplished the rescue risked their lives in the breakers. Later in the evening the steamer Alcazar crossed under the scene of the wreck, but could find no trace of any of the other seamen.

The scene of the disaster is a very dangerous locality for shipping, and when a vessel is once thrown on the rocks she is certain to be doomed, and there is little chance of the escape of her unfortunate crew.

The Casper sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Ural, where she was to load lumber for San Francisco. She was owned by the Casper Lumber Company and registered 20 tons.

The drowned are: Morris Peterson, first mate; Andy Anderson, second mate; George H. O'Brien, chief engineer; John Kuhn, assistant engineer; N. C. Helverson, seaman.

John C. Anderson, seaman; Louis Bruce, deck hand; and five others, whose names are unknown at present.

GREAT STORM AT THE CAPE.

The Bark Germania in Distress—The Guardian Forced Back.

Port Townsend, Oct. 23.—From craft arriving this evening from outside Cape Flattery, it is learned that the American bark Germania, Captain Pierson, which left Whatcom ten days ago, lumber laden for San Francisco, is off Cape Flattery in a very bad condition, and unless assistance reaches her soon she will undergo a very unpleasant experience.

The weather off the Cape for the past week has been exceptionally severe, and it is feared that much damage to shipping has been done. The bark Germania, Captain Pierson, which was reported this evening entering the straits with her flag at half mast, arrived here at 10 o'clock this evening having been caused by a heavy wind which prevailed in the straits last night, and which caused the tug and bark to seek shelter for six hours in Chatham bay.

The Guardian put to sea ten days ago, loaded with poles for the province of Covachan, her destination being the Santa Rosalia, Mexico. As she approached the coast she was encountered by the heaviest gales she ever encountered, during which the bark's rudder was broken, leaving the craft at the mercy of the wind. After vainly striving for six days to beat back to Cape Flattery, she was picked up by the tug.

SHORT, BUT EXCITING.

Ex-Collector Saunders and Dr. Gardner Meet at Seattle.

Port Townsend special to San Francisco: Call: It leaked out to-day that ex-Collector Saunders and Dr. Gardner, Chinese interpreter, of San Francisco, who translated the Yee Gee letters and assisted in the prosecution of the case, had a personal interview in Seattle shortly after the letters were published.

Dr. Gardner arrived in the ex-collector in the lobby of the Butler Hotel, to assure him that he knew nothing of the letters beyond translating them, and that he showed that the collector would hold him blameless in the matter of prosecution.

"You're a liar," said Gardner, responding to the collector's statement. "You know those letters were forged, sir." The collector presented further hostility.

FROM THE CAPITAL

The Allan and Dominion Steamship Lines Will Meet the Government's Views.

A Rumor That Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick Has Resigned—The Ottawa Citizen Said.

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—There will be a final ruling on Wednesday in the matter of the Atlantic mail contract. The Allan and Dominion lines have made up their minds to drop the large government subsidy of \$12,000 which is now paid them for a little more than nominal service. They are afraid the government will send all letters by way of New York and drop the Canadian lines altogether. For this reason, although they stipulated in their offer to the late advertisement, that the C.P.R. must guarantee freights both companies are willing to drop this condition. The subject was fully gone into at the cabinet council of Saturday. It will come up before the government on Wednesday when Mr. Blair will be back. In the meantime Mr. Minister Parmelee has gone to Mount Clements Springs, Mich., to prevent the full case to Sir Richard Cartwright and secure his opinion.

Mr. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, is back at Ottawa and will take the question of arrangements for the Washington seal conference. He is likely to attend in person, but the meeting may not take place before December.

Two sons of Mr. Southam, of the Hamilton Spectator, have purchased the Ottawa Citizen. Mr. Southam, who has no doubt that the other thirteen have all been drowned.

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LIKED A NEW CRUSAIDER.

Henry George Preaches to Crowds Prenzled With Enthusiasm.

New York, Oct. 23.—Henry George's cause continues to be the spectacular focus of the most remarkable political campaign New York has ever witnessed. His army of speakers held hundreds of meetings in all parts of the city, and Mr. George is the most effective advocate of his cause, preaching the crusade against poverty with the zeal of Peter the Hermit, declaring himself an instrument in the hands of God to better the condition of his fellow-men, and stir up his hearers with his radical doctrines. In every borough of Greater New York, in halls, in the streets and in the squares, Henry George preaches to multitudes that cheer his every word. For the past few nights Mr. George has been making savage attacks on the mayor, the mayor of Tammany Hall. Of speakers there is no lack. All the survivors of the 1886 campaign are on the streets, and Mr. George is in sympathy with the movement.

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TWO MINERS KILLED.

Explosion of Dynamite in the Alberni Consolidated Causes Two Deaths.

The steamer Willapa, which returned yesterday afternoon from the west coast, brings news of a serious accident at the Golden Eagle mine, 37 miles from Alberni, as a result of which three men were seriously injured, two of them being at the point of death. It is said that the "Mike" Sarraunt, proprietor of the Alberni Hotel, and two miners named Clarke and Dickenson, were thawing out some giant powder in the mine shaft, when the powder suddenly exploded. The shaft was filled with smoke, and when it cleared the other miners at once rushed there and found the three unfortunate men lying there, groaning from the severe pain of their wounds. The result of the explosion was that Mike Sarraunt and his arm almost blown off, besides being severely wounded about the body, and the other two have a number of wounds on the head, arms, face and body.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE.

Three Persons Burned to Death, Seven Injured, Near Oil City.

Oil City, Pa., Oct. 25.—Three persons were burned to death and seven more injured in a fire yesterday which destroyed the hotel Brooklyn at Kestletville, five miles south of Oil City. When the fire broke out 17 persons were sleeping in the hotel. Six men on the second floor and five on the third saved themselves by jumping from the window to the ground below.

CABLE FLASHES.

Glasgow, Oct. 25.—After arresting a disorderly medical student named Paterson, who resided with a poker, Police Constable Urquhart, who received a severe blow on the head, dropped dead on his arrival at the police station with his dagger.

London, Oct. 25.—Mr. Francis Turner Halgrave, the poet and essayist, is dead, aged 74.

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The municipal corporation of Glasgow, desiring a large supply of gas pipes, invited competitive bids, and a tender for 100,000 feet of pipe was accepted at 10 per cent under all other competitors, including British, they propose to let the work to the American—Chicago Chronicle.

SHOT THEIR PAL.

Burglars Loot a Bank and Kill a Comrade by Mistake.

Webster City, Pa., Oct. 23.—Three masked burglars robbed the state bank of Blairburg at 7 o'clock this morning. They used dynamite and secured \$8,000 worth of securities and a small amount in cash. On leaving the building, two of the burglars saw one of their pals, Edward Gillaconia, advancing towards them. It was dark, and in the excitement they mistook him for an officer and shot him twice. He was captured, and is not expected to live. The other two escaped.

