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PROVINCIAL NEWS TOLD IN FEW WORDS

A 14-foot steel skiff picked up in English Bay suggests a tragedy.

The new Anglican church at North Vancouver, was formally opened last night.

Raphael Piscaretti was drowned at Nelson last Saturday while trying to learn to swim.

E. E. Cooley has resigned the position of city engineer, of Nelson, and G. C. Mackey is temporary incumbent of that office.

After three days' rigid inspection of local bakeries, the Vancouver police have reported strict compliance with the full weight law.

Vice-President R. Marpole, superintendent Beasley, and Consulting Engineer Bainbridge are making a tour of inspection by automobile over the route of the Alberni extension.

A big time is being looked forward to by the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council for the celebration of Labor Day in that city on September 5.

The "Cariboo Observer" is now controlled by the Northern Interior Printing Co. of Quenah. The policy of the paper under the new ownership will remain unchanged.

A. E. Shannon, of Calgary, is in Quenah, representing a syndicate of Alberta capitalists, who intend building and operating steamboats on Francis, Babine and Steward lakes.

The inquest into the death of George E. Outen, who was killed at the Nelson city power plant, resulted in a verdict of accidental death, through the deceased's own carelessness.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley has been called east and will be unable to visit Prince Rupert, Chilliwack and other points which had been promised his presence. He plans to again visit the coast, however, during early September.

A good deposit of bituminous coal has been located on the river, 30 miles south of Quenah. The property, in which A. F. Curtis, of the Cariboo Hotel is chiefly interested, will be thoroughly prospected this season.

Rev. A. O. MacRae, principal of the Western Canada College, at Calgary, who is now visiting Upper British Columbia, urges that all boys over thirteen in the public schools should have male instructors.

While in Nanaimo, Hon. Mr. Pugsley promised the people of the Coal City improved postoffice facilities. As for the harbor improvement scheme, it was stated that further governmental action will depend upon the result of surveys and the real needs of the port.

The G. N. R. ferry, Sidney No. 2, was requisitioned Thursday to take from New Westminster to Victoria, the second shipment of machinery from the Police Iron Works, Toronto, and a new stern wheel steamer for the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Premier McBride, Speaker Eberts, Mr. Thomas Clifford, M. P. P., Mr. Lawrence Macrae, Mr. John Cambridge and Mr. S. A. Fletcher, have made their annual pilgrimage to Pitt Lake, where

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they put in a week under canvas, enjoying excellent fishing.

Mr. Justice Clement has handed down a decision dismissing the petition in the divorce suit of Adams vs. Adams, on the ground that the applicant, the husband, was not prepared to swear that British Columbia was to be his permanent residence. The petition was dismissed without prejudice.

The incorporation is noted of the International Railway & Development Co., with the object of building and operating a railway from Vancouver to the international boundary. This is in reality a part of the British Columbia Electric Company, and its extension plan, in furtherance of the project for the connection of Vancouver and Seattle by rail line.

The Indian Ernest Lewis, who escaped from the county jail at Clinton, B.C., several months ago and has since been in hiding, having been assisted by his fellow Indians in eluding the police, has been recaptured. Lewis is held in jail awaiting bearing on a charge of having murdered a Chinaman at Dog Creek early in the spring.

Count de Chantemerle de Villette, Count de Perrand de Laurier and Count de Baillencourt-Comol, all direct from Paris, are visiting the Kootenay, being financially interested in the Mansfield group of mines near Kelowna, which they are now making an inspection, assisted by W. E. Bole, a Spokane mining engineer.

At a first general meeting of the Royal City Navigation Co., just held at the New Westminster Hotel, Upper Fraser were awarded as follows: Hull, Winnipeg Marine Railway, to be completed in sixty days; boiler and machinery, Schack Machine Works, to be ready in three months. A separate contract will be given for the pilot house.

