TO CLOSE PORT ARTHUR

NO. 100.

VICTORIA, B. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1904.

Torpedo Boats, Which Convoyed Ships Intended to Block Entrance, Continued Fighting Until Daylight--Russians Say Plan

Failed and Harbor is Open.

EXPECT NEWS OF FIGHT.

Taken Place at Port Arthur.

Tokto, Feb. 23.-(Delayed in transmi

ministry here is, however, almost united against the ability of the Japanese ships to shell the place without dangerous ex-

THE JAPANESE SCHEME

was planned, according to the usual

Japanese tactics, to take place during

pushed and backed by eight torpedo

daylight, but that it failed completely.

Great praise is goven to the Russian

the harbor entrance for her gallant work

the action shows that the reports of the injuries which she is said to have sustained in the attack of February Stawere grossly exaggerated.

The official dispatches do not make clear the exact number of ships sein in for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbor, of whether the four vessels destroyed were beached by the fire of the Revizen, Consequently all the unknown

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Retvizan, Consequently all the unknown additional details are expected from Viceroy Alexies in the coarse of the day. As he is at Mukden, the report of the commander at Port Arthur first goes to him and thence is forwarded to the Czar. The report that after daylight floating torpedoes were seen in the roadstread causes anyther.

Japanese fleet yesterday was still visible The news of the Japanese repulse was

TARBOR REMAINS OPEN

GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 25.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, the foreign under secretary, Earl Percy, said the government was not aware of any negotiations between Germany and

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Feb. 25.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, says that Count and Countess Mesacewski are in Nome jail charged with attempting to murder Captain Wm. Gilpin, a former friend. Their bonds are fixed at \$5,000. The trouble took place at the Russian mansion, where the Countess tried to shoot the captain. She did not succeed because he had taken the powder out of the cartridges. out of the cartridge

Made in Contract With the Government.

WRESTLING TOURNEY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

management, created by the retirement of those who have served out their term of

Braudon Methodist church has extended a call to Rev. J. H. Oliver, of Lis-

Rev. R. J. Macpherson, western representative of Westminster, at Toronto and lecturer in Manitoba college, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church, Cartwright, Man.

Highest in Two Years.

Wheat yesterday reached 88 cents at Portage la Prairie, the highest in two

years. St. Boniface Cathedral.

Wm. Henderson fell on a circular wood saw at Portage la Prairie last evening. His left arm was cut off below the el-

Nothing Known of Negotiations By Which Former Will Grant Advantages,

Russia, whereny, as announced in some newspapers, in return for Germany af-fording Russia certain advantages dur-ing the war, Russia would support Ger-many in regard to the Bagdad railway question, and a general extension of Ger-man predominance in Asia Minor.

RUSSIANS IN JAIL.

Count and Countess Charged With At-tempting to Murder a Former Friend.

One of Modifications Proposed to Be

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 25.—One of the modifications which is to be made in connection.
with the Grand Trunk Pacine contract is that \$25,000,000 common stock which the Grand Trunk Railway Company is to hold, may be sold or hypothecated as long as it is kept in the hands of parties interested in the Grand Trunk. The original agreement provided that it was to be kept in the name of the Grand Trunk.

Matea Between Chief Two Feathers and D. A. McMillan—Another Con-test at an Early Date.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Y. M. C. A. will be held on Wednesday evening. Five new members to fill the vacancies on the board of

Although a deficit is shown, however, the figures are encouraging, for during the year \$1,308 was expended on furnishings, etc. Total receipts of the year were \$3,239.03, made up as follows: Sustaining members' fees, \$969.85; ordinary members' fees, \$737.45; special donations, \$006.55; entertainments, exension, etc., \$575.35; collections, \$108.90; sundries, \$140.69; debentures, \$110.00. By way of expenditure there were outlays, in addition to that on furniture, fixtures, etc., \$482.07 for lighting and heating; \$1,088.55 for salaries, and \$381.03 for printing literature, and for sundry expenses. There is cash on hand amounting to \$78.

—The action of the Greenwood school board against A. B. McNeill, of this city, was dismissed the other day. It appears that Mr. McNeill applied for and secured an appointment to the school at Greenwood. In the meantime, however, he was appointed to the teaching staff of South Park school and wired to Greenwood to this effect. The school board of that place began suit for damages against him, and the matter was dealt with the other day. The action was dismissed on the ground that the secretary of the board had no authority to enter into a contract with Mr. McNeill without the authority of the trustees. Messrs. Higgins & Elliott acted as counsel for the defendant.

An important meeting of Dominion lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., will be held this evening. A large attendance is requested.

JAP STATESMAN TO RAISE LOAN

BARON SUYEMATSU HERE EN ROUTE TO LONDON

He Discusses Eastern Situation - Important Mission to Courts of Washington and St. James.

A heavy set Japanese geptleman bout the medium height according to the European standard, alert and genial in manner, landed from the Oriental liner Iyo Maru when she reached the outer dock yesterday afternoon about 4 oclock, and journeyed to the city to take in its sights. He was simply attived, and his appearance generally was so de-void of ostentation that he attracted no more attention than an ordinary well-todo merchant from the Mikado's dontin

ions.

And yet this stranger is charged with duties of the most important character, and has a mission to perform of vital concern to the Japanese government and the fortunes of the island kingdom in the history-making era which had just been opened in the Far East. He is Baren Suyematsu, son-in-law of the celebrated Marquis Ho, the greatest states-brane Japan ever produced and was untiating a war lean, and he is bound for London to lay the matter before the court of St. James. This is, perhaps, the most important of his underskings, but there is little doubt that the purview of his work in Britain's capital will include other matters hearing on the relations of

It is probable that Victorians will some and the community to with the strength of the most interesting westling to make the opportunity to with the strength of the strength

and the statesman thereupon good-naturedly compiled and gave an exclusive interview to the Times.

Asked flat-footelly the object of his

ditions, and the contest will take place as a preliminary to the first mentioned struggle.

This morning Mr. O'Neill called at the Times office and deposited \$25 to cover the forfeit put up by Mr. McMillan, He also signed an agreement on behalf of Chief Two Feathers to meet McMillan and throw him three times in one hour, for a \$500 purse, \$250 a side. Two Feathers, he said, was ready to wrestle at any fime, and at any place suitable to McMillan.

Continuing, he said that he would prefer to have the match take place in Victoria. His contest with the five local men could then fake place on the same evening, and the entertainment would be one of exceptional interest.

Mr. O'Neill expresses confidence in the ability of Two Feathers to throw his opponent. He does not, however, undersetimate the provess of McMillan, between the stocking feet and weighs 20 pounds. Up to the present he had not met with any decisive defeat. From Victoria he will go East, and is under content in the intricacies of wrestling.

Two Feathers stands 6 feet 4½ inches in his stocking feet and weighs 20 pounds. Up to the present he had not met with any decisive defeat. From Victoria he will go East, and is under content into this centilect willingly. She is not fighting because the martial surfact has eaught her; but because sho has been forced to. We ree capitzed that unless we struck in the present, wo would have no chance in the fiture. The great question was at stake, and the cause of civilization was imperilled."

tion is that our very existence was at stake, and the cause of civilization was saw that every day she played with the prepotations was a point 4a her favor and one to our disadvantage. She was strengthening herself in Manchurla and concraching on Korea. Her cuissaries were busy at Scoul poisoning the minds of the Korean Emperor and the authorities against us. Had we permitted her to work her own will she would have so established berself in the real parks that

those who have served out their term of office, will be appointed, and among other business of the meeting will be the reading of the annual reports. The financial statement, which will be read, will show a deflet of \$456.40, which it is hoped to wipe out early in the new year of the society's career.

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right to lave an outlet for her activity, but with Russian centrol ever the peninsula this would be denied her.

He then took up the Russian charges of treachery, and breach of international law against his country because of the night attack on Port Arthur. "We have not been treacherous nor false to the international law," he said. "The severing of diplomatic relations was tantamount to a declaration of war. When Baron Kurlino, our minister at St. Petersburg, handed that to the imperial authorities at the Russian excital it was a message of the rullest significance. It meant that we considered it necless to attempt to arrive at a satisfactory understanding by peaceful means and had to resort to arms. This was two days before we attacked Port Arthur. Russia surely understood what it meant. We feel that we have the mean support of Great Britain and the United States in this struggle. They knew that we are fighting for the cause for which iney, as milghtened powers, have so fremly stood, the cause of evilvation. And we want roor agrapathy; we need it, and I intend to do my unnext to stimulate

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COLOMBIANS THREATENED WAR

Canal Treaty Was Ratified, New York, Feb. 25.—A cable from Panama to the Herald says the ratifica-tion of the Panama canal treaty result-ed in the immediate recall of the United States warships and about half of the

Despite Colombia's internal disturbletters just received from there that the Columbians are ready declare that the Columbians are ready to fight as soon as the news arrives that the treaty has been ratified. One gen-eral in Cartagena is quoted as saying if the government does not declare war the freeps on the border will invade

na anyhow. hast information from the coast

been sent from Cartagena to the fron-tier.

If the Colombians carry out the threat to attack they cannot reach the railroad section as fast as vessels can be sent from any part of the United States after news of the advance.

FAVOR AMALGAMATION.

sident of American Federation Labor Interviews Porto Rican Delegates.

(Associated Press.)
San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 25.—A conference was held yesterday between Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and delegates erican Federation of Labor, and delegates of the two Porto Rican labor unious, rep-resenting all the organized labor of the island. Mr. Gompers urged their amal-gamation under the American Federation of Labor, and a resolution to this effect was adopted by the delegates and will be voted upon by the unions on March 12th.

WILL FACILITATE DELIVERY.

Mail on British Liners Will Be Sorted During Voyage Across the Atlantic,

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 25.—Post office officials from New York are on board the steamer Oceanie, which left Queeustown to-day for New York, inaugurating a new arrangement for British mail steamers—

Declared They Would Fight If the A. O. U. W. Members Elect Two Sets

Canal Trenty Was Ratified, of Officers—One Faction With-

meetion with the controversy between the Massachusetts lodges, A. O. U. W., and the Supreme Lodge of the order, has been called upon to settle the question who are the legal officers of the Massachusetts body.

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Members of the order in Massachusetts number 11,000 persons, and
many were making inquiries to-day as to
their position in view of the spit which
occurred at the Grand Lodge convention
yesterday over the question of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge, and which
resulted in the choice of two sets of officers, one selected by the Grand
Lodge, but refused recognition by the
supreme body, and the other chosen by
a faction, which, under direction of the
Supreme officers, withdrew from the convention. The latter have been officially
recognized by the Supreme Master
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The matter now pending in the courts is a petition to compel the Massachusetts Grand Lodge to pay assessments issued by the Supreme Lodge, which by a vote taken last. November it had refused to

British Army Corps Has Not Been Ordered to Be Ready For India.

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 25.—The war office tells the Associated Press that there is no truth whatever in the rumor published yesterday by the Manchester Dispatch that the first (British) army corps had been ordered to hold itself in readiness

BURNED TO DEATH.

87 and 89 YATES ST.

SPLIT IN GRAND LODGE.

(Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., Feb. 25.—The courts, which already have been invoked in con-

Colorado Springs, Feb. 25.—Two lives, and possibly three, were lost in a fire that destroyed three buildings and threatened the entire business section of the city early to-day. The dead are Leia Smith, aged 15, and a man whose remains were charred beyond recognition.

to depart for India within a few days.

Position of Steamers With Which It Was Intended to Block Harbor.

Port Arthur, Feb. 25.—At about 1 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese made a desperate attempt to block the entrance of the inner harbor and dock. With this object four merchant steamers, accompanied by torpedo vessels, were sent from.two sides towards the entrance of the channel.

The movement was perceived by the Retvizan, which was lying in the channel and which opened fire immediately. At the same time the guns of the forts on the Tiger poninsula, Golden Hill and Electric Cliff were turned on the enemy, and a furious cannonade ensued, continuing until five in the morning. Then the firing slacked and became desultory. The Japanese failed to effect their purpose.

All four steamers were sunk. They are lying in the following positions: One behind Golden Hill, one near, the Retvizan and two between the entrance of the channel and the Lao. Thie Shan peninsula. Two vessels are still burning. The cruisers Bayan and Novik pursued the Japanese torpedo flotilla. It is said that one of the torpedo boats was sunk. About 9 alm. on the 24th, a Japanese squadron of considerable size approached. Port Arthur and the Bayan and Novik were ordered to face the Japanese ships, which, however, did not open fire and afterwards steamed away in the direction of Port Dalny.

The cruiser Pallada has entered the dock here. All four steamers were sunk.

CONGRATULATIONS Sent By the Czar to Viceroy Alexieff and

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The Czar hat telegraphed warm congratulations to Viceroy Alexieff and the entire Russian squadron at Port Arthur on the able ner in which they repulsed the latest manner in which they repulsed the latest attack of the Japanese.

The battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch will be temporarily employed at Port Arthur as guardships, in which capacity it has been decided their formidable guns can be utilized to good advantage. It has been found that the necessary repairs to these ships can only be fully made in the dock at Vladivostock, so the vessels will be temporarily

of the recent night fight. The Japanese once had Port Arthur, and they have complete information in regard to distances and ranges. A bombardment of the place should prove highly destructive, as it is narrow and cramped. A few shelis thrown over the hills into the basin holding the bay and fown could not fail to do serious execution. The Japanese shelis are clarged with a high explosive, and are very effective, and it is believed possible to render the harbor untenable for a Russian warship by bombardment, and force them to put to sea and fight in the open.

It is thought here that the withdrawal The news of the Japanese repulse was received here with great rejoicing, and was looked upon as partially wiping out the score against the enemy.

The official bulletins were given out too late for editorial comment, but the news of the initial success of the Russian arms was prominently displayed. Not one of the newspapers here has yet received special dispatches giving news of the Japanese repulse.

It is thought here that the withdrawal of Admiral Alexieff from Port Arthur and the removal of headquarters and records to Harbin is an admission of the weakness of the place and of its inability to make a defence.

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New York, Feb. 25.—According to a cable from Chefeo to the World, Mandand that a fourth lies wrecks are not warships, but hulks designed to be sunk at the entrance of the harbor. The wrecks are said to be a considerable distance from the harbor entrance, which remains open.

FOUR SHIPS SUNK.

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RUSSIAN REPORT.

Again Repulsed. St. Petersburg, Feb. 25. 6.32 p. m.—Major-General Pilug, the chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, telegraphs as follows under to-day's date:
"The enemy again attacked Porf Arthur from one to three this morning, and was everywhere repulsed. Details follow."

DENIED BY PREMIER. Relations Between Britain and Spain Most Friendly-No Foundation

For Sensational Story. London, Feb. 25.-Premier Balfour, London, Feb. 25.—Fremer Balfour, on his first appearance in the House of Commons since his illness, was greeted with warm cheers.

Replying to a question, he confirmed the statement made in these dispatches on February 20th that there was no truth in the report that Great Britain intended to scize points on the Spanish coast in the event of a continental war.

coast in the event of a continental war. He said: "I am glad to say that the relations between this country and Spain are, and are likely to remain, of a most friendly

The Premier added that there appear ed to be no truth in the rumor t Spain was mobilizing her forces, though she was strengthening some

ALLIANCE AGAINST RUSSIA. The Treaty Between Japan and Korea May Call Forth French Protest,

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New York, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Washington to the Herald says of the Japan treaty with Korea:

"There is much anxiety to see how Russia's ally will accept this Oriental alliance against Russia's Korea is not a strong power, but it is pointed out her assistance to Japan may casily assume substantial proportions. The Japanese are expected to underfake the control of the Korean army, which are it cashly be recruited up to a strength of 30,000 men. Officered by Japanese, this force

Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—1.45 p. m.—
No further details were available this morning of the unsuccessful attempt of the Japanese to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking big merchantmen at the mouth of the harbor.

The brief details contained in the official dispatches indicate that the coup was planted excepting to the couple of the preservation of China's neutrality-test to prevent more powers.

Rumors are in circulation here this afternoon to the effect that a bombardment of Port Arthur is now going on.

TORPEDO BOATS ESCAPED. None of the Japanese Craft Damaged During Yesterday's Attack.

Taken by Japanese Government,

London, Feb. 25, 6.50 p.m.—The Brit

Tokio, Feb. 23.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Advices are hourly anticipated here of a flird-naval engagement, which has taken place at Port Arthur.

It was known that the fleet, under the command of Admiral Togo, had been in action, but the nature of the operation. SEIZED BEEF. about to be undertaken had not been Consignment on the Steamer Korea disclosed to the navy department. The Taken by Jane

Nagasaki, Feb. 25.—The Japanose government has seized 670 tons of mess beet which was shipped from San Francisc, on the steamer Korea on Pebruary 2nd, and which was consigned to the Russian government at Vladivostock. It is thought that the Japanese government will purchase the beef.

DICTATOR REMOVED.

to shell the place without dangerous exposure to the heavy gams of the shore
batteries.

The Japanese, however, are confident
that the place is vulnerable at three
points on the seaside, and in proof of,
their opinions is the explosion of a number of shells in the town on the occasion
of the recent night fight. The Japanese Yonb Ik Has Been Taken From

ister of war and practically the dictator of Korea, and considered a friend of Russia, has been taken by the Japanese at Chemulpo, and on the same night put on board of a warship which took him to Japan. He went on board

ANGLO-FRENCH

The ambassador returned here from Paris last night, and apart from an exchange of yiews in regard to the most C. A. for Past Year.

ANNUAL MEETING. imperilled."

"Russia delayed the negotiations gain time, as everybody knows." change of views in regard to the most recent developments of the war, on which subject more than two cabinets are keeping in the closest fouch with each other, there is good reason to believe that a settlement of all matters in dispute between France and Great Britain is on the eve of being arranged. Such questions as Egypt, Moroeco, Newfoundland, etc., have been fully discussed by the two government for some months, and the differences are being gradually eliminated, until practically nothing remains but an early signature of a treaty removing all the outstanding obstacles to a complete accord between the two change of views in regard to the mor

a complete accord between the two BURNED TO DEATH.

Six-Year-Old Girl Dies From Injuries-Plans For New Cathedral— Manitoba Notes.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—Gracie Barber, six years of age, received fatal burns at Oxbow, N. W. T., on Wednesday. When clad in her nightdress she opened a stove door and her clothing caught fire. Call to Listowel.

St. Boniface cathedral facts as pre-pared by Messrs. Marchand and Haskell, of Montreal, have been accepted. The seating capacity is three thousand, and the cathedral will cost \$200,000. Lost an Arm.



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THE JAPANESE

TWO OF STEAMERS DESTROYED BY RUSSIANS

the torpedo boats, and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor. They were coming directly towards her. One of them went on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger Pail peniusula, and the other sank under Golden Hill.

"The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese warships.

"A portion of the crews of the Japan "A portion of the crews of the Japanese vessels were drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines. The Japanese crews saved themselves in boats, and it is possible that some of them were picked up by the eremy's torpedo boats.

"I am proceeding to examine the coast. The entrance of the harbor is open. I attribute the complete derangement of the enemy's plan to brilliant and decis've fire from the Retvizan.

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"Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemy in order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of floating mines. We had no

ships. The greatest praise is given to the commander of the Retrizan and the splendid getion of this American-built boat places her name foremost in the roll of the Russian navy.

Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch was in amplification of a briefer telegram received by the Emperor earlier, but which was not given out. Later it was said the Russian sustained no losses in the engagement. It is evident that Vice-Admiral Stark no longer commands the Russian Port Arthur naval forces, Vicerog Alexieff mentioning a temporary commander of the fleet without giving law, names.

Viceroy Alexieff, with a complete staff. now has his headquarters on a special train which at present is about four uiles from Mukden, fully equipped and ready to move from place to place as the necessities of the situation require.

Is Entrance Closed?

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Loudon, Feb. 25.—Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch to the Czar concerning Port Arthur confirms the report that Admiral Togo made a daring attempt to bottle un the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and although Viceroy Alexieff asserts that the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur is still free, the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minus the vessels injured in the courageous exploit was seen steaming at full speed southeast from Wel-Hai-Wei is interpreted as an indication of the Japanese admiral's satisfaction with the accomplishment of his design. It is pointed out here that it would be difficult for the Russians at night to ascertain just what had happened to the Japanese vessels.

As fwo injured vessels were observed steaming slowly away from Port Arthur and as the Japanese fleet was going at full speed off Wel-Hai-Wei, it is presumed the two nijured vessels might have gone elsewhere to repair.

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Another explanation of the licompleteness of Admiral Togo's squadron as seen off Wei-Hai-Wei is that he possibly left some vessels at watch off Port Archer 1988.

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The reports that the Japanese battlechips or transports were sunk are taken
here with some allowance.
A dispatch received bere from Tokio
this morning explains the recent suspension of Japanese naval reservations to
have been due chiefly to bad weather in
the Gulf of Pechili. The general opintion to that Algebral Tago after nossibly.

returning to Japan to effect repairs will devote his attention to the Russian Vladi-vostock squadron.

It is officially announced from St Petersburg that the Russian government has expressed its warmest thanks to Great Britain for help given the crews of the Varing and Koreitz by the Britsh cruiser at Chemulpo.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail says that 5,000 Russian troops have moved from Mukden and that skirmishes are reported between Chinese regulars and Russians near Shan Hai Kwan.

Viceroy Alexieff's Official Dispatch to the Czar Was Admiral Togo's

Scheme Successful?

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25, 2.45 a.m.—A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar says:

"At a quarter before three in the morning of February 23cd, numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the baftleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables. Response to the state of the baftleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables.

Chinese regulars and Russians near Shan Hai Kwan.

A Tokio correspondent of the Times says the Russian movements on the Yalu are not considered seriously in Japan, where the town of Ping Yang, Korea, is considered safe.

It is reported that the constant exodus of Chinese coolies from Manchuria, the Times correspondent continues, is causing great inconvenience to the Russians.

A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg gives another revision of the Japanese defeat at Port Arthur, according to which the Japanese planned to sink some barges in the strait, leading from the outer to the inner harbor of Port Arthur, thus blocking the exit. The Russian gun fire, however, sunk the Japanese learned to the company to December 31st, 1903, was prelarge steamers loaded with inflammables.

"The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats, and opened a strong of spot.

Shanghai, Feb. 24. It is reported that Chinese officials have decided to allow the Russian gruboat Mandjur fe anow the Russian gudood Mandjur for remain at Shanghal on the consideration that she dismantles her rudder and draws her fires. The Japanese cruiser Kitsu-sima, which arrived at Woo Sung, near here on February 10th to wait for the Mandjur, proceeded north directly.

Russia's Protest,

Washington, Feb. 24.—Promptly at noon to-day Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, handed Secretary Hay Rusambassador, handed Secretary Hay Russia's communication to the powers protesting against Japan's alleged violation of international law. The conference between Secretary Hay and ambassador lasted an hour. The full text of the note is coming by mail, the substance of it being communicated by the ambassador on the basis of cabled advices.

Japanese-Korean Treaty.

"Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemy in order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of floating mines. We had no losses."

Reports of a Russian victory at Port Arthur were current late yesterday, and about midnight they seemed to have been definitely confirmed, but in the absence of the official announcement the stories of the dimensions of the victory were most conflicting. Rumors were spread far and wide over the city during the early part of the evening, and the crowds at the admiralty and newspaper and telegraph company offices increased during the might, and the excitement attained the fewer point when it was known that the Emperor had received a telegram giving more details and showing the Russian victory was even greater than at first reported. When the report was distributed at the admiralty at 2.30 o'clock this morning, a rush was made for the exits and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly. The crowds showed no inclination to disperse, hoping that further news would be received showing the extent of the Russian victory was even greater than at first reported. When the report was distributed at the admiralty at 2.30 o'clock this morning, a rush was made for the exist and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly. The crowds showed no inclination to disperse, hoping that further news would be received showing the extent of the Russian victory and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly. The crowds showed no inclination to disperse, hoping that further news would be received showing the extent of the Russian victory and the splendid metric of the received showing the extent of the Russian victory.

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This declaration of a protectorate wer Korea by Japan of course removes orea from the rang of neutral powers and makes the Hermit Kingdom as legi-

HALF A MAN.

When a man is sick and can only work half the time he is practically half a man. It requires his whole physical energy to do half a man's work.

In general the weak run down condition which cuts the strength and energy in half is due to disease of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. You could not expect a half starved man to work more than half the time. The condition of the man with weak stomach is that of the half starved man. He is weak through lack of nutrition.

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"I had stomach trouble from birth." writes Mr. Willis Seaman, of Washingtonville, Orauge Co., N. Y., "and suffered with it more or less as I grew up. At the age of 2 I was broken down with waspesia. My suffering was terrible. Could not eat without distress. Could not eat a few certain things and was not the sufference of the suffe

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ceived formal news of the treaty conclusion, he was informed of it by Mr. Hay. The ambassador was not surprised in view of his recent advices from the Russian minister at Scoul, who was aware of Japan's efforts in this direction.

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Russia, it is said, will not abandon hercontention for the friendship of Korea,
and will refuse to recognize Japan's
right to establish the profectorate provided for in the treaty. The Russian
ambassador in his conversation with the
secretary pointed out that Japan's declaration had come too late to be observed by Russia, as the St. Tetersburg
government aiready had announced that
Japan's conduct it Korea had been such
that it would be impossible for Russia
further to regard as valid any orders or
declarations issued by Japan.

FOUND DEAD.

German Baron Killed by a Bear While Out Hunting.