PLUNGED TO DEATH.

Great Railway Disaster Near New York—Buffalo Special Drops Into a River.

Nineteen Dead, Many Injured—Many Remarkable Escapes—A Marvellous Tale.

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WOMEN'S GOOD WORK.

What the World's W. C. T. U. Has Accomplished in Two Years—Convention at Toronto.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—The biennial convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union was formally opened yesterday at the Horticultural gardens to-day. The building was thronged when the convention was called to order by Miss Frances E. Willard, the president, and great interest was displayed on all sides. The speakers were received with great applause and waving of handkerchiefs. The report of the executive committee was read by Miss Agnes T. Slack. The notice to amend the qualifications for membership by adding the words "without distinction of race or color" was received with tremendous applause.

SPAIN MAKES REPLY.

Spain Resents American Interference in Her Affairs.

Madrid, Oct. 23.—In the special note to United States Minister, Woodford, the government declares that Spain has done her utmost to end the war with Cuba, and cites the many sacrifices which have been made by the nation, the number of troops sent to Cuba and the reforms which are to be carried out on the island, which are fully described. The note ends with the statement: "Spain will not admit the right of any foreign power to interfere in any of her affairs."

FLOODS IN ITALY.

The River Toronto Overflows and Does Great Damage.

Rome, Oct. 25.—The river Toronto, in central Italy, which flows into the Adriatic for miles, has overflowed, flooding the plain of Assoli. At Chiaravalle a bridge has been swept away and several persons drowned. At Focci and near Montebelluna, houses collapsed, killing several persons. The river is reported in various other districts.

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TO BUILD SMELTERS

English Company Will Build at Grand Forks and Midway—City to Grant Site and Power.

W. C. McDougall Tells of the Plans of the Company Which He Organized.

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 20.—W. C. McDougall, a well known mining man, formerly of Rosland, has organized an English company, with headquarters in London, for the purpose of erecting two smelters and refineries, each to be of 100 ton capacity, one to be located at Grand Forks and the other at Midway.

The city council is now arranging for a smelter site of about 30 acres and also for water power, and as soon as these two matters are arranged, construction will begin.

"The company," said Mr. McDougall, "will be a development as well as a smelting enterprise, and will be prepared to furnish funds for opening up properties that make a good showing, the object being to create more business for the smelters. The company has a capital of \$2,000,000, which will be spent in locating the plants and in conducting the business. It is the intention to have the tramways extend from Christina lake to Rock Creek, and we hope to have the work well under way within a few weeks, and completed within a few months.

"We estimate," continued Mr. McDougall, "that the cost of treating ore at the smelter will be over \$10 a ton, so that ore that will run as high as \$15 to the ton will be profitable to smelt. There are at present over 20 properties within a radius of 10 miles of Grand Forks that have ore in sight that will run at least \$15 to the ton, so that there is no doubt about the smelter having business after it starts."

FIGHT PRACTICALLY WON.

Striking Engineers Very Sanguine of Ultimate Success.

London, Oct. 22.—The executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers issued a statement to-day saying that the fight for eight hours' work per day, so far as London is concerned, is practically won and that arbitration or conference on that subject cannot be entertained.

THE GREATEST TELESCOPE.

Williams Bay, Wis., Oct. 22.—Chas. T. Yerkes' splendid gift to the University of Chicago, Shobery after noon Thursday Mr. Yerkes formally presented to President M. R. Harper the keys to the observatory which contains the Yerkes telescope.

WINDSOR'S FIRE FIENDS.

A Third Man Under Arrest, Charged With Incendiarism.

Windsor, N. S., Oct. 23.—A third man, Charles C. Coxen, has been arrested, charged with incendiary connection with last Sunday's fire. There appears to be little doubt that the fire was incendiary, and that Fletcher, McIntyre, and Coxen were all concerned in it.

WILL FIGHT ANNEXATION.

Hawaiians Going to Washington—Germans Want All of Samoa.

Honolulu, Oct. 14. (via San Francisco, Oct. 21).—It was definitely decided yesterday among the Hawaiians opposing annexation that a commission of five men be sent to Washington to make a determined fight against the ratification of the annexation treaty.

SPAIN REPLIES.

"Astounded at the Passion Displayed in Dispatches from Havana."

Madrid, Oct. 23.—An official note published after the cabinet council yesterday intimates that Senor Gallon read Senor de Lome's dispatches to the cabinet and described the measures which the foreign office has taken at Senor de Lome's request on the subject of filibustering. The ministers expressed "their regret and astonishment at the passion displayed in Havana dispatches published in New York city."

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BEER AND WHISKY SEIZED.

A Consignment Labeled "Home-Made Catsup" Was Intended for Alaska.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 23.—Collector of Customs Black has seized a quantity of beer and whisky which had been placed on the dock for shipment to Alaska by the steamer Elder. Fifty cases marked "Cumbertonia Home-Made Catsup" were examined by the inspector and he found that instead of catsup each case contained two five-gallon kegs of whisky.

POWERFUL NEW REVOLVER.

San Francisco, Oct. 22.—What is perhaps the most powerful revolver in this country has just been received from Bavaria by Theodore Kytko, the handwriting expert. The weapon is the invention of Bergmann, the well-known Bavarian mechanic, and it is called an automatic pocket pistol, because all it requires is for the marksman to set the pace by pulling the trigger once, whereupon it empties itself of six loads in two seconds, sending a .32-calibre steel bullet with such velocity that a six-inch hard wood plank is pierced at a distance of 300 yards.

MRS. STEVENSON ARRIVES.

San Francisco, Oct. 22.—Among the passengers who disembarked from the steamer Alakana upon her arrival from Sydney via Honolulu yesterday were Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson and her daughter, Mrs. Isabella Strong, from Appleton, Cal. Mrs. Stevenson has been away from the United States for over a year, she is here on a visit only and intends to return to Samoa. She expressed regret that she arrived too late to participate in the ceremony of the unveiling of the monument erected in Portsmouth Square, in this city, in memory of her husband, which took place about a week ago.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Baldwin, Pa., Excited Over the Doings of a Maniac.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 22.—While frenzied from liquor, Thomas Cooper, of Baldwin, Pa., fired his house about 1 o'clock this morning, and afterwards shot three men who were fighting the flames. He then took to the woods, and a posse was organized to capture him, but without success. This morning it was reported he was roaming about the country, shooting everyone in sight. At one place he ordered the telegraph operator from the railroad tower at the point of a gun and blocked the trains. A party of armed deputies are now scouring the surrounding country to capture the maniac, dead or alive.

FAMILIES NEED NO PAPERS.

Important Decision Rendered as to Chinese Certificates.

Seattle, Oct. 21.—Judge Hanford of the federal court today made a decision in a Chinese case, in which he holds that the wives and children of Chinese merchants doing business in the United States do not have to have certificates from the Chinese government to entitle them to enter this country.

DRUMMOND COUNTY RAILWAY.

