

RAILWAY TO THE YUKON.

From the interview with the Hon. C. P. Sifton published in to-day's Times, and for which we are indebted to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, it is clear that the minister of the interior is fully alive to the urgency for immediate railway connection between tide water and the Upper Yukon. Mr. Sifton has crossed over the Dyea and Skagway passes, and will now have a personal knowledge of the almost insuperable difficulties of both routes. He purposes investigating the Stikkeen river route, although the season of the year is unfavorable and time will permit of a complete examination by the minister in person. The surveying parties now in the field on behalf of the C. P. R. and the Dominion government will, however, be in a position to report upon the advantages of the all-Canadian route, and if, as we expect will be the case, their reports corroborate the statements of former explorers and travelers, there is very little doubt they will influence the Dominion government favorably, and we trust, will lead to immediate action on the part of both governments. Mr. Sifton is a thorough business man, and when he decides that a thing ought to be done he will do it as quickly as possible. The importance of the task which now lies before both governments—to provide adequate facilities for the transportation of passengers and freight to the Yukon, and to retain for Canada the trade that even now has assumed large proportions—will test their ability and statesmanship. Both governments must act liberally and instantly. Procrastination would be criminal.

THE ALL-CANADIAN ROUTE.

From what we have learned from a gentleman who lately arrived in Victoria straight from the Klondike, we think there can be little doubt on the subject of which route is the best to get into and out of the Yukon gold fields. For some time back there has been a good deal of agreement of opinion on the matter, all who know anything at all about the subject declaring that the Stikkeen-Teslin Lake-Hootalinqua route was the only feasible one by which to reach the diggings. Our informant, an experienced and well-informed traveler through that region, assures us that the Teslin Lake route is undoubtedly the best to take, and from Klondike, but he pointed out very forcibly that the provincial government take immediate action and make an adequate expenditure it will degenerate into another Skagway, Dyea or Dalton trail. The reason for this is that at present prospectors going in use the old Indian trail, a mere sheep track or foot path, which will be trodden into quagmires by the hoofs and feet of the thousands of horses and men who are certain to go in next spring. The provincial government recently made a grant of the ridiculous sum of \$2,000 to put the trail in a state fit for use; this sum they handed over, not to the government agent on the spot, Mr. Hyland, J.P., but to an American citizen, Mr. Calbreath, an old and respected resident of the district. He spent \$1,700 of that sum in corduroying a portion of the trail. After leaving the corduroy the prospector runs up against Nature unadorned, and has to get along the best he can. The provincial government, of course, sent out no engineer to survey the route and report; they just blindly voted a drop in the bucket like \$2,000 and told Mr. Calbreath (who has never been over the trail to Teslin) to spread it out thin so as to make it go as far as possible; and he did so, although he knew that it was perfectly impossible to make a good trail through the country on any such amount. On his representation a further sum of \$3,000 was granted, and work to that amount has been done. What the provincial government must realize, our informant says, is that everybody in America is looking towards the Teslin Lake route as the only feasible one into the Klondike, and that if prompt measures are not taken to put a good trail through the loss to the province will be enormous. From \$50,000 to \$75,000 will be required, but it will be an investment that will repay the province a thousandfold. When the York party arrived on the trail they quickly saw the impossibility of getting machinery over it, and doubtless their testimony will add weight to that already in us to the extreme urgency of the provincial government doing something right now. A cut-off of about 20 miles long has been constructed, but that affords slight relief. As things stand now the provincial government, with a blindness quite characteristic of their way of doing things, has expended \$5,000, which has been absolutely wasted. Everybody in the province appears to realize that there is an enormous rush here next spring; all who know the trail say that the Canadian route, viz: Victoria to Stikkeen and from the Stikkeen to Telegraph Creek, thence to Teslin Lake, will be the route by which the vast majority will travel. If it is not put into something like order it will be knocked into the mud like the impossible Dyea or Skagway trails. If the government sends a big gang of men in the spring to corduroy and stuff up such spots as are necessary, the trail will undoubtedly become the highway to the Klondike, with Victoria as the base. Our informant says, Mr. Jennings and staff have been there surveying for the best route for a railway since last summer, and he is now going down the Hootalinqua, accompanied by Mr. Quinn, son of the famous Dominion sur-

veyor. They are coming out by the White Pass. The chief engineer of the Pacific division of the C.P.R. is also in the country on business; the agents of half a dozen big American transportation and supply companies are busy there; in fact, everybody seems to be there but representatives of the provincial government; the government are doing absolutely nothing. The merchants of Victoria should understand clearly what this neglect means to them. If the Teslin Lake route is properly handled by the provincial government, Victoria will undoubtedly become the winter headquarters of the thousands of miners, who will come out to avoid the rigors of the Yukon climate. If the government persist in following their policy of do-nothingness Victoria will be passed by American cities which will receive the benefits justly hers, and she will be most disastrously left. If the route is established as we have outlined, property will go up here with a bound next year, at least 50 per cent; better times than were experienced in the palmist days of the Cariboo boom will prevail. It all rests, unluckily, upon the provincial government; if they are true to their trust they will quit dilly-dallying and go ahead for once in their existence. If they do not move now in this matter, they will be responsible for the worst set-back this province ever got and they will deserve to be hurled from a public scold and tired of their inactivity and laziness.

KLONDIKE IN A NEW LIGHT.

One's credulity is certainly put to a severe test when the statement is made, even by an expert in the matter, that the agricultural possibilities of the Yukon valley, more especially that portion of it lying within Canadian territory, are truly splendid. It is difficult to reconcile that statement with all that we have heard of the climate of that region. What is the picture that rises in the mind of the average person at mention of the name Yukon? A region which lies for seven long months of every year in the iron grip of a winter awful in its severity; where a continuous night of three months broods over mountain and valley, unrelieved by one glimmer of sunshine; illuminated at intervals by the fitful gleams of the aurora borealis; where the cold is so intense that rocks are given asunder, the pine-trees burst from root to branch, and the rivers freeze to the bottom. Or take the other side of the picture—a region where the day in summer lasts three months, with a temperature ranging from 90 to 115 degrees; where the big, brown mosquitoes come forth in myriads, and the fierce, horse flies darken the air with their hoars, making life almost impossible for cattle and horses and miserable for human beings. Yet, in spite of all this, astonishing results have been obtained in agricultural experiments made by expert farmers. A Minnesota farmer who spent a year or two in that country has written his experiences to the Californian Mining and Scientific Journal, and he offers strong evidence to show that the agricultural possibilities of the region are very great. He says the climate is not much different from that of Minnesota or Manitoba, where 90 days, below zero has been registered; the dryness of the air makes it possible for men to withstand both the winter cold and summer heat. Rain seldom falls in summer, making uninterrupted farming operations possible from the beginning of summer to the end, and favoring the growth of such cereals as wheat, barley, and oats. During summer the immense valley of the Yukon is clad in verdure of the freshest and deepest. The reason is that the frozen subsoil, from three to ten feet from the surface, slowly thawing releases abundant supplies of moisture which are brought to the surface and so water steadily the roots of the plants flourishing there. This accounts for the amazing luxuriance of the vegetation. As the moisture is only slightly above freezing point when absorbed by the roots of the plants it exerts a most beneficial influence in counteracting the effects of the fierce heat to which the plants are constantly exposed. Chief among the cereals that reach perfection in the Yukon, and he means perfection as compared with the grain grown anywhere in the world, is Scotch Fife wheat. It produces enormous crops of the highest grade of that grain, which, as is well known, is the finest wheat grown. Barley, oats and nearly all the

garden vegetables reach astonishing proportions and are of unsurpassed quality. Some disappointed gold seekers have begun farming in the valley and these men are now making money; for the miners are quite willing to pay high prices for fresh vegetables and even for grains, which may be ground into coarse flour for bread-making. Mules and reindeer, he thinks, are the only animals that can stand the Yukon climate, and goats may take the place of cows. He believes the Yukon valley will be the true sphere of the bonanza farm, on which work would be done mostly by steam, as the coal deposits there are enormous, thus insuring cheap fuel. He also believes that the Yukon valley may yet supply the wants of the world with the highest grade wheat known to commerce. This is, of course, very satisfactory, even if only partly true; but it cannot be too widely made known that on Vancouver Island and along the coast of British Columbia and in the "North-west," are lands of surpassing fertility, where the climate is mild and equable, presenting none of the drawbacks met with in the Yukon valley; and where inexhaustible supplies of wood and fresh water may be obtained. Another valuable thing in favor of the British Columbia coast farmer is the facility for transporting his goods to market which the proximity of the sea to his land affords. To our thinking the Yukon valley, in spite of the many advantages outlined in the foregoing article, must ever be a demerit resort for men who have failed at the diggings. To the thousands who are going to come here this winter and the next spring, made very clear that they may go farther and fare worse. There is land along every inlet on the coast, on every river in the province and on every island in its seas which could be brought under the plough with the greatest profit. Strong and intelligent efforts should be put forth by the proper authorities to show those men bound for the Yukon what they are passing by. Persons competent to express an opinion have emphatically declared that British Columbia may be made a great agricultural region as well as a great mining region, and that the possibilities in both those directions are practically limitless. All that is needed is to make those facts more generally known to men possessing the modest capital necessary to work a farm comfortably. We cannot doubt that if that were done we should soon see agriculture occupying its rightful position among our industries.

More mistakes in fruit-packing for export have been uncovered in England. A big lot of Canadian apples, pears and peaches was found on being opened the other day at London to be badly sweated and chipped as if from rough handling. Some of the fruit was over-ripened, but much of it was in excellent condition. This is an expensive way of learning how to ship fruit, but it will lead to perfection at the job before very long. American packages came to hand yesterday for market as usual, but they were to learn by bitter failures, so it will not long before Canada can hold her own with any of them.

When D. R. Young, editor of the Siccan News, was interviewed in this city he said among other things that four hundred men were working on Lemmon creek claims and that the placer miners on the same creek were yielding from \$4 to \$8 a day. In Victoria, where the name of D. R. Young is as familiar as a household word, his beautiful optimism did not astonish any person, for we all know that the one thing for which our old friend Young is distinguished is the facility with which he can draw upon a fertile imagination for his facts. But up in Slokan it is different. The Pioneer editor treats the statements of his confrere seriously and contradicts them in toto. Instead of over 400 men working on Lemmon creek claims the Pioneer says there are less than 25, and instead of the placers yielding \$4 to \$8 a day, not one is worked on the creek named.

IMPORTANT MINING SUIT.

Iron Mask and Centre Star Each Claim the Same Ledger.

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 26.—A contest between the Centre Star and Iron Mask companies has arisen, because the latter company on Saturday on a motion of the former to make the injunction of the latter perpetual. The dispute between the companies is over an important vein lying near the boundary line of the two claims at Roeland. Both properties were located under the act of 1891, which confers a title to all mineral found in any vein the apex of which lies within the claim. The interpretation of the Centre Star is that it is permitted to follow the vein in dispute, the apex of which is alleged to be on its claim and the Iron Mask ground.

It is this body of ore which is in dispute, and the Iron Mask people claim there is no apex on the Centre Star leading vein. They further allege that the Centre Star people are trespassing and have no right to go "lira" from their ground. The Centre Star people secure a temporary injunction restraining the Iron Mask people from continuing operations on the disputed ground, and it is this which they seek to make permanent.

The Iron Mask contends that the vein is unquestionably theirs, as it was the ledge on which the property was located, and a shaft has been sunk on it at a point one hundred feet from the line between the two claims. The vein, which was being sunk when the Centre Star's crosscut was encountered, was a part of the Iron Mask's main tunnel workings, and the Iron Mask people claim that their neighbors have trespassed to the amount of the crosscutting they have done outside of their own boundary line.

MRS. MAYBRICK.

Her Early Release from Prison Predicted—It Is Said She Will Be Freed in Two Months.

People of Great Britain Don't Want an American Woman to Die Behind English Bars.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Dr. Helen Denmore, a California and London, arrived at the Auditorium Annex with her husband, Mr. Emmet Denmore. She has been actively engaged in Mrs. Florence Maybrick's case for four years, and for the first time she expressed hope that the unfortunate woman who is charged with killing her husband will soon be at liberty.

In addition to the statement given by Mrs. Denmore, John S. Mellings, of Australia, who has been in London for two years, says that it will be two months until Mrs. Maybrick is a free woman. The Lord Chief Justice Russell of England, who has long been connected with the Maybrick case, is now in favor of the pardon. Mrs. and Dr. Denmore came directly from London.

"At present I would much rather not talk about the most famous Maybrick case," said Mrs. Denmore. "But I will say that it is but a matter of a few weeks until this poor woman is free. Lord Russell has taken up the case and he is using all his influence in behalf of Mrs. Maybrick. The petition signed by one hundred thousand persons had no influence on the English courts at all, in the V. V. & E. R. & N. Co. case, but by paying the promoters of the company something for their trouble, but why this extraordinary urging of the government to pass an order-in-council, granting the bonus to the company, should be required, does not appear on the surface. The bonus was granted by the legislature, on certain conditions, and the government is empowered, when those conditions are fulfilled, to pay the bonus. It is not a question of urging at all. When the conditions are fulfilled the railway company may demand the bonus; and if the government does its duty, no amount of urging will secure a cent of the bonus until the conditions are fulfilled.

The conditions, it may be mentioned, are very plainly laid down in the act. The Lieut.-Governor-in-Council is thus empowered to enter into an agreement with any person or company undertaking the construction of any railway to which the \$4,000 a mile subsidy is attached, which agreement it is distinctly stated shall provide, among other things, that construction must be begun on the V. V. & E. R. within two years from the passage of the act; and that "the aforesaid subsidy shall not be payable until the railway is completed and in running order, to the satisfaction of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, not until security or guarantees, satisfactory to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, is or are given for the continuous maintenance and operation of the railway, and no subsidy shall be payable or paid until after such completion and the giving of such security or guarantees."

This is plain enough in all conscience. There is also another special provision in the act that no subsidy shall be paid until proper connection is made with the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster. What, then, do the V. V. & E. R. & N. Co. promoters mean by trying to drag in the various municipal councils, etc., like the tail to their kite, to "urge" the government to do something that it can only do on certain clearly defined conditions? If the various councils, etc., have any proper sense of their own dignity and responsibility, they will emphatically refuse to be thus used.—N. W. Columbian.

YANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Oct. 27.—A grab landing factory is in full swing on Burrard Inlet near Morrison & Armstrong's foundry. On Monday 1,500 crates were caught and one Tuesday, 1,000. The industry is likely to become very prosperous.