Porr Angeles, Wash., Feb. 24,—The body of Baron Martin Von Schloszer, formerly an officer in the German army and for many years a resident of this city; has been found on the range south of the hot springs, near the body of a dead bear. The baron undoubtedly had been killed by the bear while hunting. The body was found on Monday evening, and the news of the fact was first brought to this city to-day by C. Bowine, a ranger.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—Thomas G. Black-stock, vice-president of the War Engle Company, left yesterday for British Col-mabia. At a meeting before his depar-ture the financial statement of the com-pany to December 31st, 1903, was pre-sented and adopted after discussion. In

sented and adopted after discussion. In the report, General Manager Kirby cri-ticised the two per cent, tax imposed by the British Columbia government as a serious obstacle to mining on a large serie in that province. Another meeting will be held in the fall. In the mean-time a thorough test will be made of the arrangement for the concentration and Power Company.

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Air. Biackstock before reaving said be was going west is endeavor to contract for the St. Eugene mine at Moyie, B. C., which has been shut down on account of the low price of lead. He says, there is a market now and he is after the market:

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Mayne Island, Feb. 23.—A most enjoyable bull was held at the Mayne
Island hatel last week. It was under Island noted fact week. It was under the management of C. D. Worge and a committee from Galiano island. The weather was unfavorable, but this did not deter the daneers from turning out in good numbers and having a thoroughin good numbers and naving a thorough joyous time. Supper was served at midnight, and the table was loaded with dainties of all kinds. The dance lasted all right and the guests dispersed in the morning, tired but happy. Music was sulied by Messrs. Worge and Sinclair, pianists, and Messrs. Georgeson and Ego violinists. Amony, those present pianists, and Messrs, Georgeson and Ego, violinists. Among those present were Miss W. Cayzer, Miss S. Cayzer, Mrs. A. Cayzer, Mrs. A. Cayzer, Miss. A. Bennett, Mrs. T. Bennett, Miss B. M. Bennett, Miss E. Robson, Miss B. Frith, Miss G. Jack, Mrs. Stewart, Miss E. Bates, Mrs. Steudy, Miss M. Fage, Miss G. Sinclar, Miss M. Sipcleir, A. Cayzer, T. Cayzer, W. Cayzer, T. Bennett, S. Bennett, A. Ego, G. Georgeson, W. Glielspie, R. Trachsler, J. Robson, C. D. Worge, H. Groth, R. Georgeson, J. Aitkin, S. Robson, S. Page, J. Sinclair abd W. Bowell, J. Brethour and H. Brethour have secured the contract for supplying piles

cured the contract for supplying piles for the large breakwater to be erected at Sidney. They are at present cutting piles on Mayne Island.

Miss E. Rabson, of Victoria, is visit-ing her mother at the Mayne Island hote? Miss B. Frith is a guest at the Mayne

INCREASING BRITISH NAVY.

Estimates Provide For Battleships, Cruisers, Submarine Vessels and Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

London, Feb. 24.—The British naval estimates for 1904-05 total \$134,947,500.

said the admiralty was aware that the estimates were large, but parliament must remember how great is the responsibility on the board of admiralty in providing the country with a navy strong enough to sustain a struggle with the navies of any two powers, and to insure reasonable security for the country's vast senboard trade and the food supply of the people.

A report on the mining of coal in the Lighted Scales for the year enough to sustain a struggle with the sum of \$1,425. The vessel was sold on Japanese for the sum of \$1,425. The vessel was sold on the Japanese for the detectives department, the particles were pointed out that this was taken up in countries.

THE JAPANESE LINER ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Departure of Troops From Yokohama at Night-Unlucky Russian Fishing Boat.

Yokohama papers had 'just received ews of the opening of hostilities between Japan and Russia when the Iyu Maru,

sailed for Victoria. The steamer left the Japanese port on the 10th linst. Apart from the reports of a battle at Port Arthur the passengers of the lyu Maru had ocular evidence of the outbreak of war. A Russian fishing boat which had been at sea for several days put into Yokohama on the day the lyu Maru was in port, and her crew quite unsuspecting were pounced upon without a moment's notice and taken prisoners. News was also published in Yokohama of the seizure of a couple of Russian mail boats. The papers, however, contained very little concerning the movements of the army and navy.

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Mary is believed to have taken an altogether different course to that mapped out for the regular trip. The bad weather which the Athenian and Lyra encountered was not met with on the voyage of the Iyu Maru, arriving but a few days later and respective on the days later, and passengers coming on the latter ship state that their voyage Judging from this it would appear that the lyu Maru, as a matter of safety, travelled in southern latitudes. Capt. Curnow has private instructions regard-ing this, however, which he naturally will not divable.

of divulge.

Off the Cape vesterday an outbour on the Cape yesteriay in outcome iliner was sighted, and by means of signals the latest news of the war was conveyed from one ship to the other. According to one of the officers of the Iyu it was a matter of considerable surprise to him when he learned that the law Mary was to take her present trip.

prise to him when he learned that the fru Marn was to take her present trip, and he is of the opinion that this will be her last run in the American service until after the war. He thinks that the ship will be impressed as a transport on her return to Japan, and that her crew will be retired as were the crews of other vessels of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamers, and replaced by men of naval training.

The lyu carried a large number of pas The Tyu carried a large namoor whose sengers, most notable among whot Baron Suyematsu, whose important sion to London is referred elsewhet this paper. Other passengers were: Evans, J. W. Frank and two child Evans, J. W. Frank and two children, Miss Forrest, Miss Lawrence, G. E. Al-bricht, C. Milks, C. M. O'Leary and A. Hatton, There were 14 second class pas-sengers and 134 in the steerage. Mr. Milks is known to a number of Victorians. He is an American who has recently been residing in Shanghai, where

recently been residing in Shanghal, where he says that the Chinese are strongly pro-Japanese in sympathy. Mr. Milks was about to embark in business at Harbin, but learned lately that he could donothing there owing to the threatening disposition of the Russian Cossacks, who are over-running the whole country. Mr. Milks describes the harbor of Nagasaki as impregnable. No hostile fleet, he states, could enter that port to make an attack. The entered is could enter that port to make an attack. The entrance is a very narrow gateway, and the harbor is so protected by hills that its natural defences are

Mr. Milks tells of the departure of Mr. Milks tells of the departure of 2,000 troops from Yokohama for Korea on the very night that the lyu Maru was in port. The whole thing was done so quiety, he says, that the residents of the city hardly knew that it was occurring. The transports bearing the troops were out of sight at daylight, and all was oniet.

LUMBER CARRIER LOST.

It was the American schooner Frank
W. Howe, on the way from Ballard to
San Pedro, with a cargo of railroad ties,
which went ashore at Scaview, Wash,
a point on Long Beach, ten miles north
of Cape Disappointment, on Sunday,
She now ties in the breakers, with a
heavy sea pounding her to pieces.
Three lives were lost in the disaster,
and several members of her crew were
injured.

London. Feb. 24. The British naval estimates for 1904-05 total \$134,947,590, a net increase of \$12,160,000 over the cestimates for 1903-04. More than haff the increase in the estimates is due to the determination to pay the entire balance due on the recently purchased Chilean battleships on April 1st, and to provide for ammunition next year. The remainder of the increase arises from the expansion of the fleet, increase in-pay of the personnel and material.

The increases provide for a total of \$58,270.880 for new construction, of which \$8,210.415 will be devoted to the commencement of new ships. The admiralty will devote \$9,050,000 to the purchase of armor.

Orders have already been placed for nine sub-marine vessels in this year's programme, but the preparations of special designs for the tenth submarine has delayed the placing of the contract.

Satisfactory frogress has been made in the experiments with oil fuel, and three old gunboats have been converted into tank ships for the storing of oil in some ports. Extensive provision is being made to furnish oil afloat.

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In submitting the estimates the Earl of Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, said the admiralty was aware that the estimates were large, but parliament must remember how great is the responsibility on the board of admiralty in providing the country with a navy strong

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A PATROL WAGON FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

W 1 Be Recommended by Board of Commissioners-Held Their Initial Meeting.

There was a full attendance at the initial meeting of the few board of police commissioners held yesterday afternoon at the city hall. Those present were His Worship Mayor Barnard, who occupied the chair, Ald Grahame and George R. Russell. After the reading and adoption of the minutes, the reports of the chief of police and sergeant of detectives were called for. It was pointed out that these ad already been published in the newspapers, and it was agreed to take them

Chief Langley drew the attention of the board to the recommendation that a patrol wagon and horse be purchased for the use of the department. He requested the commissioners to ask for an appropriation from the city council for this purpose. With all equipment this would cost about \$500, and its maintainence would not amount to a great deal. He explained that a patrol wagon was most necessary for the efficiency of the department. It would save the cost of back-hire, which, in the course of a year, totalled no insignificant amount.

whether it would be impossible for department to do without this for other year. According to the reports other year. According to the repart of the past twelve months had been exceptionally creditable. He was of the opinion that such an expenditure-should not be undertaken at the present time unless it was a case of absolute

In reply, Chief Langley told of the umber of complaints that had been reeived last year owing to the time it ook the police to answer calls. All this

would be remedied.

Mr. Russell was in favor of granting the chief's request, and moved to that effect.

Ald. Grahame was willing to second the motion if Mr. Russell amended it to the motion if Mr. Russell amended it to read as a recommensation to the council. This proposal was objected to strongly by Mr. Russell, who contended that the board of commissioners: were empowered to grant anything to the police which was needed to maintain the efficiency of the department.

After some discussion Ald. Grahame and Mr. Russell agreed on the following motion: "That a patrol wagon and horse, at an expenditure of \$500, be included in the estimates." This was earried, the two commissioners voting for

ried, the two commissioners and Mayor Barnard against it

Ald. Grahame thought that the detective quarters should be enlarged if it was possible. They were at present very much cramped. It was agreed to inspect the office with a view of ascertaining what could be done to make it more comfortable.

Chief Langley submitted his report for the month of January, showing that there were 38 convictions; prisoners discharged, 8; sent to the asylum, 1; safe-keeping, 2; fines collected, \$180.50.

This was received and filed.
The estimated expenditure in connection with the police department for the ensuing year was next read. It provided for new summer and winter miforms for Ald. Grahame thought that th

onsuing year was next read. It provides for new summer and winter missions for members of the department and other necessary articles. After some discus-sion this was adopted, and tenders order-ed to be called immediately for summer missions.

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And further take notice that after such inst mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled there to, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice soall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Sarah Hobbs on or before the 30th day of December, 1903, are required to pay the same, if not already paid, to the executors within the period above mentioned.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 25.-5 a. m.-The baron Fettoria, rev. 25.—5 a. m.—The barometer is falling along the Coast in advance of an ocean storm area which may cause a gale along the scaboard. Showers have occurred in this vicinity, and copious rains in California. Snow is again falling in Carlboo, while from the Rockies custward to the Great Lakes the temperature is still considerably below zero.

Forecasts. For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity—increasing easterly
winds, mostly cloudy, followed by rain or
sleet, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainiand—Easterly winds, mostly
cloudy, followed by rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 29.80; minimum, 39; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.90; tem-

perature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, 40; weather, fair. Kamloops Barometer, 29,90; tempera-ture, 24; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weath-er, clear.

W.; rain, .70; weather, clear.

Edmonton-Barometer, 30.24; tempera-ture, 10 below; minimum, 10 below; wind, calm; weather, fair,

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

17th to 23rd February, 1994.

The weather during this week has been unusually overcast and rainy along the Coast, on the Mainland there has been an abnormal amount of cold weather, and between the ranges in Northern British columbia a large amount of core. tween the ranges in Northern British tolumbia a large amount of snow. Frost occurred on the Lower Mainland upon six out of the seven days, and the large quantities of ice in the Fraser has prevented the boats from getting up the river. Though the winds have not been heavy in this vicinity, except for a few hours on the 22nd, several severe storms have occurred on the coasts of Oregon and Washington. The heaviest wind velocity reported was 76 miles an hour at Cape Flattery during the afternoon of the 22nd. At the same time thunderstorms occurred on the Sound, mad heavy wind raise and the same time thunderstorms occurred on the Sound. Realizing the great importance of the

The weather has been quite cold in Cariboo and Kootenay, though upon no day did the temperature fall below zero. On the other hand in the Territories and Manitoba the temperature has been below zero throughout the week and light snow occurred upon several days. The lowest temperature recorded was 36 below zero at Prince Albert. In the Yukon steady cold weather has prevailed, the average daily highest temperature was only 21 below zero and the average daily lowest was 31 below zero. Victoria—Sunshine recorded was 6 hours;

the average daily lowest was 31 below zero. Victoria-Sunshine recorded was 6 hours; rainfall, 1.12 lnch; highest temperature, 40.3 on 21st; and lowest, 34.2 on 20th.