Distinguished Party Taken for a Run Over New Portion of the Road.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—At the invitation of J. N. Greenshields, president of the Drummond county railway, a party of one hundred and seventy took a run yesterday over the road, which is to serve as a link in bringing the I. C. R. to Montreal. Minutes of the conference were read, and numerous members of the commons and leading men of the city were on board. Everyone was surprised at the excellence of the new portion of the road, a stretch of 41 miles from Moose Point to Chandiere Junction, which was built during the past summer.

THE SEAL CONFERENCE.

Opened at Washington This Morning—The Delegates Present.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The international fur seal conference opened at 11 a.m. in the diplomatic room of the state department and organized by the selecting of Hon. John W. Foster as chairman and Mr. G. A. Clarke as secretary. Mr. Clarke for two years past has acted as assistant to Dr. Jordan in his investigations in Behring sea. The conference adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 a.m.

INSURANCE CASE IN COURT.

Counsel for the Company Shows Criminal Carelessness.

At sea, as many people know, time, instead of being reckoned by hours, is divided into "watches" of four hours each. From 6 o'clock to 10, and from 10 o'clock to 2, there are half divisions, nautically termed "dog watches." In an insurance case the counsel asked an old sailor at what time of day a certain accident occurred, and received the reply: "About the middle of the first dog-watch."

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ROUTED BY BEES.

The Dress Was Not Suitable for the Encounter Which Took Place.

The Scottish Highland dress, with its kilt, in which the trousers are totally lacking, has certain advantages, as the Highlanders who accompanied Lord Roberts on one of his expeditions to Afghanistan once found out to their cost. Lord Roberts tells the story of the occurrence in his "Forty-One Years in India."

THERE'S NOTHING IN A NAME.

Shakespeare a Printer and Milton an Engineer in New York.

A NEW DISEASE IN FRANCE.

Theatre Sickness and Sea Sickness Resemble One Another.

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"Good-by, mamma!" he said. "Good-by!" He thought his mother then would cry. She only said, "You going, dear?" And didn't shed a single tear. "There now," said Sammy Green. "I know she does not care if I do go. But Bridge does. She'll have to fill that old clip basket, so she will!"

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Can You Write

Advertisement for Dixie H. Ross & Co. featuring a list of products: Dairy Butter, Creamery Butter, Cowhamp Butter, Tamales in tin, Lunch Sausage, Aunt Jemima Pancake Meal. Includes an illustration of a woman writing at a desk.

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A Review of the Legislation and Litigation Proceeding the Late Appeal.

An Act That Is Utterly Worthless Because of the Incompetency of Somebody.

The following resume of legislation and litigation affecting the act prohibiting the employment of Chinese, underground and on the surface, is published for the purpose of an understanding of the present position of this unfortunate act.

At a session of the provincial parliament held in 1890, an amendment was passed to the Coal Miners' Regulation Act of 1887, which on the face, appeared to prohibit the employment of Chinese underground in the coal mines of British Columbia.

The matter then laid in abeyance till early in this year, when, at the solicitation of the Miners' Union, the provincial government submitted the question of this act to the Dominion parliament.

The question submitted to the court is whether the restriction against the employment of Chinese underground in coal mines is within the legislative authority of the province.

The first portion of the act is the one which is the subject of the present litigation.

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A TERRIBLE ROUTE

W. A. Foote Tells About Edmonton Water Route—Impossible to Get Through.

Old Timers in the North Country Say the Klondike Cannot Be Reached That Way.

(From the Spokesman-Review.)

W. A. Foote, of Duluth, arrived in Spokane yesterday from Edmonton, to which place he lately returned after a vain attempt to reach the Klondike by way of the widely advertised route from that far point.

"There were five Duluth men in our party," said Mr. Foote yesterday. "My companions were Messrs. Bellview, Huff, Baum and Hall. We read of the route in the newspapers and decided to try it."

"We were told at Edmonton that we might as well send back all our spare cash, as in the north country there would be no need for money. Many a poor devil went all his money home, taking the same route."

"The question of constitutionalism was not considered by the Dominion court, and the appeal was dismissed on that ground."

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WIDOW'S STRUGGLE

Hard Work Brought on a Severe Illness.

Nervous Prostration, Dizziness and Extreme Weakness—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Came to Her Rescue After Hospital Treatment Failed.

From the Fort William Journal.

In the town of Fort William lives a brave widow, who for years has by dint of honest labor kept the wolf from the door and her family together.

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THE LAST SAD ACT

Remains of the Late G. M. Pullman Laid to Rest To-Day.

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HOW TO DEHORN CATTLE

A Simple Plan Unattended With Pain—A Hint for Farmers.

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THE RUSH DOWNWARD

A Couple of Hundred Passengers Arrive on the Seattle and Farallon.

Miners From Dawson Have a Hard Time Coming over the Dalton Trail.

Several Days Without Food, With the Exception of Owl and Rawhide Soup.

Some Say the Reports of a Shortage of Provisions Are Exaggerated.

Administrator's Party Lost a Large Proportion of Their Pack Animals.

On the Steamer Farallon, which arrived from Skagway early yesterday morning, were thirteen miners who had come out from Dawson owing to the famine, and a large number of would-be miners and packers and others returning from Dyea, Skagway and Wrangell. The miners who came from Dawson were divided into three parties, the last to leave Dawson being a party of three, Charles Friess, Butt Woods and Archie Burns, who left the Klondike metropolis on September 14th. They poled up the Yukon to the Five-Fingers rapids in thirteen days, and securing horses there, they pushed over the Dalton trail, reaching Haines' Mission, on Lynn canal, in 21 days. While on their way they had experienced a heavy snow storm, which lasted several days and covered the trail with nearly two feet of snow. During this snow storm four out of the six horses they secured at Five-Fingers were lost, and had it not been for a "chinkoo" wind which thawed the snow they would have lost all their animals.

Soon after leaving Five-Fingers on the way toward the Fries party fell in with a party headed by Ray Stewart of New York, who left Dawson six days prior to the Fries party, and soon after passing Dalton's post they caught up with a party of six, composed of John Frey, T. L. and J. Tripp, C. Holden, J. O'Donnell and an Indian guide named Sewatka, under the explorer of that name. This party had an awful experience on the way out. After leaving Five-Fingers they ran short of food and for five days they ate without food, save an owl, which was shot, and some soup made from a raw hide strap which they were using to pack their goods. They scraped off the fur and chopped it up into pieces, and made a soup, which they divided sparingly amongst the party. When this party started out they had thirty pounds of food to the man, but lost their way in the snow, and notwithstanding the fact that the food was in very short rations, it soon gave out. One of the men went snow blind, and shortly before arriving at Dalton's post two of the party sank down in the snow from exhaustion, and it was only with difficulty that their companions, who still retained some strength, forced them on. Soon after this they arrived at an Indian camp, where they secured a quantity of dog salmon, which they ate with gusto, when they arrived at Dalton's post, where food was obtained for the rest of the journey. And in spite of all this each member of the party announces his intention of returning to the gold fields in the spring.