The big steamer Amaraopora completed her cargo of lumber at Moodyville on Monday, and was to have sailed yesterday for Adelaide. In the morning however the steamer was held for a debt contracted on Puget Sound, while she was in the South American trade. The amount was said to be \$2,500, and until that is paid or bonds put up, she will be forced to remain in port. Her cargo consists of 1,250,642 feet, and is valued at \$9,434,290.

Mr. Brown, who has recently returned from Bridge River, where he had been examining the Ida May on other claims of the Amaraopora company, says that the vein of the Ida may has been stripped for forty feet and a number of extremely rich specimens have been taken from the stripping. The vein is four feet wide. Mr. Brown says that many veins have been exposed, all showing free gold. Men have been busy getting a lot of rare fine visible gold samples from the Ren D'Or claims, which Mr. McKinnon will take to England.

Mr. D. Graham, M.P.P. for East Yale, expects that there will be 300 voters at Fairview next election.

J. A. Turzo, M. P., of Leeds, England, is a guest at the Hotel Vancouver. He is shortly for Rossland. Mr. Turzo's father practiced medicine in Victoria in early days.



The young married couple who are crowned with good health are really a king and queen. They are possessed of an arm that enables them to withstand all the hardships and misfortunes of life. Accidents aside, who have neglected, happy lives of ease and happiness, and they will be blessed with amiable, healthy children. They will sit together in the twilight of old age and look back without regret over a mutually happy, helpful, useful, successful companionship.

There are thousands of young couples every day who start wedded life with but one drawback—one or the other, or both, suffer from ill-health. There can be no true wedded happiness that is overshadowed by the black cloud of physical suffering. The man who contemplates matrimony, and realizes that through overwork, or worry or neglect, he is suffering from ill-health, should take the proper steps to remedy it before he assumes the responsibilities of a husband. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best of all medicines for men to solve the sun and through which the earth travels in the months of August and November, which, rushing through space at an immense speed, are raised by the friction with our atmosphere to a heat so intense that, with the air, they are resolved into gas. The average weight of these little bodies is estimated at about two ounces, but occasionally much larger bodies come within our range, which constitute an incandescent state for several seconds before being consumed, and presenting a most brilliant appearance. They are popularly termed meteors, and occupied the large bodies, of metallic origin, which have been wandering through space for ages, come within the range, with descending heat, into the earth. These are the meteorites, or "shooting stars," which may be seen in many of our museums.

SHOOTING STARS.

A celestial phenomenon which has given rise to much popular error, is that of the "shooting stars." It was long imagined by the uneducated that shooting stars were really fixed stars falling from their position in the heavens, and brilliant display such as that of November, 1890 (which will be repeated in 1899), gives rise to considerable perturbation among the ignorant. These brilliant visitants, however, are but minute fragments of cosmic matter, a bit of which appears to revolve round the sun, and through which the earth travels in the months of August and November, which, rushing through space at an immense speed, are raised by the friction with our atmosphere to a heat so intense that, with the air, they are resolved into gas. The average weight of these little bodies is estimated at about two ounces, but occasionally much larger bodies come within our range, which constitute an incandescent state for several seconds before being consumed, and presenting a most brilliant appearance. They are popularly termed meteors, and occupied the large bodies, of metallic origin, which have been wandering through space for ages, come within the range, with descending heat, into the earth. These are the meteorites, or "shooting stars," which may be seen in many of our museums.

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Asking Government to Devote Subsidy Voted to That Road.

A communication, of which the following is a summary, was received last night by the city council of New Westminster, also by the Vancouver city council and presumably by the councils of Victoria and Nanaimo: "From the secretary of the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company, asking the council to appoint a delegate to act with delegates from the other cities in urging the government to grant the subsidy of \$4,000 per mile which had been voted for the construction of that line; also stating that the company was now ready to go ahead, and that the expenses of delegates would be paid."

According to the News-Advertiser, Mr. Hugh McLean, secretary of the V. V. & E. R. & N. Co., backed up the request before the Vancouver council as follows: "He stated that the old syndicate had sold a controlling interest to commence work as soon as the usual subsidies were granted. The provincial legislature had passed an act granting a subsidy of \$4,000 a mile for a railway from Boundary Creek to Vancouver, and he wanted that provincial government to pass an order-in-council granting them the bonus. He desired that the delegates from the city council go down to Victoria to urge the government to pass this order. The company had also requested delegates from the boards of trade and neighboring municipalities to go down, and would pay the expenses of the delegation. They now had plenty of money to build the road, and would put up a guarantee with the government if necessary."

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

FOOTBALL.

A Return Match. Victoria College and the Y.M.C.A. football teams will play again at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon. The team to represent the Y.M.C.A. will be as follows: Goal, Kinsman; backs, W. York and A. Peain; half-backs, J. A. Challoner, J. W. Lorimer and W. McCamp; forwards, H. Shanley, W. N. Winsty and L. York. Reserve, J. Lorimer. Practice Match.

The Victoria Rugby Club will play a practice match on Saturday afternoon with a team captained by J. P. Foulke. To make a close and even game it has been decided to play the Victoria forwards with Mr. Foulke's backs and vice-versa. The following are the teams: Victoria—Full back, Haines; three-quarters, Wilson, Hamble, Schofield, Cullen; half-backs, Gosard and Bell; forwards, Crease, Langley, Lovell, Macrae, Bullock, Spain, Atkins and Naffel.

Mr. Foulke's team—Holmes, Foulkes, Trimen, Robertson, Pemberton, Patton, Hensworth, Schwengers, Fletcher, Williams, Wrigglesworth, Austin, Briggs, Wells, Johnston, Browne, Fowkes and Bridgman.

THE WHEEL.

The Suspensions Raised. At a meeting of the delegates from Victoria and Vancouver by cycle clubs, with President G. H. Orr, of the C.W. A., held yesterday at the Hotel Vancouver, the differences existing between the wheelmen of British Columbia and the O.W.A. were discussed, and after the case for the provincial wheelmen had been submitted, President Orr cancelled the suspensions of Victoria riders and track made by Chief Consul Fullerton. Several other matters which were under discussion, including a claim for damages and the refund of \$12 paid under protest as fees and expenses in connection with the coming of Mr. J. M. Bowell to Victoria on the Queen's birthday to act as starter, were left for a meeting of the executive of the C.W. A. to decide. Neither Mr. Fullerton or J. M. Bowell were present at the meeting.

HOCKEY.

Coming Matches. A month later on Saturday, November 27, the first hockey match of the season will be played at the Ouch Bay track. Vancouver will then do battle with the local players. Victoria will send a team to the Mainland on the 4th or 11th of December. All members of the local club are therefore requested to make it a point to get in the much practice as possible so that they may be able to uphold their colors. The ladies are also requested to practice as a team will play in the city about the end of next month or the beginning of December.

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SIR OLIVER M.

Will Be Sworn in Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario on the 15th Next Month.

Conservatives Said To Be Opposed to the Soulanges Canal—Kick Registered.

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Sir Oliver Mowat will be sworn in as lieutenant-governor of Ontario, and Hon. David Fisher as minister of justice on the fifteenth month.

A delegation is here to-day to drill hall and rifle range for a delegation of about 200 men, also in regard of grievances connected with the gas canal. Over 1,000 feet of the Soulanges canal gave loss is considerable. The delegation waited on the government, and stated that a conscription strike still existed along the Soulanges canal. They are strongly against Schreiber, a name but Conservatives were Sir Wilfrid Laurier said were so he would see that it at once set right.

The militia dothing, conserved this afternoon. L. & Co., of Montreal, have been successful tenderers. They secured the contract for the purchase of 200,000 yards of cloth, also of Montreal, will get a worth. Z. Pagnet, of Quebec, contract for caps and gaiters. Hon. W. S. Fielding, Dominion minister, will visit Paris soon with the proposed French line of steamships.

Welland gas interests do in the desire for the prohibition of natural gas from Buffalo, and today a deputy Premier Laurier to oppose a Monday's gathering here.

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CANADIAN NEWS.

St. Thomas Lady Attacked. Fire-Bug McIntyre Caught.

Hamilton, Oct. 28.—W. W. this city, is said to be the purchase of the Ottawa St. Thomas, Oct. 28. A fire-bug, McIntyre, was caught by a woman's clothes and a being somewhat roughly lady succeeded in making her escape. The city council has decided to have the ratepayers' 30th anniversary of the street railway, to the amount and to pay the first year's consideration of the railway authority. Windsor, N. S., Oct. 28.—alleged firebug, was committed yesterday. He made a splendid Fletcher, who had to fire W. W. Mowat's words out of the temperance hall. Hamilton, Oct. 28.—Sabbath School Convention is now in progress here with hundred delegates in attendance. The president was a Hon. John Dryden.

DR. A. M. ROSS.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 28.—Under Milton Ross, of Canadian scientist and philosopher in this city yesterday. He is taken to Toronto.

CABLE FLASH.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—It is believed that the German government will decide the fate of the militia and the question of Prince Eitel's resignation were discussed. Lyons, France, Oct. 28.—mission at Rue, Cochin Oct. 28.—that a disastrous typhoon that part of the country of

THE WESTWARD MARCH.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

FOOTBALL.

A Return Match. Victoria College and the Y.M.C.A. football teams will play again at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon. The team represent the Y.M.C.A. will be as follows: Goal, Kinsman; backs, W. K. and A. Pedan; half-backs, J. A. Conner, J. W. Loomer and W. A. ...

The Victoria Rugby Club will play a test match on Saturday afternoon against a team captained by J. P. Ulkes. To make a close and even one it has been decided to play the test forwards with Mr. Faulkes' six and vice-versa. The following are the teams: Victoria—Full back, Haines; three-quarters, Wilson, Gamble, Schofield, Hen; half-backs, Howard and Bell; forwards, Creese, Langford, Loveland, Scarre, Bullock, Spain, Atkins and Itel.

THE WHEEL. The Suspensions Raised. At a meeting of the delegates from Victoria and Vancouver bicycle clubs, held yesterday at the Hotel Vancouver, the differences existing between the wheelmen of British Columbia and O.V.A. were discussed, and after a case for the provincial wheelmen had been submitted President Orr cancelled the suspensions of Victoria riders and asked that Chief Constable Fullerton, general other matters which were under discussion, including a claim for damages and the refund of \$12, paid in protest as fees and expenses in connection with the coming of Mr. J. M. ...

ROCKEY. Coming Matches. A month hence on Saturday, November 27, the first hockey match of the season will be played at the Oak Bay track. Vancouver will then do battle with the local players. Victoria will send a team to the mainland on the 4th or 11th of the month, and members of the local club are therefore being made to make it point to get in as much practice as possible so that they may be able to hold their colors. The ladies are also requested to practice as a team will go to Vancouver to play against the ladies that city about the end of next month, the beginning of December.

THE RING. Case of the Victim. At the Seattle Theatre last evening, a case was heard which attracted much attention, and which was fought and decided in the afternoon. Bottom, formerly professor of boxing at the Seattle Athletic Club. Both men trained fitfully for the event, and they were in good fight when time was called. The fight was wonderfully since it was here, and had very much the appearance of the fight from the start. He was Green going in the sixth round and as about to put him out when the referee came from the police to ease up.

OFFESS. The final scene in the Berlin tournament, in which some of the great chess players of the world competed, are appended. It is noticeable that some of the best players in tournaments do not appear. Messrs. Lasker, Pillsbury, Reinick and Tschigorin notably were absent, and as these gentlemen undoubtedly stand in the first rank of their profession, the tournament just concluded can scarcely be considered equal in importance to some others, although great players like Blackburne and Blackburne have won many laurels before the same battlefield. Appended are the prize winners in order of merit: 1. R. Barouck, 144; £100; 2. C. A. ...

CRICKET. Londoners Excited. London, Oct. 28.—There is considerable excitement among cricketers here over the first match being played between Captain Hobart's eleven and an eleven representing South Australia at Adelaide. In fact it might be said that the news from the Australian cricket field is more eagerly awaited than the reports from some great battle. The afternoon papers are issuing extras, which are being sold in great numbers. The Australians went to bat and by the close of play had made 301 runs for five wickets.

BOUGHT HIS OWN SAFETY FIRST. Retreated From the Water Because He Saw a Shark Coming. Two Irish soldiers stationed in the West Indies were accustomed to bathe daily in a little bay which was generally supposed to be free from sharks. Though on one day with each other they were not that might be termed fast friends. One day, as they were swimming about 100 yards from the shore, Pat observed a dark spot on the water as hard as he could without uttering a word. Wondering what was the matter, Pat struck out vigorously and then landed at a hard as he could without uttering a word. Wondering what was the matter, Pat struck out vigorously and then landed at a hard as he could without uttering a word.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT

Will Be Sworn in Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario on the 15th of Next Month.

Conservatives Said To Be Favored on the Soulanges Canal—A Big Kick Registered.

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Sir Oliver Mowat will be sworn in as lieutenant-governor of Ontario, and Hon. David Mills, minister of justice on the fifteenth of next month.

A delegation is here to-day wanting a drill hall and rifle range one hundred acres in size here in regard to a variety of grievances connected with the Soulanges canal. Over 1,000 feet of a section of the canal gave way. The loss is considerable. The delegation that was organized to-day consisted of Messrs. ...

THE MILITIA. The militia clothing contract was awarded this afternoon. L. H. ...

WELLAND GAS. Welland gas interests do not concur in the desire for the prohibition of exportation of natural gas from Canada. They pump natural gas from Canada to Buffalo, and to-day a deputation saw Premier Laurier to oppose the views of Monday's gathering here.

THE CANADIAN BOARD. The Canadian customs board meets in Ottawa Wednesday of next week to give rulings in a number of important technical points on customs laws.

THE C.P.R. The C.P.R. has filed plans with the railway department for a new entrance to Ottawa by the west bank of the canal. They will not be dealt with until the minister returns to the capital.

CANADIAN NEWS. St. Thomas Laid Attacked by a Fool. Fire-Bug McIntyre Committed.

Hamilton, Oct. 28.—W. Southam, of this city, is said to be negotiating for the purchase of the Ontario Citizen.

St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Geo. Armitage was attacked by a man wearing women's clothes and a veil. After being somewhat roughly handled, the man fled to the rear of the scene.

The city council has decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers on November 30th guaranteeing the bonds of the street railway to the amount of \$1,000,000.

Windsor, N. S., Oct. 28.—McIntyre, the alleged firebug, committed suicide yesterday. He made a statement implicating Fletcher, who had made threats to fire F. W. Dunock's wharf, and to burn out the temperature there.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 28.—The annual Sabbath School Convention for Ontario is now in progress here with about seven hundred delegates in attendance. The feature of yesterday was an address by Hon. John Dwyer.

