

British Columbia

NANAIMO.

The leasehold of the property and premises situated on the east side of Water street, described as a portion of lot 6, block 30, was sold by the sheriff...

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Peter Brown, a fisherman (not Grant), was arrested yesterday, charged on the information of "French Pete" another Canadian fisherman...

Though the water is falling up-river, the height is higher here at high tide than when the freshet was at its greatest...

The estimates for the current year were finally adopted at the last meeting of the council. The estimated expenditure shows a general reduction in each department...

The residence of Mr. A. A. Richmond, clerk of the municipality of Surrey, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is stated, was complete, house and contents having been quite consumed.

VANCOUVER.

Seneca J. Ketchum, well known on the coast as a smart writer and printer, and who edited the Idea in this city during its short career, is under arrest at Spokane, Wash., on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences.

The tea drying operations on the Howe Vancouver lawn are not yet completed and will probably be continued during the week. Each day fresh chests have been hauled from the depot and tea spread out on the floors, that it touched by the water being carefully separated from the rest, dried in the sun and carefully re-bagged in new chests...

A man named Wm. Cook, a trapper, last autumn came across some good looking quartz in the vicinity of Fish Trap Creek which empties into the North Thompson River and has taken Messrs. Redpath and Robinson, two experts, to examine the ledge.

PORT SIMPSON.

Port Simpson, July.—The village is at present very quiet, as a good many of the white citizens are away on holiday trips and most of the natives are away to the canneries.

ly surprised by meeting two huge black bears, only about a mile distant from the village. He having a rifle with him, and he became so frightened he did not want to see the result.

The long-expected Charles Hlaverson, alias Dogfish Charlie, arrived from Alaska on the 24th of last month, accompanied by his friend Mr. S. Dean.

On the morning of the 27th a meeting was held in the school house for the election of a school trustee. Everything went in favor of Dr. A. E. Bolton, and the vote resulted in his being re-elected.

The Calceola left for the Skeena on the 30th. The passengers on her from here were Rev. Keen, Dr. and Mrs. Bolton with their children, Mr. C. Stevens and son, Miss Spence, Rev. Jennings and a few Indians.

The 4th of July was not celebrated here as the weather was very disagreeable, but the inhabitants showed a brotherly feeling to their rivals across the line by putting up their flags.

The body of a man was found in the Columbia near Moberly. No particulars as to how the fatality occurred have yet reached us.

KAMLOOPS.

Warm weather lately has raised Shuswap Lake to such an extent that it is feared, that the farmers on the lake shore will lose their crops.

THE LEDGE.

An extension of time on the Dalhousie and Wyocomeagh has been granted by D. O. Lewis in order to allow him to make an expert report to the company here respecting its mineral value.

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VERNON.

The hop yards on the Coldstream ranch are in splendid condition and year after year present indications of an extremely large crop may be expected.

Hay making is now in full swing throughout the district, and the crop is reported good. In some parts of the Mission valley is said to be heavier than for several years past.

The water in the Spallumcheen river rose rapidly last week, and is now within a few feet of the mark made by the high water two years ago.

Messrs. Ricardo and Crowell, of the Coldstream ranch, returned on Friday from Calgary, having safely delivered the 260 head of cattle shipped the previous week.

Similkameen River was at its highest on July 29th, about a month later than usual. It is believed, however, that there will not be much, if any, damage done this year by high water.

Mr. R. C. Armstrong, a rancher from the Similkameen district near Keremeos, was in town this week, and reports that several valuable mineral discoveries have recently been made in that section.

Mr. J. Hunter, a well-known prospector who has large interests in that quarter, has within the last two weeks located two splendid ledges, one of which is twenty feet in width and carries copper in large proportions.

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THE BISHOPS BEATEN

The House of Lords at Last Passed Deceased Wife's Sister Bill.

Papal Interference is Characterized as an Impudent Attempt.

Some Imposing Naval Maneuvers are to Occur This Week.

London, July 13.—A majority of the newspapers express themselves as satisfied with the adoption of the deceased wife's sister bill, after forty years of agitation.

