Official Gazette

Tenders For the Preliminary Work on the Provincial Reformatory.

Assayers to Whom Certificates of Competency Have Been Issued.

Mine Managers Examinations—Companies Incorporated—Appointments.

In yesterday's provincial Gazette notice is given to the effect that Hon. J. D. Prentice having returned to the city, the appointment of Hon. W. C. Wells as acting provincial secretary and minister of education has been rescinded.

The deputy commissioner of lands and works, Mr. W. S. Gore, is calling for tenders for desks for the use of the public schools of the province. Tenders must be in by July 1.

A public highway has been established extending from the vicinity of the North Dairy Farm straight through to Cordova bay. Work on the road has already been commenced. It will afford a much shorter route to the bay, which, during the past few years, has become a popular camping ground for Victorians in summer.

Notice is given that the northeast portion of Central Park reserve, New Westminster district, which is situated and lies between the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's line on the west, the Vancouver and New Westminster trunk road on the north, and the east boundary of the park on the east, containing 15 acres, more or less, is eliminated from the reservation which was placed on lot 151, group 1, notice whereof was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 14th January, 1891.

Separate tenders for excavating for the foundations; splitting, preparing and delivering the stone on the grounds; building masonry foundation walls and clearing the ground for the provincial reformatory to be erected at English Bay, will be received by the Commissioner of Lands and works up to today. Tenders for the construction of a road to the reformatory site will be received until tomorrow.

Attention is called by the Minister of Mines to the requirements of the Bureau of Mines Amendment Act under the terms of which no person is allowed to practise assaying in the province without having first obtained a government certificate of efficiency and license to practise. The fine for an infraction of the act is not more than $100 nor less than $25. Those candidates who wrote at the recent examinations in this city and at Nelson and received certificates are:

Under section 2, sub-section (1)—John W. Austin, Vancouver; Roy H. Clarke, Rossland; Norman Carmichael, Nelson; Athelstan Day, Vancouver; A. B. C. Davis, Greenwood; Ed. Dedolph, Kaslo; R. S. Haseltine, Rossland; Ch. F. Nicholson, Peterboro. Windermere district: Walter G. Perkins, Grand Forks; T. D. Pickard, Kamloops; Blanchard M. Snyder, Spokane; Wm. D. Snyder, Vancouver; Gustav Sunberg, Greenwood; E. Walter Widdowson, Trail.

Under section 2, sub-section (2)—Arthur A. Cole, Rossland; Fred. Cowans, Silverton; Howard A. Dixon, Toronto; J. T. Raoul Green, Nelson; Reginald E. McArthur, Rossland; H. Nellis Thomson, Trail.

Under section 2, sub-section (3)—William John Sutton, Victoria.

An examination for certificates of competency as managers of mines will be [illegible] on the 1st day of August, at the [illegible]rt house, Nanaimo, and at Fernie. [illegible]ndidates, not under twenty-three years [illegible]rs of age, desirous of presenting [illegible]mselves for examination, must deliver [illegible] Mr. Thomas Morgan, chairman of [illegible]rd of examiners, Nanaimo, on or be[illegible] the 15th day of July, 1901, notice [illegible] such intention, in writing, together [illegible] a certificate of service from their [illegible]er or present employers, testifying [illegible]t least two years' experience underground. The examination will be in [illegible]ting and will include the following [illegible]jects, viz.: 1. Mining Act and rules. [illegible] Mine gases. 3. General work. 4. [illegible]ntilation. 5. Mining machinery. 6. [illegible]veying and levelling.

[illegible]y further particulars required may be obtained on application to Mr. Mor[illegible] chairman of board of examiners.

[illegible] appointment of F. M. Cowperth[illegible]as city superintendent of schools [illegible]ouver has been approved by the [illegible] of public instruction.

[illegible]ates of incorporation have been [illegible] the New Fairview Corporation, [illegible]Mocan Power Co., Limited, and [illegible] Mines, Limited. The Tex[illegible]nes Company has been re[illegible] extra-provincial company.

[illegible]smith, grocer, of Green[illegible]ed.

