Lake Superior Silver Mines

Rich Group Near Port Arthur Is Sold For a Song.

Twenty Years Ago Mines Were o nsidered Richest in the World.

Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 29.—The biggest and most important event in silver mining circles in ten years was consummated last night, when Wiley Bros. and Herbert Shear sold their holdings of stock in the Consolidated Mines company of Lake Superior, Limited, to Pennsylvania and Ohio capitalists. The sale was effected through Mr. Miners, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and the sum paid over by that gentleman to the vendors is in the neighborhood of $100,000. The mines, which, through this deal passed entirely into the hands of the Pennsylvania people, are the West End, Silver Mountain, Shuniah, Weachu, Badger, Porcupine, Keystone and several undeveloped locators in New Ontario.

Twenty years ago these mines were producing large quantities of silver and were considered to be the richest in the world. Silver was then worth $1.32 an ounce, but through overproduction it became a drug and the price fell to less than one-half. The Lake Superior mines were shut down in consequence and those of Nevada in some cases restricted their output, and in others ceased operations. With new methods of mining and treatment the Shuniah, Silver Mountain, West End, and Badger may again come to the front as the most important silver producers in America.

HIGH GRADE VELVET ORE

Large Shipment of $20.00 Ore —Rich Strike in No. 1 Level.

Rossland, B. C., Oct. 29.—The manager of the Velvet mine, in this camp, cables to his London directors that the mine shipped 389 tons of ore in September, averaging $20 per ton net.

A strike of very high grade ore is indicated by the statement that at present prospect work is being done on a streak of ore in the number one level, in which the vein matter assays five ounces of gold per ton. These are exceedingly high values for the Rossland camp.

September profits for the Ymir mines are given at $2,000.

ROSSLAND'S OUTPUT.

One more week's ore shipments from the Rossland mines for this year will exceed by fully 50,000 tons the ore shipments from the camp of the full 12 months of last year. The shipments for the next two months to the end of the year will be just so much more of an increase over the product of last year. The product of ore each year has increased from a modest beginning to one of gigantic proportions—one that our people fail to fully realize except when their attention is called to it. And the outlook for the future is that the output for 1903 will greatly exceed that of 1902.—Rossland Miner.

CHILLIWACK COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the council of the township of Chilliwack was held in the court house on the 24th of October, 1902 All the members of the council were present, with His Worship Reeve Paisley in the chair.

The notice calling the special meeting was read.

Moved by Coun. Thornton, seconded by Coun. McConnell; that the Board of Works inspect the needed repairs to the Mobson ald landing road, on Saturday the first day of November, meet at the landing at 10 a. m.

Moved by Coun. Thornton, seconded by Coun. Ashwell, that the clerk be instructed to write to Inspector of Customs at New Westminster, informing him that the Chilliwack Indians are in the habit of smuggling liquor into B. C. from Sumas City, Washington State.

Moved by Coun. Good, seconded by Coun. Wilson that the Reeve, Coun. Ashwell, and the Clerk be appointed as a committee to draft a resolution to Mr. Morrison, M. P., respecting the protection of the Fraser River bank, along the dyke line.

Moved by Coun. Wilson, seconded by Coun. Lickman: Whereas there has been raised under by-law No. 18 of the township of Chilliwack, known as the Big Prairie Drainage By-law, the sum of $1,063.13, in excess of the amount required to pay for sinking fund and interest for the years 1892, to 1901 both inclusive. And whereas the township of Chilliwack, has out of its general revenue expended in the preservation, maintenance, and repair of the works carried on or constructed under the provisions of said by-law the hereinafter mentioned sums viz. On the Chilliwack Central ditch, $330.95; Prairie Central ditch, $175.30; Bailey Ditch, $61.00. Therefore be it resolved by the Reeve and Council of the township of Chilliwack, assembled in open meeting, that the general revenue of the said sums, in the total of $567.15, which sums shall be debited to the account of the Big Prairie drainage scheme. And be it further resolved that all sums raised levied, or gotten during the year 1902 and thereafter, until the first payment shall have been made under said by-law in excess of the amount required in any one year for the payment of the sinking fund and interest under said by-law, shall be applied either in whole, or in part towards the preservation, maintenance, and repair of the said works, or to the recoupment of the general revenue of the said township in the amount of such sums as the said township may have heretofore, or may hereafter pay out of the general revenue for the preservation, maintenance, or repair of said works.

On motion the council adjourned.

S. A. GAWLEY, C.M.C.

S. J. DAWSON DEAD.

Was Formerly M. P. For Algoma.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Simon James Dawson, former M. P. for Algoma, and one of the best known civil engineers in Canada, died suddenly last night at his rooms here. He is supposed to have died a wealthy man, but his relatives are unknown.

