

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver's Financial Status—Interesting Figures—Bogus Half Dollars—Fraser Fishermen.

Serious Accident at Nanaimo—The Fishery Regulations to be Tested.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Oct. 22.—The city has now no loan indebtedness at 7 per cent., the only loan at that rate, one of \$6,900 for the purchase of a fire engine, borrowed in the city's earliest days, having just been repaid. The city's indebtedness now stands at \$1,997,000, against which the revenue producing property of the waterworks represents a present value of at least \$1,200,000, while the sinking funds to date represent with their investments more than \$150,000 additional. Hence the city's financial status is very sound, and a further sum of \$60,000 required for waterworks extension will probably, with the consent of the provincial parliament, be borrowed at 4 per cent. from the city's own general sinking funds and repaid, principal and interest, by yearly instalments extending over a period considerably less than that of the original loans in respect of which the sinking fund is raised. The next year's increase of water revenue will, judging by the experience of 1895, more than provide for interest and sinking fund on the further loan now required. This will provide a large part of Vancouver with a much improved water service, that should tend, amongst other advantages, to lessen insurance rates. It is considered far more advantageous to invest part of the general sinking fund in the safe security of the public waterworks than to place it upon farm mortgages. The proposal of the city authorities is generally regarded as an interesting and novel method in municipal financing.

Among Coast mining properties the Channe Mining Company's claims are attaining much prominence in Vancouver. The indications and actual results in working these properties have caused a sudden advance in the last ten days of from ten to twenty cents a share. A gang of men are constantly employed in developing the Bobbie Burns and Ingersoll groups. In the Bobbie Burns a new ledge six feet wide and heavily mineralized has been discovered about thirty feet from the main tunnel. A recent shipment to the Tacoma smelter from this group gave returns of \$31.20 per ton in gold. A splendid vein has also been made in the Ingersoll mine, the tunnel now at a depth of twenty-five feet showing a solid mass of mineral.

The bogus half dollar question is more momentous than at first thought. An attempt is evidently being made by Chinese to flood the Canadian market with their productions. It has been ascertained that 20,000 of these counterfeiters' agents was launched indiscriminately upon the Vancouver market and received by everyone in trade until it reached the banks. Here the coin attracted the attention of the teller of the Bank of British Columbia, and minute examination showed the following differences between the counterfeit and the legal tender were noticed: The interstices in the milling of the former are wider than those of the latter; the lettering about the Queen's head is not so clearly defined as the Chinese as in the Canadian coin. The bogus coin is a shade heavier in weight; but in other respects there is practically no difference. It is estimated by assay that the bogus coin contains 48 per cent. pure silver.

A hundred couples were present at the Sons of Hermann ball at the market hall last night. The affair passed off very pleasantly. Mr. J. L. Burnham, of Slocan Junction, and Miss J. M. Hodgson, of this city, were married yesterday, Rev. Dr. Eby officiating.

It is learned that Miss Rosenthal, who committed suicide some twelve or thirteen days ago by drowning herself in the inlet, was divorced from her husband, who is at present living in New York city. Miss Rosenthal once attempted to commit suicide by swallowing a quantity of broken glass, her life being saved with great difficulty. She was visiting her sister, Mrs. Rubinowitz, where she continued to lament the lost affection of her husband, and often threatened to end her life. She left an infant, the issue of the marriage in New York, which will be looked after by her sister. Friends of the Rubinowitz say that Miss Rosenthal was always treated kindly by her sister and her brother-in-law.

Roderick Campbell, of this city, has purchased the Rossland Star mine entirely, and secured a half interest in the Major mine. J. Stansfield, manager of J. G. Hutchinson's Steveston branch, was brought to the city yesterday for treatment at the hospital for typhoid fever. Dr. Robinson, who accompanied the patient, states that the attack is not a serious one and he hopes to see Mr. Stansfield around again in a few days.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 23.—Gus Milton, of Kingston, Ont., left here for the North four months ago on a logging expedition. No information was received of him until today, when the postmaster of Hernandez Island sent to Vancouver the following message from the dead found by him in a bottle tightly corked on the beach at Stag Bay, B.C.: "July 10th, 1896.—Have no chance, as I see, to escape death by drowning, and should this get to the eyes of anyone, please communicate to my parents. About swamped. Good-bye all."

