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FRISCO'S FAIR.

Two Weeks Remain of Its Official Existence—What Will Be Done With It?

Tacoma and City of Mexico Want to Get Hold of the Exhibits.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—There are just two weeks remaining of the official life of the exposition. A rumor has been circulated to the effect that it was the intention of the exposition management to continue the exposition until at least July 24, if not until the 27th, but this rumor is without foundation. July 4 will be the official closing day of the exposition. It will be impossible to legally detain the foreign exhibits after that date and some of them will doubtless begin to remove their exhibits immediately after the Fourth of July celebration. There will be some departments of the exposition, however, maintained a little longer. Most of the county exhibits will probably be withdrawn, though there are some which might be left until the building begins to be torn down. The concessionaires are not in a hurry to move, and the result will be that there will be considerable to see after July 4, although the complete exhibition cannot be expected to remain. No arrangements are being made by the management for continuing special attractions after the official closing day; but they are being importuned by the societies and organizations who want to hold demonstrations on the grounds during July. It is possible that a 25 cent admission will be charged as long as attractions remain on the ground sufficient to warrant it. The French colony have not yet abandoned their celebration of the fall of the Bastile on July 14, and there are other organizations that would like to see the fair continued at least until July 27, to make it just an even six months. The executive committee has passed a resolution to the effect that the Director General has until September 30 to wind up the exposition, so there is plenty of time for the present plans to be announced if necessary.

There are two propositions before exhibitors as to what should be done with their various displays. One is to ship their goods to Tacoma for the exposition which is to be opened there on October 1, the other growing out of the project to hold an international exhibition at the City of Mexico. As the case now stands those interested in the latter scheme are waiting, before taking any further action, to hear from Col. Green, the manager of the Mexican bank, who left for Mexico last Monday in the interest of the project. He goes to the Mexican capital for the express of trying to secure such legislation from the chambers as shall result in the admission of foreign dutiable goods, intended for exhibition purposes, into the country without the payment of the usual import taxes. He desires also to obtain such other privileges for foreign exhibitors as may make it easier for them to bring their goods to the Mexican capital. A part of Col. Green's mission is also to see what personal aid and encouragement President Diaz may be able to lend the enterprise and to see to what extent the Mexican railway lines may be willing to grant concessions in the matter of freight rates, etc. What is being done in favor of the Mexican project is being kept rather quiet, principally, it would appear, to lessen the chances of the friends of Tacoma trying to interfere. Henry Budey, president of the Tacoma Exposition Company, was in this city about five weeks ago, and while here did active work for his enterprise. He secured a quiet promise, given as would appear however, with a reservation, from some of the principal foreign exhibitors at the fair, that they would take their displays to Tacoma. The reservation referred to was to the effect that they would carry the goods to Tacoma if arrangements were not in the meantime made to take them to Mexico.

RETURNED SEALER.

PORT TOWNSEND, June 20.—The schooner George H. White arrived here from Sitka this evening, with her firearms and ammunition under seal. Off Middleton island, May 30, the revenue cutter Corwin boarded the White, sealed up the arms and ammunition, left copies of the President's proclamation and the acts of parliament relative to sealing and ordered the White to return to Puget Sound. Captain Chenoworth, of the White, says the weather along Southeastern Alaska this spring has been the severest experienced in years. Snow has been unusually deep. The penalty for illegal sealing under the British law is forfeiture or a fine not to exceed £500. The American law prescribes absolute forfeiture of the vessel and in addition the officers can be imprisoned, or both. He avers that with any kind of luck a sealer can well afford to pay a fine of £500 and then realize a handsome profit. The White has eighty-two skins. The British sealer C. D. Rand went into Sitka with 350 skins, discharged the white crew, employed Indians instead and prepared to sail for Behring sea. The bark Mars has 132 barrels of oil and one sperm whale.

NORTH VICTORIA.