It is understood that Dr. Leonard Ellis, of St. John, N. B., will be appointed medical officer to examine all immigrants arriving there during the winter. Frank Pedley, superintendent of immigration, is to become deputy superintendent general of Indian Affairs. Mr. Smart, resigning his office, to confine himself to the Interior Department.

WATCHORN'S REPORT.

Beaver Line Representative Says It Exaggerated.

London, Oct. 31.—In regard to the charges contained in the report of United States Immigrant Watchorn (on emigration to the United States by way of Canada, dated Paris, France, August 22, and cabled here from Washington), in which it is said many Europeans obviously ineligible are allowed into the United States by way of Canada, a representative of the Beaver line said to a representative of the Associated Press: "It is a remarkable charge which I am quite sure is greatly exaggerated. I cannot say anything in regard to emigration conditions on the Continent, but I know that all our emigrant passengers are inspected at Liverpool dock by Board of Trade physicians, to see that they comply with the Canadian law. Whether one or two undesirables occasionally slip through, I am sure I cannot say, but when the Board of Trade here certifies to an immigrant's fitness, our responsibility is ended."

"Is your husband good?" "I hope so." "Don't you know?" "I can only trust so. She tried to light the fire with benzine yesterday."—Philadelphia Press.

SOCIALISTIC ELOQUENCE

Stirring Speeches By Leading Men of the Party—The Platform.

Sir William Wallace hall was crowded last night in spite of the heavy rain, the occasion being the first Socialist rally of the winter season. O. Lee Charlton acted as chairman, and read the Socialist platform, and explained the various principles enunciated therein.

J. Waters was then introduced, and dwelt on the existence of a class struggle between the working class and the capitalist class. The idle, rich, and out of work tramps live upon the wealth produced by the wage-workers. The workers only get a bare existence, statistics proving that 87 per cent. of the wealth produced goes to the capitalists, and only 13 per cent. to the real creators of it. Socialism demands that labor shall receive the full result of its toil. To secure that end it is necessary for the workers to realize that they are being exploited, form a class conscious political party, and capture the powers of government. Socialism will abolish the class struggle.

G. Weston Wrigley said that Socialism was an international political movement, and 8,000,000 votes had already been cast for it in various countries. Three parties in this province, the Conservatives, Liberals and Progressives advocate government ownership of various industries, and desire to patch up the present competitive system. The Socialist party advocates the collective ownership of all industries, and the democratic management of them. It is more practical for the workers to strike at the ballot box than on the industrial field. All parties aiming to reform the present system are after effects rather than the cause. The real cause is the competitive system of wage slavery and the Socialist party is the only party advocating its abolition and the establishment of a co-operative system of industry. Capitalist governments only grant palliative legislation to those they fear, and the only way to secure the enforcement of labor legislation is the building up of a strong independent Socialist vote. The palliatives advocated by other parties have been tried in other countries, but the condition of the wage workers will remain the same until the competitive system is done away with. Socialists will support all legislation tending to improve the conditions of the workers as the work of education is thus made easier. Mark Hanna has prophesied that the political battle of 1904 in the United States will be between the Republicans and the Socialists, and the situation will soon be the same in British Columbia.

Ernest Burns, Vancouver, was present to take the place of J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., Nanaimo, who telegraphed his inability to attend owing to illness. Mr. Burns answered a large number of interesting questions put to him by persons in the audience. For over an hour this mode of giving information was pursued, evidently to the entire satisfaction of all present.

At the close over 20 new members were enrolled into the local branch of the Socialist party, and a series of meetings, to be held in Labor hall during the winter, was announced.

Following is the platform of the Socialist party of British Columbia:

We, the Socialist party of B. C., in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support the principles and programme of the international revolutionary working class.

Labor produces all wealth and to labor it should justly belong. To the owner of the means of wealth production belongs the product of labor. The capitalist system is based upon private or capitalist ownership of the means of wealth production, therefore all the products of labor belongs to the capitalist. The capitalist is master; the workingman is slave.

So long as the capitalist remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the province will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of capital.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever swelling stream of profits; and to the worker an ever increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interests of the working class lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the powers of government, the capitalist to hold; the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore we call upon all wage-earners to organize under the banner of the Socialist party of B. C., with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

1. The transformation as rapidly as possible of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railways, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.

2. Thorough and democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.

3. The establishment as speedily as possible of production for use in lieu of production for profit.

4. The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system is utterly abolished make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the worker in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does the Socialist Party is for it; if it does not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

5. In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class alone.

GIRDLE ROUND THE EMPIRE

Completion of the Pacific Cable Will Be Fittingly Celebrated at Victoria.

