THE HENLEY REGATTA

Toronto Team Diligently Preparing for the Contest.

ARGONAUTS IN EXCELLENT FORM

Good Judges Who Have Been Watching Their Practice Believe That They Will Win—Borrowed the London Rowing Club's Four Boat.

Toronto, June 28.—A special cable to the Evening Telegram from Henley-on-Thames, dated June 28, says: Lack of practice cannot be attributed as the cause of defeat, if such the argonauts might meet with at the coming regatta. Not only are they training themselves diligently and carefully, but the crew is familiarizing itself with the course as well. Last night the eight went to Fawley Court, half the course, in three minutes and 38 seconds, and finished the whole distance in seven minutes and 17 seconds.

This morning Charley Goldman covered the last half of the course, credited as the most difficult portion, in four minutes and 14 seconds, which is considered by oarsmen here as good time. Howell, the American who is rowing under the colors of the Thames Rowing club of London, who is the favorite in Diamond sculls, thinks well of Goldman.

The London Rowing club's four boat has been borrowed by the argonauts, and will be ready tomorrow. Ned Skippon has gone to bring it to Henley, and the four will row in this shell at the races. Judging by the form the Argonaut four have been showing in their spin over the course since their arrival, many authorities who have been watching them carefully, look upon them as probable winners. A good deal of the time of the crew has been occupied in sprinting. The weather today is showery.

Percy Galt, the president of the argonauts, has been to Putney, and while there examined the London Rowing club's four, and expresses entire satisfaction with it. He is sure the boat will suit the argonauts four. Mr. Galt is determined to allow the men no opportunity to make excuses if they lose.

The London club's four will be brought here on Friday. Bush Thompson has just returned from an hour's hard practice with a view to reducing his weight. Charley Goldman is not as confident of winning as he has been, but he is working diligently and is not the least discouraged. The weather this morning is rainy and muggy.

VERDICT AGAINST THE COMPANY.

Large Damages for the Loss of a Husband on La Bourgogne.

Paris, June 28.—The action for damages brought by Madame Resal, as a result of the loss of her husband through the sinking of the French line steaer La Bourgogne, in collision with the British steamer Cromartyshire July 4th, 1898, off Sable Island, N. S., has resulted in a verdict against the company for 100,000 francs. The plaintiff at the same time was debarred from claiming the money lost with M. Resal, which may hereafter be recovered. The court found the company responsible for the acts of the captain, who was declared to be at fault in not bringing his ship to a standstill after the collision, in losing time in launching the boats, and in not furnishing the passengers with life belts.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Some of the Questions Which Are Now Up for Discussion.

London, June 28.—At today's session of the International Council of Women Mrs. Stanton Blatch read a paper on primary education, "advocating the use of manual works at every step of education, but deprecating the introduction of domestic occupations and trying to adapt trades to educational processes. Mrs. Miller advocated her well-known views on physical development, though the reorganization of the food questions, in the shape of the kitchen preparation of food, were hardly within the scope of the discussion. To this Mrs. Miller replied that rational and physical education was the only question she wished to discuss and suggested that perhaps it had been placed on the wrong program. The audience finally invited Mrs. Miller to continue, which she did, meeting with much applause.

At a meeting devoted to women inspectors, the Hon. Mrs. Littleton, presiding, a paper by Miss Carlyle of Canada, was read. It showed the strides made in Canada in regard to female inspectors and labor legislation generally.

Harvard Commencement.

Cambridge, Mass., June 28.—The annual commencement exercises at Harvard University today were rendered notable by the presence of Governor Walcott and other distinguished guests and by the conferring of the degree of LL.D. on M. Cambon, the French ambassador, in recognition of the distinguished public services he performed in the negotiations which restored peace between the United States and Spain. It is the only instance in which the ambassador of a foreign power has received such a distinguished honor from a leading American university.

Western Writers' Association.

Winona Lake, Ind., June 28.—The Western Writers' association in annual convention here, this morning listened to the reading of poems, stories and essays by the following members: President Burroughs of Wabash college, Young E. Allison of Louisville, A. C. Andrews of Connorsville and Booth Tarkington of Indianapolis. This evening the feature of the session was a paper by John Clark Ridpath, the eminent historian, on "Letters and Merchandise."

An Aeronaut's Leap.

