LOCAL NEWS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A Sailor's Death.—On Sunday a sailor named Andrew Monck, of the barge Alexander, lying at Union Bay, fell between the wharf and the vessel, sustaining injuries which caused his death shortly afterwards.

Farmers' Bulletins.—A bulletin board is now displayed by the Victoria Farmers' Institute at Bray's stable—the object being to disseminate information of value to customers when a member has stock or produce which he wants to dispose of and does not know of a customer, he sends particulars to the secretary, who posts it upon the board.

Improvements Contemplated.—It is understood that improvements of a substantial nature are contemplated by the management of the Victoria Lumber Manufacturing plant at Chemainus. J. A. Humbird, president of the company, and several of the directors are to visit Chemanius this week and inspect the entire plant.

Pound Sale.—Poundmaster Curran has given notice that on Wednesday, the 29th inst., he will sell at the city pound by public auction one dark colored heifer, white star on forehead, three white spots on left hip; also one black heifer, about two years old; unless the said animals are redeemed and the pound charges paid at or before the time of sale.

Borne to the Grave.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Cummings, of Spokane, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Burkholder. There was a good attendance and numerous floral tributes. The Rev. Dr. Rowe conducted the services, and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. John Meston, J. G. Brown, Frank Gregg, F. J. Hall and J. A. Kiel, Thomas Price.

Resulted Fatally.—The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital on Saturday evening of August Jackson, who was injured at Taylor's mill a few days ago. The deceased was a member of the Songhees tribe, and flags were half-masted out of respect to his memory on the reserve yesterday. An inquest was held yesterday and a verdict of "accidental death" returned. The funeral takes place today. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church.

A Test Case.—An interesting test case is to be brought on in the Supreme court today, mention of which was made in the Colonist Sunday morning. Application is to be made to compel the collector of votes to accept for registration the names of a number of residents of this city who are temporarily out of the province. The point has arisen in connection with the registration of the names of the Ottawa members—those affected being Messrs. Erle, Riley, Senator Templeman and others. H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., who has taken the initiative in the matter, will be assisted by L. P. Duff, K.C., representing the Liberals, and the registrar will be represented by the Deputy Attorney-General, Mr. McLean.

Strike Confirmed.—Arrivals from Skagway bring confirmation of the reported gold discovery and stampede in a new district to the northwest of White Horse. The stampede has almost emptied White Horse. Prominent men such as Judge Jackson, Mr. F. F. McKitrick, of the Electric Works; Mr. McLaughlin and others joined in the rush, and pack horses could not be secured in White Horse for love or money the day he left. The Northwest Mounted Police had dispatched officers to the scene to preserve order, etc., and other officials were being sent in. The location of the new strike is about 125 miles northwest of White Horse, and about 40 miles inside the boundary of the Yukon Territory, as far as Mr. Nourse could learn. The discovery was made by Indians.

Formal Opening.—The dedicatory services on Sunday at the opening of the Congregational church were of a most interesting character. The sermon was delivered by Rev. W. J. Hindley, superintendent of missions for British Columbia, and Rev. Dr. Reid occupied a seat on the platform. During the dedicatory services greetings were read from Rev. D. H. Reid, a former pastor, who is now at Lakeside, Wash., and from Rev. P. C. Harris, who also occupied the pulpit of the church some years ago. Last evening a social was held in honor of the important event, addresses suitable of the occasion being delievered by Rev. W. J. Hindley, Rev. Dr. Reid and H. Harris, of Vancouver. An interesting feature was the presentation of the keys of the church to the trustee board. An excellent musical programme was given, one of the numbers being the rendition by Mrs. G. Jennings Burnett of her husband's most recent composition "O Fair, O Sweet, O Holy."

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Shipping Ore.—On Monday last the steamer Oscar took a cargo of copper matte from the Tyee smelter to the Tacoma smelting works, and the Selkirk delivered two cargoes of Van Anda ore to the Tyee smelter, which is being operated in the most successful fashion.

Mount Sicker and Brenton.—The adjourned annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Mount Sicker and Brenton Mines, Ltd., is to be held on the afternoon of Thursday, July 30th. The meeting is expected to prove of a very interesting and lively character, as numerous matters of an intricate character require adjustment.

Sugar Goes Up.—Sugar has reached five cents; that is what the wholesalers pay for it. It was not thought that it would more than recover its normal price, but it has now advanced a quarter of a cent higher than its original price before the slump. So certain is it that sugar will advance still higher that it is impossible to buy it in large amounts even for cash; speculation in sugar is out of the question. It is believed by some wholesalers that sugar will go to five and a half cents before it slides back.