The Pacific cable, which forms the last link in the girdle of the Empire, and the completion of which will mean so much to the merchants and people of the Dominion, is expected to be completed tomorrow or Saturday, and a celebration will be held by the citizens of Victoria at the Victoria theatre to mark the history-making event. A programme has been already drawn up for the occasion, and when the last link of the deep sea cable is completed, the Victoria theatre will be the scene of an enthusiastic celebration in honor of the event.

The cable steamer Colonia left this port on September 16, and two days later started from Bamfield creek, to lay the stretch of cable to Fanning island, and allowing for slack, she soon had 3,561 miles of deep sea cable stretched across the ocean to the Equatorial island of Fanning, and the surprised King Greig, who had been months behind the news of the world, was in communication with his friends. This work was completed on October 6, and then the Colonia went to Honolulu, where her crew were transferred to the cable steamer Anglia, and that vessel, after making the shore connection with Fanning started out on October 18 for Suva, to lay the last link, connecting the Fijis with Norfolk island, to which the cable had already been connected by the Anglia from New Zealand and Queensland. This stretch of 2,093 miles is now nearing completion, and tomorrow or Saturday will in all probability see it complete—thus finishing the last link of the longest cable in the world, which unites Canada and Australia.

As British Columbia exerted considerable influence in bringing forward the great work—it will be remembered that this province offered one million dollars towards the Imperial work—it is held, and fitly so, that the Capital City of this province should hold a celebration to mark the completion of the work. The C. P. R. Telegraph company, Commercial Cable company and Pacific Cable company will aid in this movement, and when the meeting is held at the Victoria theatre at the completion of the work a representative of the telegraph companies will be on the stage with his instruments, and a wire having been run to the theatre, which will be the connecting link, will bring the East and West together. Messages will be sent to His Majesty King Edward, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary; the Dominion, Australian and New Zealand premiers. These will be the first messages to go over the long cable and speed efforts will be made.

Numerous invitations are being sent out for the celebration. It is expected that Lieutenant-Governor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Premier Dunsmuir, Admiral Bickford, Mayor Hayward and local members, the clergy and other representative citizens will have seats on the platform, and speeches will be made in honor of the occasion. The oration of the day is to be delivered by Rev. E. S. Rowe, who has been invited to address the meeting. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance, and there will be an interesting musical programme.

Local News

Many Signatures.—The petition which is being circulated by those opposed to the action of certain citizens in attempting to restrict the holding of Sunday entertainments, at which an admission fee is charged, is being largely signed. The petition in question will be presented to the council at its next regular meeting on Monday evening.

Ross-Hamilton.—On Tuesday evening at the First Presbyterian manse, Vancouver, Rev. R. G. MacBeth united in marriage Mr. Murdock Ross, of Victoria, and Miss Jemima Hamilton, the bride having just arrived from Montreal, where Mr. Ross formerly lived. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few intimate friends, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross will leave today for Victoria, where they will reside.

Big "Tooth Picks."—Yesterday morning there were sent from Mr. Sayward's mill six huge sticks of lumber intended for the C. P. N. Co.'s new steamer Princess Beatrice, about to be constructed at Messrs. Bullen's Ways, Esquimalt. Each of the sticks measured 17in.x25in. x70ft., representing 2,280 feet of lumber and weighing 7,896 lbs. They were loaded on separate trucks and labeled "Sayward's tooth picks" made the tour of Government street.

The Bridge Tenders.—Up to yesterday afternoon no further tenders for the erection of the superstructure of Point Ellice bridge had been received by City Clerk Dowler, so in the ordinary course of events the tenders—six in all—will be opened at the regular meeting of the Council on Monday evening next. The Colonist was in error in stating that the one local tender was from the Marine Iron Works. It should have read that it is from the Victoria Machinery Depot.

Liberty Was Short.—J. Davis, who after arguing his case like a sea-lawyer in the police court, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for vagrancy a short time ago, escaped from the chain gang at work at Government house on Wednesday afternoon. He ran towards Beacon Hill park, and spent the night on board the steamer Nell—his stamping ground having been on the waterfront prior to his arrest. Yesterday morning Detective Palmer met him on the street, recognized him and took him to the lock-up. He will now have the additional charge of breaking gaol to face.

Chinese in Schools.—As an outcome of the meeting held in Labor hall on Wednesday evening last, it is likely that the Board of School Trustees will shortly arrange for the establishment of a district school in Chinatown, which will be attended by all the Chinese pupils who now are taking advantage of the school privileges authorized by the School Act. Once this system is in working order, it is anticipated that there will be few complaints from those opposed to the practice of white scholars being compelled to sit "cheek to jowl" with the Chinese pupil in the public schools. At the next meeting of the School Board—on Wednesday next—some final action will probably be taken in the matter.