Vienna, June 28.—Signor Merighi, an Italian aeronaut, ascending yesterday at Crase, Syra, to a height of 10,000 feet when his balloon burst and fell. When about 40 feet from the ground the aeronaut leaped from the car and was picked up unconscious with a broken leg. In the car was found a paper containing the words: "I am dying contentedly, having reached my term." This led to the belief that he intended to commit suicide. He denies, however, any such intention, and says he wrote the sentence while the balloon was falling.

Mr. F. P. Gutelius, superintendent of the Columbia & Western railway, left yes-

ACTIVITY IN THE BOUNDARY

BIG HOTEL AT GRAND FORKS NEARING COMPLETION.

The Order for the Machinery for the Granby Smelter Has Been Placed—Work of Erecting Offices.

Grand Forks, June 22.—[Special.]—A portion of the Yale, the new hotel approaching completion here, will be open on July 1st. It will be the finest and largest in Southern British Columbia The furnishings are of the richest character. All the furniture, which was purchased in Toronto, is of antique design. The hotel will contain over one hundred bed rooms, single and en suite. There are bath rooms on every floor as well as in a number of rooms. John Manley and Commodore Biden, the proprietors, have engaged the services of a French chef.

The activity in building circles still continues. The stores and dwellings now under construction have already secured tenants. Eighteen new buildings, including several shops, will be started within the next week. This does not comprise the various buildings now under way. There is not a vacant house in the city, and the hotels are over-crowded every night. The volume of travel through the Gateway city has doubled within the last month An idea of the unique position occupied by Grand Forks is evidenced by the fact that the assessment roll forms a total of five hundred and seven thousand dollars, a figure two hundred and fifty thousand less than the real values. The total bonded indebtedness of the city, which owns its own water works system and electric light plant, is only thirty-five thousand dollars. The impetus given as a result of the location of the Graves smelter here, the advent of the C. P. R. and Great Northern, will easily bring the value of assessed property to one million five hundred thousand dollars next year.

J. J. McKay, representing the leading Vancouver wholesale dry goods house, reports that he finds business in this section better than in any other portion of British Columbia. Grand Forks, he says, buys more goods than any other point in the Boundary Creek country.

J. P. Graves, the general manager of the Granby smelter, now building here, has returned from a trip to Spokane. He is accompanied by A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the smelter. Mr. Hodges reports that on his recent trip east he placed the bulk of his order for machinery with the Gates Iron Works of Chicago. It comprises two steel-jacketed furnaces 44 inches by 160 inches, two large blowing engines, ore sampling plant, matte sampling plant, etc. The smelter will have a capacity of from four to five hundred tons daily and will employ about two hundred men, whose wages will average $3 per day. The smelter will begin the treatment of ore in January.

The work of erecting brick offices and a residence for Mr. Hodges at the smelter site, will be commenced next week. W. A. Williams of Spokane, will arrive next week to assume the duties of assistant engineer.

Carpenters, laborers and bricklayers will be urgently needed within 10 days. There will be employment for at least two hundred men. The demand for all kinds of labor here is greater than the supply.

THE DEWDNEY GROUP.

The Ore Is Improving and the Workings Are Extended.

Slocan, B. C., June 26.—[Special.]—Assessment work has just been completed on the Dewdney group on the north fork of Lemon creek. A 40-foot tunnel has been driven on the lead, which is all mineralized. The formation is granite with a limestone belt running with the ledge, which is quartz. Where the ledge has been stripped on the surface it shows a width of 16 feet and over. In the tunnel no sign of either wall has yet been found. The quartz carries considerable iron with copper and some galena. This ledge is the same as the White Sparrow, which adjoins, and extends through several claims. There is undoubtedly a large body. The assays taken last year gave from $5 to $9 in gold and from 40 ounces to 70 ounces silver per ton, but the ore has improved in the work done this year, though as no assays have yet been made the values are not fully known. The property is owned by R. D. Kennedy, Nick McKian and Wm. Kerr.

Nick Polo brought in a very fine sample from his claim this week, which is freely speckled over with gold. This property is also on the first north fork of Lemon creek. The ledge is about two feet wide of free milling quartz. The average assays, he states to be from $130 to $180 in gold with about five to 10 ounces in silver per ton.

A good clean streak of galena has been struck in the Bank of England tunnel, and a few more men will be put on at once.

The pack trains are kept busy taking out supplies to the numerous properties that are being worked in the neighborhood.