The important question now is, will the government give the bill a chance of passing the house of commons as well as the house of lords. It is believed that at least two-thirds of the members of the lower house are in favor of the measure, while outside it can safely be said that the mass of the people, except a section of the church party, is also in favor of the bill.

Baron Herschel, formerly lord chancellor, and a Liberal, in a crisp speech, demolished one of the leading arguments put forward by the Bishop of Ely, who appealed to the canonical law as denouncing the marriage of a man with his wife's sister.

The members of the house of lords who voted in favor of the bill last evening included the Duke of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of York, the Duke of Fife, Lord Rosebery, Lord Herschel, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Rothchild and others.

The naval maneuvers of this week will be on a larger scale than any yet attempted. They will open with a preliminary cruise, which will be followed by tactical exercises. A sham war will be the next feature of the programme.

The ships will be divided into channel and reserve fleets. The latter, according to the scheme, protects the coast against the channel squadron. Great Britain will send to sea upon this occasion a larger naval force than was ever before mobilized by one power in the history of the world.

The government has gotten into a muddle over the Irish land bill. The Economist, commenting upon the Chicago convention, says: "The success of the Democrats would act like a moral and economic cyclone on American trade and business. Happily it is one thing to carry an unsound platform at a party convention, and quite another to win an election."

ASHROFT.

C. A. Semlin, Philip Parks, Wm. Walker, J. C. Barnes and several other prominent farmers and stock raisers were in town this week.

Wm. McCorkle and Engineer Sims of the Underwood Dredging Company came down last stage and the former goes east soon.

Clarence Miller, of Anaconda, Mont., who has been prospecting in the region of Pemberton Meadows, has been to Seattle to purchase some hydraulic supplies and is now awaiting the shipment of hose, nozzles, etc., which are detained in the custom house.

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MADAME LAURIER.

An American exchange publishes the following sketch of Madame Laurier: Madame Laurier, wife of Wilfrid Laurier, the coming premier of Canada, is an admirable example of the best type of French-Canadian gentleness.

For many years she has not only led in French society at the capital during parliamentary sessions, but has fulfilled with equal dignity all those other manifold social offices which fall to the lot of the wife of him who leads his people.

Somehow younger than her distinguished husband, Mme. Laurier is a handsome woman of about 45, with that type of good looks which is ill portrayed by photography. Delicate features, clear blue eyes, silvery hair, a fresh, girlish complexion in youthful contrast to the graying tresses, a quick French smile, and flashing impression of white teeth and sudden dimples—that is Mme. Laurier as no camera can ever do her justice.

As Mme. Zola Lafontaine, of Montreal, she who has become the wife of a premier was a noted beauty. As Mme. Wilfrid Laurier she is a noted chateleine and sweet helpmate—one as able as she is quite and tasteful. The Laurier home is at Athabasca, where a magnificent old house, set in eight acres of land, where the statesman has quiet for taking his rest, and Mme. Laurier opportunity for cultivating the plants and flowers which comprise one of her chief joys.

There are no small guests who come, sure of a welcome from the kindly two, who love all things young and beautiful and good.

When the Lauriers remove to the capital, as they will, it needs must be almost like going home. Every session they have appeared there in company, and have grown as beloved as they are admired of the people. With Mme. Laurier is the same unaffected friendliness, refinement of manner and native courtesy that mark her husband. It seems almost as though these two, after a quarter of a century of married life, had grown to be one in all such external ways. But, in spite of Mme. Laurier's gentleness and forgetfulness of self, there is a purpose and a spirit in her make-up which impresses those whom she meets, and makes them feel that there is a woman who could suffer and be strong in any great crisis of life.

Mme. Laurier is a devout Roman Catholic, but broad-minded and sympathetic to all. Whatever burden of care and responsibility comes to the first minister of the crown in Canada, he is sure of near sympathy, and a wife to encourage, stimulate, and strengthen him. Lesser virtue, perhaps, but one which appeals to the mind feminine, is that Mme. Laurier knows how to dress becomingly and well.

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