[illegible]ppointments have been [illegible]bertson, of Vancouver, [illegible] the peace in and for [illegible]stable C. Nicholson, of [illegible] chief license inspector [illegible]st Yale license district, [illegible] C. Winter; Edmund C. [illegible]ison, barrister-at-law, to [illegible]blic in and for the prov[illegible]. Roberts, A. S. Going, [illegible]gor, John McKenzie and [illegible]il, provincial land surveyors, members of the board of ex[illegible]er the provisions of the Proyors Act, for the 12 months [illegible]th June, 1902; Thomas Mor[illegible]aimo, inspector of coal [illegible] inspector of metalliferous [illegible]ncouver Island and the [illegible]; John Clayton, of Bella [illegible] stipendiary magistrate in [illegible]unty of Vancouver.

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FOR ST. BARNABAS.

Garden Party Under Auspices of the Ladies Aid.

The garden fete given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of St. Barnabas' church yesterday afternoon and evening in the pretty grounds of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dalby at Spring Ridge, was a very pleasant function. The grounds had been tastefully decorated with bunting, and the several booths were prettily arranged about the lawn in the shadow of the trees. The weather, although threatening for a time, was by no means unpleasant, and all in all, the garden fete by the ladies of St. Barnabas', was indeed a pleasing affair. The St. Cecilian orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. Longfield was present both afternoon and evening, and ensconsed on a platform hung with flags and roofed with canvas at the side of the house, their music was wafted through the grounds to the ears of the gathered groups of merry-makers. A pleasant feature was "the cocoa-nut shies," which attracted a number of contestants, some of whom managed to knock the tempting cocoanut from its perch while others failed. The refreshment booth, which stood in a large tent in one corner of the grounds was in charge of Mrs. Lyall, Mrs. Hilldredge, and Mrs. Dalby, and here the seeker after dainties secured the delicious strawberry, ice cream and other refreshments. Close by at one side of the lawn was the candy and floral booth in charge of Mrs. Bannerman and Miss Bailey, and nearby was a tent placed as a cosy corner as it were, the whole arrangements giving the grounds and their canvas houses and canopies a very pretty effect.

After dark the grounds were illuminated with lanterns and fireworks and colored lights added to the brilliancy of the scene and the pleasure of the company. The Cecilian orchestra played, and solos were contributed by Rev. E. G. Miller, the rector; Mr. Cullingford, the Misses Scott, Mr. Chas. Browne, and a piano solo by Miss Ethel Coles. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Calvert also contributed to the programme. The gathering dispersed about 10:30 p. m. after giving cheers for the Cecilian orchestra, the Ladies' Aid and Mr. and Mrs. Dalby.

THE STRIKE ON THE C. P. R.

Company's Officers State That Some Men Are Returning to Work

Montreal, June 20.—Mr. McNicoll, of the C. P. R., stated tonight that reports are still coming to hand from various points along the line showing that the men are returning and that no difficulty whatever has been experienced in the handling of the traffic. The company feel confident that the strike cannot last for many days for the reason the men have failed to secure the sympathy of the public.

Inquiry at the head of the C. P. R. tonight elicited the information that many meetings are being held by the trackmen at different points on the system, and that they have asked the company's local officers to meet them. A considerable number of the men returned to work today, and the position is continuing to improve as the men become fully informed of the actual conditions existing on the C. P. R. as compared with other roads. Every foot of the track is patrolled daily and trains are running with accustomed regularity.

Vancouver, June 20.—(Special.)—The C. P. R. strike situation is unchanged. Mr. Townley, assistant to the superintendent, states that they are sending men out daily to take the place of the strikers, and there is no trouble. The train today is officially said to be delayed by a land slide.

Calgary, June 20.—(Special.)—The striking C. P. R. section-men here have sent a message to the grievance committee at Montreal, asking them to accept the company's terms. The feeling is that the company has acted fairly with the men, and that an opportunity should now be given to let the advance and new conditions conceded by the company become effective.

Montreal, June 19.—The following letter has been issued by President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R.:

Montreal, 18th June, 1901.