Cape Scott Road.—A delegation of members of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, accompanied by Ralph Smith, M. P., interviewed the government a couple of days ago in relation to the question of railway construction on Vancouver Island. According to the Nanaimo Herald, Mr. Dunsmuir was seen by the delegation, and the construction of the Cape Scott railway from Wellington north to Comox and Cape Scott, with a branch line to Alberni, was fully discussed with a view to securing a Dominion subsidy for the line, and the protection of Nanaimo's interests. A complete plan of action was agreed upon and the matter will be placed before the Dominion government with a view to securing early action.

Opium Seized On the Gedney

Gong Gee's Attempt to Carry Eight Pounds of "Dope" to Seattle.

Tried to Use U. S. Steamer to Run Contrabrand From Here.

Gong Gee, steward of the United States coast and geodetic survey steamer Gedney, is in gaol at Seattle charged with using the government steamer to smuggle opium from this city, as a result of the largest seizure of contraband opium seized by the United States customs officers for some time past. Gong Gee took advantage of the visit of the Gedney to Victoria to carry the son of the United States Secretary Shaw to Seattle, to attempt to smuggle a fellow countryman and 80 pounds of opium, valued at about $1,000, to the Sound City. The opium was discovered, though, and so was his countryman, and as a result Gong Gee lies in gaol awaiting trial for smuggling and for attempting to run the Chinaman to Seattle. The case is the nerviest and boldest one that has ever been brought to the attention of the local customs authorities.

Another strange point is that Gong Gee is believed to have attempted to escape apprehension on the smuggling charge through the agency of the son of Secretary Leslie M. Shaw, of the treasury. The young man, who is a guest of the cutter, told one of the officers that Gong Gee had requested that his clothing and effects be thrown overboard to get rid of them.

Later in the day one of the Chinese's own countrymen appeared aboard the steamer and made a request for Gong Gee's effects, stating that he was a brother of the man. The officers refused to allow the things disturbed without authority from the customs officers. These were notified of the demands for the clothing, and Inspector Lavin went aboard the vessel to search them before allowing them to be taken ashore.

With very little difficulty the officer discovered one ten-pound package in the former steward's room. After this discovery the search was prosecuted more carefully. In all eight of the packages were found. They had been carefully distributed about the steward's room, his supplies and his personal effects.

In all their experience none of the local officers of the customs service have ever discovered an attempt to smuggle goods across the line conducted with so much gall, and a strange part of the whole affair is that it is even doubted that Gong Gee is legally in this country. He had no papers with him when placed under arrest Saturday morning. However, he claims they are in San Francisco.

Gong Gee's alleged big scheme to defraud the government was discovered chiefly through a disgruntled brother Chinese, employed on the Gedney. An investigation into the integrity of the Gedney's steward was first commenced last Friday while the vessel was on her way to Seattle from Victoria.

The Chinese cook, who seemed to have some grievance against his steward, came to one of the officers of the boat and declared that Gong Gee was fast becoming rich, hinting darkly that all the wealth was not being made in honest pursuits. With the customary racial stolidity the cook refused to be interviewed further on the subject, evidently feeling that he had given the officers clue enough to make the discovery themselves. Later in the evening of the same day the same officer overheard a conversation among the men in which the cook was charged with suspicious actions. The officer in thinking the matter over remembered seeing four Chinese come aboard the vessel at Victoria at a time when only three should have been absent from the ship's complement of four. This made him suspect that Gong Gee had brought an extra Chinese aboard and was attempting to bring him to Seattle.

Without warning a searching party descended into Steward Gong's department and began an inspection. After a few minutes of close examination of the steward's room, a Chinese was found under the mattress of the bunk. He was placed in chains and Gong Gee put under surveillance. At Seattle the stowaway, Wong Sick Yu by name, was turned over to Inspector Lavin, arraigned before a federal commissioner and ordered deported as he was without a certificate giving him a right to be in the United States. Gong Gee was arrested and sent to the county jail, charged with attempting to bring Wong Sick Yu into the country in violation of the law.

Besides being of great interest on account of the wholesale size of the lot of opium it was attempted to land here in secret and the wonderful boldness of the smuggler, the case is of unusual interest because of a government vessel being used in a plot to defraud the government. The discovery of the one incident immediately brings to mind the thought that the practice may have been carried on in the past. Revenue cutters and vessels of the survey fleet are continually going back and forth between Victoria and Seattle, and Chinese are employed in the kitchens of all of them. It is believed that the new scheme to avoid duty has been tripped in the bud, however, as the officers on the Gedney are very careful and the local customs officers keep a watchful eye on all the members of the crews of the vessels whenever they come ashore.

Opium costs $12.80 a pound, duty paid, in Seattle. In Victoria it is worth but $6.50. The difference is caused by the rate of duty imposed on it. At this calculation the smuggler could have disposed of his ten parcels here for $1,024 at a clear profit of $480.