Seattle Carnival.—All the transportation companies entering Seattle have announced greatly reduced rates on the occasion of the Labor Carnival, which opens at Seattle on Tuesday next. The Puget Sound Navigation company, operating the steamers Clallam and Majestic, Will give cheap rates from Victoria. In connection with the carnival there are to be Labor Union day, Queen's day, Children's day, etc., the affair winding up with Mardi Gras.

Hangs on Friday.—On Friday next the Indian Louie, who has had several reprieves in order that his case might be further investigated, will be executed at Kamloops, where he has been imprisoned since the commission of the crime. Louie was to have been hanged last month, but the day before the date set for the execution, another month was granted to permit of the Minister of Justice re-examining the evidence. The result has been that the conviction and sentence are upheld, and the murderer will therefore pay the last penalty the day after to-morrow.

Sunday's Colonist.—Continuing the series of illustrated articles on the various industrial centres of the Island, the feature of next Sunday's issue will be an illustrated description of Crofton and vicinity. The bustling little smelter town will be fully described by photographs specially taken for the purpose, and will give a faithful idea of magnitude of the interests centred at this place. Last Sunday's issue, containing the views of North Saanich met with hearty approval and liberal support, and it is the intention to continue these articles dealing with the different farming, mining and lumbering sections of Vancouver Island in succession.

A Large Funeral.—There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends at the funeral of the late August Jackson, which took place yesterday morning from the family residence on the reserve, Victoria West, to the cemetery of same place. The Rev. C. E. Tait conducted the services. The pallbearers were Chris. Spencer and Arthur Lee, representing the church; Wm. McArthur and James Morrison, representing the Taylor mill employees; Louis Cummi and Thomas Tellardeen, representing the Songhees Indians. The Rev. Mr. Tait made special mention of the good traits of the deceased, he having been converted under his ministry while a missionary in previous years, and he also read a letter of sympathy, signed by a large number of the residents on the Songhee reserve.

Cattle Trade Active.—A very large quantity of live stock is now being shipped to the Yukon country. The steamer Venture arrived down from Skagway on Sunday afternoon, and immediately commenced loading a return cargo for the North. The hulk Dashing Wave and the Venture will take between them, from Vancouver, 345 head of cattle, 450 sheep and a number of hogs. The cattle are all from the Northwest, and are splendid animals, averaging 1,500 pounds per head when taken off the cars. The hulk Henriette left for the North yesterday in tow of the tug Escort No. 2. She had a number of head of cattle, as well as a big cargo of general merchandise, including 500 tons of Comox coal for the White Pass & Yukon railway.

Merchants Endorse Scheme.—It is now believed that the efforts of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce to secure the inauguration of a steamer service to ports on the East Coast, competing with the Union Steamship company, of Vancouver, will be crowned with success. Contributions to the guarantee funds to date are Messrs. Lenz & Leiser, Wilson Bros., Pither & Leiser, J. Piercy & Co., E. G. Prior & Co., Weller Bros., and Turner, Beeton & Co. The amount required to be subscribed is $1,200 per year for a period of five years. This is only in the nature of a guarantee, and there is little doubt that the boat would pay from the start. H. B. Thompson, of the firm of Turner, Beeton & Co., returned from a trip over the route the other day and he reports that the Union Steamship company's boats are doing a big business.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Farm Help Wanted.—R. M. Palmer, of the provincial agricultural department, yesterday stated that farm hands were in great demand in the Okanagan Valley.

Stonecutter's Death.—John H. Jones, a stonecutter by trade, who worked on the parliament buildings during their construction, and who had been a resident of the city for 10 years, died on Tuesday evening at the residence of James Pin, Glenfield avenue, Lake district. The deceased was a native of England, and was 62 years of age. The funeral is arranged to take place this afternoon at 1:15 from the residence of James Pin, and at 2:30 at St. John's church, Douglas street.

Arrived at Quebec.—The party of British journalists who are to make a tour of Canada arrive at Quebec today. The papers represented include the Morning Post, the Standard, the Daily Express, the Morning Leader and the Sphere of London, the Western Morning News, Plymouth, the Newcastle Daily Chronicle, the Belfast Evening Telegraph, the Birmingham Daily Post (Mr. Chamberlain's organ) the Western Daily Press, Bristol, and the Aberdeen Free Press. They will give their attention to industrial and economic problems as well as to the general conditions of the country.