Men in Maintenance of Way Department, Who Are at Work, or Who Have Suspended Work:

I have seen the circular issued by the operating officers to the trackmen this afternoon, and therefore feel it a duty to urge the men, many of whom have been in the company's service for several years, to consider the situation carefully before finally abandoning their occupation. The committee had an interview with me, at which I heard and gave the greatest attention to everything advanced in the interests of their fellow workmen. Had there been the slightest warrant for concessions beyond those already made by the company's officers, matters would not have been permitted to reach an acute stage. Men charged with the administration of the company's affairs are justified in according to employees the highest pay prevailing on neighboring railways, and the greatest consideration in other respects that the circumstances will permit. If they go beyond this they are open to the accusation of incompetency or extravagancy. The company has no quarrel with the men in the maintenance of way department. There is no desire to show resentment because of what has occurred. On the contrary, it is hoped that, having given the committee all promised support, every man will return to his work promptly so as to obtain the advantage of the concessions, representing a very large annual sum, that the company feel justified in making, and to give to the company and its officers the same loyal service and support that has characterized every branch of the service from the beginning. In dealing with your committee, the company was not governed by petty or technical considerations. From the time the discussion commenced the only questions was as to what should properly be done in the direction of meeting you, and as soon as this was determined it was put into effect immediately. The moderation and good sense that you have displayed on nearly every section of the system since the trouble commenced yesterday morning bears testimony to your work as employees, and makes the company the more anxious to retain your services if at all possible. Apart from every official consideration, I would be sincerely sorry if any of the old employees should leave us to accept other service without the certainty of improving their position.

(Signed), T. G. SHAUGHNESSY,
President.

CROPS IN EUROPE.

Unfavorable Weather Has Had Very Bad Effects.

London, June 20.—June, which began in western and southern Europe with premature August-like heat, has become in the past week abnormally cold. Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria and Italy alike have suffered. Some nights have been frosty. The thermometer at Greenwich on Tuesday registered 28 degrees. There were similar temperatures in parts of France and Italy, while snow was common in Austria and Hungary. The weather has had the worst effect on the crops everywhere. It is stated that the wheat crop in France has been ruined. The almost unbroken drought in England during the month has destroyed the hay crop and seriously shocked others. The temperature rose slightly on Wednesday, and there was some rain.

Three More Judges Named

Dominion Cabinet Makes New Appointments to the Bench in Quebec.

Expectations to Get Settlers from "Sooners" in the Indian Territory.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 20.—The cabinet today appointed three new judges, Messrs. Desmarais, M. P., for Quebec; N. W. Trenholme, K. C., for Montreal, and Rochon for Hull.

The interior department hopes to secure a number of settlers from those now waiting for the opening of the new lands in Indian Territory, United States.

Owing to an epidemic of smallpox at Cleveland, Ohio, special officers of quarantine have been stationed at Canadian ports on Lake Erie.

The parishioners of St. Joseph, Ottawa, intend to appeal to Rome if Father Fallon's transfer to Buffalo is proceeded with. Father Fallon is the priest who had the controversy with Hon. S. H. Blake regarding the papal oath.

POLITICIANS SUED.

Liberal Candidates at Last Election Ask to Pay Printing Bills.

Hamilton, June 20.—The Times Publishing company has taken action against Messrs. Wood and J. V. Teetzel, K. C., both government candidates at the last general election for Hamilton city, for $585.15, the amount of account for printing. Suit appears to have arisen out of dispute between Senator Wood and Mr. Teetzel, the latter claiming that Wood was to have paid all the expenses of the election.

ROAD FOREMAN.

Election Held For Metchosin District on Saturday.

The annual election of road foreman for the Metchosin district was held at the school house on the 15th. The interest excited by this popular privilege cannot but be most satisfactory to the chief commissioner of lands and works, to whom the people are indebted for its introduction, the general results of which have so far proved satisfactory, and will undoubtedly lead to a more efficient and economical system being evolved under the direction of a capable general superintendent. There is a strong feeling that it would be a further improvement if the notice calling for the election was issued by the department direct. The desire to fill the position was so strong that it brought out three candidates, two of them brothers, and what better object in life can a man have than to be comfortably seated on the trunk of a Douglas fir or on the side of a mossy bank, surrounded by cool and graceful ferns, and smile encouragingly on the much perspiring efforts of your fellow men in the construction of good roads.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing a chairman and secretary, but at last Messrs. Hewitt and Arden showed sufficient public spirit to act, devoting the day to this public duty.

Although a protest was entered against it, only 35 minutes were allowed for the nominations, instead of the legal hour.

John Whitty, late foreman, and John Foster were duly nominated, but failing to be proposed and seconded, fell out of the running, the result being that John Whitty was re-elected by a substantial majority.—Com.

CROW'S NEST MINES.

Company Preparing to Largely Increase Production of Coal and Coke.