The party tell the same old story of a shortage of provisions at Dawson. The price of flour is \$12 a hundred and bacon 40 cents a pound, but it is only sold in small quantities, and the owner would not do one of the companies' stores and packed down \$13,000 in gold dust to buy provisions for himself and his men. The gold was pushed back to him and he was told that he could buy provisions at Dawson. News has been received from down the river that there was no hope of any steamers reaching Dawson before spring, and, naturally, this caused many men to make a start to get out of the country. Some will attempt to get down the river, expecting to obtain provisions at Circle City or Fort Yukon, but the majority will attempt the trip over the trails. That many will perish in the attempt seems a foregone conclusion, for the companies will sell them barely enough food for the trip, and if they are delayed they must run short, and delays on winter trips are almost inevitable, especially on the Dalton trail, which is entirely obliterated after a heavy snow fall.

At the far end of the Dalton trail several bands of cattle, one supposed to be Mr. Cameron's, of Victoria, were met, having after all been taken through successfully. Large scows had been built and the owners intended to kill the cattle and take the meat through to Dawson. This will, to a large extent, relieve the conditions there.

A large number of boats were met making their way down the river. All the parties seemed to be well provided with provisions, some of them having a year's supply. They, of course, will divide up with the men whose ladders are entirely empty and this again will help to tide over the winter. A few wrecked boats were seen, but it could not be ascertained whether the occupants had been drowned or whether they had broken away when being run through the rapids. Mr. Sullivan, the Yukon trader, was met with down the river, having successfully run all the rapids.

One member of the party spoke of a "deadly plague" that had broken out among the miners at Dawson and was carrying them off quicker than cholera, but if such a plague existed the other members of the party had not heard of it.

There were a number of Victorians among the passengers who came down on the Farallon, including Messrs. Grant

and Dalby, who did the packing for the Mounted Police; L. Arthur, who has been building boats at Lake Bennett; F. Turner, L. Hulbert, J. Bannerman, Messrs. McInnes and others, who have been engaged in business or working at Skagway, and along the trail.

Mr. Dalby says there are now nearly 2,000 men at Skagway and along the trail. All of those who got through to the lakes, about 1,500 for both trails, the lakes, about 1,500 for both trails, there is no winter camp on the lake shores, as had been anticipated. There is, however, quite a camp at the Meadows, just this side of Lake Tagish, where the inhabitants of Skagway have made their way to Dawson over the ice; in fact, this is the intention of all the men on the trail, and they are doing their best to get their goods over as the ice forms. With the exception of the Hulbert party, who have their goods cached near The Ford, and intend to go down on the ice, Mr. Hulbert having come down to buy dogs, all the Victorians have started down the trail, and have good prospects of reaching Dawson this winter. The other Victorians who have been engaged in packing and other business at Skagway and Dyea and along the trails have also done well.

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up the river in small boats, but they, Capt. Tackabery says, will never get through to Telegraph creek, unless the ice is very late in forming. They will have to camp along the river.

A KLONDIKE MILLIONAIRE. Jack Ross Arrives Here on His Way to California.

Jack Ross and wife, of Juneau, are in Victoria on their way to California for a holiday. Jack was one of the lucky men who went into the Klondike in the early part of the summer, and after three months ago with quite a sack; besides retaining an interest in several claims. He says there is any amount of gold in the country, and anything under \$50,000 is purchased for nothing. He says he will return to the diggings shortly.

CONTEMPLATED EXTENSION. More Accommodation to be Provided for Shipping at the Outer Wharf.

Victoria's business men at least are confident of the fact that this is to be the chief outfitting point for the miners party, and they are getting ready to handle the big rush which is looked for next spring. On every hand improvements and extensions are being made and much larger stocks than usual are being accumulated. The largest extension to be made is contemplated by Messrs. B. P. Ribbet & Co., Ltd., at the outer wharf. Details have not yet been decided upon, and will not be until Mr. Ribbet returns to Seattle, where the improvements will be extensive, as verified by Mr. R. Seabrook, vice-president of the company. He says something will have to be done to accommodate the shipping and the large amount of freight and intimates that both the old and the new wharves would be extended and that additional freight sheds would be built.

The company has already the largest wharf and freight shed in the north, but every day evidences the fact that there will not be sufficient room to accommodate the steamers that will leave here in the spring for the gateway to the northern gold fields.

THE SEATTLE ARRIVES. Another Crowd of Men, Including Three From Dawson City, Reach Here.

Another hundred men who were unable to get in to the gold fields by the Dyea and Skagway trails returned on the steamer City of Seattle, which arrived this morning, as well as a trio of men who had just come up the river and lakes from Dawson. This party consisted of two miners, Cliff L. Moore and his son, and M. C. Woodring, who has been in the employ of the Alaska Commercial Company. Another miner, G. A. Compton, came out with them, but he remained at Sheep Camp. This party, who all hail from Seattle, left Dawson on September 7th and poled up the Yukon up the Lewis and Clark trail to Lake Lindermann, and from there they came over the Chilcoot Pass to Dyea. On the way out they passed many boats from five to thirty-five passed them daily—and in each boat there were five to seven men. Many of them were from Dawson, but most of them were from Seattle. They had a large number of pack animals, and were making for Stuart river. Many will be obliged to camp along the river, for but a percentage, though not a small one, will get in. When the party left Lake Lindermann on Monday last, they were still starting down from there. There have been comparatively few accidents on the lakes and river considering the large number of inexperienced men who are in the country. One of the men, Moore could learn there have been five men drowned. He brings the news of a drowning accident on Lake Bennett which cost two San Franciscans, Joe McManus and Peter Wytilla, their lives. These two men, who were in the boat, also of San Francisco, were sailing down Lake Bennett when a squall came on. McManus tried to lower the sail, but in doing so fell overboard. Wytilla heroically sprang into the water to rescue him, but he was unable to do so, and he, too, was drowned. Mr. Woodring, who was with them, was able to get them out, and he, too, was rescued down with him. Frothing but back to the camp at Lake Bennett and told the story of the death of his companions. Moore and Woodring both say that there was no shortage of provisions at Dawson this winter. The stores have stopped selling provisions, it is true, but that was done only to prevent men from getting a corner on the provisions there and charging exorbitant prices. Messrs. B. P. Ribbet & Co., the Trading Companies, have enough provisions to feed the people there and unless they are destroyed by fire or otherwise there will be no famine. These stories of famine are all hearsay, and the men who are in the country are not stopped to reason out the circumstances. They knew the stores had stopped selling and at once jumped to the conclusion that the stores had no food to sell and sprang this yarn of impending famine on the outside world. "The reason for this story is undoubtedly to keep people away from the Klondike," Mr. Woodring says. "You may rest assured that there is nothing to them." Neither he nor Moore came out on account of food being short, and for that matter they would not hesitate to go right in again. They have about \$3,000 in gold dust between them.