New Westminster-Rain and melted snow, 1.92 lnches; highest temperature, 44 on the 18th; and lowest, 32 on 20th, 21st and 23rd.

Kamiloops-Snow, 5.4 lnches; highest temperature, 42 on 18th; and lowest, 12 on 17th and 22nd.

tempperature, 32 on 17th and 18th; lowest,

tempperature, 32 on 17th and 18th; lowest, 2 on 20th and 23rd.

Dawson-Snow, 2 luch; highest temperature, 10 below on 22nd; lowest, 44 below on 20th.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princets Beatrice from Seattle-R Prior, Maxwell Grant, Thos Slaughter and wife, F Stevenson, H S Smith, F N Drake, wife and three children, J Carlson, Miss MacKay, Mrs C Gwanson, B Middleton, Mrs Chas Tinsley, A H Hawking, T Graham, Chas Nelson, Mr Mallon, Mr Mayer, J A Moore and wife, L Calhonn, E Lacy, T L Sullia, W E Riley, H S Troctor, Miss Estman, A C Burke, D Lawrence, B Stern.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—H Malare, W C Birdsall, W G Beehtel, F J Stevens, J M Palmer, Geo aPrker, W S D Smith, J Blurtish, N J Sharp, C M James, F C Cotton, G H Cown, J W Pepper and wife, B L Gillespie, Mrs Carter, J Rac, C F Jackson, R V Winch, J C Maclury, Maxwell Smith, T Cunningham, Miss Donaldson, K T Elliott, E J Coyle, Miss Johnson, W J Holden, A Becker, W W B McInness, R Mitchell, E R Ingles, J T Doble, G A Ewing, J-F Hefliwelt, C Campbell, J F Telferd, G J Hicks, Mrs Marken, Miss Workman, G Herman, C K S inkster, Mrs D Manchester, D C Hills, E Gotling and wife, J B Richards.

Per steamer Whatcom from the Sound—J Lynch, Jas Jenkins, A McKenzle, W Webster, F Brandt, Jas Casio and son, S Erb, W B Card, A L Merrill, G H Andrews, Mrs Gray, Mrs Wm Gray, Jas Moon, R C Mfers, B L Austin, P R Price, Dr Morrison, Miss Delta, H Watson, H H Builer, B C Wilson, N J Rishop, S Eckles, A Rob. Sociation had no power to appoint this sociation had no power to appoint this

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Per steamer Iroquois from Island Portser M Palmer, W E Scott, Canon Paddon, E L Paddon, John Baird, G B Dyne, Miss Payne, G F Payne.

Marker.

A. E. Howse wanted the report referred back to the committee to eliminate this objectionable feature. The gasociation had no power to appoint this committee.

A. C. Galt was well satisfied the committee had received from the government what led it to believe that the ministers were favorable to recommendations to

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REPORT PRESENTED TO THE CONVENTION

Vancouver Will Be the Place of Meeting for Mining Association Next Year,

The Provincial Mining Association yesterday afternoon elected its officers for the ensuing year. Without a dis-John Keen and J. B. Hobson as presideat and first vice-president. Roland Machin, of this city, was elected second vice-president. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed when the officers were elected. The two former have served during the trying times of the first year of the association's existence and been found invaluable to the organization. Mr. Machin, the president of the local branch, has shown himself an indefatigable worker and will be a worthy successor to D. W. Higgins as resident vice-president.

Upon opening in the afternoon, Hon. E. Dewdney reported for the committee which interviewed the government. He said that the members were received very

The heaviest wind velocity reported was 76 miles an hour at Cape Flattery during the afternoon of the 22nd. At the same time thunderstorms occurred on the Sound, and heavy wind, rain and sleet squalls were reported on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia.

The weather has been quite cold in Cariboo and Kootenay, though upon no day did the temperature fall below zero. On the other hand in the Territories and Manitoba the temperature has been below gero throughout the week and light snow occurred upon several days. The lowest temperature recorded was 36 below zero at Frince Albert. In the Yukon steady cold weather has prevailed, the average daily highest sider any alternative scheme to the 2 per

> The Hon, the Premier desired that this to discuss without reserve all matters com

Mr. Hobson suggested that the com-mittee be made members of the execu-

mittee had received from the government what led it to believe that the ministers were favorable to recommendations to be made.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer iroquois from Island Ports-Goodacre & Sons, J J Sluggett-& Son, Fell & Co, J Dupen, Mr McCockall, R M Palmer, Vic Creamery, Kwong Hing, Thos Bennett, R Porter & Sons, Canon Paddon, Ino Tollick, B K Milling Co, Mowat & Wallace, Nicholies & Renouf.

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Were favorable to recommendations to be made.

The amendment of Mr. Morley was carried.

Caming to the election of officers, Mr. Hobson said:

"I rise to place in nomination for the office of president of this association, a man who will never tell you to swap horses in the middle of the strain; a man who has served you earnestly and faithfully for the past your admiration and your unfaltering samport. I place in nomination for the discontinuous discontinuous department of the clection of officers, Mr.

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nd a tiger.

Mr. Keen acknowledged the honorone. He would have liked to have been relleved of the burden. He took it as the highest compliment to the executive

committee.

For first vice-president, J. H. Browniee moved J. B. Hobson. He referred to the great work which Mr. Hobson had done. He was the grand patriarch of placer mining in the province. They looked to him for advice, and they got it gratitutously.

Mr. Higgins told of the good work done by Mr. Hobson during the year. There were trying times during the year and it was due in no small measure to Mr. Hobson and Mr. Keen that they overcame these.

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The nominations were closed with loud applause and Mr. Hobson declared elected first vice-president.

Mr. Hobson said that he thanked them heartly for the honor. His efforts in the cause would continue as long as he lived. The association would live longer than he lived. It was laid on a solid foundation. As long as he lived they would find him with a hand on a spoke to aid the mining industry in the province.

This was received with the singing of for He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and

for hearty cheers.

Mr. Machin, of Victoria, was then dected second vice-president with the

elected second vice-president with the same unanimity.

In acknowledging it, Mr. Machin expressed the hope that after a year's services he would be voted "A Jolly Good Fellow," as the other officers. (Voices, "You're that now.")

An adjournment for fifteen minutes was taken in order to nonimate men who would represent the electoral districts.

Upon resuming the convention elected the following representatives on the executive:

Caribco-John Hogg, Barkerville, Cowichan-P. J. Pearson, Grand Forks-Geo. W. Rumberger,

Rossland—E. B. Kirbr.
Rossland—E. B. Kirbr.
Revelstoke—M. Brown.
Vancouver—R. P. McLennan.

Valer-A. E. Howse.
Ymir-D. W. Moore, Trail.
The following resolution was
troduced and received with a
The resolution was as follows:

Resolved. That this convention is hereby heartily in favor of the Dominion government appointing to the cabinet a minister of mines, and in view of the fact that the annual mineral output of the Pacific Coast of Canada is now over \$30,000,000 and is rapidly increasing, respectfully request that the minister of mines should be a representative from the Pacific Coast of Canada. the minister of mines should be a repre sentative from the Pacific Coast of Canada

A. B. Clabon wanted the latter part left out. Left in the form in which it was, he feared little would result. The object was to have the matter dealt

Mr. Higgins and others wanted it left it was. They desired to have cab-

The resolution passed.
The following was then introduced:

Whereas there is a general complaint of wholly unnecessary and prolonged delay in the issue of crown grants for mineral cialms after proper applications therefore have been made, whereby great inconveni-ence and often loss are suffered by intend-ing sellers and buyers of mining proper-ties:

ties;

Therefore be it resolved. That the provincial government be requested to insist upon its officials issuing and forwarding crown grants for mineral claims within fifteen days after proper applications there fore have been received at Victoria.

Smith Carris pointed out the loss to prospectors and others by the delayed issuing of crown grants. Men with pro-perty under bond often lost a vast am-ount by this. These helding a bond also

That, as steamship companies in British Columbia are at present prohibited by law from carrying explosives on passenger steamers; that, as on every steamship route in British Columbia there are no exclusive freight carried; that, as this condition of the law as a present and

freight carried; that, as this condition of the law as at present acts as a severe hard-ship to mine owners and prospectors who must use explosives in their work; Resolved, That, in the opinion of this con-vention, the law should be so amended so as to allow of the carriage of explosives under reasonable restrictions, and which, we believe, could be done by the provision of a properly safe-guarded magazine.

Mr. Galt referred to the change as a racheal one and one demanding careful attention before being adopted. Mr. Machin pointed out that the pros-

Mr. Machin pointed out that the prospector needed explosives. It was a decided hardsaip to make it impossible for these men to carry a few caps, etc. A hunter might earry shells, but the prospector was debarred from carrying explosives. Provision, as in England, could be made by which in case of damage an officer might simply cut loose the lashings and let the magazine into the water. J. Findlay pointed out the inconveni-

G. Sheldon-Williams referred to the G. Sheldon-Williams referred to the fact that under the present regulations explosives were taken, under disguise. It was carried in trunks and satchels and about the person of travellers. The system was therefore more dangerous than by a magazine, as described by Mr. Machin.

Machin,
The resolution passed.
The rules were then suspended in order to decide upon the next meeting place, on metion of T. H. Smith.
Mr. Hobson moved that the next convention should be held in Vancouver. He said that it had last year been understood that the next convention should be held in the Terminal City. It was not their fault that it was not held in Vancouver. He thought that next year it should go there.

Others favored the next meeting in

Vancouver.

Mr. Williams pointed out that the meeting was to be held at the time of the sitting of the legislature. To do the best, they should meet in 'victoria'.

Capt. Wolley said that the convention met for the purpose of doing business and not for pleasure. Therefore they should meet where they could be in touch with the government.

with the government.

Mr. Kirby favored this also.

Mr. Williams thought one of the great objects of the convention was to educate the public. This would be accomplished by meeting in Vancour 1.

by meeting in Vancouver, where they did not understand mining.

Mr. Adams was in necord with the holding of the convention in Victoria. He moved that Victoria should be the next meeting place.

The meeting decided in favor of Vencouver being the next meeting place.

the varied character of the works there.
Capt. Wolley pointed out that the object of the convention was being lost sight of. This was an educating factor. It was not the purpose of educating the section in which they met. They were here to educate the legislators. That was why there association existed and that was why they were sent here.
Smith Curtis also objected to the sidetracking of the main purpose of the association. It existed to make itself felt upon—the government, and they should meet where that could be done most easily. They were not meeting to be entertained. I'etty jealousies too often came in. The reports from the meeting of the Vancouver branch had done something to hurt the convention.
Mr. Galt wanted to know what the business would be.
Mr. Howse thought that there was too much talk of pleasure and not enough of business.

Capt. Wolley wanted to know if

Capt. Wolley wanted to know if it would not be possible to have a special convention for pienies.

Mr. Kirby thought that one mistake had been made in fixing the place of the next convention. This proposal for a second convention in the year would be another mistake. It was hard to get men to do this twice a year.

Mr. Croastalle thought a summer session would do much for many who otherwise would not be able to attend a convention.

The meeting then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. MILITARY INSTRUCTOR.

Question of One For the High Schoo Cadets Discussed by Trustees Last Night,

The school trustees met last evening with all the members present.

The committee, consisting of Trustee Hall, Mrs. Jenkins and Boggs, appointed accommodation, reported as follows:

1. That a four class-room building erected on the Central school grounds. 2. That an architect be appointed to pare a plan for such a building on the derstanding that in case the by-law falls Trustee Hall argued in favor of put-

ting un buildings which would be suitable for years to come.

Trustee Lewis thought that just at the present time it would be unwise to the present time it would be unwise to expend money on assembly halls. School room accommodation was a pressing need, and the former could wait in the

The report was adopted.

The report of the building and grounds committee was presented, recommending the appointment of three architects. This

the appointed was adopted.

The following were appointed by ballot: Victoria West, R. Wilson; proposed extension, Mr. Keith; repairs, Mr. Wood-

Trustee Hall pointed out that with
Mr. Woodgate the same plan would be
followed as in former years. In the case
of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Keith, it should
be understood that there would be no
remuneration-unless the by-law passed.

On motion of Trustee Hall it was ordered to acquaint the Mayor by writing
as to the board's extraordmary expenditure.

Trustee Boggs moved, seconded by Trustee Huggett, that the D. O. C. be asked to detail an officer to give instruction to a cadet corps which is about to be organized by pupils under the name of the Victoria College Cadet Corps, and that a committee be appointed to arrange for funds to remunerate the officer so to be detailed.

This work will be

This work will be carried on withe ost to the board. Trustee Boggs went fully into the sub-ject, stating that by the change in the law governing these corps it was now possible to establish one of boys under

law governing these corps it was now possible to establish one of boys under 18 years of age. A corps numbering fifty had been formed already at Victoria College, and the uniforms had already been sent for. The corps was desirous of having the support of the school board. Trustee Boggs explained that the government furnished accourrements and instruction at the rifle range; an instructor would have to be paid for otherwise, and the instructor must be satisfactory to the officer commanding this military district.