Mr. Elias Rogers, managing director of the Crow's Nest Coal company, who is in town in connection with the Crow's Nest Southern railway agreement, says the company is building 300 additional coke ovens. In addition foundations for 200 more are being laid. When all these are completed, the company will be able to produce 1,000 tons daily. The present output of coal is 4,000 tons a day.

GRANBY SMELTER.

From the Grand Forks Gazette.

Considerable of the machinery to be used in the enlargement of the Granby smelter has arrived, and the work of installing it will probably commence within a week or so, as the framework for the sampler is now almost completed and the building ready for the machinery.

The brickwork for the converter building is being rushed, and the framing will be commenced within a few days. As the new buildings are all to be sided with steel, there is not much to do to complete them once the framework is up.

It is probable that the plant will be in operation early in September, if not before that time.

A ROMANCE OF TEXADA.

How Kirk Found Gold and Others Reaped the Harvest.

Nanaimo, June 20.—(Special)—For half a century Texada Island has been known to the pioneers as a veritable fickle jade; tricky, elusive, ever full of promise, yet tantalizingly barren of fulfilment to the general, though kind, indeed, to the one or two favored lovers. Many are the yarns spun round the prospectors' fires of fabulous pockets discovered on the island which is now attracting the attention of all Western America, and which is now overrun with men from almost every state in the Union, from almost every province of the Dominion. None of those tales, however, is so full of the real atmosphere of the genuine prospector as that which relates the queer history of old Hugh Kirk, one of the earliest prospectors to visit the island after the white men came to British Columbia in anything like numbers.

It was away back in the sixties somewhere, that stirring period when the white man and the Indian were waging their last grim battle all over the opening West for the mastery, that Kirk drifted up the Sound and heard that the big island at the north end of the Gulf was worth a visit. Like most of the hardy band who came across the Rockies with the grand rush for gold, he had survived the hardships, dangers and privations of that exodus because he was one of the fittest. He was a man with a still tongue. Like Telemachus, he had learnt the virtues of silence in a stern school, and no part of a prospector's equipment is more valuable to him than this power to hold his tongue.

The old fellow used to come down to Nanaimo in his canoe to purchase his supplies, for which he generally paid in pure virgin gold, carrying a little quartz. That is how a humorist of the pioneers describes the wonderful stuff the old man used to fetch with him from his unknown cache on the island. A hundred dollars' worth of this product of Texada went into marvellously small compass, whilst a "chunk" valued at many hundreds of dollars he carried in his pocket, and displayed with the carelessness and freedom of the man who knows where he can put his hands on enough more of it to build a house with, if necessary.

Of course this dazzling exhibition of the stuff thousands were enduring toil and sorrow to procure, could not fail to excite great interest, and the old prospector was eagerly questioned as to the whereabouts of his Eldorado. The only reply that could be got out of him was that there was plenty more of it where the specimens he was showing came from. This was a statement which one could readily believe, after seeing the samples.

Amongst the friends Kirk had here was Mr. George Norris, proprietor and editor of the Free Press, and he repeatedly urged the old man to look so far after his own interests as to bring over to Nanaimo all he could of the gold quartz of the quality described and lodge it for safe keeping in the bank here. Kirk as often promised to take this prudent course, but with the inconceivable carelessness of the pioneer prospector, he kept putting it off. Mr. Norris warned him again and again that somebody would be sure to drop upon the golden store and put an end to the old man's dream. Incredible as it may sound, it is a fact that the old fellow had actually neglected to record, such being his reckless, happy-go-lucky style.

On his trail all the time were men who watched him in all his movements with the patience of wolves on the spoor of a wounded moose. They were playing the sure game, and they won. In spite of his cunning in evading the watchers, Kirk made the inevitable slip, and in a trice his secret was in the hands of people who knew, perhaps, better how to use it to their own advantage. They made the preliminary surveys, staked out all they wanted, then rushed to record. The richest known ground on Texada at that time was theirs.

Thus the man who secretly owned perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars, lost it all through his own egregious folly. The old man did not say much about his terrible loss, but with the easy courage of the old prospector, started life all over again, in the hope of retrieving his lost luck before crossing the divide.

One spring after the snow left Texada, the whitened bones of poor old Kirk were found in a lonely hollow, not far from his lost cache.

RACING AT ASCOT.

Results of the Events in Yesterday's Meeting.

London, June 21.—Wm. C. Whitney's Kilmarnock, won the Alexandra plate at Ascot today.