A Sad End.—John Prentice, a commercial traveler, who visited Victoria frequently, was found dead in a box in the rear of a saloon at Vancouver on Tuesday. Inspection of papers on the person of the deceased showed that he was a commercial traveler, representing the firm of R. Campbell & Sons, manufacturers of stove fire bricks, Rockingham and yellow ware, of Hamilton, Ont. It was subsequently learned that his name was John Prentice, and that his home is on Caroline street, Hamilton, where he leaves a widow and family to lament their terrible bereavement.

Dance at Shawnigan.—Although the time has not yet been definitely decided upon, Mrs. Lester intends giving another one of those enjoyable dances at the Strathcona hotel, Shawnigan Lake, in the near future. At the recent dance the spacious dining room of the hotel was converted into a magnificent ball room, and presented a charming picture as the merry dancers whirled around. Those present had the use of the boats on the lake, and taken all in all, it was a dance that will linger in the memory of all those who were fortunate enough to be present. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Lester will not let too much time elapse before she holds another of these successful functions.

Remarkable Trip.—J. H. Wailes, who has just arrived in the city from the West Coast, tells of having made a remarkable trip from Ahousaht, on the West Coast, to Sidney, in an open fishing boat. The whole journey took about ten days, exceptionally fast time under the circumstances. According to Mr. Wailes, he made no great effort to make quick time. Each night he anchored in some harbor and continued the trip next day. He experienced a favorable southwest wind when rounding Cape Scott, which carried him along at a rate approximating ten knots an hour. When in the neighborhood of Alert Bay, Mr. Wailes met Dr. Newcombe of this city on his way to Queen Charlotte Islands for the purpose of collecting Indian curios.

Miss Miller Wedded.—Reports from Atlin tell of the marriage on the 7th inst. of Miss Miller, daughter of Munroe Miller, to Mr. C. R. Bourne, formerly of New Westminster. Miss Miller has been teaching school in Atlin, and Mr. Bourne has a prosperous drug business there. The trustees of Atlin are seriously contemplating securing a gentleman to teach the youth of the camp, as they are unable to hold any young lady who has been brought in. They quite approve of their citizens settling down and securing the comforts of a home in the charming surroundings of Atlin, but they do not favor the idea of running a matrimonial promotion bureau, as the results of their efforts to keep a school open so far have turned out. Mr. and Mrs. Bourne are very popular in Atlin.

Big Suit Threatened.—It is stated that a suit will shortly be instituted against the Victoria Terminal Company by Mr. Fred. J. Wheeler, formerly general agent of the Great Northern, now of Chicago. Mr. Wheeler, it is said, will sue for the repayment to him of some $27,000 with interest, being money which he and Mr. A. E. Henry of Milwaukee are alleged to have put into the company, in its initial stages. He will also ask, it is said, for $50,000 promoters' fees, for his services in connection with the inauguration of the business of the nef company. Mr. D. G. Macdonell, of Vancouver, is the solicitor acting for Mr. Wheeler. He is at present in the East, and is expected to return about August 1, when people who know of the plans in hand say that action will be taken to inaugurate the suit.

Cleanup Will Be a Surprise

Atlin Camps Are Very Prosperous This Year And Promise Good Future.

Large Hydraulic Plants Growing Numerous---Politics In Atlin.

J. T. Wilkinson, of Vancouver, has returned from Atlin, and says: "Atlin is a grand camp. The camp has never been so prosperous before and the returns have never been better. The noticeable feature is the remarkable expansion in the use of hydraulic mining machinery. Caribou Crossing and Taku Arm will be blocked by mining machinery and merchandise for a time. It was not nearly all into Atlin before I left. An immense dredge will be installed and operating on Gold Run before the end of season. Part of the plant for this establishment was taken up on the Amur when I went north and there was so much of it that it had to be taken in several consignments by various steamers going north."

Asked as to the way the clean-up of gold is turning out, Mr. Wilkinson said:

"Pine, Boulder, Spruce and McKee creeks are yielding splendidly. The output for the season is hard to estimate, but it will be a surprise. The freshet early in June played havoc on some of the creeks, but all are down to work now."