The subject was fully discussed, several rasing the point that the school act did not provide for an expenditure for this purpose.

Trustee Hall said that if the specific monthly charges were retained the motion of the service of the ser

monthly charges were retained the motion w.s. cusside the provisions.

Supt. Eaten pointed out that any expenditure outside the regular estimates would require to be approved of by the department.

Chairman Jay doubted whether the board had the power to make such ar

poorty and the power to make such an appropriation.

Trustee Boggs was unwilling to have it stand over, and Trustee Hall offered to be one of nine to defray this expense. and to deposit a cheque immediately.

The motion, with some slight amendments, was carried and the following committee appointed, Trustees Boggs and Huggett.

Miss Redfern was appointed to the vacancy on the teaching staff.

The board then adjourned.

HOSPITAL MATTERS.

Women's Auxiliary Arranging For Furnishing of Strathcona Ward-Other Business.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Provin-cial Royal Jubilee hospital held a meet-ing on Tuesday at the city hall. There, were in attendance the president, vice-president, eight members and the searc-

The report for the month w

Madam President and Ladies: The rou-tine work of this society has continued faithfully since the last meeting. The sew-ing and mending committees have attend-ed ponetually, and it is now asked that these be increased by any niembers or friends willing to assist during Lent, and who are invited most cordular to meet at the hospital on Fridays between the ho

the hospital on Fridays between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m.

The Daughters of Pity beg to thank this society very gratefully for the contributions and support accorded to them by many of its members towards the children's Cinderella recently held by them, and watch they have pleasure in stating proved an unnumillated success.

mqualified success.

Work has been received and finished

If on the Hawthorn Circle of the King's Daughters.

He moved that Victoria should be the next meeting place.

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It was suggested by Mrs. Thornton Fell that a series of lectures on "Hygiene" and "First Aid" by local doctors might be arranged. This proposal was received favorably, and spread on the minutes for future consideration.

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A TIMELY EXPOSITION.

The demand of the British Columbia for concentration purposes, coupled with the evident disposition of many of the members to demand that the duties of "supplies" shall be wiped out also, has given our groggy protectionist contemporary a dreadful shock. It faces the situation in a very uncertain fashion and rambles all round it without saying anything in particular. It mumbles something about the Canadian manufacturer being given a reasonable opportun-

A few weeks ago nothing would do for all portions of Caunda, regardless of special circumstances, but "adequate pro- they are known to be, should have sent tection," which may be interpreted as cruisers and transports within unwithn to the bilt" Now the plea is advanced that as there is but a limited demand in Canada for mining machinery cruisers and transports which were sent demand in Canada for mining machinery at the present time, and as it is apparinto the business upon a large scale, the special situation must be faced in a of being sunk. They were intended to Inastruch as mining muchinery of the has been upon the free list for sevof the government in this province have secured in advance for the mining instry one thing that is needful for its welfare and progress.

When it was proposed to give bounties to encourage the production of lead we were told by our miraculously endowed contemporary, which was endorsed in its practical mining experience in a general the Chief Commissioner of Lands and good and was not stimulating the reduc-"adequate protection." There must be a uniform wall all along the line. Regardiess of all consequences, the Canadian markets in all lines must be re served for Canadians. As a matter of fact, the market for refined lead in Canmining machinery. The government adopted the course which promised to industry in British Columequally important industries in the East.

would assuredly do if he were installed that in an international haul the in the post again under a Conservative administration, a few favored individuals all subsidiary industries languished.

Preposterous thought it may appear, are most vociferous in their praise of protection were loudest in their demands combine. They insisted that the government should act, and the duty on news print was reduced. But this same class has no sympathy for the settlers in the are now from eight to twenty cents per bleak Northwest, who on account of the 100 pounds lower from New York and has no sympathy for the settlers in the high price of building material are Boston than from Toronto and Montreal. that affects their own profits they assail icy without the consent of parliam with violence. The hardships of the The Canadian manufacturer has the admen and women who are endeavoring to establish themselves in a new country ness in the west, and it is neutralized by and who must sell practically all they they consider not at all. But the fact are taken from them in higher freight that some of the delegates to the Mining Convention would impose the condition that home products to cutifle their prosame price as goods of a similar character produced in foreign countries, indi-cates exactly the attitude of the average bound to consider. The interests of the he ration, not the interests of individuals, have been the paramount consideration with the Laurer government. Because such is the fact the country has prospered under Liberal rule and the Liberal government is popular,

A PATROL WAGON.

The new Police Commissioners gave nherent human tendency to evil-doing by supporting Chief Langley's application for a patrol wagon. It is surmised that their action was dictated by a desire to fully meet all the exigencies that may arise during their term of office. For "joints" that are still said to be doing

business nightly, many of the lawproper or adequate means of conveying a to the strong rooms that lead to the halls of justice. We sincerely symsathize with this laudable determination We have no doubt expeditious manuer. softiciont business on his hands from day in purchasing and maintaining a patrol wagon with its appurtenances of Barnard is right when he virtually says are in contemplation as an outcome of mental and spectacular feature of the system of a city of the population of Victoria. There are more urgent "re quirements" at the present time column than a police patrol wagon want column than a police patrol wagon. We believe the City Council will be inclined to carb the enthusiasm of ou the duty on mining machinery and on oil their reforming zeal has become a trifle names is The Canadian News. The news young commissioners until the edge of need any eurbing.

Russians. They are strong on proclamamaking the most of their exploits. We of the glorious victory alleged to have been achieved at Port Arthur should be accepted with allowances and reserva-tions. We regarded it as strange that drawable range of the Port Arthur land after dreadful carnage sible for manufacturers to go were merely old merchant ships sent in ini manner. That is, the request of blockade the harbor and seal the Rus sian warships therein. Whether the purpose of the Japanese was accomplished the Bottom, but the galling fire of the Russian warship which had the honor to be built in the United States, as the dispatches tell us whenever they have an opportunity, may have prevented the Japs from dropping them in the channel. not seem anxious to come out when the Japanese are looking for a fight. To be sure he might make a sneak (as the boys where, but, in view of the hubbub his friends in St. Petersburg and elsewhere are making about honor, chivalry and good faith, we are convinced he would tion of lead. Nothing would do but never attack any unprotected port or ship without giving the enemy due notice of

RAILWAY DISCRIMINATION. Toronto Globe.

nda is about as limited as the market for Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Raffways shows the need of an efficient railway commission. The government will bia without blighting other and possibly ing the legislation which provides ma chinery for the regulation of rates and It is because the government has follow-ed that course regardless of threats that rates to Vancouver, New Westminster the development of Canada has been so and Victoria are not only higher than symmetrical since it was called to power. the old, but are higher than the rates If the Finance Minister were to listen from New York, Boston, and Pittsburg to the demands of each clamorer for to the same points. The regulation of the demands of each clamorer for to the same points. The regulation of the same points. The regulation of the same points are such that the same points. The regulation of the same points are such that the same points. The regulation of the same points are such that the same points are such t within the territory of the United States must be recorded as a separate contract might prosper exceedingly for a year or This makes it possible to compare the two, but the business of the majority would soon be adversely affected and the avould soon be adversely affected and the national haul with the rate over the same conditions in Canada would speedily be in for exclusively Canadian business the conditions under which the basic and and to detect if the railways are usurp ing the functions of government and sub-sidizing or taxing international trade. it is the fact that the newspapers which | The Canadian Pacific Railway has im munity in the west owing to the unfor tunate bargain with the original comfor relief from the exactions of the paper pany. The only means of reaching the company there will be by the regulation

of rates on competing lines. The rates to the Canadian coast ciries ed to live in sod houses. Anything This is a reversal of the protection pol vantage of the tariff in pushing his busithe policy of the railways. The advan ducers to protection should be sold at the tries in Canada. The policy of charging all the traffic will bear naturally leads them to consider the protection and other advantages which the Canadian manuproducer to the tariff. It is the welfare facturers sujoy. The result is a scale of of the average citizen a government is freight charges which absorbs the favors treight schedules.

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riage there is not an extra charge, but a reduction. It may be that these discriminations are exempt from govern-ment control. The terms of the bargain certainly prevent the government from reducing rates. But the com authority in the matter of discrimina tions between shippers and between lo

In council and in public meeting the action of the government in usurping

ory. They have declared for self-govern called upon the federal government to Wilson and Bowser. They have beet government-appointed police commission of doing business. That is evident. The be filled with gratitude to the government for its act. The Conservatives of Vancouver evidently do not crave exceedingly unremunerative jobs. And that no time shall be given them to instal and set in motion machinery such as appears to give such good satisfaction to ertain persons in Victoria.

The Times exchange table is nov typographical art. The part of this newspaper which comes within the limits limited linguistic comprehension indicates that our apparently interesting and manifestly mysterious contemporory is published in Vancouver, and that its acters, interspersed with English words apparently thrown in in hap-hazard The publication is apparently an exoti-There is one thing to be said for the brought forth by the fervor of the patri points out vesterday that the accounts are familiar with the custom of readin from the bottom of the page.

The result of the bye-elections in Que bee led some of the Conservative news papers of the East to the expressed cor little to hope for in the dissolution of the present Parliament. The personality of Laurier, they say, still dominates Quegains in that province they can hope to They hope for slight advances in some of the other provinces. But so do

PERSONAL.

Rev. R. B. Blyth, until recently pastor of the Congregational church, and Mrs. Blyth, left last evening for Mentone, California. Before leaving Mr. Blyth bade farewell to members of his congregation and other friends. It is probable that they will take up their residence there permanative.

Mrs. Geo. R. Jackson and her two daugh ters returned on Monday from California, where they have been for the past two years. They came overland. They pre staying at the residence of Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. D. Stephen, Michigan street.

John McEdward, purser of the steamer Athabasca, plying between Port Arthur and Fort William, is spending a well earn-ed vacation here. He is accompanied by Mrs. McEdward and Miss McEdward, While in the city they are guests at the Driard.

H. H. V. Koelle, who, until recently, acted as manager of the local branch of Pellew-Harvey, Bryant & Gliman, left ast night for Montreal, where he will reside in future. He was accompanied by

Mrs. Koelle and family. W. L. Challoner, of Challoner & Mitchell, left last evening on a business tour of Great Britain and the continent. He will visit all the great commercial markets. Mrs. Challoner accompanies hen husband as far as Ontario.

W. E. Robbin, formerly of Edmonton, has taken up his residence here. Mr. Robbin visited Victoria several times and was so well pleased with the city and the climate that he purchased a ranch at Kik Lake.

Provincial Fruit Inspector Thomas Cunningham arrived from the Mainland last evening to attend a meeting of the board of horticulture at the parliament buildings to-day.

A. V. Crisp and T. J. Stevens, of Van-couver; S. Erb, of Chemainus; and J. F. Teiford, of Montreal, are in the city. They are among those registered at the Victoria

W. J. Holden, of Toronto, representing the People's Loan and Deposit Company, is in the city on business. While here he is making his headquarters at the Domin'on

Geo, J. Hicks, of Montreal; R. J. Sharpe, of Winnipeg; J. T. Doble and Charles M. James, of Vancouver, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Vernon hotel.

H. S. Smith, of San Francisco; A. L. Merritt, of Toronto; Colin R. S. Inkster and Charles Camsell, of Winnipeg, are among those registered at the Dominion hotel.

J. F. Luno, provincial superintendent of the Union Loan and Investment Company, is registered at the Dominion. He will spend several days here on business.

F. Carter-Cotton, of Vancouver; J. Gra-ham, of Revelstoke; and David Lawrence, of San Francisco, are among those regis-tered at the Driard.

J. A. Moore, proprietor of the Washington hotel, Scattle, is in the city on business. While here he is staying at the Driard hotel.

G. Bradley Dyne, H. Payne and Miss Payne, of Saturna Island, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Vernon totel. Hou, Chas, Wilson left for the Mainland last covering by the stemmer Charmer.

bestowed by parliament. But it is sellow that the matter is dealt with in the systematic way disclosed by the new freight schedules.

There is a further discrimination against Canadian business in the west. Rates to Seattle and San Francisco are five cents per cwt. lower than to Vancaus, is in the city.

The Chas Wisson left for the Mainland last evening that evening that evening the steamer Charmer Charmer last evening. To Conway and wife are spending a few days in the city. They are staying at the Victoria.

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One of the most disastrous fires in the One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Leamington, Ont., occurred on Wednesday in which the new large brick block owned by William McSween burned to the ground, involving a loss estimated at \$33,000. The block was occupied by Cullen & Baneroft, furniture dealers; Norman & Dawson, dry goods, Mrs. Maycock, furs; Leamington Busness College and initial revenue and customs offices.