As to the rumor that a mysterious disease has broken out at Dawson, killing about five men a day, both Moore and Woodring laugh at it. "It is all nonsense," said Moore. "There is scarcely any sickness at Dawson. It is one of those rumors that get up in existence. There are, it is true, a number of men on the back trail, but it is neither sickness nor fear of famine that drives them out. They want to get back to their homes, that is all." Among the other passengers who came down on the City of Seattle were Messrs. Fred Marcus, Rudolph and Campbell, who have been running the saw mill and building and selling boats at Lake Bennett. They have done well and can show lots of currency for their season's work.

The Seattle brings news of the loss of many of the animals which the Thorpe party were endeavoring to take in over the Dalton trail. The men who were on a heavy snow storm and 45 out of the

46 horses were lost and many of the cattle. This party have abandoned the idea of going in over the Dalton trail and have returned to the Klondike. They will endeavor to drive their cattle over the Skagway trail and on arriving at Lake Bennett kill them and take the meat down the lakes and river in boats.

Among the passengers were the following would-be miners and packers who left the steamer at Victoria: Norman Macaulay, N. C. Takabery, John Williams, A. Deeming, P. Deeming, Anton Henderson, Louis Holmes, A. McChugh and Capt. Clements.

The body of Alvin Van Buren, of Sishonah, who died last month, was brought down by a Seattle undertaker, who went up for it. It will be interred at Seattle.

The steamer City of Seattle spoke the Quadra, and Capt. Walbran told her officers that he would not be back for about ten days yet. The Seattle made very good time downward, catching up two days on the steamer Farallon, which left Skagway three days before her. She brought down 3,000 cases of salmon from the Meliakata canneries.

BRIEF LOCALS. Cleanings of City and Provincial New in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily. The rules and orders to apply to private bills to be introduced at the next session of the legislature are published in this week's Gazette.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Good Hope Mining Company will be held at Rossland on November 12th, and the Elsie Mining Company at Rossland on November 20th.

A license has been granted to the Golden British Columbia, Limited, of London, to carry on business in British Columbia. The capital of the company is £60,000 in £1 shares. The head office for British Columbia is at Golden.

Yesterday's Gazette contains a report of the executive council declaring valid the title of the New Fraser River Gold Mines, Limited, to certain mining properties on the Fraser river. There was some faw in respect to the licenses held by the miners from whom the company purchased the claims.

A consignment of drygoods has reached here by the Northern Pacific railway, which probably made the fastest freight time on record from Bremen. The consignment left Bremen on the new ocean freightliner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and made the ocean and land trip in 27 days. The time usually occupied in this trip is 35 days.

The infant child of W. H. Pegram, manager of the Kamloops branch of the Bank of British Columbia, is dead, owing to a most distressing and unfortunate accident. The child was taken in the baby carriage by its nurse, and on her return she was required, not for prospective business, but for the present, and should their business increase during next year, as it has this, the firm will be compelled to erect a warehouse large enough to accommodate its immense stock under one roof.

Victorians listened to the boom of the big guns of Forts in the Straits yesterday, and the more imaginative imagined many things, but all that was transpiring was the quarterly firing practice. The practice began yesterday at Fort Hill Fort, at the entrance of the harbor, and continued until 10:30 p.m. The fort is a mile to two miles from the fort. Thirty rounds were fired by the R.M.A., 17 hits being scored by the 6 inch B.L. guns, firing 100 pound projectiles. Captain Blanchard, of the Fifth Regiment, C.A., was on the tug Sadie with the observation party.

The thanks of the committee of the Saanich Agricultural Association are tendered to the following gentlemen for donations to the recent exhibition held at Saanichton: Messrs. D. M. Eberts, M. P. P., Thomas Earle, M. P., R. P. Ribbet & Co., Taylor, D. Gregory Smith, W. M. Casswell, H. Bradley, Dyne, Wm. Le Pogre, Triner, Simon Leiser, Wm. Dempster, E. Norris, R. Bray, A. Forbes, G. Jay, H. Short & Sons, L. Goodacre, Bell & Co., W. J. Pendray, A. Friend, J. McEldrum, G. McRae, J. Robertson, A. McGregor, Sidney Shore, R. Smith, J. A. Sawynder, N. Fleming, Hickman & Tye, V. P. Brewster, G. A. Brown, Brackman & Ker M. Co., W. White, W. Duncan, W. Harrison, Pither & Leiser, Phillips, Hamilton Powder Co., On. Hing, Victoria Rice Mills, Powell & Co., Canada Paint Co., L. Dickinson, J. Mitchell, C. N. Cameron, E. Smith, John Broe, H. A. Lilley, S. Reid, Watson & Hall, G. B. Munroe, Erskine, Wall & Co., D. H. Ross, A. Clyde, Gilmore & McCandless, W. G. Cameron and Weiler Bros.

The skeleton found at Sooke a few days ago is supposed to be that of a carpenter known as "Dutch Charley," who worked on the construction of the telegraph line to Sooke. Mr. T. D. Ostry, of Chemainus, who is now in the city, is one of those of this opinion. "Dutch Charley" was one of Mr. Ostry's construction party when the telegraph line was built about six years ago. He was about thirty-two years of age and came from Toronto. He stated that his occupation when in the east was that of a saloon keeper, and more than once he informed his fellow workmen that he was at one time confined in an asylum through hard drinking. While at Sooke he began drinking again and showed symptoms of insanity, being constantly in fear that someone was trying to kill him. While suffering in this way he was one day found wandering around the country nude, and soon after this escapade disappeared entirely. Another man who is of the opinion that the skeleton was that of "Dutch Charley" is Mr. Edward Gordon, of Fort Point. He says that Mr. Leather, who formerly resided at Sooke, gave Charley a suit of clothes after his crazy trip through the country with no clothes on. Soon after this Charley disappeared and nothing more was ever heard of him. The provincial police are still investigating the matter.

From Monday's Daily. As the Willapa did not get as far as Quatsno this trip she brings no news of the murder mystery at that point.

and the whole of Vancouver Island, the bishop preached on the needs of missions on many occasions and received liberal offerings. He had secured an able man for the Chinese work in his diocese, the person having had long experience in Hongkong. While in England he realized great difficulty in persuading his hearers of the needs for money and preachers for the sparsely settled districts. It was impossible to get either of these requirements in Eastern Canada, and yet in England they cannot comprehend the needs of scattered population in a wide expanse of country.

From Saturday's Daily. A special general meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held on Monday evening to discuss some important resolutions. All delegates are requested to attend.

The other day at a gathering at one of the experimental farms there was some spirited discussion about the value of

A SOOKE MYSTERY

The Skeleton of a Young Man Discovered in the Woods Near Sooke.

It Has Been Lying There for Many Years—Provincial Police to Investigate.