Mr. Wilkinson makes some interesting comments on the work of many of the well known men in the Atlin district. He says:

"R. D. Fetherstonbaugh, manager for a big hydraulic company on McKee creek, is doing some grand work. One week they had an $8,000 clean-up. I spent a day or two with Mr. Fetherstonbaugh, whose camp is 17 miles from Atlin City. On his property there is a mineral spring, the waters of which are to my taste far superior to Apollinaris, or any of the other natural mineral waters.

"J. F. Deeks was just completing his ditch on Pine creek, and should soon be piping.

"J. M. Ruffner's big plant for the Sunrise company at Discovery, on Pine creek, is working night and day with good prospects, and he has two monitors going.

"The French Hydraulic Company, on Boulder creek, were seriously handicapped by the freshet, but are now doing good work.

"J. H. Brownlee, manager for a big Seattle company, is getting a big hydraulic plant to work on property which has been showing up well.

"The Willow Creek Hydraulic Company is doing good work under the management of Mr. P. Brackett."

Of labor conditions Mr. Wilkinson says: "There are no idle men in Atlin, and all draw good pay. There are plenty of merchants and business there to supply all that is needed in the district. Capital is turning there steadily, and there is room for plenty more to open up and dig virgin ground. A pretty good proof that Atlin is all right is the fact that the best business that I have ever written was secured there.

"Atlin is pretty well stirred up over politics, principally with reference to the coming provincial fight. While there is a general feeling in favor of seeing party lines established, there is almost sure to be an independent man put up to represent the mining interests. There are a number of likely candidates in both parties, and some of these would also be very generally acceptable to the mining interests. Among the Liberals, the present member, Mr. J. Stables, is spoken of, and J. A. Fraser, mining recorder, would make a strong man on the Liberal ticket, but he could not be induced to run. Among Conservatives who are looked upon as strong probabilities, are R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, Capt. John Irving and Dr. H. E. Young, the latter a brother of F. McB. Young, of Nanaimo. There was some talk among the Conservatives of offering the nomination to Premier McBride, but no definite action had yet been taken. The mining men would give strong support to John Kirkland as a straight mining candidate, without party nomination."

Mr. Wilkinson left Vancouver on June 7, and up to his return on Saturday, wrote $140,000 insurance, including the time traveling north and south. He has written $107,000 in July up to the 18th. Of this record business nearly all was done in Atlin, which proves the camp a good one, as he very justly remarks.

MR. BALFOUR WILL AID CHAMBERLAIN

During Autumn Will Support Fiscal Policy And Dissolution to Follow.

London, July 22.—The Times announced that it is anticipated in official circles that parliament will dissolve early in the next session, and that a general election will occur in March next year. In connection with this announcement, rumors were circulated yesterday that Premier Balfour intended in October to make a strong speech in support of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's fiscal programme, and that thereupon Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie and other free trade ministers would resign, which, of course, would virtually compel Mr. Balfour to resign also, and recommend a dissolution of parliament.

OBITUARIES.

Nyack, N. Y., July 22.—Robert McHenry, a cable splicer, employed by the New York Telephone company, touched a live wire on a pole at Spring Valley today and fell, fracturing his skull and dying almost instantly.

Toronto, July 22.—Emile Madore, 19 years of age, lineman of the G. N. W. Telegraph company, while on a pole on Young street, north, yesterday morning touched a live wire and fell to the ground a distance of 25 feet.

Kingston, July 22.—Prof. Forshawday, R. C. A., died early this morning after a long and painful illness, aged 71 years. Deceased was an eminent artist, his paintings being considered among the finest works of art produced in Canada.

Saskatoon, N. W. T., July 22.—Hugh McIntyre, foreman of the bridge gang of the Canadian Northern railway, was accidentally crushed and instantly killed by the falling of some timber on a scow which he was building. His family live at Aisla Craig, Ont.

THE GAYNOR-GREENE CASE.

Privy Council Grants Extradition of Swindlers to United States.

London, July 22.—The case of the United States for the extradition from Canada of John F. Gaynor and W. D. Greene came up this morning before the Privy Council. The governor granted the petition of the United States for the extradition. A Taschereau, of Quebec, appeared as counsel for Greene and Gaynor.

CYCLONE STRIKES THE LIBERAL CAMP

Thirty out of Thirty-Eight Seats in the Manitoba Legislature Won by the Conservatives---Two Constituences Still Remain to be Contested.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, July 21.—The Conservatives are jubilant over their victory at the polls yesterday. It was almost a clean sweep for Premier Roblin and his forces. The Conservatives have carried 30 seats out of 40, with two elections yet to be held. The Liberals carried Assiniboia Mountain, Rhineland, Russell, LaVerandere, Hamiota, Birtle and Killarney. All the others are Conservative.