Gus Milton, Kingston, Ont. Still further down the paper, it reads: "I have struck the tide rip; good-bye to all who know me. Good-bye; the water is coming." Circumstantial evidence points to the conclusion that this is not a glibly concocted hoax as so many similar bottled messages prove to be.

A post mortem on the remains of Sarah Rosendahl, supposed to have committed suicide disclosed the fact that the surgical instrument used in procuring a premature birth had been passed through and lodged in the intestines.

This has aroused the suspicion that the deceased was a victim of malpractice and that the body was designedly placed where it was found in Vancouver. A medical examination further disclosed that there was no need of surgical assistance, everything being in its normal condition. At the coroner's inquest a certificate was produced signed by the Chief Rabbi, of New York, to the effect that the deceased was divorced from Moses David Cohen, Aug. 3, 1895. The epidemic of burglarising still continues. Cope & Young's store was the scene of the last visit, but fortunately the proprietors make a point of taking all valuables out of the safe, so that, although the safe was opened, nothing was secured. Some sneak thieves got away with two lots of tools from a house in the course of erection on Robson street, valued at upwards of \$50. There is no clue as to the identity of the thieves.

Chief Sheppard, of the Victoria police force, has sent to Mayor Collins a photograph of the Victoria tug-of-war team, who were the victors in the friendly contest during carnival week. The Sons of England held a concert last night to entertain their friends. The affair was very enjoyable and reflects credit on the committee. The board of health are paying particular attention to Dupont street. Unsanitary shacks are being pulled down, a sewer is being built, and other provisions for the health of the locality are being made.

At the tall assesses to be held here November 9, the following cases will be tried: Sheehan for murder; Leech, theft; Mark, uttering forged currency tickets; McNulty, Stone and Piper, highway robbery; McLeod, rape; Charter, arson; Hong Hin, selling lottery tickets; Cassidy, Jess and Lumley, housebreaking.

Several more burglaries are reported in the city, but nothing of great value was secured as booty. Many merchants are leaving their safe doors opened and cash drawers unlocked for the accommodation of the thieves. Ald. Shaw has returned from Rossland, where he is interested in mines, so that the council will be complete when the vote on the position of Chief of Police will be taken.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 22.—The run of coho is still light. Fishermen are expecting that a heavier run will take place soon.

Many samples of good ore are being brought in by Westminister prospectors from Pitt Lake and other localities. The Automatic Can Co. are so confident of the success of the by-law granting them free water and exemption from taxation that they are clearing the site purchased by them preparatory to erecting their factory.

The fishermen of New Westminister district have called a meeting to decide upon matters affecting their interests to be brought before the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on his visit here. The roll of grand and petit juries will be called at 11 a.m. November 3 for a court of assize.

Donald McLean, of Pitt Meadows, has sold 93 acres of land to three farmers from Washington state, who are to remove from Washington at once with their families. The land sold is within the area enclosed by the Pitt Meadows dyke.

A test case, in which the Victoria Cannery Co. are the defendants, is being tried before Captain Pittendrigh. The cannery company are charged with an infraction of the fisheries regulations, and the question at issue is whether or not the defendants acted illegally in fishing for salmon on the 25th day of September. They claim that the day in question is not a close day. The case has been adjourned until Monday next.

The following clauses of the act refer to the case: "The meshes of nets for catching salmon, other than gimnet, or spring salmon, in the tidal waters, shall not be less than 5 1/2 inches in extension measurement, and shall not be used between the 1st day of July and the 25th day of August, both days inclusive, and between the 25th day of September and the 31st day of October, both days inclusive, in any year, and nothing shall be done to practically diminish the size of the meshes. No salmon shall be taken in any of the waters of British Columbia from the 15th day of September to the 25th day of September, both days inclusive, nor from the 31st day of October to the last day of February following, both days inclusive."

WESTMINSTER, Oct. 23.—The bicycle committee who had charge of the recent meet during exhibition week exceeded their appropriation of \$650 by over \$100. A special committee was appointed by the celebration committee to look into the matter. All other financial obligations have been met.