PLUMPER PASS, June 21.—On Monday, at a meeting presided over by Mr. D. Gallant, held in the court house, the questions prominently connected with provincial politics were discussed by Mr. J. P. Booth, who gave a very lucid and satisfactory account of his stewardship, and Captain Robertson, who is endeavoring to replace the former in the representation. Mr. Booth illustrated by facts and figures the progress that the province had made under the progressive administration of the present government and that which immediately preceded it. He showed that the public revenues had been expended in the best interests of the community. For this reason he had supported the party at present in power and if returned, as he expected to be, would discharge his duties to the best of his ability, with a view to the promotion of the interests of the province at large, as also of his own constituency.

Captain Robertson launched out into a general attack, full of misrepresentations, on the government, and personally abused the candidate to whom he was opposed. He dwelt largely on questions of Dominion policy, the Chinese question occupying a large portion of his time. After vilifying the members of the Davie government he said three things are adversely affecting this province, viz: The robbery and extortion by the Dominion government which cannot be avoided, the granting of railway and steamboat subsidies, and lastly the financial depression of the country. He declared himself opposed to the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Australian line of steamships. Money could better be spent with the farmers in putting gravel upon their roads and improving their farms than in assisting railway enterprises. Mr. Robertson announced that the education system of the Province was a correct one, but said that the present financial depression was due to the Davie government.

Mr. Booth briefly and satisfactorily replied to Captain Robertson, whose pretensions he completely demolished, after which the meeting adjourned.

MUTINY AND MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—The British ship Inverurie arrived from Newcastle, N. S. W., yesterday after a sensational voyage. Among the passengers were Eustace Alexander, son of a Melbourne tobacco merchant, who eloped from Sydney, leaving a young wife and child behind him. He presented himself to Captain Willox of the Inverurie as Dr. C. H. Armitage and stated that the woman who accompanied him was his wife. Shortly after the ship sailed from Newcastle Captain Willox had occasion to reprimand the first mate, Anderson, for inattention to duty. The latter, however, with the assistance of the alleged doctor, succeeded in winning most of the crew over to his side, after which the ship was one continuous scene of mutiny, culminating in the death of the captain's wife.

About two weeks ago Mrs. Willox began to prepare for confinement and a week ago last Friday Dr. Armitage was called in. Captain Willox, as a majority of British captains are, is fairly well skilled in surgery, and was not satisfied with the manner in which the supposed doctor was treating his wife, and he so expressed himself. In trying to eject the doctor a row ensued in which the first mate took a hand, and the sailors joined in open munity and helped lock the captain in the carpenter's house, from which he secured his release shortly after his wife had given birth to a lifeless child. He was allowed to see the infant, which was buried at sea a week ago Wednesday.

The captain realized that he had odds against him, and prayed for peace until land was sighted, but such was not his fate. With the aid of the second mate, John Jones, and the ship's carpenter, he managed to control the crew for a while, but the trouble was soon renewed. Shortly after the child had been [illegible] the captain was informed that his wife was very low, and in his grief he drank a cup of brandy which he believes was drugged, for when he recovered from its effects he found himself locked in the carpenter's house again, but with the aid of the carpenter he was released, but when he appeared on deck and demanded an explanation of the treatment he had received, the first mate ordered the crew to put a straight jacket on him and lock him up again.

On Saturday morning he was released and went to his wife's bedside. That evening she died. On the arrival of the ship Captain Willox had the body of his wife removed to the morgue, and reported the facts to the British consul. Alexander and his companions were landed from the Inverurie in charge of a sergeant of police. They will be kept under surveillance until some action shall be taken by the local authorities and the British consul. Acting Quarantine Officer Williams says that the dead woman had been maltreated in a fearful manner, and that there is no doubt in his mind that murder was committed.

LATER—There have been no more sensational developments in the hideous story of the voyage of the bark Inverurie across the Pacific from Newcastle. Captain Willox, the second mate and the carpenter, who remained loyal friends to the captain during the recent mutiny, went ashore and devoted considerable attention to the preparations for the funeral of Mrs. Willox, which took place to-day. The captain has not yet preferred a formal charge against the first mate and his men. He will probably first devote his attention to the inquest which is to be held to-morrow.

MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 21.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia, began at a late hour this afternoon in the Masonic temple. The Grand Lodge was announced to open at 11 o'clock this morning, but owing to the non-arrival of the Premier till 1:30 this afternoon the Island brethren could not be on hand at the hour named, and the opening exercises were postponed to allow them to be present. Deputy Grand Master McMicking of Victoria presided in the absence of Grand Master Clarke of Kamloops, who will not arrive till to-morrow. Sessions will be held to-morrow morning, afternoon and evening for the disposal of the usual business of the order. To-morrow evening a Masonic sermon will be preached by Grand Chaplain Rev. E. D. McLaren of Vancouver, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Grand Lodge and the members of subordinate lodges will attend in a body.

ANTI-LORDS MEETING.

LONDON, June 21.—At the anti-lords meeting a few prominent persons were present. Mr. Watson moved the first resolution which was carried. The second resolution was moved, and Mr. Labouchere moved a substitute that lords being useless and dangerous ought to be abolished, and calling upon the government to introduce a measure for the abolition of the House of Lords. The substitute was lost by a large majority. The original resolution was carried with enthusiasm.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Another overdue vessel, the British bark Callierrho, got into port to-day. The bark, which carries a load of jute, was 125 days on her voyage from Calcutta. Capt Watts attributes the delay to light and baffling winds and a gale encountered off New Zealand.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Evening Telegraph Service for Nanaimo—Mining Accident—Lobb Case Remanded.

Magnificent Specimens of Galena—Three Forks Almost Wiped Out—Mining Prospects.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, June 21.—The annual gathering of Catholics at St. Mary's Mission is taking place to-day.

A gang of burglars are working Vancouver. The night before last Shearing's gents' furnishing establishment was robbed of $500 worth of merchandise, and Clark's of a smaller amount. Last night McLennan & McFeely's hardware store was burglarized and goods to the value of $200 taken.

The sheriff has seized the furniture of the Y.M.C.A., the amount subscribed for putting this institution in a sound financial condition not having been paid.

A number of Free Masons have run down from the Banff convention on a flying visit to the coast.

VANCOUVER, June 22.—The case of the C.P.R. versus Robb was finished to-day and judgment reserved. For the defence, F. J. Deane, Nanaimo, said a report similar in purport to the one sent by Robb was current in Nanaimo the same evening as the dispatch was sent to the United States papers. Mr. Burton, court stenographer, swore he had heard the report the day the dispatch was sent. McNamara, who, according to the evidence, told the story of the wrecking of the train to Evans and Burton, was called by the prosecution and swore that Robb had told him the report, and not, as Robb swore, that McNamara had first given him the story.

Several robberies have been reported in the past two or three days, and merchants who could ill afford it lost hundreds of dollars worth of goods. When the police were questioned they said nothing, but yesterday two officers arrested a whole gang of burglars, bundled them into a red wagon with the stolen goods of the recent burglaries and drove them to the police station under cover of revolvers.

Captain Tatlow this evening addressed a number of the electors at the Golden Gate hotel in support of the government. The meeting was decidedly in favor of the administration, and the address, which was a comprehensive definition of the government policy, was a very able one.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 21.—The first session of the Royal Commission to inquire into the affairs of the penitentiary will be held in the court house to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 22.—The Epworth League had interesting sessions today. The election of officers takes place tomorrow.

It is reported that a boy named McDermott was drowned yesterday afternoon while trying to cross the North Arm on a raft. The police cannot obtain confirmation of the story.

Two girls aged about 18 years ran away from the Good Shepherd Orphanage at Sapperton this morning.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, June 21.—The business men of the city will petition Superintendent Wilson to have the C. P. R. telegraph office here kept open until 10 p.m. on week days.

Perseverance No. 23, is the name of the new lodge of I. O. O. F. instituted at Northfield on Tuesday evening by T. C. Gray of Vancouver, Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

F. McBain Young, Marcus Wolfe, W. H. S Perkins, F. Barrett, W. Stewart and J. Cobourn, left this morning as delegates to the Masonic Grand Lodge at New Westminster.