The customs inspectors claim that they have a strong array of evidence against Gong Gee, not only on the opium smuggling charge, but on that of attempting to bring Wong Sick Yu into this port under cover. It is stated that Gong Gee asked the engineer of the Gedney at Victoria if he wanted a Chinese helper. The engineer replied that he did not, and that the steward had better be careful or he would be getting himself into trouble.

In the case of the opium, the officers of both the Gedney and of the customs service think there is no doubt that Gong Gee will be proven guilty of hiding the product of the poppy blossom aboard. The Gedney's officers say that the steward was given all leeway in buying and ordering groceries and other articles for the table. As some of the opium was found in boxes recently purchased by Gong Gee the evidence against him is very strong.

At the county jail Gong Gee denies all knowledge of the affair. He claims to be totally innocent, and wears a bland air of astonishment when questioned. He has engaged an attorney to conduct a defence.

FROM GOLDEN TO PORT SIMPSON

Antoher Railway Announcemen In the Official Gazette--Appointments, etc.

Yesterday's British Columbia Gazette contains the following appointments:

Evelyn Montague Sandilands, of the city of Sandon, J. P., to be a stipendiary magistrate in and for the county of Kootenay, and to hold a Small Debts' court in and for the territory comprised within the Slocan mining division.

George Cunningham, of the city of Greenwood, provincial constable, to be mining recorder for the Kettle River mining division.

Lewis Warner Patmore, of Fort Steele, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

Robert Alexander Renwick, of the city of Nelson, to be government agent and assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the Nelson division of West Kootenay, excepting the Slocan riding; gold commissioner for the Nelson, Arrow Lake and Goat River mining divisions; stipendiary magistrate for the county of Kootenay, and a court of revision and appeal for the Nelson assessment district, vice Mr. J. A. Turner, resigned.

The temporary appointment of W. J. KRUGER'S MEMOIRS.

Tell of Jealousies That Existed Among Boers.

London, Oct. 30.—It is understood that the "Kruger Memoirs," of which a first instalment of extracts has already been published in the Times, give a narrative of the ex-President's career, but do not go deeply into political aspects or advise the Boers as to the best policy to be pursued after Mr. Kruger's death. A striking feature of the memoirs is a revelation of the jealousies which existed before the war between the inhabitants of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State and the Cape Colony Boers, which prevented anything like a satisfactory mutual understanding. Mr. Kruger has taken pains to prove that he did his utmost to smooth matters over and present the war, but the Boers' inborn antipathy to foreign interference proved too strong for him.

Two Very Rich Strikes

The Union Jack Mine Has Four Feet of Forty Dollar Ore.

Six Feet of High Grade Ore Opened in the Foghorn Property.

An important strike was recently made on the Union Jack mine, Ymir. It was the more welcome as being somewhat unexpected, and adds largely to the dimensions of the ore body. The lower tunnel on the Queen vein, which is being run from a point 100 feet, vertical, beneath the upper level, was calculated to strike the rich shoot exposed in the upper tunnel after going about 200 feet. Instead of this, however, the shoot appears to be of much greater extent lower down, or else has changed its general directions, and has been encountered at a point only 70 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. At this point four feet of solid ore has been exposed, consisting of a fine grained steel galena with a small portion of zinc blende. Across this four feet it is practically solid metal, while the quartz alongside has up to date been crosscut ten feet and carries a fair proportion of galena, making a fine concentrating ore. So far, however, the crosscut has not reached the further wall, so that the actual dimensions of the vein at this point are not yet ascertained.

This discovery probably indicates that the shoot is of greater length in its lower parts than in the upper, which is corroborated by the fact that the croppings above the portion of the shoot exposed in the upper tunnel are not of so great an extent as the shoot in the tunnel. In any event a very considerable body of ore which will at least run $40 per ton, and probably more, has been definitely proved, and stoping ground provided.

This encouraging discovery comes at a very opportune moment, when the Active C. is under heavy expense in the installation of the electric power plant. The flume is now nearly completed, and the machinery is expected to arrive very shortly.

The strike of the vein in the Foghorn mine is also a very important item in the progress of the camp. The crosscut tunnel has been driven a distance of 750 feet, and has struck the vein at a point 500 feet perpendicularly. Six feet of clean ore has been exposed here, and although assay results have not obtainable, the samples brought into town clearly indicate that the expectations of the company are in a fair way to be fully realized. Drifts are now being run both ways along the vein from the end of the crosscut and having regard to the very considerable depth obtained, an enormous quantity of "backs" can be speedily developed so that the mine will in a comparatively short space of time be able to commence and maintain a large daily output.

AMERICA'S CUP.

United States Yachtsmen Will at Once Build a Defender.

New York, Oct. 30.—Secretary Cormack of the New York Yacht Club announced tonight that a boat would be built at once by a syndicate to defend the America's cup, and that its construction is now under way. The yacht will be designed by C. D. Herrshoff and sailed by Capt. Barr.