An election of school trustees took place here Saturday to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of H. J. Robertson and Thomas O'Neil, when A. York and W. S. Johnson were elected.

The work on the three claims in the Hartney group at New Denver, has shown up ore on each of them. There is a prospect of bonding this group and they were inspected last week with that object in view.

An offer has been made to purchase the Royal Five group, just north of the Mollie Hughes.

Work was started last week on the Sarah Jane, which adjoins the Neglected on the east.

A 100-foot tunnel is being driven in the Nero at New Denver.

AFLOAT AGAIN.

The Steamer Danube Successfully Got Off Denman Island.

Victoria, June 28.—The work of pumping out and floating the steamer Danube, ashore on Denman Island, was successfully accomplished yesterday with the aid of the steamer Maude and her centrifugal pumps. As soon as the Danube was afloat Captain Meyer ran her up on a sandy beach in a sheltered cove, where the holes in her hull could be conveniently got at. A telegram from Union tonight announces that the Danube has started convoyed by the Maude.

REPUBLIC LETTER.

Major Leckie Takes Charge of the Republic Mine—Development Work.

Republic, June 25.—[Special.]—Major R. G. Edwards Leckie, who for some time has been one of the experts for Mr. McCuaig and his Montreal associates, has arrived here and will take charge of the Republic mine as general manager, vice James Harvey, resigned. The major represents the new control. He is held in the highest esteem by mining men and is recognized as being at the head of his profession. It is said that other heads of departments will also resign in the near future.

Three wagons with 10 carpenters and 10 miners as passengers left this morning for Myers creek. They are employed by the Crystal Butte management, and the carpenters go to build the long talked of mill for the Crystal Butte mine. The miners will also be employed in the mine. The mine is located about 20 miles southwest of Midway, by wagon road. The ledge was discovered three years ago, when the reservation was thrown open, and has been continually developed since, so the ore reserves are ample for the mill, and as the values are claimed to be high, it is considered one of the really good properties in that region.

The south drift of the Zala M.'s 150-foot level has five feet of ore which averages $250 per ton. The ore is higher grade than ever before. The north drift, at the same level is looking very much better. The rich ore from both drifts is being sacked in the mine, and piled up on the surface to await shipment. The Zala M. has passed the stage of a prospect and is now considered a big mine. There are other rich mines on the Zala M. ledge, the Kitty Clyde and others, which are being developed; in fact, in that immediate vicinity development is going on quite extensively.

Prospectors and claim owners are leaving daily for Torado creek, the rich development of the Sally Ann, belonging to the Mountaineer company, being one of the incentives. The samples of that mine running from $80 to over $100 gold. Mr. D. Darrow, the general manager, is daily expected here, and it is thought he will order machinery and other improvements upon his arrival at the mine.

Clark avenue is now graded for a distance of half a mile; sidewalks are being laid; and the street presents a fine appearance.

We are going to have a big Fourth of July celebration; drilling contests, parade of Red men, races, including Indians and squaw races and all the other et cetras of a first-class celebration.

Preparations for the reception of the Mountain Lion mill are going rapidly forward. The drawings are all completed. The plant will include stamps and machinery for cyaniding. The mill will go up at the mouth of the tunnel, where the ore can be run directly from the mine to the battery. It is understood that the noted mill man, John Langruaid of Montana, will be builder.

Editor Durham of the Review has been here.

IS MAKING PROGRESS.

Major-General Otis Opens Part of the Philippines to Commerce.

Manila, June 28.—Major-General Otis has ordered the opening up to trade of many important ports that have been closed since the outbreak of the war. This included San Bardino, Aparri on the north, Curimao, and all ports in the Islands of Samarand and Leyto. Many ships used in inter-island commerce have been tied up in the harbor here for months, and the shippers and merchants have been urging the governor to raise the blockade. When the decision was made known yesterday the scene in the customs house was as animated as on the floor of an American stock exchange. It was received with cheers. The shipowners rushed to get their clearance papers. There will be a boom in the hemp business. Gun boats will protect the shipping in some ports, but elsewhere the ships must risk confiscation by the insurgents, who exact heavy tribute of all the ships they permit to sail.

RECIPROCAL TREATIES.

Canada Desires to Enjoy the Same Trade Relations as the U. S.