There has been a cyclone among the Liberal candidates, especially among the independent Liberals. Every conspicuous Liberal, with the exception of Mr. Greenway himself, has been turned down, including J. D. Cameron, at one time attorney-general in Greenway's cabinet, who lost by a sweeping majority to T. J. Gordon; A. C. Fraser, at Brandon, who has been boomed as Greenway's successor; Edward Brown, mayor of Portage la Prairie; J. D. Hunt, in Norfolk, and Dr. J. D. McArthur, in Centre Winnipeg.

A contrast is shown by the present ministers, all of whom have been returned, in most cases by record-breaking majorities, Premier Roblin and Hon. Mr. Rogers heading the list by majorities which are phenomenal.

CONSERVATIVES ELECTED.

Arthur	A. E. Thompson
Avondale	James Argue
Beautiful Plains	Hon. J. A. Davidson
Brandon City	Dr. S. W. McInnes
Carillon	Albert Prefontaine
Centre Winnipeg	T. W. Taylor
Cypress	George Steel
Dauphin	Dr. Gunne
Deloraine	E. Briggs
Dufferin	Hon. R. Robin
Emerson	Hon. J. D. McFadden
Gilbert Plains	Glenn Campbell
Gladstone	David Wilson
Lakeside	Edward Lynch
Lansdowne	Dr. Hicks
Manitou	Hon. Robert Rogers
Minnedosa	W. B. Waddell
Morden	John Henry Riddill
Morris	Henry Colin Campbell
North Winnipeg	Sampson Walker
Norfolk	R. F. Lyons
Portage la Prairie	Hugh Armstrong
Rockwood	Isaac Riley
Springfield	W. H. Corbett
St. Andrews and Kildonan	Dr. Grain
St. Boniface	Joseph Bernier
South Brandon	A. N. Carroll
South Winnipeg	J. T. Gordon
Turtle Mountain	Jas. Johnson
Virden	J. H. Agnew

LIBERALS ELECTED.

Assiniboia	Jos. Prefontaine
Birtle	Hon. C. J. Mickle
Hamiota	David Jackson
Killarney	Geo. B. Monteith
LaVerandere	W. Lagimodiere
Mountain	Hon. Thomas Greenway
Rhineland	V. Winkler
Russell	W. J. Doig
Springfield	Thos. H. Smith

Harbor Must Be Deepened

C. P. R. Cannot Operate New Steamer Victoria to Inner Berth at Present.

Greater Depth Required In Channel Off Brackman & Ker's Wharf.

Unless arrangements are made to deepen the channel leading into the harbor opposite Brackman-Ker's wharf, it will be impossible for the C. P. R. Company to operate the new ferry steamer Princess Victoria in and out of the inner harbor, and necessitate the craft making landings at the outer wharf. This fact was communicated to the Board of Trade yesterday morning at the first meeting of the new council, in a letter from Capt. Troup, superintendent of the company's coast shipping interests.

C. F. Todd, the newly-elected president, occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Pitts, Gillespie, Higgins, Galletly, McQuade, Oliver, Hall, Lugrin, Kingham, Leiser, Ker, and Secretary Elworthy.

Capt. Troup's letter explained that there was a depth of only 11 feet of water in the channel leading into the harbor off Brackman-Ker's wharf. The captain pointed out that the company in order to meet the requirements of business, had found it necessary to contract for a vessel which will draw 13.6 feet of water, and unless the channel was deepened the company would have to have their new Vancouver steamer arrive at and depart from the outer wharf.

The board is on record as having advocated the dredging of the harbor to a depth of 16 feet at low tide. A chart of the harbor had been forwarded to the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and also to Mr. Keefer, the Dominion engineer in this province.

It was decided to instruct the secretary to write to Hon. Senator Templeman and members of the Dominion House, setting forth the complaints of the C. P. R. Company. The fact the Pacific Coast Steamship Company gave as a reason of their inability to place a steamer on the Victoria and Sound route was due to the insufficiency of water in the inner harbor.

The council dealt with a number of other business of a more or less important character. A letter was received from the Lieutenant-Governor thanking the board for the message of condolence in his recent bereavement.

The Post Office department at Ottawa wrote promising its attention to the unsatisfactory mail service between here and the Sound.