The annual concert and dance in aid of the fund of the City hospital took place last night in Mahrer's opera house. There was, as usual, a very big attendance. This evening the concert was repeated for the edification of the children. Altogether a substantial sum was raised for the hospital, which being the desired end, was entirely satisfactory.

The Lobb case has been again remanded one week in order to secure expert evidence as to the effect of a revolver shot at a certain distance.

William Hughes, a miner, was seriously injured in No. 5 pit this morning by a fall of rock. His spine was fractured and leg broken.

About thirty miles from here at Englishman's River, a hunter named Breckridge was chasing a panther to-day. Seeing what he supposed to be a panther head in the grass he fired his gun at a distance of 150 yards. Following up he found to his horror that he had shot at the body of a man lying down. The name of the man is Morley, who had been resting there, thinking himself perfectly safe. The hunter says that Morley was lying with his legs crossed so that the upturned toes looked like the animal's ears from the distance. The ball of a .44 calibre penetrated both legs diagonally, entering the left and coming out on the right. The shin bone of the latter is splintered and it is feared that amputation may be necessary. At present Morley is lying at the hospital here. No action has been taken in the matter as regards Breckridge.

KASLO.

(From the Times.)

W. Goodwin, G. Squire and E. F. Smith have left Kaslo for the purpose of prospecting on Eight-mile creek, Slocan lake. If successful they will attend to assessment work before returning.

Lane C. Gillam is doing development work on his claim, the Solo on Lyle creek. He came down to look after his stores of hay and grain invaded by the rising waters of the Kootenay.

Neil Gilchrist and Edward Durney have returned from doing assessment work on the First Chance, situated on Jackson creek. They had a good showing on the claim, having a two-foot ledge of ore all through it.

D. Graham and Murdock McKenzie made a satisfactory strike upon their claim, the Victoria. They have scarcely finished development but in open cut of about 8 feet have four inches of clean ore.

Pfeifer and Ward are doing development work on the claims on Jackson creek. They have driven a tunnel eighty feet on the hillside with a stringer of ore all the way. The main body is underneath, and they are beginning to sink for it. On the Galt they have a tunnel run seventy-five feet with good showing.

(From the Times, June 16.)

Disastrous as were the effects of the flood and storm in Kaslo, exaggerated reports of the damage have undoubtedly gone abroad. Having wrought a terribly destructive work, the waters of Kootenay lake and Kaslo river are receding. All danger of further destruction, save perhaps in one or two instances along Kaslo river, seem to have passed.

The vacated houses on the higher bench between Third and Fourth streets along B avenue have again been occupied. The main current of Kaslo river still follows the line of D avenue, nearly to the site of the destroyed bridge, whence it cuts across into the old channel or very nearly so. The banks, however, have been washed away, or the former river bed has been filled to such an extent that they do not appear.

A subsidiary channel, which threatens to increase, is flowing past the end and front of the Noble Five bath house and into the lake along B avenue. There is danger that this stream may suddenly become the main outlet of the river, and cause further destruction. It may happen under two or three contingencies. Meantime no organized nor well directed effort has been made to confine to a single channel the various currents into which the river has separated after reaching the comparatively level benches near its mouth.

Efforts are being made to remove the surplus, and soon the various stores and buildings will be re-occupied, and business will flow in its accustomed channels. The people are recovering from the rude shock, and are providing for themselves temporary residences and places of business.

Good work is being done in the repair of the wagon road. Teamsters who have been over it are practically unanimous in saying that it was never in better condition than that in which it was left by the repairing parties. It will probably be finished to Sproule's to-night. One party is working near Whitewater, where considerable damage was done.

The highest point touched by the water in Kootenay lake was on Saturday morning last at 11 o'clock. It then stood at 32 feet above low water mark of last winter. Since that hour the water has been falling and today is five feet lower than the highest point.

As a result of the final revision of the voters' list on Monday last by Commissioner Goepel at Nelson, the register contains 862 names. Should the election be postponed until the first of August next, sixty additional names will have been added to the list.