Washington, June 28.—In official circles the course of Canada seeking to deal with the British West India commissioners, which have recently been here to negotiate reciprocity treaties, is regarded as significant, as it shows that Canada desires to enjoy all the trade concessions this country secures to the southward. The invitation to the several commissions comes from the Canadian government and not from London, as was at first stated. It is transmitted through the British embassy to 2 of the commissioners and those of British Guiana and Bermuda have already accepted it and are in Ottawa conferring with the authorities. Canada and Bermuda have a convention with a "favored nation clause." Besides the same rates as are granted to the United States, Canada desires further trade arrangements and doubtless will secure concessions, though the great distance between the ports of Canada and the West Indies is likely to negative the advantages to a large extent.

The Police Court.

In the police court yesterday Albert Cox was fined $20 or a month in jail for being drunk and disorderly. He used vile and indecent language on the streets on Tuesday evening while in a state of intoxication. Thomas Madden, charged with vagrancy, was released upon his promise that he would go to work. The charge of a breach of the sanitary laws, against Edward Finch in connection with his building on the north side of Columbia avenue, between Lincoln and St. Paul streets, was continued for eight days.

Will Go Via the Trail.

Messrs. Claude A. Cregan and Hugh C. Baker leave this morning at 6 o'clock for Grand Forks via the Dewdney trail. They go for the purpose of participating in the sports to be held in Grand Forks and Greenwood. Mr. Cregan's horse, Rossland, was sent over several days since and will participate in the races.

The Bulls Failed.

New York, June 28.—An effort was made to repeat the demonstration of strength in the stockmarket which was given by the outburst of activity and strength which carried the prices to the highest in the closing dealings of yesterday, but this was only partly successful.

A TUNNEL IN THE BLUE BIRD

A FULL FORCE OF MEN TO BE STARTED UPON IT.

Good Reports Continue to Come From the South Half — News From Sheridan Camp.

Republic, Wash., June 22.—[Special.]—Superintendent Longshore of the Blue Bird, has arrived and in a few days he will start a full force of men on the Blue Bird tunnel. The surface ledge is wide and the property is considered one of the most promising in the camp.

Reports come from the south half that a new strike has been made on the Nespeline, about three miles from the agency. It is silver lead and is reported as high grade. The location is about 30 miles southwest of Republic. No particulars are obtainable. In King's camp the shaft is now down 60 feet on the Nespelne lode, following the foot wall. As yet there has been no crosscut and the width of the vein is unknown.

Manager Harvey is in the south half, inspecting the Harvest and other properties, of which he is manager. Several parties are back from the south half, after doing assessment work, and are rather enthusiastic over the results, but why they did not continue the work is possibly their own business, as a developed property, even in a small way, attracts the attention and money of the capitalist.

Louis Johnson is in from Sheridan camp, where he is working on the Liberty claim, under a bond given him by his brother Andrew. He has sunk a shaft 25 feet and the lead, which has been broken, is just coming in solid, and is five feet wide between walls, with the clear character of Sheridan camp quartz, heavily impregnated with black sulphurets and silver bromides. Across the lead an assay of $53.27 has been obtained. The bond is for $5,000 and expires August 1st. The lead is west of and parallel to the Zala M. lead.

Recent work has shown up that the O. K. claim, adjoining the property of the Mountain Lion, has three distinct leads. Two have been opened up sufficiently to justify the belief that the company has what should make a good mine. No. 1 lead on the west side of the creek is about 30 feet wide, and well defined. No. 2 is the Leidercranch lead, and is 40 feet wide. No. 3 lead is directly in line with one of the biggest quartz ledges in the camp, and in itself makes the property valuable. It is thought the O. K. is one of the best properties in Republic camp.

THE STRIKE IN THE GOPHER.

Said to Have the No. 2 Vein of Mountain Lion.

Republic, June 21.—The Republic Miner contains the following: The steady advance of Gopher shares for the past ten days in the face of an unusually dull market, has served to excite much comment among mining men here and elsewhere. It is now known with reasonable certainty that a strike of great value has been made at the Gopher. This property, as is generally known, adjoins the Montain Lion group on the east and north. It is in line to catch the No. 2 vein of the Mountain Lion, the one which the Mountain Lion people themselves are now surveying a long crosscut tunnel to tap. The vein is believed to pass out of the Flat Iron (one of the Mountain Lion group) into the Gopher. Some time ago the Gopher people began to sink a shaft near the center of their ground, and when the shaft was down 40 or 50 feet they started a crosscut tunnel. It is by running this tunnel that they have found the big vein. The Miner is not in possession of exact information as to the size of the ore body further than that it is very large, or as to its real value, further than that it is satisfactory. There has been persistent buying of Gopher shares by the insiders which is always significant, and it has been next to impossible to get the stock at any price for the last few days.