The Agricultural Association asked for the board's co-operation in making the forthcoming exhibition a success, which will of course be given.

The appointment of a delegate to the Congress of the Chamber of Commerce of the Empire to meet at Montreal was next considered, but the matter was left in the hands of the secretary and president.

A report of the special committee on the subjects to be presented by the delegate was therefore left in abeyance, the board being asked to enclose its whole report, which will include its views on the colonial policy of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

The subject of the graving dock at Esquimalt came up in connection with a report from the Chamber of Commerce, and the resolutions enclosed were ordered to be received and filed.

In connection with the West Coast service, it was mentioned that the steamer now on that route was overcrowded. It was understood that the increased subsidy for that service would be voted at this session of the Dominion House. It was decided to telegraph to Hon. Senator Templeman requesting that the subsidy be secured without delay, it being understood that so soon as it was forthcoming that improved service would be provided.

Standing committees were appointed as follows:

Fisheries—J. L. Beckwith, B. Boggs, H. D. Helmcken, B. C. Mess and H. A. Munn.

Manufacturers—W. H. Bone, Andrew Gray, T. M. Henderson, J.J. Lemon and Wm. Munsie.

Harbors and Navigation—Wm. Grant, E. B. Marvin, J. A. Sayward, C. J. V. Spratt and F. W. Vincent.

Public Works and Railways—H. P. Bell, F. S. Barnard, H. F. Bullen, Jos. Hunter and J. A. Mara.

Finance—J. S. Gibb, Jas. Simon and G. A. Taylor.

Mining—T. Lubbe, R. Machin and Wm. Wilson.

Agriculture and Forestry—M. Baker, A. Henderson and R. Seabrook.

Reception and Entertainment—H. M. Grahame, Chas. Hayward, A. G. McCandless, E. G. Prior and Thos. R. Smith.

Legislation—D. B. Bogle, D. M. Eberts, G. L. Milne, J. Nelson and J. J. Shallcross.

Trade, Commerce and Transportation—G. A. Kirk, L. Pither, C. E. Redfern, H. B. Thomson and H. G. Wilson.

City Affairs—C. A. Holland, E. M. Johnson, Jas. Paterson, F. B. Pemberton and W. J. Pendray.

Cowichan Committee (re-appointed)—Lindley Crease, Henry Croft, C. H. Dickie, C. Livingston and Harry Smith.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable; small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

THE COMING EXHIBITION.

Committees to Meet on Friday—Much Interest Being Shown.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A meeting of the live stock and poultry committee of the B. C. Agricultural Association will be held at the office of Messrs. Swinerton & Oddy, 102 Government street, on Friday afternoon, July 24, 1903, at 2 o'clock. A meeting of the printing and advertising committee will be held at the same place on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.

On Tuesday night last the executive committee met to arrange the special prizes. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, all the executive being present at the adjourned meeting, when the arrangement of the special prizes was finally completed.

Dr. Tolmie is now back from his trip to Courtney, Cumberland and Alberni, and finds a great interest already being taken by farmers and others throughout the country in the forthcoming exhibition. He is now giving the sports and attractions his special attention, and hopes to be able to arrange for some new and striking attractions which will make a very enjoyable programme.

Government Is Undecided

Unable to Reach a Decision on Grand Trunk Pacific Scheme.

Messrs Sifton And Fisher's Recrimination Over the Manitoba Cyclone.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, July 22.—Mr. Monk made a formal charge in the House today that Loy, member from Beauharnois, had sold his seat to the government for the post office at Valleyfield. The question was referred to the Privileges committee.

An animated discussion took place on the government's delay in bringing down the Grand Trunk Pacific proposition, and the opposition severely scored the government for its inability to reach a decision. It is reported tonight that efforts are being made to modify the agreement so as to bring Mr. Blair back to the cabinet, but it is not thought that this is possible, as the government has committed itself so far that it cannot recede.

Great interest centered here today in the report that Messrs. Sifton and Fisher practically came to blows yesterday. Mr. Sifton taxed Mr. Fisher with being partly responsible for the Manitoba Liberal defeat through his unpopular census appointments. Mr. Fisher warmly resented the charge, and the two ministers clinched and were separated by the private secretary.

Messrs. Wilson and Green left last night for the West, going by way of Chicago. They will take the Soo line from St. Paul.

The party of British journalists are expected by steamship Manitoba. By their present itinerary they go west as far as Banff only; but efforts are being made to extend their trip to the Coast.