J. J. Moore, of the Howe Sound gold mining syndicate, claims to have found tin ore on the syndicate's claim. Tenders for the erection of the Automatic Can Co. factory will be received up to noon to-morrow.

Members of No. 4 Company of the Fifth Regiment have decided to draw their money individually rather than to place it in a battery fund for the common weal.

REVELSTOKE. (From the Kootenay Mail.) Gennelle & Co. are about to build a large mill at Arrowhead, which will have a capacity of from 75,000 to 100,000 feet per day. They will also add a sash and door factory next summer.

form of a conversation and dance, which passed off very pleasantly. About 200 people were present and the efforts of the St. Peter's church ladies in the way of supplying refreshments were up to their customary high standard. The following programme of music and song was given: Pianoforte solo, Miss G. Hadwen; song, "Blow, Blow, Winter's Wind," Mrs. F. Maitland-Douglass; song, "Mr. H. T. Fall," song, "Miss Jaynes"; duet, banjo and pianoforte, Mrs. Fall and Mrs. Mayo; song, Mr. A. Pimbury; song, "Ben Bolt," Mrs. F. Maitland-Douglass.

CHILLIWACK. (From the Progress.) Bears are plentiful in the vicinity of Sumas.

Joseph Gibson, Stanley Everall and Charles Burton were on a prospecting and hunting trip on the mountain last week, going up by way of the waterfall. They report deer and bear quite numerous up there and cranberries and huckleberries in abundance.

Mr. Vance, the well-known butcher of Agassiz, came over on the 14th and purchased a number of beef cattle from farmers in the vicinity of East Chilliwack. Isaac Henderson, brother of Dr. Henderson, Chilliwack, met with rather a severe accident last week by being run over from one of his horses that he was riding bare-backed up to the barn. The animal bolted and suddenly swerving in a gateway threw Mr. Henderson off with great force, fracturing two of his ribs and shaking him up badly.

ROSSLAND. (From the Rossland Record.) While workmen were excavating for the annex to the Trail Brewery a fine ledge of iron was uncovered, and while the workmen were discussing the chances of making a fortune someone dropped over the hill in front of them and planted his discovery post to the chagrin of the workmen who had uncovered the mine. Mr. Heinze has purchased an alternating dynamo capable of furnishing 1,000 lights of 16 candle power each, and an arc machine that will supply twenty-five lights. These arc lights will be used in the smelter to the number of eight or ten, as at the docks the railroad will have the use of three or four, while the remainder will be for the use of the city.

J. T. O'Leary, T. O'Leary, W. Blanchfield, E. Weeking and A. P. P. got a gentle hint that on Sixteen Mile creek at the head of the Wild Horse, lay a rich deposit of gold-bearing quartz. They went to discover and after ten days of diligent prospecting were rewarded by locating a grove of seven claims which they named the Flora McDonald, and from assays made to-day the returns were 6 oz. in silver, \$175 in gold and 2 per cent. copper.

Reports from the Waneta and Trail Creek Gold Mining Company are that development work shows improvement in the appearance of the ore with depth. The Little Flo Group has been taken hold of by parties who will go ahead with development work. The bond is for \$50,000 with 5 per cent. down.

The Midway Advance publishes the prospectus of the Coolgardie Company, which is offering stocks in Montreal. When D. O. was brought in Round Bay Creek. The Advance states that no such claims or company exist. The names of well known Spokane men appear in the prospectus, and the shares have been selling at 20 cents.

The cutting for the Red Mountain railway has already shown the existence of good veins on several properties. Another mineral claim obtained free prospecting, which has been defined in ledges were uncovered on the Bryan and Jumbo No. 3, on the hillside opposite the O.K. Of these three, one is a well defined ledge of five feet highly mineralized throughout.

When D. O. was brought in diamond drills to the camp one of the first properties he worked on was the Red Point. Shortly after he, acting for Ottawa people, bought that claim and a company was organized. It has been decided to develop the claim. The property has three ledges and a cross cut tunnel is being run to catch these. About 300 feet, it is estimated, will cut all three, the last one at a depth of upwards of 400 feet. A shaft to be sunk to a ledge to which the tunnel, thus giving ventilation. When developed into a mine the proposition will be a tunnel one.