Joseph B. Dabney of Spokane, is the head of the Gopher company, and among the prominent stockholders are W. B. Heyburn, the great mining lawyer of Spokane, and T. Mayne Daly, the well known Rossland barrister. Mr. Helm, superintendent of the mine, is also heavily interested in it. Mr. Dabney was formerly of the firm of Dabney & Parker, successful mining promoters of Rossland. They brought out the Dundee and Tamarac, of the Ymir district, both successful properties. Some months ago Mr. Dabney removed to Spokane and took up the Agnes and Gopher of this camp, floating both successfully.

The discovery of a fine ore body on the Gopher is but another proof of the marvelous character of the country in the neighborhood of the Mountain Lion. Explorations in that neighborhood have but just begun, but enough has been demonstrated to leave no doubt that there are here some of the largest and finest ore bodies ever found in the world. A little north of the Gopher is the Stray Horse and Alice property, on which a remarkable lead has been opened; a little further along is the Looking Backward, the Rebate and Tom Thumb, all of them having great showings of quartz.

The Agnes, the other property with which Mr. Dabney is associated, is believed to have the big Mud Lake vein, and there are signs of an early strike on this ground.

Baseball Yesterday.

Buffalo, 10; Columbus, 7.
Minneapolis, 3; St. Paul, 2.
Milwaukee, 4; Kansas City, 2.
St. Louis, 0; Baltimore, 5.
Louisville, 1; Philadelphia, 3.
Cincinnati, 4; Washington, 3.
Pittsburg, 8; Brooklyn, 1.

Berlin Stock Market.

Berlin, June 28—In the Bourse today American securities were firm owing to the expectation of heavy grain exports. Canadain Pacific stock was quiet and bank shares were steady, but there was a sensational rise in American credits.

Harvard Closes a Scholastic Year.

Cambridge, Mass., June 28.—Harvard University closed its 262nd year today with the graduating of the class of 1899 and the conferring of degrees upon the members of the senior class and others, the course and honorary degrees reaching an aggregate of 96.

Lee Parker, while driving over a railway track, was struck by a train at Tilsonburg, Friday, and probably fatally injured.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Chief of Police Stewart of Vancouver, expects to be strong enough to resume duty this week. Altogether he will have been laid up over ten weeks.

J. A. Johnston, proprietor of the notorious Trilby theatre, Victoria, has decided to close that resort for the summer months.

Armstrong & Morrison, engineers and contractors of Vancouver, owning the Vancouver foundry, have obtained from the Dominion Bridge company, Lachine, Que., the contract for the erection of the Granville bridge steel and wing. The material will be shipped from Lachine at once, and Messrs. Armstrong & Morrison will commence work as soon as it arrives.

A deputation from the Ministerial Association of Vancouver, waited on the license commissioners recently, and appealed to the members of the board for a better observance of the Sunday closing and gambling laws.

The annual meeting of the Anglican Synod of Vancouver Island will be held at Christ Church cathedral, Victoria, on June 28th and 29th. Delegates will be present from all parts of the province, and the sermon will be preached by Bishop Parker, of Olympia.

The steamer Tees arrived at Departure Bay this morning from Skagway with 78 passenger aboard. Purser Munroe reported having $100,000 on board belonging to returning Klondikers. Hundreds of people are arriving at Skagway daily from the interior. No news of any consequence is reported.

The C. P. R. steamer Danube, after coaling at Union, ran on the rocks at the north entrance and sustained serious damage. The captain ran her on the north end of Denman island with her hold partly filled with water. The Maud is alongside of her removing the cargo from the forward hatch.

A young daughter of Captain Duncan while playing in the school grounds at Nelson had the misfortune to fall and run a needle an inch and a half into her side. If it had been two inches more to the left it would have reached her heart.

Four men had a narrow escape from death in the sewer excavation on Nicola street, Vancouver. They were in the trench, which is 22 feet deep at the point in question, and were overcome by gases from a blast which had recently been let off. It was some time before they could be brought to after being taken out.