Chelmsford, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Villeneuve has been committed for trial on the charge of murdering her husband. The two Chartrons were dismissed. The prisoner will be taken to the Gaol and tried at the December assizes.

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ATHENS IS EXCITED

Tremendous Sensation Has Been Caused by a Naval Scandal Just Unearthed.

The Torpedo Fleet in a Shameful State of Neglect—Prince George Denounced.

Athens, Oct. 28.—A profound sensation has been caused here by a naval scandal of formidable dimensions. It has just been ascertained that the cartridges fitted to the torpedoes during the war between Greece and Turkey were unprovided with percussion caps and fuzing mechanism, hence if the torpedoes had been used they would have been ineffective.

The committee of investigation which was appointed to enquire into the matter has already decided that two officers named Rastopoulo and Anastasi must be tried by court martial on a charge of culpable neglect. And dynastic newspapers are making a violent attack upon Prince George of Greece, who is said to have been the author of the scandal. The Prince, who was a great favorite with the masses previous to the war, is deeply affected by the scandal, and has just received notice of his appointment as consul general in Venezuela, with residence in Caracas, by the king.

THE NOVEMBER METEORS. The time is drawing near for the return of the great swarm of meteors that caused the celebrated "star showers" of 1833, 1860, and 1866. The return of these meteors is expected to make its appearance about the middle of the month. According to the opinion of Mr. Denning, the English authority on meteors, the "falling stars" should be looked for in this country just after midnight on November 14th, and a watch should be kept for them on the mornings of the 15th and 16th.

AN ONTARIO MINE. The announcement of the first mill run at the Sawbill, a north-western Ontario mine, has created quite a sensation. The immediate effect of the successful clean-up has been to raise the price of Sawbill stock. Towards the close of the day the price advanced around the two-dollar limit, but on the 10th the stock made a phenomenal jump. Late in the afternoon \$2.75 to \$3 was being bid, and from \$3.10 to \$3.50 was being asked.

AMERICAN DISPATCHES. True Bill Against Sheriff Martin—Great Furore in Mexico. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 28.—The grand jury to-day returned a true bill against Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the murder of the late Governor of Pennsylvania. The grand jury also returned a true bill against Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the murder of the late Governor of Pennsylvania.

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A REPRIEVE.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Engineer's Recommendations for Work at Beaver Lake Endorsed by the Council.

Minor Matters That Received the Attention of the Aldermen Yesterday Evening.

The council got through with a lot of business in a short space of time yesterday evening. The mayor was in the chair, with Ald. Hall, Vigliani, Stewart, McCandless, Partridge and Wilson in their places. Ald. Klansman and Harrison are under the weather.

Mr. Jas. Hutchison wrote that a year ago he had a thorough system of plumbing put into his residence, Church Hill, under the supervision of the then plumbing inspector. Now he had received notice to disconnect his premises from a box drain and was advised to go back to earth closets.

Ald. Wilson explained that some years ago Mr. Hutchison laid a tile drain in the street, which connected with a box drain. His action in laying this drain and providing drainage for the whole neighborhood. The proposition to extend this tile drain to connect with the sewer should be entertained by the city. Mr. Hutchison had complied with the sanitary officer's request and sealed up the drain.

Referred to the sewerage committee. Mr. G. A. Gardner objected to paying taxes on a house on Parkington street, which was torn down two years ago, but for which he was still assessed. Referred to the city assessor.

Messrs. Yates & Jay, for Mr. Charles Hayward, complained of a nuisance caused by the sewage running on the foreshore in front of his residence on Eric street.

Ald. Partridge said the sanitary officer had done all he could to abate the nuisance. The letter was referred to the street committee and sanitary officer.

Mr. C. M. Cookson complained of his store emptying into the basement of his store from a box drain. Referred to the street committee.

Capt. J. D. Warren asked that Telegraph street be repaired. Referred to a street committee.

Mr. J. W. Keller asked if it was the intention of the corporation to call the tenders for pipes for the Pandora street sewer. Mr. Keller will be advised that it is not the intention to call for tenders.

Plumbing Inspector Watson submitted a list of properties that have been accepted with the sewer this year. Received.

The following report from the city engineer was endorsed by the water works committee:

(a studied neglect many call it) in the past—Kootenay Mall.

LIBERALISM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Liberals of British Columbia have been holding a convention, and for the first time in the history of the province a provincial Liberal organization has been formed, with Mr. Wm. Templeman as president.

There is not the same unanimity with regard to the local field. It was pointed out that the support or opposition to the Turner government was not regulated by party affiliations. Even the local Opposition includes Conservatives in its ranks, and on the other hand, Premier Turner has supporters in the Liberal ranks.

DOMES, BUBBLES AND EGG-SHELLS.

Seen from a distance on a fine day the dome of St. Paul's looks as light as a soap bubble; and if it could talk, it would tell you it feels as light, for the mighty strength of the great church carries it as a man carries a baby on his shoulder.

A woman stood in the doorway awaiting the return of her husband. He had had a heavy day, and his face was ashen. She saw him coming. Matters had been satisfactorily adjusted; she knew it by his face.

This is in the line of universal experience. Weight—so far as it concerns the human body at least—is not determined by the scales, but by sensation.

We beg to introduce Mr. John Stafford, who says, "I felt as if a heavy load had been lifted off me."

"For over twenty years," he adds, "I had suffered from obstinate indigestion and constipation. For more than a week at a time I would never have my bowels moved."

The reader is an intelligent person, doubtless. Consider Mr. Stafford's statement, then, for a moment, let us put the fact in plain English. His intestines were full of festering rotting matter, which were like a stagnant pool, breeding disease and death. The poisons engendered by so vile an accumulation are absorbed by the tissues, pass into the blood, and infect every organ and part of the system.

Some time (1887) I was so run down and feeble I feared I should have to give up altogether. I was under a doctor for several weeks, but his medicines did me no good; I kept getting worse and worse. At last, in July of the same year, my mates at the Murray Iron Works, where I was employed, told me about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and urged me to give it a trial. I got a bottle, and after I had taken it a few days, I felt a great improvement. My bowels acted naturally, as they had not previously done for twenty years, my food agreed with me, and I felt as if a heavy load had been lifted off me.

Indigestion is primarily a disease of the stomach and constipation is one of its results. On account of the torpidity of the liver (an accompaniment of indigestion), little or no bile is poured into the bowels, and the fluids of the intestines being dried up by the torpid action there, the partly digested stuff from the stomach becomes hard and solid in the lower bowels, and clogs it. Then it putrefies, producing all the evils from which our friends suffered. Seigel's Syrup cured him by setting things right at the source of the trouble. We congratulate Mr. Stafford on his escape; it was narrow enough for the strongest and boldest.

The scales will tell him he weighs more than he has in twenty years; his feelings tell him that he could stand on an egg and not break it.

HUDSON'S STRAITS

The Voyage of the Diana Does Not Give Much Promise of a Possible Route.

Ice Fields in July—Explorations Along the Shores and in Baffin's Land.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 6.—The steamship Diana, which had been chartered from Messrs. Job & Co. of this city, for the Canadian government expedition to Hudson Strait and Bay, returned to St. John's on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The objects of the expedition were (1) To extend the knowledge already acquired in regard to the navigation of the Strait, which is nearly 500 miles in length. (2) To determine whether the Bay contained any fishes having a commercial value. (3) To make topographical and hydrographic surveys in Baffin Land and Northern Labrador, in connection with the Geological Survey of Canada.

The outward route of the "expedition" was by way of the Straits of Belle Isle. On the 7th of June the Diana was off Battle Harbor, on the Labrador coast, with an open sea all round. Some fishermen in a small boat accompanied the ship and received a file of papers, which would give them the first news they had received from the outside world since February.

The return journey to Ashe Inlet nearly doubled the distance traversed. They appear to have had a very anxious and dangerous time of it in contending with the strong tidal currents and the ice which was lying against the coast. Dr. Bell, accompanied by some of his own men and Eskimo guide, made a journey of about sixty miles over the interior of Baffin Land, and visited the great lakes of that region which had never before been seen by white men.

The southern coast of Baffin Land was found to be fringed with innumerable mountains and islands and deep fjords. They appear to be very rocky, and Dr. Bell says it possesses considerable geological interest, but he declines to say anything more on that subject before making his official report. He is little is known of the geography of this region, that on most recent charts the greater part of the north shore of Hudson Bay is not even indicated by dotted lines, so that Dr. Bell's survey will be of great value to geographers as well as to geologists. A considerable number of photographs were secured to illustrate the rocks and scenery, as well as the native inhabitants of this hitherto almost unknown region. The Doctor describes the Eskimo as still living almost in their primitive condition. He says they are not numerous. Reindeer were abundant in the interior, but only a few were seen on the coast. Seals and walrus were plentiful enough for the support of the natives. The public will look with interest to Dr. Bell's report on the various branches of his work.

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ROSSLAND'S MINES.

The past week has been notable for the addition of two shipping mines from this camp. The Foreman sent two bar loads of high grade ore to the smelter, and the assurance is made that regular shipments can be expected from this property hereafter.

Trains over the South Jersey railroad cannot get across the meadow. South Cape May is also badly flooded, many cottages, porches and fences being washed away. Train services to all beach resorts is suspended and telephone service between here and the life saving station is interrupted.

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WRECKED BY WIND AND HIGH TIDE. The Atlantic Coast Resorts Are Watery Wastes—A Hurricane's Wild Rage.

Drives Tide High on the Beach—Raged With Restless Fury All Along Atlantic Coast.

Cape May, N. J., Oct. 25.—The north-gate which has prevailed along the coast for five days developed last night into the worst storm which has struck Cape May in nineteen years. The tide covers over a third of the territory of the town and surrounds the mammoth Stockton hotel and all the section northeast of it.

ROSSLAND'S MINES. The Little Joe and the Foreman Commence Shipments.

Rockaway Under Water. New York, Oct. 25.—The Long Island coast for a distance of six miles between Far Rockaway and Rockaway beach was more or less damaged by a high tide. The Edmore hotel was damaged to the extent of \$25,000.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 25.—The sea here last night and to-day has been the heaviest in years and great damage was done. Trains on the Pennsylvania and Reading roads have been abandoned.

Men Killed by Live Wire. Norfolk, Va., Oct. 25.—The heavy northerly developed last night a full-fledged hurricane. The high tides interrupted street travel and injured goods stored on low wharves. Two men met death from live wires during the storm. There have been no wrecks, but the tug Luckenbach, while towing the schooner Matilda from Kay West to New York,

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Washed her tow near Crocker. The crew of the schooner were rescued. Moving Away in Boats. Milvale, N. J., Oct. 25.—The big tides in the Maurice river have flooded all the oyster houses at Maurice station and Bivalve and several houses have been blown over in the meadows. The oyster boats are dragging on the meadows and great damage is being done to the oysters. The government trestle was blown down.

Highlands, N. J., Oct. 25.—Owing to the heavy wind and sea to-night the fishing village of Seaside, formerly Parkertown, is under water. The villages are rowing through the streets in boats. The government trestle was blown down. The trestle connects the main land with Sandy Hook. About two hundred feet, was lifted off the piling and washed to one side. The sea rolls through the inlet across the river and breaks over the land on the west shore continually. The sand bar is closing the west channel, and if the storm continues the Shrewsbury river will be closed to navigation.

Washington, D.C., Oct. 25.—Superintendent Kimball, of the life saving service, was informed to-night that the crew of the life saving station at Cobbs Island had been compelled to abandon the station. The vessel was damaged, the island, and the surf, breaking over the station, washed away the cook house, oil house and boat house.

Summer Hotels Wrecked. Ocean City, Md., Oct. 25.—The storm of the past two days was the worst ever experienced in this country. The wind attained the proportions of a hurricane and the surf ran four feet deep across the beach into Sinepuxet bay. The large porches of Congress hall and the Eastern Hotel, Cropper's pavilion, Atlantic hotel and Mayor's cottage are completely wrecked. The immense fish pond of the fish company was nearly wrecked. A large two-masted schooner was sunk in the bay after being driven against the drawbridge. The damage will reach thousands of dollars.

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FABULOUS RICHES

Jaquin Miller Tells of His Discoveries—Fortune Hunter on Ward to Gold Fields.

Words of Warning Against Reaching Klondike Without Necessary Equipment.

Dawson (Northwest Territory), Sept. 4.—The last Sulphur creek, the outside the six remote mining creeks, days were spent in looking for this singular place beyond any other of the things met with in this creek. I saw a tusk thirty feet four inches in length, from thirty to forty feet frozen mass of muck or peat, moss, bones and fall are in danger of falling or into some of the narrow, winding creeks and were swept into the narrow, winding stream. It is so deep and it is dark and cold down pretty pebbly bed of the creek. The water is of color.

And now note the strange things. The gold heaps of it, lies in and of bed in this zig-zag little stream, is coarse heavy gold—fact of finding coarse, and on the gravel of a California spot right there his head. Such a thing was in any part that I think this will prove to be placer mine ever discovered.

I found that Hunter & 13, 14 and 15 above, had set down in one of the torrents of the creek and were situated in the gravel. No bedrock. Their pay is not so prodigious as to any rich open canyon or El Dorado—only three ounces, or \$50, to the surface of heavy gold in a claim in either creek in would not have earned you those fabulously rich strata this Sulphur creek is a mine.

Mr. Hunter, the head, only man I found at the only company at work in this old Montana mine, is an old prospector, and as such puzzled me. I saw a heavy gold in this stream. When it is frozen he will and drive the drift under either hand, hunting for the which this gravel deposit is. It is possible that Hunter & his partners have gold enough to pay the national debt.

The only other party I anything at all was that "robbing" by a great fire. The surface of the gravel is so rich that you should have opened a claim in either creek in would not have earned you those fabulously rich strata this Sulphur creek is a mine.

I forgot to mention that he discovered on the 6th French Canadian known as Abiet. Sulphur lies near Dominion and Quartz, and to be discovered. All these into Indian river exactly. The result from Bonanza at the mouth of Quartz is a big flat boat or scow. It is the Yukon and been pole-drawn river, so you see you have to be packed in here. \$1 and \$2 a pound, but either by boat or dog sled the Yukon and up the mouth of Quartz, Sulphur. As soon as you get to Sulphur is held she is stark head, half a mile above that I know of no other creek in that is so entirely taken up of this gulch on either side. L. T. Grosvenor, of San Francisco and milling expert, was discover gold in the side of his partners recorded Nos. Meadow creek, and then an Australian prospector, up the remainder as high as there is nothing in Sulphur of anything in Dominion, or Bear creek to be staked, is some ground in Quartz. Mr. Hunter tells me, is so reliable, but I hear not of toning the riches and relief of the other outside and relief. If I came back to Dawson I met one party gold creek, and I met three parties to the headwaters of Too. There is a feeling in the air that is going on in the dirt bottom of the mine.