Tenders are invited by the government agent for the erection of a building on A avenue, west of the Slocan hotel, to be used as an assessor's office and other governmental purposes.

COWICHAN LAKE.

COWICHAN LAKE, June 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Dickie of Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Pither, and Miss J. Anderson of Victoria, are guests at the Lakeside Hotel. They have had excellent sport, having already caught over 100 pounds of fish. Miss Anderson successfully landed three fine salmon, weighing 13½, 9 and 15½ pounds respectively.

TROUT LAKE.

(From the Miner.)

E. E. Penzer, one of the directors of the Cariboo and Kootenay Mining and Prospecting Co., Ltd., accompanied by O. D. Hoar, has just completed examining the company's placer property on the Lardeau river and is very highly pleased with the way it tested. Work will soon be started on the dam and flume.

About twenty men are working and opening up new placer claims with encouraging success and it is safe to say this year will be the banner year of gold production of the Lardeau river.

Mr. W. T. Edwards has just started work on the Snow Shoe quartz claim.

At the Black Prince work will be immediately started and ore shipped. Mr. Campbell will clear and open up the Bad Shot and ship ore. It is an extension of the Black Prince and has opened about as well.

The Riverside Quartz Claim has opened up well and has the most development done of any quartz claim in camp. They are now cross cutting the vein, which looks very rich.

SODA CREEK.

SODA CREEK, June 21.—The weather is cool and cloudy; the Fraser River is rising.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Nelson Tribune.)

J. C. Davenport, R. Ewart and W. E. Mann are about to pay a visit to the Fisher Maiden group on Four-mile creek, in which they are interested.

Important negotiations have been going on with regard to the Alpha and Black Bear claims. The third payment on N. F. McNaught's bond was not made, despite the statement to the contrary, and it is expected a new deal will be made.

J. J. Moynahan has started operations on the Wakefield and Cazuabazua, and has acquired some of G. W. Hughes' stock for packing supplies up Four-mile creek.

The syndicate which Captain Moore represents is going to make things hum in the Twin Lake basin this year. A concentrating plant of 100 tons capacity has already been shipped, and a wagon road is to be built to the claims. Captain Moore has acquired the St. John interest in the Idaho and St. John and a half interest in the Twin Lakes. He is said to be negotiating for the purchase of the Queen Bess.

CLINTON.

CLINTON, June 18.—News came in Saturday that a man had been found lying dead on the road leading from the trunk road to Raphael's, about 25 miles from Clinton. The coroner and jury went out and found he had died from natural causes. He had been suffering from chills and fever and had started to Clinton to see the doctor. On the way in he either fell off his horse or got too sick to ride, and taking off his coat and making a pillow of it lay under a tree and died. He was a stranger in the place. From letters it was learned that his name was McCourt, and that he was from Aberdeen, Scotland. The sum of $20 was found in his pocket.

The political meeting did not amount to much, the same hashed-up charges lacking the essential—proof. Mr. Kitchen was not here, but a Major-General Kinchant came. Who he is or where he comes from I don't know. However he is not of much force, and Mr. Stoddart gave him a pretty severe handling for a civilian.

Mr. Prentice, who has assumed the role of a critic of Hon. J. H. Turner's financial speeches, speaks well, but he is new in this country, and really knows nothing of its wants. Mr. Stoddart's clear and intelligent speech shows he is the man for the occasion, and his election is beyond a peradventure. Mr. Stoddart showed his good sense while in the house by not boring it with long talks having neither connection nor judgment, like many of those who have aspired to political honors. Mr. Stoddart has always spoken well and to the point, and is not given to a flow of verbiage without effect. He with a few vigorous sentences demolished the flimsy oration of his opponents. The intelligent electors of this riding distinguish common sense from froth, and the 7th of July will give him an overwhelming majority.

BIG BEND.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

John Sanderson and John Dolburg, partners in the Last Chance mine, Big Bend, will put men to work on the property forthwith.

At Carne's creek the flood rather helped than retarded the work of making a new channel to divert the stream.