August Belmont will put the Constitution in commission and J. P. Morgan will put the Columbia in trim for the trial races.

Prevention Of Cruelty

Encouraging Reports at Sixth Annual Meeting of the S. P. C. A.

Large Number of Cases Taken Up by the Society During Year.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals met last evening, it being the sixth annual meeting. There was a large attendance, with His Worship the Mayor in the chair. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and representatives of the local clergy were in attendance. The annual report was read and adopted. The report told of the efforts to strengthen the position of the society, and of the amendments to the act of incorporation to facilitate the work. The water troughs which were established were commented upon, and after noting the work of other branches, the report gave the particulars of different cruelty cases which had been taken up by the officers. In all 139 cases had been dealt with in excess of last year. Seven cases were taken into court, two of which were dismissed. Cases were also instanced where children had cut off the limbs of fowls while still alive, showing the need of educating the children to be kind to the lower creatures. The financial prospects were satisfactory. In all, 325 subscribers had contributed $540.45, of which there was $110 on hand. Last year 195 members contributed $328.50.

The system of prizes to expressmen and others for attention to horses had not been carried out, but the interest shown will encourage the committee to make the same offers on a future occasion. The movement to distribute literature and to educate children to be kind to animals was also discussed. The check rein and methods of dealing with this were spoken of, and the government, city authorities, and citizens and press were thanked for assistance. The need of a salaried officer was touched upon, and the work of the society outlined at length.

In moving the adoption of the report, Sir Henri Joly, lieutenant-governor, said that it was quite evident that children should be taught to respect the lower creation, and as a letter read during the evening, telling of cruelty at a Belgian race, went to show, their elders often needed training in this respect. He endorsed the work of the society.

The Bishop of Columbia also spoke, endorsing the work, and told of seeing the society's notices in his Northern travels from which he had just returned. He was glad that the cases undertaken by the society against those cruel to animals had been sustained.

H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., spoke of the work in securing amendments to the incorporation of the society, and promised further aid.

Rev. Messrs. Barber, Campbell and W. L. Clay and Mr. Lindley Crease also spoke regarding the work of the society, and Rev. Mr. Clay moved that the meeting express its appreciation of the amendments made to the act of incorporation, and that the city members be asked to give this matter their support when the bill is again before the House.

Sunday School Teacher—"Now, James, if you are good always you can go to heaven; I'm sure you want to go, don't you?" James (doubtfully)—"Well, pop said last night if I'd be good for one week he'd take me to see the football game."—Judge.

THE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Arrangements For Annual Dinner and Other Important Business Transacted.

The Veterans' Association of Vancouver Island held a meeting last night in Pioneer hall, with a good attendance of members. Lt.-Col. Wolfenden, V.D., presided.

The principal business of the gathering was to determine the date and make necessary arrangements for the annual dinner of the association, which is usually held on His Majesty's birthday. This year, however, November 9 falls on Sunday, and in consequence it was decided to have the dinner on the evening of Tuesday, November 11. A committee composed of Dr. Potts, W. H. Cullin, E. C. B. Bagshawe, Mr. Armstrong and Capt. Fletcher was empowered to make all necessary arrangements, and members who desire to secure tickets are requested to apply to some member of this committee.

A committee was also appointed to recruit for members, for it is known that there are many men in or about the city who have followed the flag, and who should be included in the ranks of the veterans. It was decided that officers and men of the South African contingents, who are residents of Victoria or Vancouver are eligible for membership, and that a cordial invitation be extended to them to join the association.

Regular monthly reunions of the association and its friends will be held during the winter months, the first of which will take place early in December, and a committee was struck to arrange a programme for that occasion.

The dinner committee reported that already nearly forty members had signified their intention of attending the annual dinner, which promises to be a most successful and enjoyable affair.

It is probable that the monthly meetings this winter will be more in the nature of smoking concerts than lectures, as in former years, and thus it is hoped to make them more pleasant and popular.

The meeting dispersed after three hearty cheers for Their Majesties.

A MINSTREL JUBILEE.

Billy West's Big Minstrels at the Victoria Theatre Tonight.

The "minstrel man" of today is not one of the "mokes" of our grandfather's time. He is an artist in his particular line and commands a salary of several hundred dollars. He realizes that the public demands new and original songs and methods of fun making and he must keep up with the times or else lose his popularity. In selecting the performers for a big minstrel company like The William H. West Big Minstrel Jubilee, which is conceded to be the finest organization of the kind, only those artists who are "head liners" of the leaders in their respective branches of their profession are engaged. Such men as Billy Van, Tom Moore, McMahon and King, and Swift & Huber, demand high salaries, but the management of the William H. West Big Minstrel Jubilee are wise men, and they realize that the artists above named please the public and as it is their aim to give the theatre-goers the best minstrel show obtainable, they have received a contract for this season.