Meeting a friend from Ottawa way there. I contracted the first news of any strike of gold, but it has been since an hour after we were held crest of Quartz mountain and his party must have reached for shelter.

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lost her row near Orochek. The crew of the schooner were rescued.

Moving Away in Boats. The big tides in the Maurice river have flooded all the oyster houses at Maurice station and Bivalve and several houses have been blown over in the meadows. The oyster boats are dragging on the meadows and much damage is being done to vessels. Telegraph wires are all down, and people are moving their furniture out in boats. The Ocean City, Sea Isle and Maurice River branches of the West Jersey railroad are all submerged.

Havoc At Sandy Hook. Highlands, N. J., Oct. 25.—Owing to the heavy wind and sea to-night the fishing village of Seaside, formerly Parker town, is under water. The villagers are rowing through the streets in boats. The government trestle was badly damaged. The trestle connects the main-dredged feet, was lifted off the piling and washed to one side. The sea rolls through the inlet across the river and breaks over the land on the west shore continually. The sand bar is closing the west channel, and if the storm continues the Shrewsbury river will be closed to navigation.

Life Saving Station Wrecked. Washington, D.C., Oct. 25.—Superintendent Kimball, of the life saving service, was informed to-night that the crew of the life saving station at Cobb's island had been compelled to abandon the station. The gales have submerged the island, and the surf, breaking over the station, washed away the cook house, oil house and boat house.

Summer Hotels Wrecked. Ocean City, Md., Oct. 25.—The storm of the past two days was the worst ever experienced in this county. The wind attained the proportions of a hurricane and the surf ran four feet deep across the beach into Sinepuxet bay. Trippers, the Eastern hotel, Cropper's pavilion, Atlantic hotel and Mayor's cottage are completely wrecked. The immense fish pond of the fish company was carried out to sea. The Cambridge wrecked schooner was sunk in the bay after being driven against the drawbridge. The damage will reach thousands of dollars.

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They make one feel as though life was worth living. Pills of Ayer's Little Liver Pills after eating; it will relieve dyspepsia, aid digestion, give tone and vigor to the system.

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FABULOUS RICHES.

Joaquin Miller Tells of His Expedition—Fortune-Hunters Forge Onward to Gold Fields.

Words of Warning Against Attempts to Reach Klondike Without Necessary Equipment.

(Joaquin Miller is S. F. Examiner.)

Dawson (Northwest Territory, Canada), Sept. 4.—The last letter was from Sulphur creek, the outside and last of the six remote mining creeks, where two days were spent in looking into the position of this singular place—singular beyond any other of the many singular things met with in this new northwest. To begin with, at a tent door on Sulphur creek I saw a tusk that measured eight feet four inches; at another place I saw an ox horn, or rather the pith of an ox horn, part of the shell adhering to the end of the horn. The size of the long-est sort of horn I ever saw belonging to that family. The whole place is a bed of bones.

Sulphur creek is about half a mile wide and 20 miles long. A little stream winds and winds down through this half-mile of bushy valley. The stream is from thirty to forty feet deep in a frozen mass of muck or peat made of grass, moss, bones and fallen trees. You are in danger of falling over the bluff or into some of the fissures formed by the drifting and breaking away of the peat into the narrow, winding little stream. It is so deep and narrow that it is dark and cold down there on the creek. Such a thing was never heard of in any part of the world before. I think this will prove to be the richest placer mine ever discovered.

I found that Hunter and Co., Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15 there, had set their boxes down in one of the torrents in this creek-creek and were simply shoveling in the gravel. No bedrock is in sight. Their pay is not so prodigious as Bonanza or El Dorado—only an average of three ounces, or \$50, to the man. Yet, if you should have opened or conducted a claim in either creek in that way you would not have earned more than a few thousand dollars rich streams. I repeat, this Sulphur creek is a mystery, a miracle.

Mr. Hunter, the head, or rather, the only man I found at the head of this creek, is an old Montana miner. He is quite as much puzzled as I am at the finding of heavy gold in this surface ground. When it rains he will open a tunnel and "drive" the water under the peat on which he is hunting for the streak from which this gravel deposit is probably fed. It is possible that Hunter and his three partners have gold enough in their 3,000 feet to pay the nation's debt.

The only other party I found doing anything at all was that of two men "rooking" by a great fire in this same surface gravel on the Hugh Beckett claim, No. 5 above. They showed me a bagging by boat or dog sled up or down the Yukon and up the Indian to the mouth of Quartz, Sulphur or Dominion. As some sign of the estimate in which Sulphur is held she is staked to the very best of the last winter's work. I know of no other creek in these mines that is so entirely taken up. Every bit of little gulch on either side is taken. L. T. Crossley, of San Francisco, a mining and mining expert, was the first to discover gold in the gulch. He and his partners recorded Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Meadow creek, and then Slaven, the Australian prize-fighter, and party took up the remainder as high as No. 19. There is nothing in Sulphur and little of anything in Dominion, Gold Bottom or Bear creek to be staked now. There is some ground in Quartz. This creek, Mr. Hunter tells me, is spotted and unreliable, but I hear not one man questioning the riches and reliability of any of the other outside and remote streams. As I came back to Dawson from Sulphur I met one party going to Quartz creek, and I met three parties going to the headwaters of Too Much Gold. There is a feeling in the air that something is going on in the direction of Too Much Gold. Every now and then as I stood on the stony crest of mighty Quartz mountains could see far away against the sky pinnacles creeping along the crest of ridges and over the apex of peaks, away up the Klondike, and in the direction of Too Much Gold.

Meeting a friend from Oakland on my way there, I contracted with him for the first news of any strike on Too Much Gold, but it has been stormy ever since an hour after we separated on the head crest of Quartz mountains and he and his party must have retired to some cabin for shelter.

On Bear creek, rich beyond question, there are less than 100 men, although there are more than 100 claims. Each claim usually requires ten or twenty men. Hunker creek, the turn of Bonanza, has ground and room for 3,000 men, but all the claims together have not 100. Gold Bottom is next to empty, yet very rich. Crossing a friend from Quartz mountains into the Indian river division of the Klondike mines, we find twenty miles

of staked mining ground in Dominion, and yet no more than six men in sight. The twenty miles can easily supply 5,000 men for ten years. I have seen a thousand miles to the mile in other mines more than once. Alder creek, Mont., had more than that for years.

Passing on to Quartz creek, there is room for 2,000 men, yet not one man did I find there. Sulphur creek has about four men at this writing. It can and will have at this time next year easily 4,000. More than all this, Capt. Healy, the head of the North American Navigation Company here, an old Idaho friend of mine, tells me that Circle City, 300 miles below, on the Yukon, is comparatively empty now. He says it is a great mining country. He bought a claim there yesterday for \$2,500 that he had sold for \$25,000 only a few days before the Klondike was found. He says there is room in the mines already operated of there for 5,000 men for years and years at not a cent less than \$10 a day and from that up to \$50.

Captain Healy assured me that the road up and down the Yukon will be kept wide open all the coming winter, and that any one who comes can come and go to and from the outside on dog sleds the season through. One thing he is certain of, whether winter or summer, it is no picnic to reach here over any one of the few hard trails. Captain Healy insists that although Chilcoot Pass is a terror, it is an old Indian pass, and to the end will be in some respects.

A man who has not the precaution to start in with a good outfit, at least enough to last him about a year, and the pluck and strength to bring it through with him, is not wanted here. And now let me caution you against the idea that gold can be picked up here as in California or Montana in the early days. All the gold here is in a cover of moss and frozen peat from five to forty feet deep. A drunken sailor or a sickly immigrant of old could go out and "make a strike." Nothing of that sort ever happens here. You have to make your way down through that frozen muck first, and that takes at least two men and often many more.

Another mistaken notion must be dispelled. Some seem to think that almost any man can open a mining claim here. The truth is, a man who can't conduct a hotel, store or business of any sort has little business to be engaged in mining here. In the dam, a careless man on the bedrock, a defective drain, in fact, a dozen things might easily sap the season's profits, from a careless or shiftless miner in the Klondike, for the seasons are so short and the obstacles so many it takes more good sense to run a mining claim to its best advantage than it does to conduct the Palace Hotel of San Francisco or the Board of Trade of Oakland.

As to the winter here, already in sight, there is no camping out. Next spring we will astonish the world. Gold will be shipped down the Yukon, not only by tons, but by hundreds of tons. It is already being brought into town on pack trains; too much of it and too heavy for men to pack it. Two men overtook me when I came limping back from my long, hard trip to the interior camps, and I insisted on putting my pack on one of the three horses they were leading. The three horses were laden with gold.

The gold is here, and let me finally repeat the room is here, but there is room for men only, men with heads, and hearts, and spine and marrow, and they must come equipped. Here is room for only thousands, but hundreds of thousands on mining grounds already discovered. I am quite responsible for this assertion, although I have heard it since from many other sources. Some of them thought that suffering might come of it; others, selfish in the wish to get plenty of ground and gold in their own hands before the winter here, I have heard of men entering into every camp here, looked in to every big claim, talked to every miner. I have set down the facts as I have found them. I leave you to form your own conclusions, to decide and to do as you please.

"WITH INDELIBLE DISGRACE."

Gladstone on the Eastern Policy of European Governments. London, Oct. 25.—Mr. Gladstone, in the course of a letter to a Viennese newspaper, which has just been published here, laments the mania which has led Italy to strain her resources to go beyond the European province marked out for her during her national infamy, and which may perhaps endanger her dearly bought institutions. Referring to the condition of affairs in the East, Mr. Gladstone says: "My views on the conduct of the European government in the Eastern question are very strong. They seem to be covered with indelible disgrace. The German Emperor is the first and worst among them."

A WOMAN'S TRIUMPH.

She Managed Her Work So Well That It Equalled the Efforts of Professionals.

While it is well known that any woman of intelligence can do as good work with the Diamond Dyes and as less than half the cost charged by professional dyers in the city steam dye houses, yet there may be some people who doubt the statement. The following extracts from a letter written by Mrs. J. Gardner, of Owen Sound, Ont., prove that Diamond Dyes are unequalled: "There was a man in our town going from house to house taking orders for a Toronto dye house for the dyeing of all kinds of garments and clothes. I had just taken off the line some goods that I had dyed with Diamond Dyes, and showed him that I could do as good work as any dye house. He honestly admitted that I was right, and must have done my work with Diamond Dyes. "Having a large family I use Diamond Dyes to economize. I have always the best of success with your dyes, and must say that I am more than delighted with your colors for dyeing cotton."

ONE HONEST MAN.

Dear Editor.—Please inform your subscribers that I write to you occasionally, I was disappointed in particular of a genuine, honest and reliable man, after years of good work and weak claims, I was finally induced to buy your Diamond Dyes. I was right in making, but I have a new well, vigorous and reliable man, I have nothing to sell but the best of man. I am a devotee of the Diamond Dyes. I have been using them for years, and I can say that they are the best of man. I have nothing to sell but the best of man. I am a devotee of the Diamond Dyes. I have been using them for years, and I can say that they are the best of man.

HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON

The Minister of Interior Returns to Skagway After a Trip Through the Passes.

He Is Assured That There Will Be No Famine at Dawson—Return of the Quadra.

Skagway, Oct. 21.—The Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior of the Dominion of Canada, returned on Tuesday evening from a trip over the Chilcoot and Skagway Passes and to the Lakes House, forty miles down the lakes, from the head of Lake Bennett. Mr. Sifton was accompanied by Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon district, and William Ogilvie, Dominion land surveyor and astronomer, who has spent several years in the interior.

The party left Skagway ten days ago, going in over the Chilcoot pass and the Yukon are expected to arrive at Skagway trail. Good weather was experienced during most of the trip and the party returned in good health, but Minister Sifton's eyes were sorely tried by his long trip through a rough country. Mr. Sifton confirms the report that there will be no shortage of food in Dawson this winter, and that the ravages of typhoid fever have been greatly exaggerated. Both he and Mr. Ogilvie also state that the richness of the new discoveries on Dominion Sulphur, Quartz and Mooseskin creeks has been established beyond a doubt.

Will Help to Improve Trails. When Mr. Sifton was seen yesterday afternoon, on board the Canadian government steamer Quadra, which brought himself and party to the place, he had nearly recovered from the effects of his trip, having had a good night's rest, the first since leaving the vessel, he said, and having had three good square meals.

In reference to the object of his visit and its probable results Mr. Sifton talked freely, but was guarded in his statements as to the merits or demerits of the Yukon or Skagway or Dyea trails. When asked as to the probable action his government would take in regard to making an appropriation for the trails leading into the Yukon district, he said:

"Our disposition is to facilitate any reasonable plan of getting into that country. A cheap route is needed, as at present any of the trails leading into the Yukon are expensive to travel over. A man needs a small fortune before he sets out upon the journey, and those having but small means are practically barred from getting into the interior. My trip has been satisfactory to me, but I am sure that the rush into the Klondike this winter and spring will be unprecedented, and one of the objects of my visit here was to inspect the facilities offered by the Chilcoot and Skagway trails. A Canadian government understands that, if the rich gold fields of the interior are to be developed, easy means of communication must be had, and it is prepared, as far as possible, to make a reasonable method of reaching them."

Will Build Police Posts. "We propose to establish posts, at different points along the route, which will be garrisoned by police, to aid in the suppression of lawlessness and furnish a means of assistance to travelers. These posts will also contain stores of food and clothing, which can be forwarded as needed at any time, to the Yukon country. The work of building these posts has already been begun at Sheep Camp, Linderman, Tagish and White Horse rapids, and others will be built at a distance of every fifty miles all the way down to Dawson City."

From information received while at Lake Tagish, I am satisfied that there will be no famine in the Klondike region this winter, but this will not alter our plan to forward supplies to the interior into the Yukon. Of course we will need a large number of the police and other officials who are now stationed at various points in the interior, and these will be provided for by the agency. I am also informed that there has been no epidemic of typhoid fever, as has been reported, and that the strikes on Sulphur, Quartz, Dominion and Mooseskin creeks, while not as rich as those on El Dorado and Bonanza creeks, are very satisfactory, and these places will add to the fame and wealth of the Klondike country.