Messrs. Herrick & Evans, owners of the Little Falls and Nugget claims, a short distance from the Consolation, are making the most of their time this season. If these claims are as rich as the Consolation the fact will be ascertained in a month or two.

Prospectors have been going into the Big Bend for several weeks past. The gold country is now open to anyone who cares to try his fortune there. The rush will not be as great as that in the Rainy River district, but it will be sufficient to prove whether our gold field is to take its place as one of the greatest in the country, or whether its placer mines constitute the whole of its wealth.

NAKUSP.

(From the Ledge.)

Freight comes high at present, $80 per ton being asked for hauling goods this week between Nakusp and New Denver.

It is reported that placer grounds of no mean value have been discovered about twelve miles up Six-Mile creek. Two men are credited with washing out $10 per day of gold steadily.

Messrs. Sweeney and McCreary, two of the partners in the Consolation mine in the Big Bend, brought down a bag of gold amounting to something over $1,000, besides a 1½-ounce nuggett worth $28. They brought tidings of a washout at their mine which has compelled them to suspend operations.

The town of Three Forks narrowly escaped being wiped out by fire during the big storm a week ago Sunday. The population turned out to fight the flames in a body, but they were not controlled until six or seven of the buildings had been destroyed. Adjoining one of the buildings scorched was a shed in which 1,200 pounds of dynamite was stored. Had that exploded the loss of life would have been heavy.

NELSON.

(From the Nelson Miner.)

Some prospecting work has been done on Hamber & Kirk's claims at Bird creek, just beyond Forty-nine creek, and heads up to the same ridge. Enough has been seen to encourage further prospecting when the water falls.

(From the Miner, June 16.)

The Gold Commissioner and Mr. A. E. Hodgins left on Thursday for Three Forks, where Mr. Hodgins will superintend the construction of a new bridge across the canyon.

The water on Monday last was five feet two inches on the top of the dyke erected by the reclamation company in the Kootenay valley. By means of this dyke it was hoped that about 8,000 acres would be ready for sale this winter. In calculating the height of their dyke the engineers claimed to have made it three feet higher than any previously known flood.

The top of the rise was reached last Saturday, and since then the waters of the lake have fallen about three feet. There is a good deal of anxiety amongst our "floating population" to know where their arks are going to land. Salvage is still going on merrily, cordwood, logs and lumber of various kinds is to be got for the towing of it.

(From the Tribune.)

At the Bank of Montreal in Nelson are two of the finest specimens of galena ever taken from the Slocan mines. One weighs 500 and the other 300 pounds. The latter is from the Noble Five mines and the former from the Washington.

LARDEAU.

(From the Nelson Miner.)

A. J. Murphy, of the Alamo Mine, is said to be washing out gold on the Lardeau to the tune of ten or twelve dollars a day.

A Victoria company has taken up a mile and a half of hydraulic ground on the Lardeau and is putting in a flume.

MURDER OR SUICIDE.

LONDON, June 20.—A well dressed couple took a room on Monday evening at a second class hotel at Westminster. They had breakfast in their bedroom yesterday morning. About noon a chambermaid was unable to enter the room or get any response to repeated knocks. As there was no sound of life in the room the proprietor became convinced that something was wrong and had a porter enter the room by a window. The woman had gone and the man lay dead on the bed. An empty bottle which had contained poison stood on the bureau. The dead man was identified to-day as Dr. Tyler, son of Sir John William Tyler, superintendent of the central police, N.W.P., India, a resident of Agra. The police have not yet found the woman.

OTTAWA, June 21.—At the University of Ottawa, this evening, the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen.

FOR FLOODED FARMERS.

Col. Baker Again Loading Up Supplies for the Sufferers by Inundations.

Crop Prospects—C.P.R. to Make Close Connections—The Indians are Heavy Sufferers.