William C. Whitney's Mount Vernon, filly, won the Windsor Castle stakes.

Merry Gal, won the Hardwicke stakes. Rougemont was second, and Pierre Lorrillard's Tarantulas third.

The Triennial stakes were won by Sir R. Waldie Griffiths' Veles.

W. C. Whitney's chestnut filly Elizabeth won the King's Stand stakes, Zanoni being second, and Twin Caster, filly, third.

METAL WORKERS STRIKE.

Foundries and Machine Shops Threaten to Use Non-Union Men.

Seattle, June 21.—At a meeting held last night of the Metal Trades' association, comprising all of the foundries and machine shops of the city and state, it was resolved to resume operations on Monday morning next.

A formal offer is to be made to the strikers to take their old positions at the rate of wages and number of hours prevailing before the strike. The strikers are informed that if they do not accept this proposition others will be employed to take their places.

HAS BOTHA SURRENDERED?

Sensational Announcement by a London Afternoon Paper.

London, June 21.—The Sun this afternoon prints the sensational announcement which it made on June 18, that General Botha, the Boer commander, after the receipt of President Kruger's decision not to concede anything, decided to ignore the former president of the Transvaal and surrender. The paper also says it is believed at the British foreign office that the formal act of surrender has already occurred.

POLITICIAN STABBED.

Murder of Former Member of Japanese Cabinet.

Yokohama, June 21.—Hoshi Toru, who was minister of communications in the last Ito cabinet, was stabbed today at a meeting of the city assembly and died shortly afterwards. The deceased was Japanese minister at Washington, and was formerly president of the house. Hoshi Toru's assassination is supposed to have been due to politics.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Will Join With Methodists to Get State Precedence Abolished.

Ottawa, Ont., June 20.—(Special.)—The Presbyterian assembly concluded its labors today. The appointment of an assembly executive was remitted to the presbyteries for the consideration of what the executive would deal with.

The report of the committee on ordination of students recommended that any student in divinity having successfully passed the first year may be ordained by the home mission committee to work in certain fields. This is specially asked because it was found that in outlying fields where the students of other denominations were allowed to baptize and marry the people resorted to them while the Presbyterian preacher was confined to his preaching and burying.

A communication was received from Rev. Carman, superintendent of the Methodist church regarding precedence at state ceremonies, and asking for co-operation in seeking to have precedence abolished. The question originally came up in connection with the funeral of the late Sir John Thompson. It was decided to co-operate with the Methodist Assembly. It was also decided to unite the views of the Presbyteries in reference to the reduction of representation in the assembly, and the institution of a fund to pay the travelling expenses of commissioners. This action is the outcome of an overture from Victoria to the Presbytery calling attention to the heavy expense entailed on western delegates to the assembly.

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Uncle Sam's Cool Offer

That Russia Should be Allowed to Settle Alaska Boundary Dispute.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Points to a Real Arbitration Proposal.

Ottawa, June 20.—The published statement to the effect that the United States would prefer to submit the Alaska boundary claims to Russia's arbitration, was called to the attention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier today. He was asked if he would be willing to concur in such a proposition.

"No such proposal has reached me yet," replied Sir Wilfrid. "When a proposition is made, my government will be ready to consider it."

"You were willing to submit the claims to arbitration when the joint high commission was sitting were you not?" he was asked.

"Oh yes," was the Prime Minister's reply. "Look at the late protocol laid before the house. Protocol 43 of the joint high commission contains the offer of the British commissioners. The British commissioners represented that, having been unable to agree on that question, it should be referred to arbitration."

The articles are very lengthy, but the proposal was that the tribunal consist of three, one on the part of Great Britain, one on the part of the United States, and a third to be selected by these two. The general opinion is that Russia would not be satisfactory to Great Britain.

TO VISIT DAWSON.

Principal Sparling Will Inspect Methodist Mission There.

Winnipeg, June 20.—(Special)—Principal Sparling of Wesley college, has left for Dawson City to inspect the Methodist missions.

The Winnipeg Rowing Club will send twelve men to the international regatta at Philadelphia in July.

A LIBERAL SPLIT.

Comments on Mr. Asquith's Speech on the Pro-Boers.

London, June 21.—By his strength and strong speech last night, Mr. Asquith achieves the complete severance of the wings of the Liberal party. This was done to the great joy of the Conservatives, whose press organs this morning cannot find words sufficient to applaud his courage and honesty. The press is of the opinion that the party of many leaders will now find greater difficulty than ever in discovering who is the real leader of the party.