My trip has been satisfactory in every way. I have become acquainted with the climate and topographical conditions of the country, and now know its needs and requirements, and without any other means of support than the outside world at \$15 per day, and that will not last as soon as the winter begins. Huts and cabins are being built and preparations rapidly going on for the winter. "It is strange what ideas some of these new-comers have of conditions here, even after they have travelled for months to get here. They tell a story of a man who asked the purser of one of the river steamers what was the best hotel to stop at in Dawson, and asked as though he would be met at the depot with a horse to take him to the city. Some of the men have of the gold fields, let me tell you what I heard a man from Iowa say who had followed us through Chilcoot pass. He was walking the main street of Dawson with a sulky look, and suddenly blurted out, greatly to the amusement of a crowd of loafers in front of a saloon: "There is all this gold they have been talking about. Here sold my farm and spent nearly all of the cash getting into this country, just because I was fool enough to believe the newspaper reports that there was plenty of gold here. But I have hunted and hunted and there isn't a — spoutful of it anywhere."

"There is plenty of gold here, nevertheless, but it is all in the mines, and not on the surface. I predict that the richest lot of would-be-miners will go out of here you ever saw."

Ogilvie, on New Discoveries. William Ogilvie, Dominion land surveyor and government astronomer, who accompanied Mr. Sifton and Maj. Walsh to the lakes, corroborated Mr. Sifton's statements concerning the richness of the Quartz, Dominion and Mooseskin, or Mooseskin, creeks. Sulphur and Dominion creeks, he said, had yielded as high as \$9 to the pan, but the pay dirt is much cheaper than that of either

Bonanza or El Dorado creeks, which greatly enhances the value of the claims on the creeks. Mr. Ogilvie's report paid only \$5 to the pan, but the diggings are extensive and therefore valuable. Mooseskin is only a few miles below Dawson City, while Dominion, Sulphur and Quartz creeks are tributaries of Indian river, a branch of the Klondike.

Mr. Ogilvie also confirms the report of the murder of Peterson by one Henderson at Tagish lake. The murder was a most brutal one, Henderson having been shot fatally as he lay in his bed, and his murderer had completed his fiendish crime by beating Henderson's head into an unrecognizable mass with the butt of his revolver. When arrested, Henderson made no defence and expressed the hope that he would be hanged for his crime.

Will Have Many Contests to Hear. Among the Canadian officials who today left for Dawson City were Judge McGuire, of the newly established supreme court of the Yukon district; F. C. Wade, crown prosecutor, and Dr. Bonner, surgeon of the Northwest Mounted Police. Among the first duties confronting Judge McGuire will be the trial of Henderson for the murder of Peterson. There also promises to be much litigation over the mines and mining partnerships in the Klondike, many men who had formed partnerships in mining locations in the Circle City district, and who were among the fortunate stampedees to the new gold fields, ignoring the former agreements with partners, then there happened what on the railroad, have coolly repudiated them. The great majority of these partnerships were merely verbal, and the repudiators have refused to be bound by them and have refused to allow their former mining associates to share in their discoveries in the Klondike district. Judge McGuire will be called upon to straighten out the tangle.

Major Walsh on the Way. Maj. Walsh, administrator of the Yukon district, will remain in Skagway a week or ten days. He will, in the meantime, relieve Capt. McIlree, assistant administrator, who has been here for some weeks, and who is in poor health. Maj. Walsh will eventually proceed into the interior and make his way down to Dawson City as best he can.

Many packers are now equipped transporting goods over both the Skagway and Dyea trails for the Canadian government. There are about eighty tons now here on the way across the trails. Vancouver, Oct. 25.—W. J. Hyndman, of Vancouver, who has been in action from Skagway, where he has been packing over the White pass for two months, reports that Administrator Walsh's party is making slow progress. He has heard rumor that Maj. Walsh had trouble over packers, the natives being jealous of the packer the major took in. The administration has eight or ten oxen packing. These animals can take 400 pounds each.

DISAPPOINTED GOLDBEEKERS.

They Did Not Find Gold in the Streets of Dawson City.

Mr. James Morrison, writing from Dawson City, says: "This is a town of canned meats, gold dust, tents and dogs, and just now is getting wonderfully fast with people. They are coming in all directions, and in all sorts of ways. Every day rafts, boats and tubs get in from the river, some of them loaded with cases of gold. 7,000 people here now. All the steamers that have arrived from below have been crowded, and everybody who comes in to camp almost acts as though he expected to step off the boat and find a big bag of gold waiting for him. Great is the disappointment when their expectations are not fulfilled. It is impossible to give you a correct impression of things as they are here. To illustrate the ideas of question, for instance, no one here has dared to look that problem in the face. Hundreds who have recently arrived have no provisions with them, and in a few days they will be in a bad way. A railroad man made this statement: "With the exception of one American express car, one combination baggage and smoking car, one day coach and six sleepers. Poughkeepsie was the last stopping point of the train car. Besides the disaster of 5,300 passengers, and a middle-aged man, supposed to be Thomas Reilly, of St. Louis. All of these, excepting the baggage man, perished."

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"Myers and I sat in the middle of the car. When the crash came the car gave a lurch and we were hurled over on its side, the water rushed in, and almost instantly the lights went out. I knew that we were in the river, and the car seemed to plough through the water for some time after it was submerged. "The car was turned over on one side, and I managed to reach the fan light overhead and cling to it until help came. I heard the people in the back part of the car groaning as they were pinned fast. It was so dark that I could see no one, and I think the passengers must have been drowned like me. After a while, it seemed as if I heard people on the top of the car and an axe crashed through the roof. The noise of that axe in the splintered timbers made the sweetest music I ever heard in my life. A man and a boy (father and son) were also rescued in the same way, but I know of no others escaping. The car at this time was floating, but fast filled with water and we were up ashore in a rowboat. I am sure that my friend Myers was drowned."

General Manager Toucey gave to the representative of the Associated Press the following statement as to the cause of the disaster: "The accident was caused by the bed of the railroad being washed away by some inaccessible manner. In this un-dermined condition the track sank as soon as the weight of the train was put on it, and the embankment giving way, the train was of course precipitated into the river. Such conditions as this we have never looked for. Trains have been running over this spot for years and years without accident or difficulty of any kind, and this piece of track was considered as good as any section of the railroad. Not only was the road-bed the hardest kind of an embankment, but it was strengthened by a retaining wall of solid masonry three feet thick. The wrecking company made an

THE WORK OF FIENDS

Accident on the New York Central R. R. at Garrison Caused by Dynamite Explosion.

This Startling Statement Made by Chauncey M. Depew—Indisputable Evidence Secured.

New York, Oct. 25.—The New York Central train left Buffalo Saturday night and had progressed for nearly nine-tenths of the distance towards its destination. The engineer and the fireman had just noticed the gray dawn breaking from the east, and the light streak of red denoting the sun's appearance, when the great engine plunged into the depths of the Hudson river.

What seems to have happened was that underneath the tracks and ties the heavy retaining wall had given way, and when the great weight of the engine struck the unsupported tracks, it went crashing through the rest of the wall and toppled over into the river. Then there happened what on the railroad at any other time would have caused disaster, but now proved a blessing. As the train plunged over the embankment, the coupling that held the train together broke, and the engine and baggage car stood up towards the surface of the broken track. In that way some sixty lives were saved.

Of eye-witnesses there were none except the crew of a tug boat passing with a tow. They saw the train with its light as it came flashing about the curves, and then saw the greater part of it go into the river. Some of the cars with closed windows floated, and the tug, whistling for help, cast off its hawser, and started for the rescue. A porter jumped from one of the cars that remained on the track and ran into the yard of Augustus Carr's house, near which the accident happened, and stood screaming for help, and moaning, the train is in the river; all our passengers are drowned!"

A few were gotten out, the passengers left upon the track making a human bridge to the shore to take over the wounded. The day coach and the baggage car had gone down in deeper water and rescue was impossible. In the latter coach the condition must have been horrible. The car turned completely over, and the passenger end of it was deep in the water, while the baggage end stood up towards the surface. The men in that lower end must have fought like fiends for that brief period; for the bodies, when taken out, were a mass of wounds and bruises. The wrecked train was known as the state express. It left Buffalo at 7 o'clock Saturday night and was due at 7 o'clock Sunday morning. The train was pulled by engine 52, and consisted of one American express car, one combination baggage and smoking car, one day coach and six sleepers. Poughkeepsie was the last stopping point of the train car. Besides the disaster of 5,300 passengers, and a middle-aged man, supposed to be Thomas Reilly, of St. Louis. All of these, excepting the baggage man, perished."

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Klondike Outfits

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55 Johnson St., Victoria B. C., Canada.

successful search this afternoon for the bodies of the engineer, fireman and Superintendent Van Eiten's clerk. Superintendent McGowan having decided that none of the cars would ever be fit for use again, and that, with the exception of the cushions, there was nothing worth saving, a torch was applied to the day coach and the sleeping coach "Hermes" was lifted to a transport, towed down the river and deposited on the bank, where it was destroyed by fire. The last coach of the ill-fated train, the "Niobe," was got out of the water and also burned. The express car is around the little knoll of the mountain 300 yards below. No attempt will be made to raise her until tomorrow.

New York, Oct. 27.—The World this morning says: "Only less startling than the dreadful news of the disaster on the New York Central railway at Garrison was the statement made by Chauncey M. Depew last night that the so-called accident was no accident at all, but the direct result of a malignant crime. "It was no landslide," said Mr. Depew after he and the experts had examined the location where the wreckage and dangerous derricks from the mud. "It was no sloughing off of a bit of rotten roadbed that caused this terrible calamity. It was the direct result of an explosion of dynamite, placed on the track solely to send the train to destruction and the inmates to their death."

"It is very singular," Mr. Depew said, "but I am informed by one of the detectives that Chief Humphreys has already received positive information tending to make good my assertion, backed by physical evidence, that this break was made by dynamite. He is working hard on the information given, and I am assured that he is on the road to get information which will throw a great deal of light on the subject. The road has been closed, and a vigorous investigation is being made, and at least one man may be arrested to-day."

Cold Springs, N. Y., Oct. 27.—The suspicion that the terrible disaster on the New York Central railway at Garrison was the work of a diabolical plot gained strength among railroad men this morning. "If the embankment of the railroad was torn up by dynamite, the motive of those who did it was not robbery, but revenge," was the statement of one of the officials of the road. The suspensions of the railroad company have been und

A NAMELESS GRAVE.

About five years ago Miss MacDuff, a member of Nat Goodwin's company, died at the Florence Hotel, in Missoula, Montana, and was buried there, the members of the company meeting all expenses.

There is no word of death or birth above the narrow mound of earth. Where tall, rank grasses wave; No mark, no sign to tell who lies, In calm, untrodden earth, Where never, since the daylight dies, A mourner comes to weep.

Yet there the first white daisies blow, The early primrose springs; In plain bouquets, solemnly and low, The thrush chirps, and the lark sings. O'er mosses dead no lovelier sound E'er rose in stately name; No sweeter flowers spring around The tomb of Charlemagne.

Did this poor silent heart meet death Unwatched, unwept alone? Did loved ones watch each struggling breath, And hear the dying moan? And did death come as a friend might come, And bid earth's cares depart, And kiss the poor lips, pale and dumb, And still the aching heart?

We may not guess, we only know The tall pines' solemn and slow, At evening, lovingly and low, Above the flower-decked grass— That here the golden sunbeams play, The thrush chirps, and the lark sings, That underneath Montana's sky A heart finds peace and rest.

—Lue Vernon.

THE LATEST RAILWAY DEAL.

The Purchase of the Charter of the Coast-Kootenay Railway.

(Boundary Creek Times).

Dr. G. L. Milne has written to the press denying that Messrs. McKenzie and Mann have purchased all interest in the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway charter. Dr. Milne was one of the principal shareholders in the company incorporated to promote this railway. He took a prominent part in the fiasco at Ottawa last session when the question of aiding a railway into Boundary Creek was shelved for another year. It is only natural then that the doctor and his associates should seek to deny the fact that they have sold the charter which they held for such disinterested motives. Last spring the railway promoters called upon the people of the coast cities to support them. They claimed that they were not handling a railway charter for mercenary motives but because they were patriotic coast citizens and they were anxious to see the iron horse drawing the wares of the coast cities directly to the flourishing mining districts of Sanikilmeun, Osoyoos, Boundary Creek and Kootenay, and to see the ores of these districts moving coastwise. The people felt that this was a noble and patriotic enterprise and public opinion strongly favored the Coast-Kootenay road and the local government bowed to public opinion. The act performed at Ottawa is familiar to everyone. Under the circumstances, then, it is to be wondered at that Dr. Milne should deny that the charter held for such patriotic motives should be sold to the shrewd Messrs. McKenzie and Mann.

Notwithstanding the doctor's denial, however, information comes from another source and that information is to the effect that Messrs. McKenzie and Mann, millionaires, successful railway contractors, etc., have purchased all interest in the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway charter for the sum of \$75,000. Of this amount \$5,000 was paid in cash and the balance will be paid shortly after parliament is prorogued next spring. Now we are not finding fault with Dr. Milne and his associates for selling the charter. We are glad that they have done so. Mr. William McKenzie is president of the Toronto Street Railway Company, a man of means and influence; his associates, Mr. Mann is an excellent railway contractor. It is much better for the district that the charter should be in the hands of experienced railway men than in the hands of those who know much about playing dog-in-the-manger and little about constructing railways.

The C.P.R. Company is in all probability the power behind Messrs. McKenzie and Mann. The latter gentleman had almost secured the contract for constructing the Coast-Kootenay railway and they are known to have close business relations with the C.P.R. We were at one time opposed to the C.P.R. securing control of the railway situation in the southern portion of the province, since it was known that they had been secured by the company, in our opinion, a short independent line would be handicapped. The only course now to pursue is to see that if the C.P.R. Company is going to build into this district, it shall receive no public aid unless accompanied by such restrictions as will insure the people from "chicanes" at the hands of a gigantic corporation.

If a rent were made in the veil which surrounds the movements of railway officials, the fact would probably be disclosed that the C.P.R. have an understanding with Mr. Heinze. The C.P.R. Company are the masters of the situation. The officials stated last spring that they were going to secure the Boundary Creek trade and from all appearances they are rapidly clearing the way. They intend building from Penticton to Boundary Creek. They will operate through Messrs. McKenzie and Mann and will be commenced within the next few months.

This arrangement will suit the people of Boundary Creek, but we fear the coast people will have to wait some time for their direct road.

SWINBURNE'S FAD.

Algernon Charles Swinburn, the poet, is one of the most eccentric individuals in England. He is a perfect master of Greek and French, but it is his delight to pretend to be entirely illiterate, and though he left Oxford with a great reputation, he never took his degree. Mr. Swinburn lives near London but he never returns to his native Oxford. One of the most pleasing traits in his character is his devotion to children. However absorbed he may be the always remembers to bring some sweet out of his pocket for any little ragged urchin who comes across his path. He is said to be one of the very few writers of the present day who make an income out of their work, and a great many people were astonished that he did not become Peer Laureate.