The Mugwump is rapidly approaching the matter. The highest copper assay was 14 per cent. With the same degree of improvement for the next 55 feet, or in other words, to the 100-foot level, the Mugwump will take place in the front rank of high grade gold-copper ore producers in the camp.

REVELSTOKE. (From the Kootenay Mail.) Gennelle & Co. are about to build a large mill at Arrowhead, which will have a capacity of from 75,000 to 100,000 feet per day. They will also add a sash and door factory next summer.

An option on the Poole group, consisting of the Maybe, Nettie L. Jjar, Columbia, Raven, Brown and I. X. L. claims has been secured by A. St. G. Hammersley, of Vancouver, for some big company. The option is good for thirty days from October 15, and provides the following terms if taken up: \$5,000 down, \$15,000 in three months, \$15,000 in six months, and \$15,000 in nine months, making in all \$60,000. It is a most promising and accessible property and the bond will most likely be taken up.

On Wednesday night J. Graham, car checker at Arrowhead, was robbed of \$160. Graham was fishing the contents of a purse about the presence, amongst others, of a man giving the name of Daly. In the course of the evening Graham met Daly, and shortly after dark the latter proposed they should take a walk along the railroad track towards Revelstoke. When about two miles out Graham felt the other man's hand in his pocket; he grappled with Daly at once, who broke away for the bush, with Graham in hot pursuit. Daly turned and hit his pursuer a blow on the head, which felled him senseless for a while. When he regained consciousness he was minus his money, and his acquaintance had fled.

YUKON GOLD FIELDS.

A Resident of Alaska Says the Stickeen River Route is the Best.

Supplies Could Be Taken in Two Months Earlier Than by St. Michael's.

Mr. C. Wentworth Sarel, who has been for a number of years a resident in Alaska, has come to Victoria for the purpose of spending the winter in this mild climate. From quite an extensive knowledge of the Yukon country, a great part of which he has travelled over, Mr. Sarel is of opinion that the Stickeen river route is the most practicable one for taking supplies into the Yukon country. The route by way of the mouth of the Yukon, besides being a much greater distance from Victoria, is not so good for the Stickeen river supplies can be shipped in fully six weeks or two months earlier in the spring. The Takou route he describes as impracticable for large quantities of supplies, and of the remaining routes he says that by the Stickeen river and Telegraph creek offers the best advantages. Vessels can run up the Stickeen 160 miles to the head of navigation; from there the country, which is mostly rolling land, offers very few engineering obstacles for a good wagon road or a light railway to Teslin lake, which empties into the Yukon river below the rapids.

Mr. Sarel says that the navigation steamer on Teslin lake and a better chance would be given by that route of opening up a vast amount of mining country in the Yukon that is not now being worked because of the difficulty of getting in supplies. The Yukon trade, Mr. Sarel says, well worth a big effort to secure, as it amounts to a great many thousand dollars a year. The Stickeen route will be vastly advantageous to British Columbia, as compared with the St. Michael's route, as being comparatively near Victoria frequent trips could be made by freight steamers from this port and the supplies could be stored at Teslin lake, where the opening of navigation on the river in the spring. The road from the Stickeen river to Teslin lake would be open all winter as there is not much snow, and better communication than at present would result in many more people going into the country that at present.

While workmen were excavating for the annex to the Trail Brewery a fine ledge of iron was uncovered, and while the workmen were discussing the chances of making a fortune someone dropped over the hill in front of them and planted his discovery post to the chagrin of the workmen who had uncovered the mine. Mr. Heinze has purchased an alternating dynamo capable of furnishing 1,000 lights of 16 candle power each, and an arc machine that will supply twenty-five lights. These arc lights will be used in the smelter to the number of eight or ten, as at the docks the railroad will have the use of three or four, while the remainder will be for the use of the city.

J. T. O'Leary, T. O'Leary, W. Blanchfield, E. Weeking and A. P. P. got a gentle hint that on Sixteen Mile creek at the head of the Wild Horse, lay a rich deposit of gold-bearing quartz. They went to discover and after ten days of diligent prospecting were rewarded by locating a grove of seven claims which they named the Flora McDonald, and from assays made to-day the returns were 6 oz. in silver, \$175 in gold and 2 per cent. copper.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

The City and Consolidated Railway have failed to come to terms over the building of the temporary pile bridge at Point Ellice, owing to the former declining to accept the conditions demanded by the Consolidated Railway Co. as to the structure as laid down in the correspondence from Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, the company's solicitors, read at the recent council meetings.