The Daily Chronicle hails Mr. Asquith as the true leader, and calls upon Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to declare with equal explicitness whether he will follow John Morley's banner.

The Daily News says that the smouldering discontent of those calling themselves Liberal-Imperialists have at last burst into flames, and that it is deplorable that Mr. Asquith of all men should seem to head the movement of revolt, which can end in nothing but the repudiation of Liberalism.

"It is the duty of Liberals," says the Daily News to now loyally support Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

It may safely be predicted that Mr. Asquith will find a very large following both among the Liberal members of the House of Commons and the country generally.

THE IRON OUTLOOK.

Some Estimate of the Immensely Increased Production.

The pig iron make of the world in 1899 was in round figures, 39,500,000 tons, and in 1900 about 49,500,000 tons. There is no evidence, says Engineering, to show that the normal consumption of the world has increased in the same proportion. The production in 1901 is, of course, a matter of estimate, but the facilities are being increased enormously. In the United States the furnaces under construction will be able to make about 3,000,000 tons per annum. Germany is building furnaces which will add another 1,000,000 tons to the total. In Russia new furnaces are building with a capacity of not less than 500,000 tons. New plants in Canada are credited with a capacity of 400,000 to 500,000 tons. Few new furnaces are building in Great Britain, but it is estimated that those under reconstruction, and which produced nothing in 1900, will be equal to adding 750,000 tons to the supply before the end of the present year. Reports from France, Spain, Italy, Austria and Belgium account for twenty-four furnaces under construction, which will together have a capacity of not less than 600,000 tons. The addition of these new capacities is equal to not less than 6,000,000 tons per annum; and, if the conditions are favorable, may swell the pig-iron production by the beginning of 1902 to over 50,000,000 tons per annum. At the very least, a production of 45,000,000 tons is not at all improbable. Whether the world can, even for a year, consume so much iron is a question which most thoughtful students of trade statistics will be disposed to answer in the negative. With superabundant pig-iron and prices such as invariably attend over-production, the prices of other and higher products of which pig-iron is the basis, cannot be sustained. As the result of the impetus now experienced in America, it is quite probable, as the New York Times puts it, that for the remainder of the year, and through at least a part of 1902, the volume of business in iron and steel will be the greatest the world has ever known; but if, as the result of over-production, stocks begin to accumulate and to congest the channels of distribution, a sharp and more or less protracted reaction may be expected. And, of course, it will be the more pronounced in America. Here at home we are now not producing much in excess of requirements, and in the ordinary course there should be an improvement rather than a decrease in the coming months.

ENGINE EXPLODES.

Fatality by Accident in German Torpedo Works.

Berlin, June 20.—An engine in the torpedo works at Freiderichsfort, near Kiel, has exploded killing an engineer and wounding a number of persons.

STRIKE ON BLUE BIRD.

Large Body of Ore Encountered on Thousand Foot Level.

Rossland, B. C., June 20.—A strike of considerable importance has been made on the Blue Bird mine, which is operated by the Montana Mining company. The property is situate on Lower Arrow lake, about four miles from Deer Park. A few days since on the one thousand foot level the main ledge was encountered and cross-cut for sixty feet, then there was an inrush of water, which drove the miners from the working. Although the ledge had not yet been fully cross-cut, assays show that the ore goes about $25 to the ton, but a picked sample went as high as $500.

Mr. Wm. Lambert, the expert of the company, has purchased a 40 horse power boiler, a 25 horse power hoist and sinking pump. The workings will be pumped out as soon as the plant is installed, and the development will be pushed on a larger scale than ever to the end that shipments may be commenced at the earliest possible moment. The ore is silver-lead, carrying considerable copper.

STRUCK AT ROYALTY.

Drunken German Breaks Glass of Crown Prince's Carriage.

Berlin, June 20.—While the Crown Prince Frederick William was on his way from Minder to Bonne, a drunken individual approached his carriage at Bochum, Westphalia, yesterday and aimed a blow with a stick at the window at which the Crown Prince was seated. The individual, who described himself as a clerk, was arrested. He said he merely desired to see the Crown Prince more clearly.

GENEROUS STRATHCONA.

Has Presented Ten Thousand Dollars to Presbyterian Fund.