THE CHARITY BALL

The Ball Given in Assembly Hall by the Ladies Auxiliary is Successful.

Good Music, Many Dancers, an Excellent Floor and Artistically Arranged Decorations.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Assembly hall has been the theatre of many successful entertainments, and the ball of the Ladies' Auxiliary was in keeping with the excellence of past functions of this kind given there. The hall was gaily decorated and resplendent with lighting. The Union Jack hung side by side with the stars and stripes and the tricolor of France with the tricolor of Germany. There were flags of nations and of all colors. The two left corners were prettily draped and transformed into charming sitting-out places. On the right the corners were put to their uses, the lower one being used for refreshment, room and a supper for the musicians, who were established on a raised platform, draped with bunting.

Bant's orchestra discoursed for the first part of the evening, until intermission. In fact, after which the musicians of the Fifth Regiment orchestra arrived and under the leadership of Bandmaster Pinn played the balance of the evening. The ball was opened at 8 o'clock by the act of honor being Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and Mrs. Smith, Sir Charles Tupper and Mrs. Dewdney, Mayor Redfern and Miss O'Reilly and A. C. Flumerfelt and Miss Redfern. From then until the last dance was ended, when daylight was beginning to appear in the eastern horizon, the dance proceeded merrily without the slightest interruption. The ball was successful from every point of view, for the music was good, the floor in excellent condition—in fact, everything went to make the event a most successful one. It was well attended, and when the dancing was whirling around the hall to the dreamy waltzes of the bandmen the scene was a delightful one to the onlooker. The handsome ladies with their pretty gowns, relieved as they were by the black garb of the men, made up a very pretty picture.

Supper was served shortly before midnight, and in this the ladies surpassed all their previous efforts, and this means a great deal, for the supper of the Ladies' Auxiliary have become famous. The tables were decorated most artistically and were lavishly provided with the most appetizing viands.

At the conclusion of the supper several extra dances were given, the music for which was furnished by Miss N. Thane and Mr. W. J. Burnes. The officers, to whom all credit is due for the success of the seventh annual ball of the Ladies' Auxiliary given in aid of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, are as follows: Managing Committee, Alexander Wilson, President; Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., Vice-President; Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital; Capt. A. C. Flumerfelt and W. M. Chudley; and a floor committee consisting of the following gentlemen: J. S. Yates, A.M., McCandless, S. Schultz and A. J. Dalain.

AN UNFAIR GAME.

Toronto Telegram, (Ind. Con.), says: There is one, and only one, possible explanation of the tactics employed by the Conservative papers in Ontario in their pursuit of Hon. J. Israel Tarte. At the time which these journals impute to Mr. Tarte is not the cause of his separation from their esteem. Assuredly Mr. Tarte is in virtue not inferior to any of the Quebec politicians who have been placed in the Conservative journals of Canada for the last thirty years. In real ability Mr. Tarte excels most of the Conservative leaders from Quebec. Yet "French-Canadian" politicians, who by a very pretentious and little of his ability, were held up to the admiration of Ontario by the journals who are now calling upon this province to exorcise the minister of public works.

There were worse men than J. Israel Tarte in the present government. The Conservative papers of the province of Ontario offer Mr. Tarte as a sacrifice because he differs in race and religion from the majority in this province. The aim of the organs is to coin these differences into prejudices which will crush Mr. Tarte.

It is clearly in the interests of Canada that J. Israel Tarte should be crushed. Inspired probably by partisan motives, Mr. Tarte did a patriotic work in the settlement of the Manitoba school question. He has brought a great deal of ability, energy and independence to his duties as minister of public works. Just at present, Mr. Tarte's part seems to be in the grip of his enemies. The public can judge whether these enemies are making a great deal out of Mr. Tarte's life history. It is for Mr. Tarte to remember that his future is exactly what he chooses to make it. He is sure of fair play from Ontario. For independent Canadians will not see one of the ablest of their fellow-countrymen hounded out of public life by partisan journals, which simply cannot forgive him for the crime of being useful to the other party.

BRIEF THEATRICAL NOTES.

There are now 750 Canadaville houses in the United States and Canada.

James A. Hearne's new play is called "The Reverend Griffith Davenport."

Thomas Q. Seabrook's company rode from Baltimore to Washington last week on their bicycles.

Ernest Ward, the youngest son of the tragedian, has joined "My Friend From Hyde" company.

Lincoln Carter is depicting a new scenic melodrama to be called "The Tenderfoot."

The Cherry Sisters discharged their personal manager in Kansas City, without giving him a week's notice, according to their "right" contract. He promptly resigned by selling their own small trunk and left the "troupe" in a flood of tears and trouble.

The railway strike is being slowly but surely ended a brief engagement at Springfield, Ill. The newspapers of that city praised the company highly.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Rev. Archdeacon Scriven solemnized the wedding yesterday evening in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties of Mr. James E. Byrn, of the provincial land registry office, to Miss Mary Collins.

A public meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. parlors yesterday evening to discuss the means of raising funds to carry on the work of the association. A committee consisting of Messrs. N. Shakespear, the president of the association; W. Morris, Dr. H. W. L. Bone, J. P. Sifton and Geo. Carter, was appointed to canvass for subscriptions. As a result of a short canvass yesterday pledges were secured amounting to \$880 and at the meeting of business men amounted \$50, augmenting the fund to \$430.

Captain Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries, has received a letter from Captain Walbran of the Quadra, in which Captain Walbran says that he does not expect to be back at Victoria before the beginning of November. Hon. J. Sifton and party and Major Walsh, his policemen and dogs, were all landed safely at Dyea, and Hon. Mr. Sifton started in to Lake Bennett over the Dyea trail. He is coming out over the bowing of the ice but the intention of the minister to go up the Stickeen, if the water is not too low, before returning to Victoria.

A letter has been received from Col. Alberger, who recently went north to locate a route for a railroad from salt water to the Yukon. The party landed at Pyramid Point at 10 a.m. on the 14th, the weather being fine, and went into camp under the bluffs. Col. Alberger says: "The Thorp and Waechter parties crossed the summit and were obliged to turn back because of want of food for cattle and horses. Most of the horses died and some of the cattle. They returned here and are going with their outfits to Dyea and Skagway. The survey party are in good spirits and expect to commence work to-morrow."

On Saturday evening Mrs. F. S. Barnard and Miss G. Loewen returned from a visit to Kamloops, on Sunday morning, to find that their only son, who like his two fellow countrymen who had arrived in Victoria two weeks ago, has been working the abandoned gold diggings of Osoyoos for the past fifteen years. He has only been in Kamloops for a few days, but has only \$500 in gold dust to show for it. Loo Kee, like the other Chinese miners who recently returned from Cassiar, is a guest of Tai Yuen, one of Chinatown's leading merchants. The Osoyoos gold dust and brings no further news concerning the trails or the gold fields.

From Wednesday's Daily. A boy named Joseph Kelly, while playing at the corner of Port and Gore streets yesterday was run over by a hack and his leg broken. He was taken to Dr. Helmenken's office for treatment. The Oranmen of Victoria are arranging an entertainment which they propose to hold on November 5th in John Ross' hall in commemoration of the gunpowder plot. The programme will include music, songs and dramatic sketches. The committee in charge are Mr. J. S. Yates, A.M., and Mr. J. H. Mathews.

One of the Times carriers, a boy named Joe Godfrey, was thrown from his horse on Dallas road yesterday evening, and although he was dragged along the road for some distance, having been held up by the horse, he was comparatively unharmed. He had but a scraped hand and a bump on his head to show for the accident. The death occurred yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital of George Larsen, one of the crew of the steamer Joan, who for the last year has been suffering from Leucoplasia, which was a single man and thirty years of age. He held a certificate as mate from the Dominion authorities. His only relative in this province is a brother, who is also one of the crew of the Joan.

Norman Macaulay, who returned from the north on the City of Seattle, made quite a success of his packing operation, making four big hauls. He has two big freight wagons which are continually kept busy on the road leading from Dyea to the trail, and a lot of pack mules on the trail, which have also been kept on the trail. The company is now engaged in transporting the Mounted Police outfits from Dyea to The Scales. The object of his visit to Victoria is to purchase dogs, with which he will run his pack trains, as soon as he secures them he will return north.

Messrs. E. B. Marvin & Co. shipped 1,500 skins to the wholesale market in London, England, this morning by the steamer Charmer and the C.P.R. The total number of skins was about 6,000, the catches of the sealing schooners Annie E. Clark, Capt. Curran, Capt. G. Cox, Vera and Borealis on the Japan Coast, the Copper Islands and Behring Sea. Ullmann & Co. also shipped about 1,500 skins to their London establishment this morning.

From Thursday's Daily. Mr. James Hinchison, holder of ticket No. 38, won the encyclopaedia raffled by Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Wilkins, for Mrs. J. H. Mathews. Rev. Dr. Campbell has received today from the board of civil service, Ottawa, to conduct the examinations of candidates here on the 9th, 10th and 11th proximo. Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, on behalf of Ruckle Bros., have given notice of appeal of the decision of Mr. Justice Drake, dismissing the action against Johnson in Ruckle Bros. vs. Johnson and Miss Davey. It is stated that Mr. W. J. Partridge, who is here in the interests of London capitalists, has obtained a ten year lease of the Clarence hotel property. He will take possession of the property when the building will be thoroughly renovated. George Offerman, chief engineer of the steamer Camp, who lost his life in the wreck of that vessel off Point Arena last week, was the husband of a Victoria girl. Mrs. Offerman was present on her marriage Miss Emma Martin. Her parents still reside in Victoria, the corner, and an inquest will be held.

Commencing in December next the

Kingston this morning for their future home in the Bay City by the Golden Gate, Miss Reeves accompanying them on their journey as far as Seattle.

Mrs. Manyweather, of London, England, must picture Canada a very small country. Chief Sheppard is in receipt of a letter from his brother, an endeavor to locate her brother, who came to Canada 35 years ago and engaged in farming. The chief has also a letter from Mrs. G. P. McEllion, of London, Ontario, who is the wife of Dicker Dickson, whom she heard was in Victoria four years ago.

Mr. Justice Drake this morning gave judgment on the application of E. M. Johnson for the dismissal of the action brought against him and Miss Davey by Ruckle Bros., regarding the ownership of a piece of land on Kettle river. His lordship decided that there was no case against Johnson, and he added that he might say the same as regards the other defendant, but he did not wish to decide the case on a preliminary objection. He could not say the action was vexatious or an abuse of the process of the courts. The action against Johnson was dismissed with costs.

An inquest was held at the naval hospital, Esquimalt, yesterday afternoon to enquire into the death of the late W. E. Pickett, the unfortunate soldier, who died of a tragic end on Sunday last. The evidence all went to show that the deceased soldier, who was one of the magazine island guard, had fired over a broken rock the gun in his hands and the shock had discharged the gun. His body was found lying close by the hammer of the discharged barrel was broken. The charge had passed through the dead man's hand and into his breast. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

The steamer City of Topeka, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, arrived down from Nanaimo and other Alaskan ports at an early hour this morning. She brought 43 returning treasure-seekers, who abandoned the idea of getting into the Klondike this winter. Among the passengers who embarked at Esquimalt on Monday evening were a missionary party, who were addressed at a meeting of the Indians resident near Comox, Rev. Mr. Tait occupying the chair. Rev. Mr. Crosby was accompanied on a portion of his tour by Rev. A. B. Winchester, missionary to the Chinese, and with him he called at Dacey Island, where Rev. Mr. Winchester addressed the seven lepers. Two or three of the unfortunate Chinese are in a very bad condition, their fingers and features being gradually eaten away by the fell disease. The others look well, the effects of the disease being hardly noticeable. The latest arrival, the Stevenson leper, has now made himself quite at home and has been taken in by his associates as a member of the leper colony. All are in good spirits and working in their gardens regularly. Rev. A. B. Winchester parted company with Rev. Mr. Crosby at Maple Bay and came down overland by train. The Glad Tidings made the run from Nanaimo in eighteen hours.

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Little Son of John Reid, of Saanich, the Victim. That one cannot be too careful in carrying firearms and in keeping firearms out of the reach of children is again impressed upon the community by the tragic death of the nine year old son of Mr. John Reid of South Saanich, which occurred this morning at St. Joseph's hospital. The death was the result of a shooting accident which occurred shortly before 9 o'clock this morning at South Saanich. The dead boy, with his cousin, a boy of about the same age as himself, was walking along the road towards the school, the cousin carrying a loaded rifle. Whether he knew it was loaded or not is not known. The boys were, however, playing with it when the accident which deprived one of them of life occurred. The bullet passed through the unfortunate boy's upper lip and blew away the left side of his face, coming out close to the forehead of his neck. The boy's father was at once summoned and receiving the services of a neighbor to drive him and the boy to town, he hurried to St. Joseph's hospital in the hope of securing medical aid to save his son's life. Dr. Frank Hall did all he could, using every effort known to medical science, but all was unavailing, for the boy died shortly after noon. The affair has been reported to Dr. Compston, the coroner, and an inquest will be held.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

The latest addition to the coasting fleet sailing from this port is the steam freighter "Bonanza," a small vessel of about 74 tons, which has just left Tarpel's ship yard, where for the last three months the workmen have been at work transforming her from a sailing vessel under a schooner rig. The owner of the new rival of small freighters is Mr. Jesse Cowper. She will make her initial trip to-morrow when she leaves for Boundary Bay for a cargo of hay.

The steamer Nell, Captain Oliver, sailed for Port Simpson at an early hour this morning with a full cargo of supplies for the Georgetown Milling Company, whose mill is situated near Port Simpson. The Nell has been undergoing repairs during her stay here, and she is now ready for work at the mill again. She is just the vessel for the use of the mill, being especially adapted for towing log booms, carrying the canneries and other north-bound work.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamer City of Topeka will sail for Alaska points this evening. She will have but little freight and few passengers from Victoria. The Washington & Alaska Co.'s steamer City of Seattle will follow the Topeka, leaving on Saturday morning.

The steamer Coquiltam arrived down from northern British Columbia yesterday evening. She brought down a number of Chinese who were returning from the northern canneries. After landing the Chinese she left for Vancouver.

The steamer Willapa returned from the Fraser yesterday evening with another cargo of salmon for the German bark Seestern.

The tug Alert left for Vesuvius Bay this morning to bring down two scow loads of wood.

The tug Sadie is in port blowing down.

The tug Czar is back from the cape.

CLAIMS SICK BENEFITS.