BIRTHDAY FEAT.

Children at Protestant Orphan's Home Enjoy Themselves.

A number of ladies interested in the Protestant Orphans' Home delighted the children by giving them a birthday party yesterday, the kind-hearted matron of the institution being the one whose natal day was celebrated. Lady Joly was one of the ladies present and certainly the children had a splendid time. The matron felt particularly happy because, as she said, the cellar of the home was more than usually full of stores. The children were happy because they were personally in the same condition as the cellar, being well filled with jam and other good things. The kind-hearted hostesses were pleased to see the young ones enjoy themselves so hartily and did their best to make the time pass pleasantly.

An old prospector named Edwards was burned to death in his cabin at Camp McKinney yesterday.

POLITICAL RIOTS AT PORTO RICO

Several Men Killed and Wounded in Ponce By Republican Mob.

San Juan, P. R., Oct. 30.—Political rioting at Ponce was renewed yesterday evening; from 9 to 11 o'clock the city was in the hands of a Republican mob, alleged to have been aided by municipal police. The Federal Club was fired on, one man was killed, and several wounded, but not fatally. The rioting was renewed today. Business at Ponce is suspended.

Another man was killed during today's attacks of the Republicans, which began early this morning, and a number of men were severely wounded. The rioters announced that they intended to wreck the Federation of Labor Club, and another club, during the day, which caused the closing of all stores in Ponce.

A Spanish dramatic company, which had been playing at Ponce, applied to the Spanish consul for protection, and it is reported that the consul communicated with the Spanish minister at Washington.

Shooting and rioting occurred inside the theatre on Tuesday evening, and since that day the company has been unable to perform.

A BIG PLOT.

Convicted Man in Chicago Makes Disclosures.

Chicago, Ills., Oct. 30.—The Daily News says today: Inspector Luke Wheeler, the convicted tax receiver, has revealed in all its ramifications the gigantic plot that collapsed with the discovery of the Masonic Temple tax frauds. Unless the present programme shall be changed, Wheeler will go before the Grand Jury tomorrow, and in a formal declaration under oath reiterate the statements made to the prosecutor.

Wheeler's confession places him in a new light, and if accepted literally removes from him the stigma of the charge of building up a defence with the tombstone of the dead. The conspiracy, or rather the series of conspiracies, drove two men to suicide according to this confession. According to Wheeler the Masonic Temple fraud was merely incidental to an extensive series of operations, reaching back into the past, and made possible through tax methods coupled with a desire on the part of responsible prominent business houses to evade taxation.

Moreover, according to Wheeler's declaration, the promissory notes he was placed on trial for forging were bona fide and legitimate papers. He said that a public official at Springfield sought to blackmail the clique. He threatened exposure and prosecution against one in particular, and worried him into ending his life. The second suicide involved in the case was due, Wheeler says, to fear that the fugitive (Wheeler) would confess when he was brought back from Canada.

MR. KRUGER.

Report That He Wishes to Return to Africa.

Brussels, Oct. 30.—It is asserted here that Mr. Kruger has abandoned his irreconcilable attitude and intends to seek permission to return to South Africa.

Burglars Were Very Busy

Aaronson's Store Visited By Thieves During Early Morning Hours.

A. Petch's Jewelry Store Also Visited--Burglars Seemingly Inexperienced.

Two burglaries occurred during the early hours of yesterday morning, and the city detectives are now seeking the burglars. The places broken into were the jewelry and loan office of A. A. Aaronson on the corner of Broad and Johnson streets, and the jewelry store of A. Petch on Douglas street, near Johnson. In both instances the work appears to have been that of boys, or at least persons who have not been accustomed to the cracksman's vocation, for, although they secured some booty they left more valuable goods which were close at their hands in both stores, particularly in that of Mr. Aaronson, where a valuable diamond, some money and valuable silver watches were left and cheap brass watches taken. At Mr. Petch's store the thieves took gold chains valued at $35, but left some chains, valuable cuff links and other things, equally within reach.

At A. A. Aaronson's premises the burglars made an entrance by means of an open transome over the front door. When Mr. Aaronson arrived at his place of business yesterday morning he observed the marks of what he took to be a bare-foot all the way up the frame of the front door, as though some one had been hauled up and had used the frame to steady himself. On opening the door he found that there were similar marks down the inside. These marks alarmed the proprietor as he suddenly recalled the fact that a valuable diamond ring, which had been left with him for repairs had been inadvertently left in a corner of the shelf instead of having been placed in the safe over night. He was greatly relieved, however, to find the ring just where he had left it, and further investigation showed that nothing but a few cheap brass watches and things to the value of about $60 had been taken. The thieves were evidently boys, as the many valuable silver watches were overlooked in preference for the brass ones taken, no doubt mistaken for gold time pieces.