Montreal, June 20.—Lord Strathcona has given $10,000 to the Presbyterian Century fund.

WILL CONSIDER FINAL OFFER

But Fishermen Do Not Think It Will Be Accepted by Union.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 20.—The leaders of the white fishermen say the unions will meet again to consider the final offer of the canners, but they have no hope that it will be accepted. They fear the worst. The Indians have refused to fish unless the white men do, and without Indian klootchmen, salmon cannot be packed. At the present Japanese are the only available fishermen, and the situation is serious. Circulars were sent to the fishermen today announcing the last offer to be made by the canners.

As stated already in the Colonist, the canners are advertising that they will pay for fish 12½ cents to July 27, and 10 cents thereafter to the limit of 200 to the boat or as many more as they may pack. The executive in deciding upon this plan, have not pleased many of the canners, who believe they have gone too far, as now no advantage will be gained by the canners if a very large run should take place. However they will abide by the decision of their executive. This is the last offer that will be made by the canners. The offer is made to Indians, whites and Japanese alike, and fish will be taken from any fishermen regardless of race or nationality at these prices. It is significant that white fishermen have left off fishing for small fish and are actively preparing their boats and gear for the salmon season.

KILLED AT CHILLIWACK.

Bruce McSwain Has Fatal Accident at Horse Races.

Vancouver, B. C., June 20.—(Special.)—At Chilliwack on Wednesday during the horse races, Bruce McSwain, son of a prominent farmer, was riding a neck and neck race with another pony at a hard gallop. The crowd was cheering, but suddenly became silent as McSwain's pony bolted and running into the ditch collided heavily with a large tree. The young rider's head was dashed against a branch. For an instant the boy swayed in the saddle then dropped dead.

KAISER'S GUEST.

The Czar Will Attend German Army Manoeuvres.

Berlin, June 20.—The Czar has accepted Emperor William's invitation to review the grand army manoeuvres in West Prussia.

RICE COMMITTED.

Surviving Desperado Will Stand Trial for Murder.

Toronto, June 20.—Fred. Lee Rice was this morning committed for trial on the charge of murdering Constable Boyd.

MR. COURTNEY'S SUCCESSOR.

Former Halifax Bank Manager Will Probably Get the Place.

Ottawa, Ont., June 20.—It is understood that Mr. J. M. Courtney, deputy minister of finance, will soon be superannuated at his own request. His successor it is said will be Mr. W. D. Ross, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, who has recently been appointed to the finance department's staff here.

QUEBEC BRIDGE.

Caisson for the Extensive Work Safely Launched.

Quebec, June 20.—(Special)—The caisson for the Quebec bridge was launched with success this morning and twenty minutes after 10 o'clock it had been towed and fixed in its proper place.

"SHOCKING AND SCANDALOUS."

Mr. Balfour Denounces Tactics of the Pro-Boer.

London, June 19.—The Daily Mail asserts that the promoters of the Queen's hall meeting procured the services of six or seven hundred "stalwarts" as stewards. These "rangs of foreign ruffians" were found inside the hall, according to the Daily Mail, "ready to keep order and also the malcontents." The "stalwarts" were drawn from the low class foreign clubs in Soho. Many of them were armed with stocks, broom-handles and knuckle dusters, and they acted with unrestrained violence in excluding rowdies and throwing out undesirable persons.

A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, in a speech tonight at a Conservative banquet, in London, made a strong protest against the action of the Bannerman party in countenancing the pro-Boer movement, thereby prolonging the war and adding to the already great difficulties and sufferings.

"It is a scandalous and shocking thing," said Mr. Balfour, "that such men should, before the whole world, accuse their fellow countrymen and soldiers of carrying on war by barbarous methods."

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Refuses Preference

Chancellor of Exchequer Will Not Give It to Colonial Sugar.

He Says It Might Endanger the British Trade With Foreign Countries.

Preferential Trade With Canada Had Not Benefited the Mother Country.

London, June 20.—During a discussion of a clause of the finance bill in the House of Commons, today, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, informed the mover of an amendment providing for a preferential duty on sugar from the British Colonies that he had no intention of embarking on such a policy.

"It would, he said, benefit neither this country nor the colonies, and would deprive the exchequer of revenue without benefitting the consumer, and might endanger trade with foreign countries.

"There was a strong feeling on this subject in Germany, and the amendment would mean running a serious risk of losing the most favored nation treatment of the trade Britain now enjoyed in Germany.