The Dirigo arrived at Vancouver from Skagway the other day with 50 miners from Dawson on board, all of them with more or less dust, for which they went north. The purser had a small portion of the treasure entrusted to his care, and in his office in neat little leather bags $10,000 was compactly stowed away.

Unbalanced by a religious mania, Thomas R. Mitchell of Victoria wrote in his note-book, "God be merciful to me, a sinner," slashed his throat with a razor, and then jumped into the Gorge to make his extinction complete and sure. But the water was very cold, and the shock brought back the expiring instinct of self-preservation, and the crazed boy struggled ashore with his half-severed windpipe staining the water and he gasping for breath. The police took him to the Jubilee hospital, where he is now battling for his life. He may not recover, as he slashed his throat from ear to ear with a razor.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Provincial Exhibition Association at New Westminster, T. J. Trapp, president, in the chair, a lot of important business was discussed, and the reports received from all quarters were most encouraging. The directors confidently expect to have the record fair of the province here in October, 1899, for which extensive and elaborate arrangements are being made in all lines.

On Monday the Canadian Pacific Navigation company inaugurated the daily service to Vancouver from Victoria with the Yosemite. It is the intention to keep the Yosemite on the Monday trips to the Terminal City and on the New Westminster run during the week.

Among those who left for the Yukon by the City of Seattle were Messrs T. W. Fuller and H. Ewart, of the public works department, Ottawa. They have been sent north with reference to the proposed erection of several government offices, etc., in the various mining cities.

Mr. Loieg de Lobel, French consular representative at Dawson, arrived in Vancouver last week after a few months' visit to Paris. Mr. Lobel is outfitting preparatory to again leaving for the Yugon. On his present trip he is accompanied by Mrs. Lobel and their daughters, and Mr. Guesfereau.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company has advertised for tenders for the erection of a massive coal bin, to hold 4,000 tons of coal. This is to be erected at the south end of the coke ovens, and a lofty trestle approach constructed. The bin will be 500 feet long, 30 feet wide and 60 feet high from the sills to the top track. This storage is rendered necessary to provide for the requirements of the new coke ovens and to insure a supply of coal for at least a week, in the event of accident on the branch line or at the mine. It will cost in the vicinity of $10,000.

The steamer Flirt is the latest boat to go in for the Lardo-Duncan business. When she gets on Duncan lake it will make the third steamer plying on that water.

C. F. Raht, formerly of the Jackson mine, has gone to Libby, Mantana, where he has secured a position as foreman at the Snowshoe mine.

The people in the Lardo-Duncan district have made application for a provincial constable to be stationed in the district. With so many people up there it is thought that there is need for a constable at each of the three towns. At present there is no resident constable.

The Moyie baseball team has been reorganized. It is the intention of the boys to challenge the winning team at Cranbrook on the first.

It is now stated on good authority that a branch of the Bank of British North America will soon be established in Moyie.

The steamer Slocan is to be laid up for repairs at Rosebery on Monday. The tug Sandon will take the regular trip.

Mr. W. Haines, one of the band of surviving Royal Engineers, who arrived with a detachment of that corps from England in 1859, and who left New Westminster for Victoria in 1865, to take over the leadership of the militia band, which position he held for 25 years, is, with his youngest son, visiting New Westminster for his holidays.

Sheriff Armstrong of New Westminster, has received from the deputy secretary of state, Ottawa, the official announcement which corroborates the dispatch printed in this paper at the time, that the governor-general in council had declined to interfere to prevent the law taking its course in the case of Donald Perrier, sentenced to be hanged on May 30th, but the date of whose execution had been postponed until June 30th, on account of the inquiry as to his sanity. The condemned man will, therefore, suffer the extreme penalty of the law on Friday morning next, the 30th instant. The condemned man, when informed of his certain fate, took the news very contentedly, and, in fact, seemed rather pleased than otherwise. He also decided to call his spiritual adviser, and his request that a priest be sent for was complied with.

IN THE BOUNDARY.

Work in the Kettle River District—Development Being Pushed.

Rock Creek, B. C., June 25.—[Special.]—Work will be commenced immediately on the repair and reconstruction of the government wagon road up the main Kettle river as far as Beaverton. A bridge will be constructed across the west fork, for which the sum of $600 has been set aside. The appropriation altogether is only $9000, and as it is to be expended in day labor is not considered here sufficient to build a good trail let alone a wagon road. Owing to the fact that the surveyors have found a pass up the north fork 500 feet lower than any previous surveyed the railway will be built that way, and lots in Rock Creek townsite have gone up. The railway will make quite a stir around the Kettle river valley, as there are many valuable prospects which would certainly become mines with development, but owing to the difficulty of having everything brought in by wagon and pack horse they have not got beyond the prospective stage.