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So deeply impressed with responsibility were the members of the Chicago special grand jury, which indicted five persons for fine Iroquois disaster, that the jurors opened the proceedings with prayer each day. Foreman J. E. Field, led the members of the special body in an invocation, and when their work was done they knelt and thanked God that all in their belief had exercised their best judgment.

best judgment.

Minneapolis flour millers are hard pressed for cars in which to load their output. The roads have been appealed to for aid in securing cars so as to prevent curtailment of production.

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The regular meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Columbia, No. 834, will meet at Sir William Wallace hall at 8 o'clock to-night. All members are cordially invited to attend.

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-"How to Sall a Ship When on Fire - How to San a Sulp when on, are is the subject which Capt. Gaudin has selected for his lecture in the marine school, the old customs house, to-morrow evening. A good attendance will be looked for.

Steamer Cottage City will call here on Saturday en route to Alaskan ports. The vessel is scheduled to sail to-morrow, but will be detained a day on the Sound. The Ramoua, which relieved her for one trip, is expected from the north this

This evening at the Driard hotel a smoker will be given in honor of the visit of the delegates to the Provincial Mining Association. All the subscribers to the fund in the city are requested to be cresent in addition to the delegates from outlying points.

-Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travel-ers' Life & Accident Insurance Com-pany, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal. Hall, Goepel & Co., 100 Govern-ment street, Telephone call No. 83.

There arrived from Australia on the R. M. S. Miowera a few days ago the owner of a sheep ranch, who has come to Canada to see what openings there are for the manufacture of woollen garments. He has visited the Northwest, where he believes a big market can be found, and he has come to the conclusion that woollen products can be manufactured cheaper on this coast through importing the necessary raw material from Australia for them than the Onfario goods can be sold.

The committee having in hand the arrangements for the trip to Mount Sicker, made possible by the generous offer of a special train by the E. & N. Railway Company, are extending an in-vitation to the members of the Senate, vitation to the members of the Senate, the members of the House of Commons and the members of the legislature, resident in Victoria, to accompany the delegates to the Provincial Mining Association on this outing. The train leaves at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the day will be spent at Mount Sicker.

-An exhibition of the fire extinguish-—An exhibition of the fire extinguishing qualities of "Kilfyre," an Eastern preparation for putting out fires, for which R. W. Clark is the agent for British Columbia, was given by Chief Watson yesterday afternoon. Large packing cases filled with kindling and excelsion and saturated with coal oil were ignited and the chief showed how

excelsior and saturated with coal oil were ignited and the chief showed how effective Kilfyre was as an extinguisher. For small blazes it is invaluable. H. J. Knott has taken up the agency for Victoria. Messrs. Spencer & Co., end the Board of Trade have given orders for a supply of the extinguishers.

—Armament-Sergeant C. W. W. Hooper and Mrs. Hooper arrived on Sunday evening from England to take up their residence in this city. The branch of the service to which the sergeant belongs has in charge all repairs in connection with the big guns. It is in reality a corps of expert machinists and renders very necessary and very efficient service, and the sergeant expects to be here five years. Changes are made less frequently in this branch of the service than in others. With Sergeant Hooper there arrived two corporals and five privates of the Ordnance Corps, which has charge of artillery stores and their issuing.

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-Business in full swing at The West-side. A grand list of bargains for Fri-lay. See advertisement.

Lever's Y-Z(Wise Head) Disinfectant Sosp Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also seeks as a disinfectant.

-"Those are the finest mackerel I have seen here." This is the unsolicited statement of some who have seen the big ones at Erskine's, retailing at 25 cents each, corner Johnson and Quadra.

-Moir's marmalade 15 cent jars and the 5 lbs. tins, jam or jelly, at 45 cents, are moving rapidly. Secure some from Erskine's grocery before they are all gone. Telephone 106, corner Johnson and Quadra.

-The Provincial Mining Association celebrates its inauguration as a perman-ent body to-day. One year ago to-day the convention assembled in this city, which resulted in its organization. The association no one can deny has had a wonderfully successful year.

At the assembly hall of the High school building yesterday, an excellent ent-rtainment was given by the pupils of the junior and intermediate divisions of the Girls' Central school. There was a large attendance of parents and friends, and all spent. a thoroughly enjoyable time. This is only one of a series of entertainments to be given by the Girls' school.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Protestant Orphanage will be held in the committee room of the city hall next Monday afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock. The business will be the reports of the various officers, election of management committee for the ensuing year, and other matters concerning the welfare of the institution

—A meeting of the Provincial Board of Horticulture was held in the agricultural department of the parliament buildings this morning, when the recent amendments to the Horticultural Board. Act were considered. These amendments apply to the licensing of nursery stock dealers in the province, and how best to obtain the licenses was the principal matter before the meeting this morning.

—Two games of the shuffle tournament in connection with the Y. M. C. A. were played last evening. E. Middleton and E. B. Jones beat Watkins and Loveridge by a score of 21-4, 20-4, and J. Middleton and C. Haskin defeated Gillis A. series. and Roscamp by 20-18, 20-6. A serie of games will be played on Friday even ing between teams representing the Centennial school and Y. M. C. A.

—A very enjoyable social was held at the Spring Ridge Baptist Sunday school-room on Monday evening. Besides music and refreshments, there were several novelties in the way of anusements, including a communication competition, and a search for hearts (paper ones), prizes being awarded to those discovering the largest number. The entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. Pineo and Mrs. McNaughton.

A meeting of the Victoria Fruit Grewers' Association will be held to-morrow in the rooms of the department of agriculture to discuss the business of the coming year. Reports will be received from the various committees appointed at the last general meeting to investigate the different methods of conducting the fruit growing industry, and these papers, it is expected, will pave the way for very profitable discussion.

Last evening the newly elected offi-cers of Post No. 1, Native Sons, were installed by Past Chief Factor Dr. J. D. Helmcken: Chief Factor, W. H. Langley; chief factor, Thos. Watson: first vice-factor, George T. Fox; second vice-factor, S. Sea, jr.; secretary-treas-urer, E. J. Johnston: recording secre-tics.

remedy I have not had an attack. It re-

res in 10 minutes."
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—All paths lead to Victoria's busy store. See the big Friday bargain list at The Westside in this issue.

The Pollard company scored another success at the Victoria last evening, when they presented the ever-nopular "Geisha." This tuneful production was never sung or acted by the talented children better than in their present cugagement. Jack Pollard was a comical Wun Hi, proprietor of the tea house, and Daphne a very vivacious Molly Seymour. Alice Pollard acted and sang the part of O Mimosa San most delightfully, her rendering of the "Jewel of Asia" earning her an enthusiagtic recall. It'y Pollard was an excellent Reginald Fairfax, and Connie Pollard a charming Juliette Diament, the French girl. Fred Pollard. Oscar Heintz and Willie Thomas, as usual, took their parts very carably. To-night "Dorothy" will be given.

-The annual spring show of the Van-couver Kennel Club will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 31:t, April 1st and 2nd, in the Terminal Altit, April 1st and 2nd, in the Terminal City. It promises to be a very successful show, thanks to the secretary, Geo. J. Dyke, and the officers and members of the club, which has risen in members from twenty to two hundred and fifty. This is the opening event of the Pacific Coast circuit, embracing Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nana'mo. Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco. There are thirty-five cups to be offered, one each from the Governor-General, the Lieut-Governor, "The Stockkeeper," London; Countess of Aberdeen; Hon. Chas. Wilson; Col. Dudley, U. S. Cousul, and others. There will be, besides, over one hundred special prizes offered by the merchants of Vancouver.

—Mr. A. J. Morley, of the special committee of the board of trade, which reported last Friday evening on the question of holding periodical provincial board of trade conventions, desires to contradict the report published in the Colonist a day or two ago to the effect that the idea had been abandoned. The report stated that the committee did not think it advisable to hold such a convention at the present time, but suggested that a system of interchange of views by correspondence be adopted by which the boards could be kept continuously in touch with each other on matters periaming to the commercial well-being of in touch with each other on matters per-taining to the commercial well-being of the province. The resolution which was moved in this connection provided that the council, in the near future, propose, a convention to be held in the Terminal City to discuss the Assessment Act and other subjects that affect the commercial interests of the province.

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50c Moriette Skirting, 24 inches wide; Friday Bargain, 25c

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Friday Bargain, 10c

Staple Department to the Front Friday

Right in the front rank of popularity is our Big Busy Staple Department. We arranged some tempting Bargains for you Friday.

25c Curtain Muslin, 15c

25c Art Satren, 15c New Art Sateen, elegant new pattern

and furniture covering. Regular 25c, FRIDAY BARGAIN... 15c roc Cretonnes, heavy weight, good patterns; Friday Bargain, 6c

25c Art Silkoline, 40 inches wide; Friday Bargain, 100

50c Wash Goods, 10c Oddments of Muslins, Prints and Ginghams, also a few pieces of Voile Grenadine, black ground with embroidered colored stripe. Worth up to 50c. FRIDAY BAR 10c 25c Sheeting, 19c

Heavy Unbleached Plain Sheeting, two yards wide. 25c, FRIDAY BARGAIN...

Special Bargains in Curtain Muslin

Friday is the day for you to buy Curtain Muslin. We are showing a hand-some range of Brussels Net with Lace Frill, also White Muslin with Frill, at a saying of 50 per cent., for a Friday Bargain.

10c Fine Wools, 5c

40c Silk Fringes, 10c A Handsome Range of Functional Fringes for Curtains and Fancy Work, in a good range of colors. Worth up to 40c. FRIDAY BAR-

5c Furniture Gimp, in all colors; Friday Bargain, IC

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Bargains in Children's White Dresses

\$1 60 Dresses, 90c

\$2.35 Dresses, \$1.50 pay Bargain \$2.35. FRI \$1.50

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Four Special Friday Bargains

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AUGBY FOUTBALL. THE FINAL MATCH

It is possible that the last scheduled game of the provincial senior league will be played between the Victoria and Nanaimo teams or Saturday at the Coal City. If arrangements can be made this match will be brought off, as it is the desire of the local team to finish the series.

HANDBALL.

J. B. A. A. TOURNEY.

Last evening one of the tournament games was played between Jost and Suhy. The match resulted in a win for the former after some hard playing by both men. The score was 21-10.

22-21, 21-12.

On Monday a game was played between Jost and Smith, and was also won by the former, the score being 21-8, 21-16. The men were handicapped by 5 and 7 respectively. In the first test Jost pullel out ahead of his opponent by a large margin, without any difficulty. In the second game, however, Jost had to bring all his ability into play because Smith worked hard and put up some exceptionally fast play. At 16 points the players were even, but from there Jost gradually drew ahead on his credit, at least, that he look arradually drew ahead unfil he scored the twentieth point and won the match.

LADIES WILL PLAY.

Next Saturday a provincial leignmentate will be played between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams at Oak Bay. So far this season these elevens have centested one game which resulted in a win for the locals. It took place, on Terminal City grounds. The Victoria ladies have been practicing regularly in preparation for the next struggle, and have every confidence in their ability to again defeat their opponents. Since the last game it is understood that the Victoria ladies team has been considerably strengthened and hope to turn the tables on the local eleven. If the home team is victorious the championship will caus to the Capital this year, so that the Victoria ladies team has been considerably strengthened and hope to turn the tables on the local eleven. If the home team is victorious the championship will caus to the Capital this year, so that the Victoria ladies may be depended upon to do their utmost to win, Arrangements, are being made to suitably entertain the visitors. ship will come to the Capital this year, so that the Victoria ladies may be depended upon to do their utmost to win.

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BASKETBALL

large crowd witnessed the inter A large crowd witnessed the intermediate league match, played has evening between the J. B. A. A. and F. Y.
M. A. teams. The Bays proved victorious by a large margin, the score being 28 points to 2. In spite of the uneven apeparance of the score, the game
taself was at times exceptionally fast.
There was no rough play, although the
checking was sometimes close. The through their deplorable inaccuracy in shooting. They were allowed a number of opportunities which were not converted. Ou the other hand, the Bays displayed marked accuracy. Peden and Porter seemed unable to miss the basket, and it was recombined. and it was rarely they took a shot and did not score. The result of this match gives the Bays a decided lead in the struggle for the championship.

MATCH TO-NIGHT.

The Victoria and Columbia teams will play a league match on Saturday after, noon at the Caledonia grounds. This game should be closely contested, as the elevens are very evenly balanced. Play will commence at 3 o'clock promptly. The respective teams will be published in these columns to-morrow.

ous insinuations about a certain foreman can be safely left to that individual to an be safely left to that individual to always from the logging operations (?), and any farmer worthy of the name understands that a few months in cessant work with any tools will make all the difference in the world.

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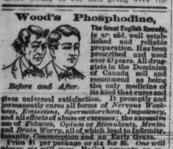
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE.

The executive of the Victoria District Association Football League will hold a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening. The chair will be taken at 8 o'cleck promptly by the president, Rev. W. W. Bolten, and a full attendance is desired, as questions of importance will be dealt with.