WESTMINSTER, June 21.—(Special.)—Hon. Col. Baker returned to the city with the steamers Gladys and Courser at 9 o'clock this morning from Chilliwack, and the steamers immediately began taking on cargoes of supplies and seed grain and potatoes to be distributed by the government to the settlers whose crops were ruined by the floods. They left for up-river again early this afternoon. From officers of the steamers it was learned that ploughing and seeding is in full swing on all the lands from which the water has receded, and by Saturday night a very large area will be under crop again. The farmers are working with all their might to get as much land cropped as possible and if favored by reasonably good weather they will reap much the same harvest as usual, except in oats and wheat.

The C. P. R. expect to have the repairs to their line between Mission and Agassiz completed by Sunday, when the transfer by steamer will be considerably shortened, allowing the steamers connecting with the trains to make two round trips daily. With this improved service the company will be able to handle much more freight. Four pile-drivers are working on the breaks between Agassiz and Hope station.

Indian Agent Devlin has returned from a visit to the Fraser reserves and reports the losses by the Indians to be greater in proportion than those sustained by the whites. Their little orchards have been entirely ruined and the crops totally destroyed.

DUTY ON DIAMONDS.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—At the request of Senator Teller yesterday his amendment to increase the duty on diamonds from 15 to 30 per cent. ad valorem, which would restore the rate fixed by the house in the Wilson bill, was passed over. It will be considered again before the bill is reported to the senate.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The Press this morning prints the following:

"LONDON, June 19.—Senator Teller's proposed high tariff on diamonds is causing a sensation here, where the Rothschilds have recently bonded £4,500,000 sterling (nearly $20,000,000) of bonds for the South African diamond trust. Besides these bonds the Rothschilds are known to be very largely interested in the stocks of the diamond trust. The proposed high tariff would produce a great fall in the value of the immense stock of unsold diamonds on hand and greatly reduce the dividends to holders of the trust's stocks, which have for years past been 25 per cent. A cable received by the officials of the trust from Premier Rhodes, of Cape Colony, it is stated, declares that Secretary Carlisle promished last March that the senate would modify the high duty put on diamonds when the Wilson bill passed the house."

The Teller amendment increasing the duty on diamonds to 30 per cent. is regarded as a blow aimed by the leader of the free American silver men at the Rothschilds, the leading bankers in Europe, who have done so much to maintain the single gold monetary standard. The Colorado senator and ex-Speaker Reed have considered various forms of discriminating duties against those countries which oppose an international agreement for the free use of silver.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, June 21.—(Special)—Thomas Bennett, the veteran Dominion government immigration agent, who has spent twelve years and four months in the government service in the Northwest, seven years at Brandon, and the last five years in Winnipeg as superintendent of the Dominion government immigration bureau in Winnipeg, has received notice from the government that his services are to be dispensed with on the ground of economy.

The Winnipeg bank clearings last week total $791,097.

A bottle was picked up in the Assiniboine river to-day containing the following note: "May 19, 1894.—Anyone finding this bottle may know that they will not find me; I am tired of life and want to die; I have weighted myself down with iron and will not rise; my body is in the river just opposite Headingly. I write this so that people may know what has become of me. (Signed) G. H. HAMBLY."

Rain was very general throughout the province yesterday.

The banquet to the Australian delegates has been postponed till Friday.

G. W. Matheson, storekeeper of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, has resigned his position.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, June 20.—The unsettled details of the Nicaragua canal bill which will be reported to the house have been cleared up at a meeting of the subcommittee. There will be recommended a directorate of eleven members, eight government directors, one representative of the company, one from the government of Nicaragua and one from Costa Rica. Three government engineers will have charge of the work. It will be provided that dividends shall not exceed 5 per cent., so that a sinking fund may be established. The government share of the dividends will be credited to a sinking fund. Some members of the committee think the debt can be raised in twenty five years on the lines laid down. Bonds have been practically decided upon for the whole amount, as the proposition to coin silver involved troublesome complications and opposition. However, that section of the bill is left subject to change, so that if any plan involving the use of silver seems practicable it can be adopted.

HAMILTON, June 20.—George Turner, a boy aged 9 years, who is living with his parents at 33 Tisdale street, was yesterday discovered to be suffering from smallpox. The case is of a mild type.