On the Commonwealth claim, situated four miles north of Rock creek, in what is known locally as the Commonwealth camp, work has been commenced on a 100-foot contract by George Lemon and R. S. Lyon of Rossland. The Commonwealth is one of a group of four claims, which is owned by Hugh Reed (late of the Saulte) and several eastern parties. It lies on the side of a steep ridge overlooking the Kettle river and has an admirable tunnel site. The surface showing on the claim is an immense ledge of iron capping, which looks almost as good as that of the Centre Star of Rossland. It has been exposed for a distance of 60 feet by open crosscuts, and extends the length of the claim. A 40-foot shaft has been sunk in the ledge with a 30-foot crosscut at the bottom, which shows up almost solid ore with no wall in sight. The average value received from that depth was $14 which is very good considering the depth obtained and the size of the ledge. All that is necessary to make this property a mine is depth and development.

The Kettle river has been in flood for two months and still shows no sign of going down. Snow is still in sight above Camp McKinney. Many prospecting outfits are going up and down the valley just now. Among those who passed up the east side of the river last week was Billy Kellem of Rossland.

Benjamin Perkins of Commonwealth camp, has just returned from a two weeks' trip up to the headwaters of the Kettle river, 75 miles north of here, where he was prospecting, but reports that the outlook is not very encouraging for that section of country.

A NEW REPUBLIC FLOTATION

ITS CAPITAL STOCK IS IN FIVE CENT SHARES.

Governor Mackintosh and Associates Said to Have Bonded the Review for $20,000.

Republic, Wash., June 26.—[Special.]—The Republic Gold Mining & Zinc Works company, with a capital of $75,000 in 1,500,000 five cent shares, has just been organized with M. R. Slaight, president, A. F. Burleigh, vice-president, and John G. McMillan, secretary-treasurer, as temporary officers. The properties are located six miles as the crow flies west of Republic on the State road. There are three parallel veins in the group, which lies between quartz and conglomerate, with dykes of porphyry, lime and slate. The quartz veins are well defined and vary from eight to 70 feet in width. The surface assays run from $1.50 to $79.68 gold. Six men are prospecting the surface and when the proper point is found, the force will be increased and active development begun. The properties adjoin the Monarch group, whose developments are deep and assays high, on the north and to the northeast lies the Macurrdo, upon which a large force of men are now at work. The lime ledge, which crops for a distance of 3,000 feet and is 300 feet wide has been in operation for two years and furnishes Republic and surrounding country with lime. In places the ledge rises to a height of 60 feet. The ground is heavily timbered. One kiln of 500 barrels is now in operation. All the necessary buildings are upon the grounds.

Dr. Arthur Burns has started the erection of a hospital, to be finished in 10 days. It will be 40x50 and will be well equipped.

Connection has been made in the air shaft of the Insurgent and they are now drifting north from a depth of 60 feet.

On the Bellville at Cody camp, the force is crosscutting for the ledge, which they expect to reach within the next 30 feet.

Joe Woodward returned from Myers' creek last evening. He sold a half interest in three claims about a mile west of Crystal Butte mine, for a fair consideration. He also states that Governor Mackintosh and associates have bonded the noted Review mine, on Myers creek, for $50,000, paying five per cent down. The Review is developed by tunnel to a depth of 150 feet, and has been considered as one of the most promising properties in that region. Down on Glory mountain, 20 miles south, Ed Hedges and partners have been developing the Rosa group of 4 claims. They are workers, and have one shaft down 45 feet, sinking on a two-foot vein of copper and galena. They have also done extensive surface work, prospecting for the pay chute, intending to sink with a force of men when the objective point is reached. So far assays on all the ledges have been more than satisfactory.

The rain came down in sheets today, and wound up this evening with hailstones.

The argument on the questions the Lord's Day Alliance and the government have submitted to the Court of Appeal in respect to the Lord's Day Act will not be heard till September next.

W. H. Babcock, an old resident of Olden, near Kingston, was drowned in Long lake while repairing a boat which had sprung a leak.