In the provincial police office are the remains of what some years ago was a man. There are three boxes, in which is a large collection of charred bones, a skull, also charred and blackened by some fragments of a pair of trousers and a coat, which have been eaten through in places by fire, and are covered with a thick matting of decayed ferns and pine needles. How this unfortunate man—for the skeleton was that of a man—met his death is one of those mysteries which will probably never be unravelled. Perhaps he was taken sick and died before assistance could be procured, or, again, he may have gone into the thick vegetation after having fully discussed the question whether or not life was worth living, and coming to the conclusion that it was not, ended his life; or, again, he may have been detected in this lonely spot, despoiled of all he had, and murdered. But these are but conjectures, and how he died met his death will probably never be known.

The remains were discovered by a hunter, J. Armour, while beating around Naylor's Hill for grouse. They were widely scattered, as if dogs, panthers or some other animals had been pulling them about. The skeleton was found lying in a mass of burned vegetation at the foot of a high pine tree, and all were badly charred. They would probably never have been discovered had it not been for the fire, and, as it is, judging from the appearance of the remains, they have been there for at least eight years.

Armour promptly reported the find to the provincial police, and Provincial Constable Poole was instructed to investigate. He spent a whole day gathering together all that was left of the dead man, and this morning he brought the remains to town.

No money or anything else that would lead to identification were discovered. All that was found, besides the bones, the remains of the clothing, a pair of boots (number seven), a carpenter's punch, which is covered with rust, a carpenter's square and a small pocket comb. The pieces of clothing found are of a brown tweed, with a light stripe and little red spots.

From the position in which the remains were found it seems, Constable Poole says, that the dead man must have come by water, and going up the steep incline to the road, gone on into the bush, some sixty yards from the road, where the ghastly remains were discovered.

Dr. Crompton this afternoon examined the remains, and from the examination made by him he concluded that they were those of a young man of small stature. The teeth in the skull were all whole and none showed signs of decay. Everything was, however, so decomposed and destroyed by the fire that it was impossible to ascertain the age or stature of the man with any degree of certainty. No inquest will be held, but the provincial police will make a complete investigation to see if anything can be found that will lead to the identification of the dead man or unravel the mystery as to how he came to his death.

There is some talk, Constable Poole says, among the residents of Sooke district of a young carpenter who was down there from the city some five years ago and mysteriously disappeared.

Applications for Private Bills to be Made to the Legislature.

Messrs. Davis, Marshall, McNeill & Abbott give notice in the current issue of the Gazette of their intention to apply to the legislature for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway from a point at or near the mouth of Arrow Lake, Kootenay district; thence by the most direct and feasible route, via Trout Lake, to some point at the north end of Kootenay lake.

Tacoma, Oct. 21.—Mrs. Frank Alwyn, wife of a saloon-keeper, shot herself in the breast this morning and died almost instantly. She left a note saying that she was tired of life. In a bureau drawer she was found a record made by herself, with a note pinned on it reading: "Bury me in this."

Awarded Highest Honor—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair. DR. CREAM-BRANDING POWDER. A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 GRAINS THE STANDARD.

THE TOWNSHIP QUESTION.

Meeting at Revelstoke With Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and J. McKenna.

Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and J. McKenna, of the department of the interior, arrived here from Kamloops on Monday morning. Mr. McKenna has been sent by the grants department to inquire into the land titles disputes here and in other places on the Dominion belt, and to make a basis of agreement with the provincial government. A public meeting was called in the evening of the 24th, at which Mr. Bostock was elected chairman. Mr. McKenna explained in a few words the object of his visit, as stated above. He said that the patent of the smelter townsite either had been registered or would be in a day or so. The Dominion grants, overlapping the original Parwell grant, would also be registered shortly. The difficulties with regard to the title to the Parwell grants were practically settled. It remained for A. S. Farwell, G. B. Wright and others to give a release to the Dominion, describing the property owned by them and receive the Dominion grants. The four-acre blocks across the track, those who were settled on them within the boundary of Farwell's property would have to settle with Farwell himself, and the blocks outside the Parwell grant would be placed on the market by the Dominion at once, at the same time the department would take care that every consideration was given to the rights of squatters in coming to their final agreement with Farwell.

A number of cases were then submitted to Mr. McKenna, who took notes of everything for reference to the department and evinced a remarkable facility in getting to the bottom of some of the complications presented to his notice. Mr. Bostock showed great interest in the inquiry and deserves the thanks of the community for the trouble which he has taken to get this matter settled, and the strong personal interest, which induced him to come here himself with Mr. McKenna and see into it.—Revelstoke Herald.

THE PILOT BAY CONCENTRATOR

Said to be About to Open—Smelter to be Blown in Later.

Kaslo, B. C., Oct. 18.—The concentrator at Pilot Bay is said to be ready for opening to-day, and it is further stated that as soon as it gets concentrated enough ahead, which will be in a week or two, the smelter will be blown in. At the start the two plants will employ over 100 men. Preparations are being made to speedily ship a large quantity of ore to Pilot Bay by barge from several Alnorth mines, and also from the Lucky Jim mine at Bear Lake, owned by Braden brothers, agents for the Oshana-Grant Company, who now own the Pilot Bay plants.

ANOTHER FORT STEELE CLAIM.

Samples of Exceedingly Rich Ore Brought to Nelson.

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 19.—One of the members of the Pyramid Kootenay Mining Company has brought into Nelson some exceedingly fine specimens of ore from properties belonging to the company located in the Fort Steele section, about 40 miles from Pilot Bay. He said the ledge was strong and 12 feet in width, and that every inch of it was of the same character as the samples. The specimens appeared to be a solid mass of copper with a little galena, but no assays had been obtained. He had equally good samples from an adjoining claim, which was native copper, mostly. Of the later he said the ledge was a good one, and there was lots of it.

NEW LEDGE IN THE RUBY CLAIM

A Property on Hardy Mountain That is Apparently Rich.

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 18.—Joseph Ward has struck a new ledge of free milling quartz on the Ruby claim, on Hardy mountain, about three miles from Grand Forks. It has assays ranging as high as \$2,825.28 in gold to the ton. Mr. Ward has purchased from the Cariboo people at Camp McKinney a small stamp mill with a daily capacity of one ton, with which he will make a thorough test of the ore, and if it continues rich and free milling, he will place a 10-stamp mill on the property in the spring.

LATEST FROM WEST COAST.

Work Will Continue at the Mines Through the Winter.

Mr. W. B. Garrard, who arrived last evening from the West Coast, was interviewed by a Free Press representative and gave the following information: On the West Coast a very large number of prospectors are still out and a great many good strikes have been made. Development work will be carried on during the winter on a number of different properties at Clayquot, Quatling, etc.

The Contract company has just finished working on the Canal this winter, and a number of gentlemen, on behalf of different companies, have been inspecting different properties on the canal. Big body of ore held by Baines is expected to be worked shortly, and the ledge shows very well.