One of the principal matters to be considered is the protest filed by the Capital intermediate team against the referee's decisions in the match played on Saturday last between the Victoria West and Capital teams at Macanlay est and Capital teams at Macan'ay

Point.

In a communication to the executive W. Lorimer, president of the Capital club, explains the causes leading to the Capitals loaving the field before the finish of the match. He says: "The trouble arose owing to the ball going over the



goal line and being brought back into play and goals secred without the referees taking any action, although in both cases our goal keeper claimed the ball out and was unprepared for what followed. In both cases the linesmen were not in a position to tell whether it was out or not. I would like that an official measurement should be made of the grounds at Macanhay Point, and would draw the league's attention to the unsatisfactory way the grounds are laid out."

It is probable that the medals for the winning teams of the three leagues will be discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

ROAD WORK

To the Editor:- "Farmer" in last Sut day's Colonist makes a great splutter

w. H. Hayward, ex-M. P. P., when he came before the electors in 1900 promised, if returned, to take road work out of politics, and had he done nothing

out of politics, and had he done nothing else he would be entitled to the thanks of everyone who condemns political jobbery. His colleague did his level best to upset it, as he saw that one of his best levers, in ways that are dark and peculiar, was hid on the shelf. Before Mr. Pooley had fully awakened to the iniquity of what Mr. Hayward had done his (Pooley's) chances for harm were nullified for the time being as Mr. Hayward then had the government over a barrel, something in the same position as the present government now enjoy under Mr. Hawthornthwalte.

I do not assert that there are no abuses under elected road foremen, but I do contend that rightly administered their is far and away the best system yet tried. Contract work on the roads has as far as I have seen It only been another name for jobbery with the reward on poiling day, with a pat on-the back and "well done good and faithful servant, etc." "I'll look out for you the next snap crops up."

MATCH TO-NIGHT.

In the J. B. A. A. symnasium this evening another intermediate league game will be contested by the Janes Bay and Y. M. C. A. teams. The latter Bay and Y. M. C. A. teams. The latter bout giving them a good hard stringle.

To-night's game, it is safe to say, will be well worth seeing. Play will commence at 8 o'clock promptly. The respective teams follow:

Y. M. C. A. Guards, Moorc and Jensins, centre. Dilabough; forwards, May and Summers.

J. B. A. A. Guards, Gray and Gower, Centre. Porter (enptain); forwards, Peden and Jenkins.

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WORK AMONG INDIANS.

To the Editor:—Would you kindly grant me space in your paper to set before the citizens of Victoria and readers of the Times generally, that I have been impressed by the Spirit of God to volunteer my services to preach the gespiel to the Indians of this province (at least for a time). Because I am convinced "the time is short," and the work must be done quickly. This gospel of the kingdom must be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, with power and the Holy Ghost, and much assurance. Glory must be given to God alone, who hath created all things in six days, resting the seventh, which He bessed and sanctified or set apart to a sacred use (Exodus, 20th chap. S, 9, 10 and II verses), and did by His servants the prophets declare it was a sign between Him and His people, who like Jacob lave power with God, are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens, with the saints and of the household of Ged; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and propilets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone (Epes., chap. 2, 19 and 20 verses).

They will be gathered into one flock. To the Editor: Would you kindly

who will put all his enemies under His feet, and reign with His saints one thousand years, then afferwards shall He deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be all in all C. Cor. ehap, 15 and 28 verses).

I intend to "preach the word," which is quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing assunder of soul and spirit, and time since the fire. emies under His

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of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts of the heart (Heb., 4 chap, 12 verse).

Also, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalieth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into obedience our every thought to Christ (II. Cor., 10 chap., 5 verse).

Those of the children of God who feel disposed to help in this work in any way I shall be giad to hear from. First, to pray for the success of Cod's work; secondly, to donate towards the building of a house in which to worship God in spirit and truth at Port Simpson, from which place the trath will go to the whole, of the British Columbia and Alaska Indians. My purpose is to instruct a few of themselves (as did John Dunean) to carry if to all the utiles. I have the strong conviction God has gone before me to prepare the way. He has also prepared my heart and tongue to tell of the wonderful works of God, and show forth His praise.

praise.

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Jesus."

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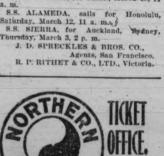
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WILY ORIENTALS

HOW JAPAN PLAYED THE CORRESPONDENTS

Struck While They Slept-Told by Passenger Direct From Across the Pacific.

typical Oriental trick on the war correspondents just before they struck that sharp, terribly offective blow at Port Arthur which carried mingled grief and rage to every Russian heart, not except-ing the Imperial occupants of the winter palace at St. Petersburg. The Japanese saw a large yawning opportunity for a coup de main which would give her a saw a large yawana good good her a decided alvantage in the conflict that she knew manst inevitable ensue. It was obviously important that no inkling of her plans should reach the outside. But to maintain this secrecy she had to deal with a contingent of journalistic sleaths, the cream of their profession, who had assembled in readiness for the opening of hostilities.

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They certainly succeeded luminously, and the way they did it was graphically described by C. M. O'Leary, a prominent business man of Japan, who arrived on the steamer lyo Maru yesterday afternoon. Mr. O'Leary had in his possession a number of photographs and letters from war correspondents who entrusted them to him for delivery. When he left the island kingdom the stormy petrels were feeling just about as warm as they will feel when they get into a tight corner somewhere in Manchuria, but the warmth was altogether of a different character. It was the warmth of resentcharacter. It was the warmth of resent

ment, "The Japanese government played the correspondents a cute trick," Mr. O'Leary said." "They were determined that the slightest semblance of an indication of their plans should not get out. When their plans should not get out. When the newspaper men were assembled at. Tokio they were told they would receive information and passports in plenty of time to take in the first move. So they waited anniably and patiently until one morning they heard something which made their hair rise and their gorge as well. It was the news of the night at-It, was the news of the night atwell. It, was the news of the night attack on Port Arthur, the opening operation of the war and the event of all
events they wanted to bag. The Japnaes-government kept their secret well.
I dined with Capt. James, the London
Times correspondent, the day before the
attack and he knew absolutely nothing
of when the hostilities would commence.
Naturally, the measure of a bunch of of when the hostilities would commence. Naturally, the movement of a bunch of war correspondents in any particular direction would put the enemy on their guard, and Japan didn't propose to take any risks. There was one correspondent who was at Tokio at the time. He was Jack London, and he had gone off on his own beat. As you are probably aware, London's beat ended in a Japanese jail, in which he was incarcerated for photographing Japanese fortifications."

Mr. O'Leary expresses the greatest confidence in Japan's ability to hold her own with Russia. He says she feels that she has the moral support of Great Britain and the United States, although she wants this to be her battle and hers alone. By virtue of ber dominant commercial interests in Korea and those in Manchuria, she has deemed it incumbent on her to take the initiative agairst Russian aggression, but her victory will be productive of results most beneficial to those enlightened powers which believe in equal privileges and community of trade.

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Among the passengers of the Iyo Maru were several missionaries who had been laboring in China and Japan. Of these Miss Lawrence, who was sent out to Western Honan some years ago by the Methodist church of the United States, is en route to her home on furlough. To a Times representative on board the vessel yesterday she gave an interesting talk regarding conditions in Honan, of talk regarding conditions in Honan, of which comparatively little is known by the outside worl L.

the outside world.

It is a province in the Central part of China and has a population of twenty-one millions. The particular section in which she was stationed is about three hundred miles from Hankow on the Yang-tse-Kiang river, or double that distance from the seaboard. River st-amers make the journey to Hankow, but from there travellers must trust in Chinese barges. Honan province was only thrown open to missionaries six years thrown open to missionaries six years ago, but the field is pretty well covered. ago, but the field is pretty well covered. The people have not developed any perceptible hostility towards the Americans and Europeans and appear to be remarkably tolerant. Hostility, however, is not difficult to stimulate. Two years ago there was an outbreak of cholera in Western Honan. The superstitious Chinese at once leaped to the conclusion that the foreign missionaries were responsible, and they killed them. Others took their places and have encountered no trouble.

trouble.

Honan was not a very great sufferer from the Boxer uprising. There was considerable unrest, but there were no barbarous acts committed, these atrocties being confined to Northern China. As to the present war between Japan and Russia, Miss Lawrence has found very little teeling in her particular field. It the masses of the people have heard of it at all they are characteristically indifferent. In fact she doubts whether they have the faintest inkling of the troubled situation which has been the nightmare of Europe ever since the China-Japanese war, and the chances are some of them never even heard of that some of them never even heard of that

conflict.
Whether Russia suffs little Japan into the cold storage of history or whether Japan brings the sowieldy Slay to his knees by some hard jolts in the wind, it is all one to them.

British Ships a Small Percentage of the Total.

The quarterly return of shipping lesses has just been issued by Lloyd's Register, say the Syren and Shipping. It is not possible to bring the return close up to date, as it sometimes happens that news of a total loss does not reach Lloyd's until months after the occurrence. The return just issued is for the quarter ended June 30th, and contains a list of vessels of all nationalities, of 100 tons and up wards, totally lost, condemned, etc., during that period, as, reported up till December, 12th, 1903. A very satisfactory and noteworthy feature is the very small percentage of British sailing ships lost-only 0.12 as hear.

tem and securing the 'supply from a purer source than the persentage is calculated on tomage basis, the British flag misses the premier position by a narrow margin, Germany taking the first place with a percentage of 0.10. Attention has already been drawn to the number of heavy losses that have befallen French sailing ships during the last few months, and an examination of the tables shows that the tricolor was no less unfortunate during the quarter under consideration. No less than nine vessels, representing 4.335 stons, were lost, giving a percentage of 1.41 of vessels owned and 0.93 of tomage. Norway, as usual, comes out very badly, with a percentage of 1.50 of vessels and 1.84 of tomage.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

At a mass meeting on Tuesday night held under the auspices of the Electoral Union the following resolution was passed: "Whereas the city council applied to the provincial legislature for crach the ledge found in the shift, is now in about 200 feet, and the ore body will soon be struck.

Work on the new No. 4 tunnel of the Granby mines, which was started some little time ago, is proceeding steadily, and the face is now about 150 feet from the portal. This turnel, which is being driven on a five per cent, incline, will reach the 300-foot level of the Old Ironsides mine.

At a mass meeting on Tuesday night held under the auspices of the Electoral Union the following resolution was passed: "Whereas the city council applied to the provincial legislature for certain specified amendments to the city charter and after the bill embodying the said amendments had passed through its first and second readings, the bill was so altered as to make provision for the appointment of a police grommission, and altered as to make provision for the ap-pointment of a police commission, and rushed through its final reading in the face of a strong protest against the legislature making any changes in the charter, other than requested by the city council. Be it therefore resolved, that this meeting most strongly condemns any interference with the liberty and constitutional rights of the citizens of Vancouver."

constitutional rights of the crizens of Vancouver."

It is reported that the various saw mill interests in the city have now under consideration a scheme, whereby all sales of lumber shall be made through a central offitral office, thus regulating the price and lessening expenses. A committee from the Lumbermen's Association will visit the Sound cities and Portland to enquire

An inquest was held on Monday afternoon over the death of a klootchman known as "Long-Backed Annie," who was found by Officer Davies on Sunday morning lying on the sidewalk near the corner of Maple and First avenues, and who died while being removed to the station in a hack. After hearing the above evidence the jury shortly returned a verdict to the effect that the dead woman known as Annie, had come to her death as the result of exposure, which had been helped to a considerable extent by one A. P. Anderson, whose negligence had left her in the rain all night. It also strongly recommended that some steps be taken by the city to rid the place known as Tar Flats of such disreputable characters as are known to reputable characters as are known to reside there,

Two bodies, victims of the explosion of May 22nd, 1902, were found near the face in the main west level parallel of No. 2 mine a few days ago. A large cave-in had occurred in this level and a cut had been driven around this to get at the face. The bodies were in a fair state of preservation. One was identified as that of W. J. Davis by the number of the lamp found beside him. The other is believed to be Clare Ellyn, the clothing being identified as resembling the deis believed to be Clare Ellyn, the clothing being identified as resembling the description given by the widow. This level was not being worked at the time of the explosion and it was not supposed that any men were near that place. Mr. Davis was a brattice man, and his work took him all through the mine. Mr. Ellyn was boss driver. These bodies complete the list of the victims, so far as known, of the explosion that occurred twenty-one months ago. The list now numbers 128. The management made a close estimate on the day following the disaster when they placed it at 130.

A lumber deal was put through re-

A lumber deal was put through recently whereby Messrs. R. W. Wood and A. B. Trites bought the timber and mill property of the Hayes Lumber Company at Elkmouth. The price of the property is in the neighborhood of \$26,000.

NELSON.