The City have decided to appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Drake delivered on October 5 granting the injunction asked for by the Consolidated Railway, to prevent the City completing the pile bridge until such time as sufficient provision is made for the tramway.

The City have accordingly given notice of appealing to the Full court at its sitting in November to set aside the judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Drake. The grounds on which the appeal are based are: That there is no legal obligation upon the city to construct bridges of any particular design, strength or carrying capacity; that no contract exists between plaintiff and the city whereby the city is bound to construct, alter or maintain bridges for street railway purposes; that the corporation has no power to enter into such a contract; that the franchise to the tramway company is subject to the condition that it shall not alter or improve existing bridges over any liability upon the corporation of placing such bridges in condition fit for the purpose of the tramway company; that in the event of existing bridges proving of insufficient strength for tramway purposes and collapsing, there is no obligation upon the corporation to repair and reconstruct them so as to answer the purposes of the tramway; that the general power to run over bridges does not impose obligations upon the corporation of constructing additional bridges of sufficient strength for tramway purposes; that the franchise authority to run over the broken bridge at Point Ellice is derived from the legislature, not from the corporation, and such authority does not impose an obligation on the corporation to make the bridge in a condition fit for street railway purposes; that the bridge in question was not within the city limits as defined at the date of the agreement between the city and the tramway and therefore does not come under the terms of the agreement.

A MESSAGE TO MEN. Proving that True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist. If a man, who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from excess or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how and imposed upon and nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and I desire to do this to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely upon being cured and the proud satisfaction of having been of true service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy assured. Send 10c silver cover postage and address Mr. Geo. G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

October, November, December.

During these months every subscriber to THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST renewing a subscription for one year and enclosing five cents to cover cost of mailing, will receive a copy of the beautiful lithograph "LISTENING TO THE BIRDS," a fac simile of the picture issued with the Xmas Number last year. This picture is a gem, and neatly framed is well worthy a place on the walls of any home.

FREE TO SUBSCRIBERS TO

The Semi-Weekly Colonist

Renew now and secure one of these pictures in addition to the paper to the end of 1897.

Albion Iron Works Co., LIMITED.

Engineers... Iron Founders. Boiler Makers. MANUFACTURERS OF Marine and Land Engines, Boilers, Etc. Fish Canning and Mining Machinery. Hydraulic Giants, Pipes and Sinking Pumps for Mines. French Ranges, Stoves, Grates, Etc.

SOLE AGENTS FOR Henry K. Worthington's Steam Pumps. Ingersoll Rock Drill Co.'s Steam Rock Drills.

No. 6 CHATHAM STREET, VICTORIA, B.C. No. 71 STORE STREET. P.O. Drawer 12. Telephone 31. 827-1f

JUST OPENED... The Meakin Hotel, AT TRAIL, B. C. The best appointed in the Kootenay Country, with all modern improvements. The Choicest Wines, Liquors and Cigars. MRS. M. A. MEAKIN, Prop.

THERE'S NO DOUBT That our Fall and Winter Stock of FOOTWEAR CANNOT BE SURPASSED. Men's Water-Tight Long Boots from \$2.25 to \$4.00. Men's Lace Water-Tight Boots from \$1.25 to \$3.00. Men's Cork-Sole Boots from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Ladies' Button Boots from \$1.25 to \$3.00. Boys' and Children's Wear a Specialty. 119 DOUGLAS ST., OPP. CITY HALL, James Maynard.

LEA AND PERRINS' OBSERVE THAT THE SIGNATURE IS NOW PRINTED IN BLUE INK DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE OUTSIDE WRAPPER of every Bottle of the ORIGINAL WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE. Sold Wholesale by the Proprietors Worcester; Crosse & Blackwell, Ltd., London; and Export Oilmen generally. RETAIL EVERYWHERE. Agents—J. M. Douglas & Co and Urquhart & Co., Montreal.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the south of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.

Mineral Claim, Mining District on Mining on the west of the... E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8628, intended sixty days from the date of application to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the land.