In the China Creek district tracks are being driven on the Golden Eagle and the Great Divide. Mr. F. McQuillan is in charge, representing an English company. The Alberni Consolidated is looking well, and ore is being shipped steadily via the wharf at the new townsite.

The Contract company have just finished their dam and are also sinking a prospect shaft to test the gravel. Development work has been going on on claims on Mount Douglas, and assessment work is being put on some properties on Mineral Hill.

The Armour hotel at the new townsite, Alberni, is, so it is reported, about to change hands. Several new buildings have recently been built on the townsite, and it is to be laid out with roads in the near future.—Nanaimo Free Press.

Human life is held too cheaply when the individual who needs a tonic for his system seeks to cover his wants by purchasing every new mixture that is recommended to him. Remember that Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a well earned reputation of over fifty years' standing.

WON'T OVERLOOK US

Sir William Van Horne Says Victoria Will Not Be Ignored by His Company.

Will Cure the Telegraph Grievance No Matter How Much It Costs.

Sir William Van Horne yesterday assured the members of the Board of Trade that Victoria would not be ignored by the company in the matter of the C.P.R. He said that the company intended, he said, to put on a line of first-class steamers, two of which had already been secured. The steamers were very fine ones, with good freight and passenger accommodations. The management had not talked over the details of the service, but the members could be assured that Victoria would not be overlooked. He hoped the feeling in Victoria against the C.P.R. had died out by this time. The company had no evil intentions against the city and never had.

Asked by President Kirk as to the improvement of the telegraph system, Sir William said he appreciated the feeling of the victorians who had been last year the company had laid a new piece of cable, but it was found that this was not sufficient, so they had ordered, and it was now being manufactured, an entirely new cable, which he believed would maintain a permanent service. Anything that could be done to protect the interests of Victoria would be done.

The president pointed out that much of the trouble was due to the fact that the land wires which they crossed the islands, the linemen being unable to go out to repair them when the weather was rough. Sir William said the new cable would extend direct from the Mainland to Vancouver Island, which would do away with the lines on the smaller islands. The land wires would be put in first class condition. They would cost, he believed, no matter what it cost.

The question of having a branch line to Esquimalt was brought up by President Kirk, who pointed out the convenience of the branch line to Esquimalt, and the captains of merchant vessels at Esquimalt.

That there was no line to Esquimalt was a surprise to the C.P.R. president. He would bring the matter up with the telegraph department. In matters of this kind, he said, the parties interested should drop a line to him and not wait for the visit of some official. The matter would receive attention, he told where improvements could be made. Of course, there are many things to do, and all cannot be attended to immediately, but they came up in their turn.

Mr. Rossiter asked if there was any truth in the report that the cable at present in use was to be used as an alternate line. Sir William knew nothing. In answer to another question he said that Victoria would be given just as much prominence as other cities in the company's advertising matter.

After the interview the council considered the address of the presentation. Chairman Stifton upon his return from the north.

MR. TURNER'S TRICKINESS.

The Rossland Miner (government) of the 14th of October, in a report of a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms there, quotes Hon. Mr. Turner as saying: The government had "guaranteed the interest" (he might have added "and the principal") "on the bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan railway, and that subsidy" (presumably the Dominion contribution of \$118,400) "had been nearly exhausted. Nevertheless, he was pleased to have learned that, in the past year, the tributary road to the Nakusp and Slocan, the Kaslo and Slocan, had quadrupled the amount of its ore traffic."

Assuming the premier to have been correctly reported, the statement is an extraordinary one to come from the finance minister of the province. The Kaslo and Slocan, a narrow gauge railway, no doubt does exchange passenger traffic with the Nakusp and Slocan, a standard gauge, but so far from being tributary to that line, it is an active competitor with it for the haulage of the ores of the mines of the neighborhood of Sandon, as probably nine tenths of the ore of Mr. Turner's heaves were well aware.

In the year ending June 30, 1896, the province received from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, as 40 per cent. of the gross earnings of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway, \$11,226.18, and paid on account of interest on the bonds and charges (there is no provision for a sinking fund) \$26,184.18, a deficit of \$14,957.98. Mr. Turner's statement, therefore, is to the effect that he ought to have known, what the 40 per cent. for the year ending 30th June, 1897, amounted to, and it is this, and not what the receipts of a rival line amounted to, that the country is interested in. That we should like to know is, how far the Nakusp and Slocan receipts have increased, and whether the 40 per cent. of same, payable to the province, yet amounts to enough to pay the interest on the bonds.—Columbian.

BONDED THE GOLDEN CROWN.

A High Grade Property Located Near Copper Mountain.

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 19.—F. M. Longshore and G. C. Porter have just returned from a two-weeks' trip through the Similkameen section. They were as far as Roache creek, near Princeton, and while in that section succeeded in bonding the Golden Crown, a fine gold property, estimated as high as \$40,000 to the ton in gold and copper. Messrs. Longshore and Porter say that they will not attempt to open up the property until the spring. The Golden Crown is near the famous Copper mountain, about 150 miles from Grand Forks.

C. C. C.'S BIG PROGRAMME.

It Intends to Locate in British Columbia and Revolutionize Things.

The Canadian Co-Operative Commonwealth is the name of an organization recently formed in Eastern Canada. Its constitution is in many respects similar to that of the Russian Co-Operative Commonwealth, and the Social Democracy. Its objects are: "To educate the people to the principles of co-operation. "To unite all co-operators in one fraternal association of the world. "To establish co-operative colonies and industries, as far as possible, concentrating them in one province, until such province is socialized. "The C.C.C. executive head and branches are located at Toronto, Hamilton, and other places. A co-operative colony will be started in British Columbia, with the aid of the government of that province. The object of the work will be collected from various parts of Canada and sent out there. They will be furnished with provisions, and the implements necessary to build houses and start farms by the C.C.C. and British Columbia government jointly, until the colony has got into working order. The colony will be conducted on the co-operative plan, which has been pursued with such success in the other colonies. The C.C.C. do not expect to establish an ideal Balamy commonwealth at once, but they do expect that their colony will be an object lesson to the people of Canada of the practicality of industrial co-operation. The C.C.C. has an interesting programme. The colony is only a side-show. This organization propose to enter the political arena and demand of the government: "The complete ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines, of all means of transportation and communication, and of all mining industries. "The reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of production. "That all useful inventions be made free to all, the inventor to be remunerated by the government. "The abolition of all taxes by the government direct to the people. "The adoption of the initiative and referendum, the imperative mandate and proportionate representation. "Debs to be invited to come to Canada to lead a hand in the work of organization. He will visit London and Toronto and other places in Ontario shortly, and probably Montreal. "The C.C.C. publishes a weekly paper called "The Commonwealth," which has a large circulation, and is extensively quoted by labor and social reform journals throughout Canada and the United States. To this organization in its endeavor to solve the social and economic problems of the world, it is wished success. "The officers of the executive board are: J. Charles Spence, chairman; Chas. H. Gould, vice-chairman; J. M. Johns, secretary; H. Ash, treasurer; H. A. Johnston, organizer.