At Trustee Ritchie's suggestion the At Trustee Ritchie's suggestion the principals of the Nelson schools will be instructed to institute a weekly fire drill for all the classes, and the city council will be asked to instruct the chief of the fire brigade to take a hand in training the children at fire drill and to have a general turn out of the pupils at least once a month.

once a month,

"To judge from the number of university men that appeared at the Hotel Hume, Saturday evening, on invitation of the local members of the University of Toronto Alumni Association, to do honors to a distinguished graduate, the Chief Justice of British Columbia, Gordon Hunter, one might wall conclude. Chief Justice of British Columbia, Gordon Hunter, one might well conclude that Nelson has a fair representation, for in the twenty-six who partook of the good things ten universities were represented. These do not represent all by any means, as many university men of the city were mavoidably absent. Dr. E. C. Arthur, president of the alumni association, presided. At the close of the proceedings all joined hands and participated in singing 'Auld Lang Syne.' "
—News.

"It is understood that the management of the Coal Company intend driving a huge tunnel into the coal bed at Morrissey mines. At present the coal veins are tapped at a great elevation, entailing much expense in getting the coal out. The new tunnel, if driven, will commence between the tipple and the company's boarding house—this is right at the base of the mountains. This will be a huge contract, and a great many men will be employed. When completed it will be of great advantage to the coal company in the saving of hauling power. The principal purpose of the tunnel, however, is to secure a better quality of coal, and as it is a foregone conclusion that the purpose will be accomplished an impetus will be greatly increased."—Despatch.

ROSSLAND.

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s purer source than the present. At present Twia creek, which flows through the city of Phoenix, is the source of supply. At a recent meeting of the city council it was decided to secure the service of Major Van Buskirk until recently city engineer at Rossland to assist Mr. Johnson in preparing a detailed plan of the proceeded extension.

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THE WISHBONE.

Its Importance Shown in the Turning of Birds in Flight, /

Birds in Flight.

At the last meeting of the Boston Scientific Socity, C. J. Maynard, an authority on birds, spoke of what proved to be a very timely topic, "Why there is a wishbone," 'To begin with, the speaker deplored the lack of knowledge that exists regarding the structure of the birds, internally, "For example," said he, 'it is doubtful if five men in the United States know much about the anatomy of the common robin. The ornithologists know all about external characters, the color, arrangement and number of the feathers, methods of flight, habits and the like, but exceedingly little about the linteriors of the birds they study." Classifications have been made largely by externals, when study of the anatomy must be a very important part of the subject. He had himself begun with the anatomy, and more than twenty years ago, in some of his publications, he dared to separate the owls from hawks. They have been placed in the same order, and have so remained till very recently. No others have separated them even more widely than Mr. Maynard did so long ago. His deductions were from a knowledge of the anatemy.

The wishbone is called by scientists the furcula, and is in reality the union of what are in man the two separate collars.

the furcula, and is in reality the union of the furcula, and is in reality the union of what are in man the two separate collar-bones. These in the birds receive the brunt of the strokes of the wing that turn the creature in its flight. Few realize the strength of stroke of the bird's wing. It is said that a swan has been known to break a man's leg by a blow of its wing, and in like manner the wing-heatings of the larger birds are brow of its wing, and in like manner the wing-beatings of the larger birds are dangerous if they strike the head or face. If, therefore, a large bird is in the habit of making sudden turns to right or left in its flight it must be fitted with a wishbone competent to withstand the great strain of the wing-stroke on one side with no special autton or the other. side, with no special action on the other side. For this reason we find in the side. For this reason we find in the caghe and like birds of quickly turning flight a furcula that is a perfect Roman arch, widely at variance with the Gothic arch, which is the shape of the wishbone of our common fowls. The engle's furcula is a solid rounded arch, everywhere couplly strong and not developing those equally strong, and not developing those points of weakness that make our sport of breaking the wishbone possible.—Boston Transcript.

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J. M. LANGLEY.

February 5th, 1904.

NOTICE.

The reward of \$1,000 offered for informa-tion that would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me. J. M. LANGLEY,

February 5th, 1904.

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And take notice that all creditors of the said deceased are required on or before the 17th day of March, 1904, to send to the undersigned, post paid, particulars of their claims duly verified.

And notice is hereby given that said administrator will, after the said date, proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of creditors of whose debts or claims he shull then have received notice, and that he will not be responsible for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose debts or claims he shull then have received notice.

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Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Candad, 1888. Chapter 92, and the Statutes of Candad, 25 Victoria, Chapter 13, the undersigued by potition dated this day have applied to the Governor in Council for approval of the area plan and site and the reclamation of certain foreshore and submerged lands adjoining or abutting on Lota 2, 3, 4 and 6, Block "A," Harbor Estate, Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed works and a description by meter and bounds of the foreshore and submerged lands to be reclaimed has been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C. Victoria, B. C., Victo



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The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the list day of August in the year of, the date of the lease.

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JAP STATESMAN

TO RAISE LOAN

(Continued from page L)

is too much of a diplomatist to make wild predictions as to the outcome of the struggle. In reply to the query as to the iength of time he hoped Japan to held Russia down, or his opinion as to the approximate duration of the war, he said with a tinge of saddiess in his tones that it was impossible to say. He would not admit that Japan had been preparing especially for such an eventuality as war with Russia, but indicated his satisfaction that she was in a position to put up her very best fight. He was a member of the Ho cabinet during the Boxer troubles in North China, and the relief of the legations at Pekin. Therefore he must have been well posted as to the comparative fighting qualities of the Russian and Japanese soldiers.

"Mind you," he said, "I have never seen the Russians fight, but I have heard, yes, I have heard, that they are not noted for their intelligence, that they are more like machines, without initiative and originality. The Cossacks, however, are desperate fighters and very brave."

It was suggested that Russia, being strong in Ossacks, would have a distinct advantage over Japan in the cavalry arm. The Baron admitted that this was the latter's chief weakness.

"What is the opinion of the Japanese authorities as to the number of fighting men you could operate in Manchuria?" he was asked.

"Oh, I cannot say," he replied cau-

as asked. "Oh, I cannot say," he replied cau-

tiously.
"Two hundred thousand?"
"Perhaps," replied the Baron, diplomatically.

Three hundred thousand?"

"tes, I think so; perhaps more," re-He did not think that Russia could maintain more than two hundred thon-sant men in Manchuria. She has now

oni; one line of communication, an at-tenuated railway of imperfect construc-tion. Its rails were light and would have to stand the strain of all the pro-visions, supplies, ordnauce, and men. Japan, on the contrary, was in close touch with her base of supplies. "How about Port Arthur?" he was

asked.

"Yort Arthur may be pretty strong mow, but its natural strategical advantages are limited. Its harbor is such that only one war vessel can pass out at a time. A blockading fleet could eatch them one by one. The Russians, that only one war vessel can pass out at a time. A blockading fleet could catch them one by one. The Russians, however, have made it as strong as they possibly could. We captured it from the Chinese, but we had to carry the hills in the rear of it first. Then the task became easy." Because of this danger to the Russians of a land attack on Port Arthur, the Baron believes that there will be a big battle at the Yalu, where the army of the Czar is in full force.

force.

En route to London, the Baron will stop at Washington to interview the United States government. Just what the character of his interview with them the character of his interview with them will be it was impossible to learn, but it will certainly bear upon the attitude of the Republic towards Japan. Just how much money will be borrowed in the Old Country no one was in a position to state, but the Baron expects to be away a considerable time. His last words to the interviewer yesterday were: "We want the sympathy of your people because we are fighting the battle of civilization."

He proceeded to Seattle on the steam-er 170 Maru this morning, and will con-tinue his journey from the Sound city with rit ressible baste. He is accom-panied by two secretaries and the party were in the city until quite late last night visiting points of interest under the guidance of prominent local Japanese.

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GOVERNMENT STREET.

The executive committee, by the original resolution, simply stated that the bureau of mines had failed in the object for which it was created. There was no criticism offered concerning this government or any other government. The at tention of the government was called to a widespread dissatisfaction. The men in the scattered mining districts looked to the association to do this for them. It was an unpleasant duty to have to per-

ports which came out six months after they should were held to be useless. He rather favored the system adopted by Mr. Carlyle in issuing bulletins. Mr. Robertson took too much the position of a consulting engineer rather than that of a practical geologist. Mr. Carlyle's report upon Trail creek had done wonders for British Columbia. (Applause.) They were attacking a system.

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A. B. Clabon held that the association had all to do with the policy pursued. He thought the discussion had done good, and he suggested that the resolution he altered so as to recommend that the re-ports in future be altered, and made similar to those of the Dominion.

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D. W. Higgins wanted to know where the evidence against this man was to warrant striking below the belt.

Voices: "No, no. No strike below the helt."

J. B. Hobson said that when the matter came before the executive committee to discuss the matter term and the proper than the provincial mineralogist was spreading the report that these recommendations to the association to do this for them. It was learned that the objections. The executive committee of united the objections. The executive committee is and this should be taken off the mineral ogist.

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for more scientific mineralogists. But there was no outery for the mineralogist now. The presence of "ifs" and "buts" in the reports always worked against them. Too little time was spent in the field. In Rossland camp they needed a thorough examination of the ground. This could be done in the winter, as there were mires of underground work. He referred to the way in which the Ontario bureau of mines was worked, where experts were sent into new fields and the facts published broadcast to the world. Why did the bureau of mines not investigate the smelting conditions? No

one went to the provincial bureau of mines for information. They must have a charge so that there would be a demand for mineralogists. There were many young men graduating from the colleges of mines who would gladly assist in such examination parties. The gavernment should be told what was wanted: Mr. Robertson had a vast amount of expert information. A new system must be adopted. The bureau of mines must be reorganized and the staff increased. The report should come out earlier. The government statisticiam, Mr. Gosmell, should gather the statistics and this should be taken off the mineralogist.

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resolution. He explained that the ori-ginal resolution as put before the con-vention from the executive committee

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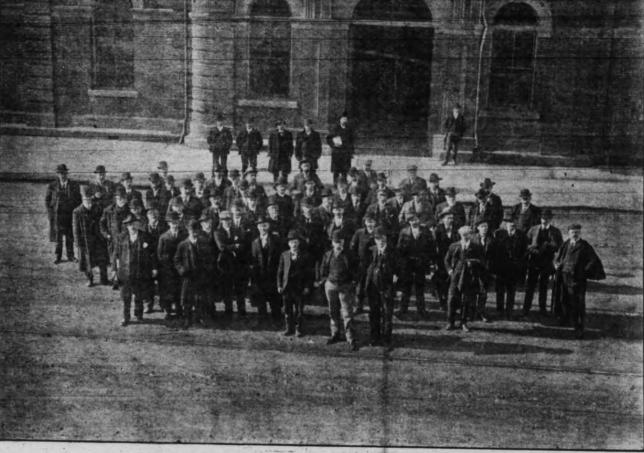
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DIED. BASSETT—At Vancouver, on Feb. 23rd, Mary Bassett, aged 54 years. BLACKWOOD—At Vancouver, on Feb. 23rd, Donald M. Blackwood, aged 58 years.



DELEGATES WHO ARE ATTENDING MINING CONVENTION.

I beg to report on behalf of your committee appointed to report to the convention concerning the charge of ineffelency made against the bureau of mines, that we do not flad that the severe condemnation of the bureau of mines contained in clause 20 of the special resolutions passed by the executive committee is at all justified by any evidence that came before us.

We do find that the provincial mineral-logist mass too large an area, to cover to always secure a full and proper investigation of new districts.

In amendment to the motion that the report be adopted, Mr. Kirby moved that the report be adopted, Mr. Kirby moved that the report be received. In doing so he said that he was very sorry that this question had come up, It was a disagreea able thing for him to enter upon a discussion which might be construed into a personnal attack. He was sorry that this friends of the department of mines fad forced this upon the association. The report be received. In doing so he said that, he was very sorry that this question had come up, It was a disagreea able thing for him to enter upon a discussion which might be construed into a personnal attack. He was sorry that the report he received. In doing so he said that the committee had fully investigated the whole question.

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C. F. Jackson did not think that the bureau of mines was necessary to boom the industry. There was pfenty of money back of it for that purpose. The mining industry was in a better condition now than it was some years ago. He did not know whether it was because of the more conservative policy of the bureau of mines or not. They should be very exreful in the action, He did not approve of a suggestion to suppress a truth in connection with reports. (Applause.)

Mr. Howse said that he did not sug-

to assist the mining industry by scientific and seelogical information, and to avoid anything which may be misconstrued as affecting the commercial prospects and claims of mining districts.

Mr. Howse sold that he did not suggest that Mr. Robertson should make any statements which were not true. All they wanted Mr. Robertson to eliminate was his suggestions of doubt.

Mr. Lamb withdrew his amendment. The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Kirby:

Resolved, That the government of British

Mr. Hobson, supported Mr. Kirby's