Several amounts of money were handy on the shelves, and in the drawers, but all of these were overlooked as were also many pairs of fine marine glasses and bank notes in the show window. In fact had the robbery been committed by any but boys a very large haul could have been made, as owing to the situation of the premises a visit from bold burglars was about the last thing looked for. In addition to a light in the store, that particular corner of the street is well lighted, and it is a strange thing that an entry could be made without attracting attention. No doubt the open transome was a greater temptation than the sneak thief could pass in spite of the evident risk of being caught in such an exposed scene of operations. The police have already secured a clue, and no doubt in a few days Mr. Aaronson's watches will be returned to him.

At the store of Mr. Petch on Douglas street the thieves made their entrance by the back door, which was pried open. The door was found open on the arrival of the jeweler yesterday morning, and he found the paper backs of several chains lying on his shelf. A glance into the window showed him that ten chains to the value of $35 had been taken, but the cuff links, many of which were valuable, and some other things had been left untouched. The watches and other valuables had been removed, being always placed in safety over night. Mr. Petch left the store on Wednesday night to attend a rehearsal and did not reach the store until 10.30 p. m. Everything seemed in place then, and he went to his room which is in the same block, almost over his store. A lady resident above the store says she heard noises as though some persons were breaking into the store about 1.30 or 2 a. m., and it is thought that the burglars effected their entrance at that time. Mr. Petch reported his loss to the police, and the detectives are now at work on the case.

COFFEE ZONE DESTROYED.

Volcano Does Serious Damage in Guatamala.

San Francisco, Cala., Oct. 30.—The entire coffee zone of Guatamala has been destroyed by flames and smoke from the volcano of Santa Maria. Eruptions threaten the destruction of everything living within reach of the fumes and fire that pours from the burning mountain, according to a cable to Castle Bros., importers of this city, received from their coffee plantation in Guatemala. Only meagre details are given.

"Last Monday," said Louis Hirsch, of Castle Bros, "I wired to our representatives there, asking for news of the eruption of Maria and last night I received in reply this cablegram: 'It is true; enormous losses, probably volcanic eruptions, coffee zone destroyed, our lives in danger. Further reports will follow.'

"The coffee districts referred to," said Mr. Hirsch, "are the Costa Cusa, and Costa Granda. They are the finest plantations in the country. If the coffee district is destroyed as the cable seems to indicate, one-third of the crop is most likely involved.

"The volcano of Santa Maria is located between Retalhjulen and Quezeltenango. The towns in the neighborhood most likely to be destroyed are Filipe Mazatenango and Queseltango."

WANTED FOR MURDER.

Charles Wingel Arrested in Westminster For Cold Blooded Crime.

Westminster, Oct. 29.—Charles Wingrel, alias Lingate, who was committed for six months for recklessly discharging firearms at Ladner some weeks ago, was released today upon a habeas corpus. It appears that when arrested Chief Constable Spain, of the Provincial Police recognized him as being wanted for the murder of an old man named Geo. Leith, near Mount Vernon, Wash., in August. Sheriff Wells, of Skagit county having come here also identified the man and instituted extradition proceedings under which Lingate was arrested as soon as liberated. The murder was a cold-blooded affair. Deceased, who was supposed to have lots of money hoarded in his shack, was brutally clubbed and left to die, but lived long enough to name his assailant.

Civil non-jury cases were the order at the assize court today, but of the six set for hearing only one was commenced, viz: First National Bank of Pomeroy, Wash. vs. Mohler. This grows out of commercial transactions with the bank at Pomeroy and certain manipulations of land near Chilliwack by its client, Mohler. These transactions occurred in 1896 and in some form they have occupied the attention of the courts here ever since. The proceedings today were tedious and took all day, being adjourned till the morning, when Mr. J. P. Walls of Victoria, and Mr. Howay of Westminster will argue some fine points of law.

John Liberty Smith, who was released yesterday by the Grand Jury returning no bill in the arson case, and who was immediately rearrested, was before Police Magistrate Corbould this morning charged with incest. The evidence was considered insufficient on which to convict him, and he was again released.

Hyson Makes Record Vo

Made Passage From to Victoria via Ports Days.

Sunken Capital City Raised--A New Orie Fleet.

The China Mutual steame 2,500 tons, Davies master, re yesterday afternoon after t passage that has yet been m Liverpool and London to Vic was 67 days from London t via Port Said, Suez, Penan pore, Hongkong, Nagasaki, M and Yokohama, discharging a cargo at the various ports. T the record for the round-the-w which have been running months past to this port.

The Hyson left London on From Yokohama, which port October 14, the liner had a passage. She left at