THE HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The steamer Tekoa, Lieut. G. H. Noakes, R.N.R., master, sailed from Steveston yesterday on her way to the United Kingdom with a cargo of salmon and ore. Just before her departure Mr. Mackay, of Steveston, owner of a wharf near to which the Tekoa was moored, put in a claim for \$300 for alleged damages done to his wharf. He alleged the steamer and would have delayed her departure had not the necessary bonds been put up. Messrs. Davis, Alarstall, Macdonnell and Abbott were appointed to look after the steamer's interests and she sailed. She, however, only came as far as Esquimalt, where she is now lying, her master having called at that port to place his grievance before the commanding officer of the station, who at present is the Glasgow-bound steamer, who is the captain of H.M.S. Wild Swan. Lieut. Noakes explains the difficulty as follows: He was moored to the one wharf and had a line on one of the posts on Mackay's wharf. The owner of this wharf, Mackay, claims that he is responsible for damage done to that wharf, whereas, according to the story of the captain of the Tekoa, the damage was done by another steamer, the Boscovitz. The Tekoa's cargo consists chiefly of 111,785 cases of canned salmon, valued at \$411,461, but, in addition, she carries 1,134 boxes of frozen salmon, 33 barrels of salt salmon, and 475 sacks of ore in all nearly 3,900 tons. She left Esquimalt this afternoon in continuation of her voyage to England, and will arrive long before any other vessel of the salmon fleet, as it is expected that she will take about from 50 to 60 days on the voyage.

THE MINER'S WEALTH.

A Methodist Clergyman Who Staked a Miner Justifies His Act.

Robert McIntyre, a Methodist minister of Chicago, has stirred some of his brethren because he grubstaked a miner in the Klondike. The Chicago Tribune interviewed Mr. McIntyre on the subject. He says: "Conscientious scruples against such an undertaking? No scruples entered my mind then, nor have they since. It was purely and simply a matter of practical expediency. The Klondike is a gold mine, and the Ten Commandments don't come into the matter, and theology needn't. The fact is, I admire a miner's wealth. It's clean. There is no blood or taint on it, and it is a good thing to see the scheming and the cut-throat competition that characterize ordinary business ventures, where the success of one man so often means the disaster and downfall of some other man, or perhaps a number of men. Nobody has been pinched. Nobody has been wronged. The miner who digs a fortune out of the ground has the satisfaction that he hasn't robbed a soul, even though he becomes a millionaire. Then, too, there is another factor to take into consideration. The man who makes a fortune on the board of trade, or on the stock exchange, or in building up a general business house, adds nothing to the world's store of available wealth. The world, in other words, is no richer because he is richer. He is rich, rather, because somebody else is poorer. The miner, on the other hand, when he digs out \$100 or \$100,000, adds that much to the world's wealth, and, with the added wealth, he contributes just that much to the possible amount of the world's comforts and pleasures. As I look at the matter, there are few producers of wealth. The many live on the few. The only man comparable with the miner is the farmer. He gets what he has direct from Nature, but he produces perishable wealth. While he produces a want, his contribution to the world's wealth therefore is not a permanent one like the miner's. "The gold miner is today the king of wealth producers of the country, and I honor him above all others. It is no dishonor, it needs no apology, to emulate his example to assist him in his efforts. There's the whole question in a nutshell. "It isn't a church matter. The fact is God put the gold in the valley of the Yukon for His children. Any man, consistent with such regulations as are necessary for fair play and the protection of individual interests, has an undeniable right to go there and dig and delve all he chooses. If he pulls out \$100,000 he simply makes a draft, not on somebody's bank account, but on Nature's treasury. There is no more wrong in that, therefore, than there would be in a man sowing wheat or planting corn and trusting to Nature to yield twenty, fifty or hundred fold. It's a private matter between man and his Maker. There's scriptural authority enough for a man to dig and delve and reap a harvest of gold dust and nuggets. I look at the matter, therefore, from the minister who dons broadcloth and dons a miner's garb and faces the perils of the wilderness, and gets a draft cashed on Nature's treasury for a few hundred thousand dollars, or a million or two, is doing humanity a good turn.

I don't know by what course he could do more good or add more to the sum of the world's comforts or pleasures. If he can't go to the field of operation himself, it's an honorable thing, I believe, for him to grubstake somebody else. "I can't quite see why a clergyman, if he chooses, should not be a wealth producer. Christian ethics are not against it. There is only about so much wealth in the world, and here now-days is a scramble to get as much of what does exist as possible. I should rank a benefactor above a benedictor. But on the miner's wealth, as I just said, there is no blood, no tears, no groans, sufferings, horrors caused to others. "A minister has just as much right to mine gold or grubstake somebody else as the man who listens to his sermons and helps to pay his salary. It's a foolish notion that a minister, because he is a minister, must apologize for doing, I have said that the miner who actually adds to the world's wealth is the cleanest in existence. Believing that, why should not I offer to grubstake Mr. Gaston?"

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

The steamer Tekoa, Lieut. G. H. Noakes, R.N.R., master, sailed from Steveston yesterday on her way to the United Kingdom with a cargo of salmon and ore. Just before her departure Mr. Mackay, of Steveston, owner of a wharf near to which the Tekoa was moored, put in a claim for \$300 for alleged damages done to his wharf. He alleged the steamer and would have delayed her departure had not the necessary bonds been put up. Messrs. Davis, Alarstall, Macdonnell and Abbott were appointed to look after the steamer's interests and she sailed. She, however, only came as far as Esquimalt, where she is now lying, her master having called at that port to place his grievance before the commanding officer of the station, who at present is the Glasgow-bound steamer, who is the captain of H.M.S. Wild Swan. Lieut. Noakes explains the difficulty as follows: He was moored to the one wharf and had a line on one of the posts on Mackay's wharf. The owner of this wharf, Mackay, claims that he is responsible for damage done to that wharf, whereas, according to the story of the captain of the Tekoa, the damage was done by another steamer, the Boscovitz. The Tekoa's cargo consists chiefly of 111,785 cases of canned salmon, valued at \$411,461, but, in addition, she carries 1,134 boxes of frozen salmon, 33 barrels of salt salmon, and 475 sacks of ore in all nearly 3,900 tons. She left Esquimalt this afternoon in continuation of her voyage to England, and will arrive long before any other vessel of the salmon fleet, as it is expected that she will take about from 50 to 60 days on the voyage.

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The meetings will be addressed by Mr. T. F. Paterson, who has had considerable experience in the working of Farmers' Institutes in Ontario.

J. B. ANDERSON, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Acting Supt. of Farmers' Institutes, Department of Agriculture, Victoria, 23rd Oct. 1897.

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