Action Brought Against Dominion Lodge, I.O.O.F., by David Green. Mr. David Green, through his solicitor, Mr. S. Perry Mills, has commenced action against Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I.O.O.F., to recover \$1,665, alleged to be due him for sick benefits and also for a declaration that he is and has been a member of the Third Sacred Degree, in good standing, and that he is entitled to the discovery of the cure effected by Williams' Pink Pills, and resort to give them a trial, as a means to find that almost from helped her. She kept on Pink Pills for three months, and was very rapid, so rapid indeed that of that period she was able to housework and to walk as time. Never in her life did she have health than at present, and she is due to the discoverer of this cure, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

LIFE IN DAWSON.

First Snow Fell December 1st. Miners Preparing for Coming Winter.

Everyone Discussing the Lem-Beefsteaks Season. \$2 Apiece.

(E. J. Livermash, in S. F.) Dawson City (Dominion) Sept. 9.—Yesterday the first season fell here and in the district—not much, but enough to winter should be hastening. The Yukon froze a fortnight ago, but opened again a short season before the 1st. Already ice a week old is on the hills, and the mercury registers at some hour of the day are going up to the village and at the mines. The men who intend to winter here are expected to be almost impossible to employ. Strange to say, notwithstanding the wage rate—\$1.50 an hour, several hundred unemployed men are here, but the desire for prospecting is so prevalent for wages is despised. Meanwhile food is growing scarce. Mine owners have obtained from the store, but much of it has been brought hither from the store through before the anchor was thrown. The anchor of every one is battling. Considerations made on cannot be realized. The mercantile company placed in the store, it is expected to be in St. Michael's to Dawson on an interview at Seattle. The North-American Transportation Company says that consequently the anchor is in fact, if both corporations 5,000 tons in Dawson for they will have done better at all possible at this writing.

office of vice-consul for the United States in Victoria, will be filled by Mr. Sidney H. Smith, who will take the place of Mr. Euro, that gentleman having resigned. Mr. Smith, the new vice-consul, is the son of the American consul, Mr. Abraham E. Smith.

The annual meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society of Emmanuel Baptist Church was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Noot, Pembroke street. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. McLaughlin; Vice-President, Mrs. Noot; Secretary, Miss Noot; Treasurer, Mrs. Sherwood.

Mr. Caldwell Ashworth, a director of the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transportation Company, of which Sir Charles Tupper is chairman, will leave for Dawson City in February. The company intend to establish trading posts and may put steamers on the run to Wrangell, and also on the Stickeen and Hootalinqua rivers and Teslin lake.

A break has been made in the ranks of the little party of backsliders who at the corner of Fort and Quadra street, Mr. W. E. Ditchburn, of lacrosse fame, having last evening taken unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Lillian Stangely, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Blackett. Rev. G. F. Swinerton officiated at the ceremony, which took place at the residence of the bride's parents, 48 Birdcage Walk. Miss Clara Hughes attended the bride and the groom was supported by Mr. A. E. Bellamy. Mr. and Mrs. Ditchburn will reside at 40 Toronto street, where they will be at home to their friends on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9 and 10. They have a large circle of friends who will wish them every joy.

Rev. Thomas Crosby returned yesterday on the little missionary steamer Glad Tidings from Comox after a successful missionary tour. He preached at the addressed meetings at Salt Spring Island, and Chemainus, Union and Comox. Sunday was spent at Union, where Rev. Mr. Crosby preached to a large congregation, and on Monday evening he addressed a meeting of the Indians resident near Comox, Rev. Mr. Tait occupying the chair. Rev. Mr. Crosby was accompanied on a portion of his tour by Rev. A. B. Winchester, missionary to the Chinese, and with him he called at Dacey Island, where Rev. Mr. Winchester addressed the seven lepers. Two or three of the unfortunate Chinese are in a very bad condition, their fingers and features being gradually eaten away by the fell disease. The others look well, the effects of the disease being hardly noticeable. The latest arrival, the Stevenson leper, has now made himself quite at home and has been taken in by his associates as a member of the leper colony. All are in good spirits and working in their gardens regularly. Rev. A. B. Winchester parted company with Rev. Mr. Crosby at Maple Bay and came down overland by train. The Glad Tidings made the run from Nanaimo in eighteen hours.

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Little Son of John Reid, of Saanich, the Victim. That one cannot be too careful in carrying firearms and in keeping firearms out of the reach of children is again impressed upon the community by the tragic death of the nine year old son of Mr. John Reid of South Saanich, which occurred this morning at St. Joseph's hospital. The death was the result of a shooting accident which occurred shortly before 9 o'clock this morning at South Saanich. The dead boy, with his cousin, a boy of about the same age as himself, was walking along the road towards the school, the cousin carrying a loaded rifle. Whether he knew it was loaded or not is not known. The boys were, however, playing with it when the accident which deprived one of them of life occurred. The bullet passed through the unfortunate boy's upper lip and blew away the left side of his face, coming out close to the forehead of his neck. The boy's father was at once summoned and receiving the services of a neighbor to drive him and the boy to town, he hurried to St. Joseph's hospital in the hope of securing medical aid to save his son's life. Dr. Frank Hall did all he could, using every effort known to medical science, but all was unavailing, for the boy died shortly after noon. The affair has been reported to Dr. Compston, the coroner, and an inquest will be held.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

The latest addition to the coasting fleet sailing from this port is the steam freighter "Bonanza," a small vessel of about 74 tons, which has just left Tarpel's ship yard, where for the last three months the workmen have been at work transforming her from a sailing vessel under a schooner rig. The owner of the new rival of small freighters is Mr. Jesse Cowper. She will make her initial trip to-morrow when she leaves for Boundary Bay for a cargo of hay.

The steamer Nell, Captain Oliver, sailed for Port Simpson at an early hour this morning with a full cargo of supplies for the Georgetown Milling Company, whose mill is situated near Port Simpson. The Nell has been undergoing repairs during her stay here, and she is now ready for work at the mill again. She is just the vessel for the use of the mill, being especially adapted for towing log booms, carrying the canneries and other north-bound work.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamer City of Topeka will sail for Alaska points this evening. She will have but little freight and few passengers from Victoria. The Washington & Alaska Co.'s steamer City of Seattle will follow the Topeka, leaving on Saturday morning.

The steamer Coquiltam arrived down from northern British Columbia yesterday evening. She brought down a number of Chinese who were returning from the northern canneries. After landing the Chinese she left for Vancouver.

The steamer Willapa returned from the Fraser yesterday evening with another cargo of salmon for the German bark Seestern.

The tug Alert left for Vesuvius Bay this morning to bring down two scow loads of wood.

The tug Sadie is in port blowing down.

The tug Czar is back from the cape.

CLAIMS SICK BENEFITS.

Action Brought Against Dominion Lodge, I.O.O.F., by David Green. Mr. David Green, through his solicitor, Mr. S. Perry Mills, has commenced action against Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I.O.O.F., to recover \$1,665, alleged to be due him for sick benefits and also for a declaration that he is and has been a member of the Third Sacred Degree, in good standing, and that he is entitled to the discovery of the cure effected by Williams' Pink Pills, and resort to give them a trial, as a means to find that almost from helped her. She kept on Pink Pills for three months, and was very rapid, so rapid indeed that of that period she was able to housework and to walk as time. Never in her life did she have health than at present, and she is due to the discoverer of this cure, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

LIFE IN DAWSON.

First Snow Fell December 1st. Miners Preparing for Coming Winter.

Everyone Discussing the Lem-Beefsteaks Season. \$2 Apiece.

(E. J. Livermash, in S. F.) Dawson City (Dominion) Sept. 9.—Yesterday the first season fell here and in the district—not much, but enough to winter should be hastening. The Yukon froze a fortnight ago, but opened again a short season before the 1st. Already ice a week old is on the hills, and the mercury registers at some hour of the day are going up to the village and at the mines. The men who intend to winter here are expected to be almost impossible to employ. Strange to say, notwithstanding the wage rate—\$1.50 an hour, several hundred unemployed men are here, but the desire for prospecting is so prevalent for wages is despised. Meanwhile food is growing scarce. Mine owners have obtained from the store, but much of it has been brought hither from the store through before the anchor was thrown. The anchor of every one is battling. Considerations made on cannot be realized. The mercantile company placed in the store, it is expected to be in St. Michael's to Dawson on an interview at Seattle. The North-American Transportation Company says that consequently the anchor is in fact, if both corporations 5,000 tons in Dawson for they will have done better at all possible at this writing.

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Mr. Justice Drake in supreme court chambers for the particulars of the by-laws of Dominion Lodge, which it is alleged the plaintiff did not comply with...

FIXED STARS.

We are accustomed to regard the so-called "fixed stars" as being absolutely stationary in the heavens...

WILL NOT INVITE BRYAN.

New York, Oct. 27.—The campaign committee of the Henry George forces decided not to formally invite W. J. Bryan to come here...

NOTICE is hereby given that 90 days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase...

MESSAGES OF HEALTH

FROM SOME WHO HAVE BEEN CURED BY THE USE OF Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

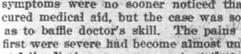
THE GREATEST BLOOD BUILDER AND NERVE RESTORER IN EXISTENCE.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Make the Weak Strong.

EXORCIZING PAINS.

From the Patriot, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Blackmore are well known residents of Hamilton, P.E.I., and both are very warm in their praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills...



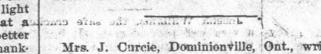
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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills CURE when other medicines fail.

THE RESULT OF LA GRIFFE.

From the Cookshire, Que., Chronicle.

Mr. Newell Waldron is a well known farmer living near East Clifton, Que. As his friends and neighbors know, he passed through a very trying illness as the result of a severe attack of la grippe...



Mr. J. Curcio, Dominionville, Ont., writes: "I cannot find words enough to thank you for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me..."

You Can Be Cured

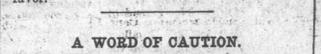
If you are ill it is not you alone who suffer, but those who depend upon you, those to whom you are dear—whether you are a man or woman.

The worst diseases in the world are slight ailments at first. If you are feeling weak, nervous or "out of sorts"—if you are at all unwell, take the proper remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—AND GET WELL.

HELPLESS FOR MONTHS.

From the Trenton, Ont., Courier.

The editor of the Courier having obtained some relief from rheumatism by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and having observed their effect on a young man to whom he had recommended their use...



A few unscrupulous tradesmen—their cupidities excited by the great reputation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—make up or buy in the wholesale market ready-made, some cheap pills, colored pink, which will sell as "Pink Pills" and offer as a substitute for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills...

INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION.

Mrs. Walter Boyington, Croton, Ont., says:

"I was run down in health until I was mere wreck. I occasionally spit blood, had distressing pains in the lungs and stomach, had no appetite, and could scarcely move about. The doctor said my trouble was consumption. As I was constantly growing worse instead of improving, my father advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills..."

LIFE IN DAWSON CITY

First Snow Fell December 8th—The Miners Preparing for the Coming Winter

Everyone Discussing the Food Problem—Beefsteaks Sell for \$2 Apiece.

(E. J. Livermash, in S. F. Examiner.)

Dawson City (Dominion of Canada), Sept. 9.—Yesterday the first snow of the season fell here and in the neighboring district...

A PEEP AT FAIRVIEW

A Bustling Town Which is Growing Very Rapidly and Attracting Much Attention.

Great Mineral Richness of the District—Messrs. Dier, Davidson & Russell's Enterprise.

(From the Boundary Creek Times.)

The first thing that strikes a visitor to Fairview is the remarkable efforts its denizens have made to hide themselves in the mountains. Instead of building their houses on the open bench of land that appeared to be placed there for the special purpose of turning it into a townsite...

WALERS FROZEN UP.

Winter Has Set In Unusually Early in Alaska.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Captain Cogan, of the steam whaler Thrasher, from the Arctic, says that out of 30 vessels which were to have wintered in the McKenna river...

MORE RICH FINDS.

Wonderful Strike Reported at Dawson—Gold Located in Side Hill.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—W. J. Jones, of Port Townsend, Wash., a newspaper correspondent writes as follows from Dawson City under date of September 14: "Another strike has been made and the camp is on fire with excitement..."

TO VIEW ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 27.—An expedition to view and photograph the eclipse of the sun in India on January 22 next will leave on Saturday for Hongkong on the steamer Belgic...

MORE RICH FINDS.

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Possibly never in the history of mining did the general public display greater greed for mining stock than in the case of the Tin Horn. This company was organized by Messrs. Dier, Davidson & Russell and before a pound of ore was treated, before the mill was erected, orders came from the coast, from the east, from every city, for thousands of shares...

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Wonderful Strike Reported at Dawson—Gold Located in Side Hill.

"In half a day last Friday, a foot below the surface, two men with a rocker picked out \$385 in gold. Two nuggets, valued at \$47 and \$27 respectively, were found, and hundreds of others, worth from \$3 to \$20, were taken out on the side hills. "Yesterday and to-day boulders were turned over and there, lying exposed to the light of day, were nuggets scattered in the gravel. The moss is about 12 inches thick, and beneath it two men yesterday picked up one \$800 in coarse gold..."

CAUGHT IN THE ICE

Three Whaler Steamers and One Schooner Doomed to Destruction.

Fortunately They Are Near Land and the Crews Will Reach a Native Village.

Three steamers and one schooner of the San Francisco whaling fleet are frozen in Bechling Sea, west of Point Barrow, and must be crushed as the ice piles up. The steamers which are doomed to destruction are the whalers Belvedere and Orca and the tender J. Jennie and the schooner the Rosario, all hailing from the Bay City. Luckily, the vessels are all near land and the crews will be able to reach the Esquimaux villages. Was this not possible, the news was brought to Victoria by Mr. V. C. Gambell, Presbyterian missionary and teacher of the government school on St. Lawrence Island. Mr. Gambell, his wife and little child are guests at the Hotel Victoria, having arrived at Nanaimo on the collier Bristol yesterday, coming here on today's noon train. Mr. Gambell says the steam whaler Alexander, of San Francisco, arrived at Unalaska the day before the Bristol sailed for Nanaimo, and on the way out they spoke the Karluk. From them they learned of the fate of the four whalers above mentioned, and it was also feared that the Thrasher has returned to the sea, and like the other vessels, had been caught by the ice. The only whalers out and which are known to have escaped the ice are the Alexander, Karfik, Jennette and William Bayless.

As said before, the vessels which are doomed to destruction only had provisions for the summer. The captain of the Alexander says that if all the food on the Rosario was served up it would only make one square meal for the crew. This may be a slight exaggeration, but as far as civilized food is concerned, the men are pretty badly off. The crew of the Orca are better off than the rest, there being fifty barrels of trade flour on board that vessel. The only hope for the crews is to make one of the Esquimaux villages, live with the natives and as the natives, with a little of the Orca's flour made into bread as a delicacy. The catches of the whalers which have escaped are: Alexander, 9 whales; Karfik, 7; William Bayless, 11; and Jennette, 10.