The British Columbia Copper Co., at Phoenix, is making preparations to increase the capacity of its furnaces, which, when these changes are completed will be the largest copper furnace in the Dominion. The plan is to enlarge one of the furnaces now twenty feet long by fifty-six inches wide by adding ten feet to its length, giving a smelting capacity of 800 tons per diem. The largest furnace at present operated in Canada is that of the Consolidated Company at Trail, which is twenty-five feet by twenty-two inches. The new furnaces at the Granby smelter are twenty-two feet by forty-two inches.

C. P. R. WINS IN CHEHALIS CASE

Decision is Given by Privy Council Upholding Decision of Justice Martin.

The C. P. R. has won the appeal to the Privy Council in the Chehalis case, thus settling aside the damages given, arising out of the collision between the steamer ship, Company's steamer Chehalis, in the Vancouver Narrows, three years ago. Eight persons aboard the Chehalis lost their lives. R. H. Bryce, whose bride was drowned, sued first and his was a test case. Bryce died recently of a broken heart, and Justice Martin's original decision in the Admiralty Court is approved and restored.

The Chehalis was a tugboat belonging to the Union Steamship Company and had been chartered to Bryce, formerly a purser in the employ of that company, and others for a trip to the north end of Vancouver Island. She was making her way from Victoria harbor, and was caught in the strong tide and crossed the bow of the steamer Princess Victoria, being run down by that vessel as she was leaving the harbor. The Chehalis was rolled over and eight were drowned. The others were saved by boats quickly lowered from the Princess Victoria.

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FAMOUS FACTOR PIONEER PASSES

Gavin Hamilton, Noted Figure in Hudson's Bay Company Died Yesterday

Gavin Hamilton, a pioneer among pioneers, and one of the notable factors of the early Hudson Bay days of the province of British Columbia, died this morning after a short illness at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, at the age of 74 years.

He was born on January 1st, 1835, at Stromness, in the Orkney Islands. He came to Victoria in the ship Norman Morrison, leaving the Thames August 17th, 1852, arriving here in January of the following year. Many other pioneers of Victoria were passengers on the same vessel.

His first station in the Hudson's Bay service was Fort Laramie, where he served under J. M. Yale. From the start Hamilton knew well how to win the heart of the natives with whom he came into contact, and even the worst

within range Gavin killed the first and then another one.

Unfortunately, he had left the biggest and most dangerous one until the last, and turning around to take his fowling piece from the Indian he found that the Siwash had started for the river, taking the gun with him. The bear was within sixty yards, and coming towards him. He emptied some powder by guess out of his horn into each barrel of the gun, beat the stock against a tree, forced the powder home, and dropped a loose ball down each barrel. The bear was within twenty yards of him, and nothing could have saved him had he not possessed an automatic capper, which used to be much in demand for celerity in getting muzzle loaders ready for action.

As it was, he didn't have time to get the gun to his shoulder, but fired from the hip, killing the brute instantly, but so close was it to him that in its fall it knocked him down. For many years the Indians of the district spoke of the young clerk who killed the three bears.

Known No Fear.

After this adventure, Hamilton went to Fort Yale, where he distinguished himself by another adventure. Father Morice, who wrote the history of British Columbia some years ago, tells of it as follows:

"To show the wonderful fearlessness of the man, we may mention that in 1858 he had just killed a burning store house 70 or 100 barrels of gunpowder.

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W. C. Hamilton of Esquimalt and Z. M. Hamilton of Victoria are cousins of the late factor.

He was passionately fond of sailing and was the first man to demonstrate to the Indians the use of a sail boat on Stewart Lake. They could not believe that by means of sails a boat could go otherwise than dead before the wind and on him starting out for a sail and beating to windward they considered that he had received some supernatural gift to be able thus to defy the element.

He resigned from the Hudson Bay company some years ago and erected a saw mill and grist mill on the Cariboo road, but his plant was destroyed by fire and his enterprise was very successful. Of late years he had retired from active work, content to enjoy his pension, making his quarters at Fort Yale, but visiting relatives and friends in Victoria every once in a while.

Death came quietly and peacefully. He had looked death so often in the face with coolness and self-control that it had lost all its terrors for him. The end came very suddenly and was almost without pain.

The funeral will likely take place in Victoria and the arrangements will be announced later.

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