"If preference was extended to sugar from the colony, Australia would want special treatment for other products and then foreign countries would offer the same concessions to colonies, and ask for similar treatment.

He was not prepared to risk the loss of Great Britain's foreign trade, which was greater today than the trade of the colonies. The preference granted by Canada had not greatly benefited trade between that colony and Great Britain for the simple reason that the preference granted still left a protective duty against the British and in favor of the Canadian manufacturers.

Although British trade had largely increased with Canada, the trade of the United States with Canada had also largely increased.

The amendment was negatived by a vote of 366 to 16.

SHAMROCK II.

Will Be Ready for a Trial Spin Next Thursday.

Glasgow, June 20. — The Shamrock II.'s new mast was stepped today. The new spar consists of a hollow steel pole 160 feet long, built in a single piece step to truck. It is the first spar of its kind ever made. The advantage is claimed for the new mast that it saves top weight and also presents a smaller wind surface. It permits of dispensing with gear for the hoisting and lowering of the topmast, and it is believed that the single spar can be braced more rigidly than a spliced telescopic one. The chief disadvantage of the single-piece pole lies in the impossibility of housing the topmast during heavy weather. In this respect it is pointed out that this manoeuvre has been resorted to but once in the history of the cup races. Sir Thomas Lipton and Mr. Watson were present when the mast was stepped. The challenger's sails are due to arrive next Monday, and the yacht will take her first spin under the new canvas on Thursday.

THE WOOLLEN INDUSTRY.

Manufacturers' Association Will Discuss It at Coming Meeting.

Montreal, June 20.—(Special)—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association will hold its annual meeting in Montreal on September 25 and 26. F. W. Russell, of Torton, the secretary, who is in the city conferring with the manufacturers, says the most important question will be the injury done to the woollen industry by the preferential tariff. The manufacturers have to compete, he says, with cheap material from other countries shipped to England and then to Canada. During the past year $4,000,000 of such goods were imported. The result is, he claims, to close the factories, a firm in Hespler, Ont., recently discharging 200 out of 600 men. What they need, he says, is a higher protective tariff and unless they get it the woollen industry will continue to decline.

MR. ASQUITH PROTESTS.

Repudiates For His Party Pro-Boer Resolutions.

London, June 20.—Herbert H. Asquith, the ex-Liberal home secretary, speaking at a Liberal dinner this evening, protested against the pro-Boer resolutions adopted at Queen's Hall yesterday being accepted as a pronouncement of the Liberal party. He declared that Boer independence was impossible, and said the Liberal party favored a free federal South Africa on the lines of Canada and Australia.

FIFTY THE MARRIAGE LIMIT.

Attempt in Anglican Synod to Pass a Novel Motion.

Ottawa, Ont., June 20.—At yesterday's session of the Anglican Synod of Ottawa a motion was made that no clergymen's widows or children shall be entitled to the benefits of the widows and orphans fund if the clergyman marries after he attains his fiftieth year. The motion created quite a discussion.

STRIKE OVER.

Halifax, June 20.—The carpenters strike was settled today. The men go back to work for 22 cents an hour; they wanted 25.

A MOUNTAIN GOAT.

Capture of a Yearling on the Squamish River.

Vancouver, June 20.—(Special.)—Mr. Pugh of Vancouver, taxidermist, has returned from a most remarkable trip. With two companions he travelled 40 miles up the Squamish river, and believes that he was where no whiteman has ever been. He was away two months, his object being to catch mountain goat for the British zoo, as big prize money is to be made out of goat catching if one is successful. He succeeded in capturing a yearling goat alive. He says this is the first time such a feat has been accomplished. He values the goat at $2,000. He captured seven kids, but they only lived three days, as they had to be packed over the snow. Mr. Pugh says that he saw grizzlies, which to use a Siwash expression, were as big as cows. Game was very plentiful, and if he had had a camera, he could have made some rare shots of the world's shyest animal, the goat, and also of bears playing with cubs. The animals in these far-off haunts are not so afraid of man as other animals, and to illustrate this, when he was packing his cative on his back over the mountains, she would reach her head down when they came to a bunch of grass and nibble at it. The goat captured is a female. The only other goat in captivity, is a male in the British zoo. The zoo goat came from British Columbia. It was captured however as a small kid, and reared on milk in the high altitude where it was captured.