Mr. Gambell and his wife have resided on St. Lawrence Island, where their child was born, for three years. They are the only white residents, but there are some 370 natives, bright, intelligent and eager to learn. They came down on account of Mrs. Gambell's ill-health and will spend the winter in their old home in Iowa, returning north in the spring. They made the trip from the island to Unalaska, where they met the Bristol, on the revenue cutter Corwin. When the Bristol left the Bear had started for the sea and was picked up by the United States government experts, with whom she will proceed south.

The Bristol took on a cargo of coal at Comox on her way south and sailed direct to San Francisco.

WILLIAMS AND HIS PALS.

Police Nip a Scheme to Blow Open Many Safes in This City.

Magistrate Macrae was busy in the police court all day yesterday hearing the evidence in the various charges brought by the police against Joseph Williams, Chief Shppard succeeded in proving the six charges of burglary and stealing laid by his officers against the accused, and Williams was in each case committed for trial. He has stated that he will elect to be tried speedily and plead guilty. Now that Williams is safely behind the bars, his youthful accomplice, Frank Lynn, has loosened his tongue, and tells of a wholesale raid which the gang intended to make on the safes of the city. Many places had been picked, including Stoddard's jewelry store. Fortunately the police, through keeping their eye on all the suspicious characters who come to the city, were enabled to nip the scheme in the bud, just as they did last fall, when they rid the city of the safe-crackers who successfully worked Vancouver last winter.

Yesterday Constable Claydars arrested two more men who are believed to be members of the Williams gang. One of them, Peter Munro, is a permanent resident of the city, and the other, Edward Chapman, although a native of Victoria, has not been here for many years. They were charged in the police court with vagrancy, and Munro was sent down for one month and Chapman for two months. The latter is a butcher by trade.

Young Lynn is deserving of some sympathy. He is not more than 15 years of age, but has lost both mother and father, and has no relations to care for him. He has worked as a packer in the Kootenay country all summer and returning to Seattle fell

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Why didn't you send me word you were coming? For God's sake, you know, my boy! Hope you have managed to make out a dinner.

Expected guest (politely)—Bless you, old man, I hope I may never have a worse one.—Harlem Life.

FROM DAWSON CITY

Letters Received from Some of the Men Who Intend to Winter There.

Provisions Are Scarce, but There Is No Likelihood of Any Starvation.

A number of letters have been received from Dawson City and they bear out the statements made by Mr. Cliffe L. Moore yesterday, that although provisions may be short, there will be no actual starvation. Mr. George W. Morgan writes: "This camp is truly a hot number," in fact it is wonderful to see the large sacks of gold that come into the Alaska Commercial Company's store each day from the mines to purchase supplies with, or put in the safe for shipment. The rich creeks run about as follows: "El Dorado, Bonanza, Skookum Poo, Hunter, Dominion and Sulphur. The last two, Dominion and Sulphur, are new strikes, but I am sure they are rich. A few days ago I was out on the creeks and saw some handsome work on Skookum Poo; a gentleman and his wife, named Furgus, own a one-half interest in Nos. 1 and 2, and during the day I saw Mrs. Furgus pick up \$350 in nuggets ranging in value from fifty cents to \$100.40. In six box lengths Mr. Furgus cleaned up \$32,000. He heard yesterday that Mrs. Furgus sold out for \$40,000 or \$50,000, and it is my belief that the purchaser got far the best of the bargain.

"Boys, I am of the opinion there are too many people coming in here at this season of the year. The winters are not very cold, but long, say at least seven or eight months. Anyone in here as late as the 25th of September is completely locked in until next June. San Quentin would not hold him more securely. "We estimate there will be about 4,000 people winter here, and while we hope there will be no suffering from hunger, being driven by a small stock, and in some instances, more. There will be big money made here in the next year or two, but it may take money to do it, for everything sells high, as everything is hoarded. "Lots here are worth as high as \$10,000, size 50x100 feet. We bought one for \$2,000, and before the transfer was made out we were offered \$5,500 for it in a position to know whereof I speak. "Men who have made money off the creeks come in here and buy a saloon for a few hours and pay almost fabulous prices, then everybody drinks. As high as \$200 a bottle of beer is paid for a couple of rounds of drinks for a crowd. Five and ten thousand dollars is simply a little pocket money for some of the mushroom millionaires. One man came to town yesterday and spent \$15,000. But all do not spend money like that. There is plenty of money here, nevertheless, it is not so easy to get, in fact a man must hustle to get enough to cut any kind of a figure.

Mr. J. W. Morrison writes: "I find Dawson to be quite a city, built up almost entirely with tents, but most of the inhabitants are now engaged in building cabins for winter quarters. This is without doubt the richest placer camp on earth; the wealth and output of the diggings is great. It is simply incredible to see the amount of merchandise being brought in here. There are at present two large merchantmen on Liverpool and one at London for Victoria and Vancouver, and in the course of a few days another large vessel will be ordered to leave for Victoria. There is now a fleet of four vessels now on their way to this province with general merchandise from Great Britain. All the vessels on berth are loading general merchandise, and as the total tonnage of the fleet, those on berth and those on the way, is but 22 tons short of 20,000 tons, it is easy to be seen that their cargoes will comprise no small amount of merchandise. The vessels on berth at Liverpool are: The British ship Dunborne and the British ship Lord Ripon. The Dunborne, Captain O'Neill, is a vessel of 2,627 tons, and will bring a cargo of general merchandise to these ports last year. The other vessel, the Lord Ripon, Captain Butler, is the largest of the whole fleet. She is a vessel of 2,627 tons, and will bring a cargo of general merchandise for Robert Ward & Co. Her cargo is for Victoria, Vancouver and the Sound. Messrs Robert Ward & Co. will also charter another large vessel. The ship on berth at London is the British ship City of Delhi, Captain Grant. She will bring a cargo of general merchandise to Victoria and Vancouver. The vessels on the way are the British ships Dunhope, Albany, Benicia and Agnes Oswald. The Dunhope, which was also one of last year's fleet, is bringing merchandise to Victoria and Vancouver on account of R. P. Rithet & Co. She sailed about September 15th. The Albany, Captain White, is bringing merchandise to Victoria, and is consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co. and Evans, Coleman and Evans, Vancouver. The Benicia's cargo is also consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co. and Evans, Coleman and Evans, and the Agnes Oswald is bringing general merchandise consigned to Turner, Peetor & Co., which the British ship Pass of Bahama brought as far as the Falkland Islands, where she was compelled to land it.

ALBERNI EXPLOSION.

Wm. Sarraunt and Dickson the Victims of the Accident.

Nanaimo, Oct. 28.—The receipt of a telegram by Rev. Father Erlbeck, of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church, requesting him to come at once to Alberni, and another dispatch to Dr. Davis, coroner, asking him to go to Alberni to hold an inquest on two persons killed by an explosion of dynamite, was the only intimation of the serious accident which had occurred at Alberni. After seeing Dr. Davis' telegram your correspondent immediately wired Alberni for particulars, which came to late, however, for your afternoon issue yesterday.

The accident happened last Saturday at the blacksmith shop of the Golden Eagle claim, where a tunnel is at present being driven by a small stock, and is under the supervision of Mr. Frank McQuillan. It appears that Wm. Dickson, a tool sharpener, and Wm. Sarraunt, a son of the hotel keeper, who is working in the tunnel, were engaged in cutting two sticks of dynamite for the purpose of charging a hole, and for which William Miles was preparing the primers in the tunnel. All that is known is that Miles heard an explosion on running out saw everything upside down and the air full of dust and ashes. The force had disappeared and on the ground where it had been lay young Sarraunt badly cut up, one hand and blown off and insensible. Something may be judged of the force of the explosion when it was found that the stones forming the bed of the forge had been blown forcibly through the two bodies. A watch young Sarraunt had on was pierced by a small stone, which was found imbedded in the works. There is nothing left of the shop. The roof is gone and nothing left of the forge. Both victims died fifteen minutes after the explosion, and were buried in the morning. Mr. Dickson, the machinist, leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss. Young Sarraunt was 24 years of age and unmarried.

Thomas Miles, a miner, received serious injuries to his back on No. 1 shaft of the Vancouver colliery by a fall of coal. He was removed to the hospital, where your correspondent saw him last night. He was in great pain.

"Only the Best"

Should be your motto when you need a medicine. Do not be induced to take any substitute when you need Hood's Sarsaparilla. Experience has proved it to be the best. It is an honest medicine, possessing actual and unequalled merit. Be wise and profit by the experience of other people.

HOOD'S PILLS are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate.

A FARMERS' SOCIETY.

Farmers Organize the Vancouver Island Produce Society.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Vancouver Island Produce Society, Ltd., which has been incorporated under the Farmers' Institute Act, 1897, was held yesterday at the city hall, with the following officers: President, J. W. Morrison; Vice-President, Major Mutter, Senones; directors, G. H. Hadwen, Duncan, G. T. Corfield, Corfield; Watson Clark, Oakland; W. C. Grant, Gordon Head; A. Campbell, Mount Holmes; J. Staggart, Siggart; P. O. D. Stevens, Lake Curran; E. Barkley, R.N., Westholme; T. Trage, Beaver Point, Salt Spring Island; W. E. Scott, Ganges Harbor; manager, Lawrence Langer, secretary, E. J. Leeming, Victoria; treasurer, Alex. Campbell, Victoria.

WRESTLING.

McLeod the Victor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27.—Dan McLeod won the championship of the world at the heavyweight catch as catch can wrestling match last night from "Farmer" Burns before an audience of five hundred people at the Grand Opera House. He took the first and third falls.

Paterfamilias (to unexpected guest)—Why didn't you send me word you were coming? For God's sake, you know, my boy! Hope you have managed to make out a dinner.

Expected guest (politely)—Bless you, old man, I hope I may never have a worse one.—Harlem Life.

THE WATERFRONT

The Mystery Surrounding the Sloop Picked Up by the Steamer Evangel Solved

Prospective Miners Still Rushing to the North—The Alaskan Steamers.

When the steamer Evangel arrived back at Port Angeles the mystery surrounding the sloop picked up in the straits was cleared up. The sloop was one which broke away from the cannery steamer Rainier, which was towing her to Port Angeles. She carried no crew so no lives have been lost. The sloop, which is named the Thistle, belongs to McLeod, of Port Angeles, and she had been buffeted about in the straits before being picked up by the Evangel for several days, as it was on Tuesday last that she broke away from the Rainier. Notwithstanding this, however, she did not receive any damage. Her owner paid the master of the Evangel \$25 for the salvage of the sloop.

LIVES IN DANGER.

The Time for Action and Great Care.

Paine's Celery Compound Should Be Used This Month.

Our changeable autumn weather brings fear to the hearts of thousands of rheumatic sufferers who are unable to go to warmer climes. The present month, with its wet, cold weather, and chilling north west winds, will, without doubt, increase the agonies of those who the afflicted with acute, chronic, inflammatory and sciatic rheumatism. The uric acid in the system, which the kidneys are helpless to excrete, and which, causing stiff and swollen joints, twisted legs, arms, fingers and contracted cords. When it reaches the heart it generally proves fatal.

Rheumatic sufferers, why remain in agony? Paine's Celery Compound is a new life for all if the proper agency is made use of. The true agency, Paine's Celery Compound, has triumphantly met hundreds of cases far more subtle and dangerous than yours; it will surely meet your troubles. It is for you to determine this day whether you shall be free from suffering and take on a new life, or remain in a condition of helplessness and torture that may drag you to the grave any time.

Bear in mind that Paine's Celery Compound cures all forms of rheumatism, and does the work so well that the disease never returns. Mrs. M. J. Vince, of Erie, Pa., says: "This is a sure cure and a new life for all if the proper agency is made use of. The true agency, Paine's Celery Compound, has triumphantly met hundreds of cases far more subtle and dangerous than yours; it will surely meet your troubles. It is for you to determine this day whether you shall be free from suffering and take on a new life, or remain in a condition of helplessness and torture that may drag you to the grave any time."

"I am happy to say that I have taken Paine's Celery Compound with great results. I had sciatica so badly that I could not rest in bed or walk without pain for a period of three weeks. It was helplessly laid up and suffered pain that at times was unbearable.

"I tried many medicines, but all in vain. I was afterwards recommended to try Paine's Celery Compound. I used six bottles and enjoy good health. I take great pleasure in recommending the valuable medicine that cured me."

HEAVY CONSIGNMENTS.

Victoria Merchants Will Be Ready to Handle the Spring Rush.

Victoria merchants are not going to be caught with short stocks when the big consignment of merchandise reaches here next spring on the way to the northern mines. Representatives of Eastern houses report that their orders in all lines have been heavier than for years, and many large consignments have been ordered from Great Britain. There are at present two large merchantmen on Liverpool and one at London for Victoria and Vancouver, and in the course of a few days another large vessel will be ordered to leave for Victoria. There is now a fleet of four vessels now on their way to this province with general merchandise from Great Britain. All the vessels on berth are loading general merchandise, and as the total tonnage of the fleet, those on berth and those on the way, is but 22 tons short of 20,000 tons, it is easy to be seen that their cargoes will comprise no small amount of merchandise. The vessels on berth at Liverpool are: The British ship Dunborne and the British ship Lord Ripon. The Dunborne, Captain O'Neill, is a vessel of 2,627 tons, and will bring a cargo of general merchandise to these ports last year. The other vessel, the Lord Ripon, Captain Butler, is the largest of the whole fleet. She is a vessel of 2,627 tons, and will bring a cargo of general merchandise for Robert Ward & Co. Her cargo is for Victoria, Vancouver and the Sound. Messrs Robert Ward & Co. will also charter another large vessel. The ship on berth at London is the British ship City of Delhi, Captain Grant. She will bring a cargo of general merchandise to Victoria and Vancouver. The vessels on the way are the British ships Dunhope, Albany, Benicia and Agnes Oswald. The Dunhope, which was also one of last year's fleet, is bringing merchandise to Victoria and Vancouver on account of R. P. Rithet & Co. She sailed about September 15th. The Albany, Captain White, is bringing merchandise to Victoria, and is consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co. and Evans, Coleman and Evans, Vancouver. The Benicia's cargo is also consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co. and Evans, Coleman and Evans, and the Agnes Oswald is bringing general merchandise consigned to Turner, Peetor & Co., which the British ship Pass of Bahama brought as far as the Falkland Islands, where she was compelled to land it.

THE KLONDIKE'S WEALTH

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