Lougheed's amendment to the criminal code to prevent the importation of American labor agitators, passed the Senate today by a vote of 38 to 13, after a long and somewhat heated debate.

TO TEST MINES REGULATIONS ACT

Colliery Company to Be Prosecuted For Employing Chinese Underground.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, July 22.—Inspector Morgan will prosecute the colliery company before the Cumberland magistrates tomorrow. D. M. Rogers, of Victoria, is acting as crown counsel, and says the government will carry the test case through to the Privy Council.

The fact that the body of one Chinaman is still in the workings has considerably reduced the force in number, six Mongolians having a superstitious dread of going down under the circumstances.

SUMERS.

In another column will be found an advertisement wherein is offered a varied assortment of necessary groceries by Dow & Co., the Western Mail Order House, 552 Cordova W., Vancouver, at what seems to be remarkably low prices. On the assortment offered a saving of $6.20 is made on $11.55 investment, which is quite an item. The firm handles everything, and they will be glad to quote prices on any quantity, large or small, of anything wanted. They are enabled to sell cheaply, they say, on account of buying for spot cash, and selling only for spot cash, thereby getting rid of any possible bad debts, and selling by advertisement does away with expensive traveling salesmen. We can recommend our readers to give this house a trial.

Better Times For Ireland

His Majesty Pleased at Awakened Spirit of Hope And Peace.

Long Been in Sympathy With Advancement of People's Well-Being.

Maude Gonne Adds One Discordant Note to Harmonious Scene.

Dublin, July 22.— Replying to he Dublin citizens' committee, the King said there was no part of his dominions in which he took greater interest than in Ireland. The Queen and himself had long been in sympathy with the movements tending to advance the social and material well-being of the community, and they hoped now to become acquainted with the conditions under which the people lived and to learn what could be done to brighten the lot of the people.

Replying jointly to the other addresses, His Majesty said he rejoiced to hear of the awakened spirit of hope and enterprise among his Irish people, which was full of promise for the future. It would be a source of profound happiness to him if his reign was coincident with a new era of social peace and industrial and commercial progress for Ireland.

The King visited Trinity College, where he spoke briefly, saying he was proud to hear his name was numbered on the roll of the college, which boasted of Swift, Berkely, Burke and Gratton.

The Queen, after presenting badges to the jubilee nurses, drove to Alexandra college. In the meanwhile King Edward held a levee at the Castle, which was attended by a great number of prominent people from all parts of the country. After the levee, the King returned to the viceregal lodge, where he was joined by the Queen.

Maude Gonne (Mrs. McBride) hung a black flag outside her residence yesterday in memory of the Pope, she said. It was pulled down by the police, whereupon Maude Gonne, supported by her lady friends, hung out another black flag, and arming themselves with pokers and boiling water, defied the police.

JAPAN STILL DOUBTS RUSSIA

Not Satisfied With Assurances And Asks Great Britain's Joint Action.

London, July 21.—The Associated Press learns that Japan is not satisfied with the assurance Russia has given the United States in regard to Manchuria and has been actively urging Great Britain to join in a more energetic attitude towards Russia.

Japan is persistent in urging that additional ports be opened. Japan has informed the foreign office here that Russia has not ceased to press for Chinese acceptance of the conditions which she presented some time ago, and which Russia denied subsequently. If the ports are opened in compliance with the Japanese proposal Manchuria will be honeycombed with trade routes.

The Manchuria ports suggested by Japan are Fuinhanchen, Takustan, Siuyan, Liaoyar, Semminchin and Tunhua.

Pekin, July 21.—According to the Foreign Office, Russia has not informed China of the withdrawal of her proposition to the opening of the Manchurian ports, and according to the same presentations, negotiations between China and Russia have been suspended for the past month. United States Minister Conger today conferred with M. Lessar, the Russian minister, supposedly regarding Manchurian matters.

London, July 21.—The Standard's Odessa correspondent says that 128,000 troops are being mobilized from Central and Northern garrisons in Russia for immediate despatch to the Far East in case of necessity. He reports that on the return of Gen. Kuropatkin, the Russian war minister, there will be an extraordinary meeting of the imperial council of state, which will be attended by the Czar, and it will discuss the Manchurian and coguate questions.

THE STEEL INDUSTRY.

New York, July 22.—The formation of a billet pool will be announced by the Iron Age tomorrow. The Iron Age will say: "The principal steel works of the country, including the U. S. Steel Corporation, Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., Wheeling Iron & Steel Co., Cambria Steel Co., Lackawanna Steel Co., and the Pennsylvania and Maryland companies, have formed a billet pool, which is to be handled in a manner very similar to the steel association. While the base price is $27 for billets, at mill for bessemer standard sizes, the usual practice is to make uniform delivered prices. For carbone between L 20 and L 60 there is an advance of $6 per ton, while billets above L 60 carbon carry an extra of $2 per ton. Sheet bar and tin plate bar tonnage are quoted at $21 above billet and blooms.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Kaslo, July 22.—M. L. Moyer, of Philadelphia, passed through here to-day on his way to procure machinery of the latest improved type for the purpose of developing placer ground which he has taken up for his people, who are Boston and Philadelphia capitalists. Mr. Moyer has had many years of mining experience all over the United States and British Columbia, and is also an expert mineralogist. He has been prospecting and experimenting since May last along the Lardeau river and its branches, and to say that he is enthusiastic is putting it mildly. He says:

"It would be impossible to speak too highly of the wealth of the district. If we had the Lardo valley over in our country we would have ten thousand people into it since Marquis and Gilbert made their big find. I have two claims taken up, and have leased 80 acres for my people, 3½ miles from Poplar Creek. Who are my people? I am not at liberty to say, but we have ample capital back of us in old Philadelphia, and I can assure you that already we are satisfied with the returns we are receiving from properties we are operating on Trout Lake. The Ethel, Horseshoe and Lucky Boy are shipping on a dividend-paying basis. The smelting returns go $204 to the ton, and the veins have every appearance of going down and holding to the high values.

"The formation is excellent and will be permanent. I have been in the vicinity of Trout Lake for nearly three years, and came down the Lardo river in May last, since when I have been testing the streams and bars, and I am so well satisfied that we intend to put in, as soon as we can, the machinery on the ground, as complete and up-to-date a placer mining outfit as money can buy. I know just what we want, and no expense will be spared to secure the proper apparatus. I had two men working 12 days, with shovels and rude appliances they took out eight ounces of gold, for which I got $17.50 per ounce. We went down nine feet and had to stop on account of water. How much deeper the pay-dirt went I had no means of knowing, but it was good enough for me if it did not go any deeper. We intend to use hydraulic pumps to raise the sand from the bedrock, using traction engines for power and the latest improved gold-saving appliances. There is something of importance that seems to be overloooked to a great extent by all those who are interested, and that is more presence considerable in the ores of the district. "Do you see that platinum in the bottom?" showing a bottle half full of flakes of gold and black particles of what is evidently platinum. "Well, that was panned out of arsenical iron ore after it was crushed. Frank Carlson showed me a piece of ore the size of a man's hand that could be bent and turned into various shapes, being held together with the wire gold, taken from his claim near the Gold Park group. I saw a piece of ore as large as a man's head, with gold literally sticking on it all over. I tested the Marquis and Gilbert lead for 1,800 feet and secured gold in every pan. The arsenical iron on Poplar Creek gave returns from $20 in free gold to $14.20 to the ton."

AWFUL SLAUGHTER OF VENEZUELANS

Ciudad Bolivar Captured By Government Forces After Fierce Fight.

Soledad, Venezuela, July 22.—7 p.m.—The fight between government forces and revolutionists from 1 o'clock this afternoon has been horrible, and at this hour the only places which still resist the onslaught of the government troops are the jail and the capitol. In the afternoon, the government troops, numbering 5,200 men, were ordered to make a general attack upon all the positions still held by the rebels. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Seamora, called the Sebastopol of Cuidad Bolivar, was stormed and captured. Ninety-four dead rebels were lying around inside, among them being Gen. Azanza, one of the revolutionary leaders, whose head had been blown off by a shell. It is impossible to give an idea of the carnage which occurred at this point.

PAPER MILLS BURNT.

Hartford, Conn., July 22.—The Case and Marshall paper mill at Woodland, near East Hartford, was burned today; loss, $200,000.

EDUCATION BILL PASSED.

London, July 22.—The House of Commons today, by 228 to 118 votes, passed the third reading of the London Education bill.

DESPERADO CAUGHT.

Meetetzee, Wyo., July 22.—Sheriff James Fenton, with his prisoner, Jimmie Cloud, guarded by a posse of 90 men, arrived at Basin, the county seat of Big Horn county, last night.