

Kelowna council has passed a grant of \$100 for the Tranquille sanitarium. Chilliwack will issue 10,000 handson

The Winnipeg Dairy is to establish creamery at Princeton.

Creston is agitating for a sewerage system and a railway subway

Snowslides are demoralizing traffic on the Kaslo & Slocan railway. Nelson's street car company has or-dered a full line of the most modern

record number of fruit trees will year be planted in the Keremeos

J. E. Annable is arranging for th erection of a three-story modern busi-ness block on his Nelson property.

The Vernon city council has passed resolution attesting its hearty approva of the new provincial liquor law.

For pointing a revolver at Harold Moffatt at Enderby, Michael Graham was fined \$50 and costs.

With the continued soft weather, navigation on the southern interior lakes has been resumed.

S. D. Colquette has been appointed chief engineer of the Kelowna power plant at a salary of \$140 per month.

A windstorm on Okanagan Make last week carried away the smokestack of the steamer Okanagan.

The marriage was very quietly sol-emnized of Mr. Judd Mitchell of Min-neapolis and Miss Florrie L. Meek, of

It is annouced that Ald. S. D. Schultz

of North Vancouver will resign immediately, to take the position of city soli Reeve McNaught of North Vancouver announces that construction of the Se-cond Narrows bridge will be begun

The government has already sent an engineer to Trall to report as to the most desirable location for the new trans-Columbia bridge.

The marriage has just been celebrated at the Terminal City of Mr. Hording Bradford de Wolf of Vancouver and Miss Agnes M. Turnbull, of Coronia.

The new tourist hotel of the C. P. R at Balfour will contain fifty guest rooms and cost in the neighborhood of \$100,-

Chilliwack's 10-year 5 1-2 per cent debentures, issued last year, have been bought by C. H.Burgess & Co. of Toronto

Sherwood Herchmer and J. L. Gates are rivals for the Fernie mayoralty, which will be decided at the polis to-

The petition to invalidate the election of South Vancouver's council has been dismissed on the grounds of an insufficient affidavit.

Rev. A. M. Sanford officiated on Sut-urday last at the wedding of Mr. Charles A. Barrett of Vancouver and Miss Hazel Isabella of Tacoma.

Nelson city has decided to abolish its

There is much counterfeit coin in irculation in the Boundary country.

law to the property owners for the erection of a new city hall.

smallpox, among the quarantined pat-rons of Cowie's restaurant.

toria as their only serious rival in the race for the Provincial University. Construction of Greenwood's new Charlotte Islands.

post office and custom house is to proceed at once.

While working in Extension mine last Saturday, George Chapman, of Ladysmith. broke his leg in two places.

The death occurred very recently at Phoenix, Arizona, of E. T. H. Simpkins, for many years registrar of the Supreme Court at Nelson. ited and created a most favorable impression at Nanaimo Saturday and Sunday.

Real estate speculation is very brisk at English Bluff, in anticipation of the creation of a terminal town there by the Canadian Northern Pacific.

Kamloops Liberals will hold their ballots being given only to those be consolidated so that all the children who have paid their dues.

John W. Johnson, a native of Sweden John W. Johnson, a native of Sweden and one of the ploneers of Nelson, has just died, and was buried the day of John Houston's funeral.

James Delegay when hereday the description of the surface of the

James Delaney, who burglarized George Coburn's store at Shuswap in May last, has been sentenced by Judge

Prince Rupert's Roman Catholics by a snowslide at the McGuigan mine, have dedicated and taken possession of their new church, just completed at honors. Guy Farrow's house in the Bulkley value was crushed by weight of snow a fortnight ago, the occupants parrowly escaping injury.

The surveyors of the Great Northern have completed their final location prior to the beginning of grading in the vicinity of Chilliwack.

Fort George has now a fortnightly mail service (thanks to the late John Houston), which will be extended to

Houston), which will be ex Fraser lake and Fort James. A foot and a half of galena running from \$40 to \$60 to the town has been

red on the main lead of the

Rossland's board of trade has passed a resolution requesting the enactment of a law specially taxing itiner-Trustee Joy has presented Nelson High school with framed pictures of Nelson, the battle of the Nile, and the battle of Trafalgar.

Chilliwack has provided every reasonable requirement for fire protection, yet alleges that the Mainland Board of Fire Underwriters is too busy to revise the local rates of insurance. ant realty agents.

Summerland's Conservative Associa-Summerland's Conservative Association has passed a resolution heartily endorsing Martin Burrill's stand on the naval question.

The daming and chair cars of the great Northern's Portland express were ditted on Monday half a mile south of the trans-Fraser bridge, two of the passengers receiving slight injuries.

battle of Trafalgar.

The wedding took place at Wellington on Monday for Mr. George Meredith and Miss Jessie Taylor of Departure Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith will reside at being spent at Marion Lodge, Chris-The Eastern Townships Bank is opening a branch at Princeton.

The Portland Canal district is to have Chamber of Mines. Coroner Davis of Ladysmith is investigating the death of William Redman, a local boat builder, supposed to have resulted from drinking wood al-Gordon Head has selected a site of

The new Methodist church at Merrit electrical supply department and dispose will be formally dedicated on the 17th of its electrical supplies now on hand. College preaching the dedicatory ser The city of Nelson is making over-tures to the suburb of Fairview with a riew to absorbing it.

At Holy Trinity church, Cumberland Ladysmith will shortly submit a by-aw to the property owners for the erec-

Revelstoke reports another case of smallpox, among the quarantined pations of Cowie's restaurant.

The body of an unknown man, found drowned, has been washed ashore near the mouth of Campbell river.

D. E. Gallatly is to put in a cold storage plant at Westbank, in the Okanagan of Comparison or C Death from natural causes was the Wholesale staking has followed the

vancouver's High School Cadet

Corps is to have a hard of fourteen

All the Kootenay is very much interested in the possibility of goat ranching for milk and hair. Several large herds are being purchased.

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Swanson to three years' imprisonment.

The C. P. R. is clearing 500 acres of land near Jaffray, allegedly in-view of the constitution and by-laws of the Vicia Board of Trade has adopted the constitution and by-laws of the Vicia Board of Trade as the best model in the province.

At Cranbrook last week, the wedding was celebrated of Mr. Frederick D. Patton, of the C. P. R., and Miss Winnifred M. Brown.

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A test is to be made at Vancouver of the right of licensing boards to permit liquor being sold with meals in restaurants at all hours.

Residents of Lulu Island.

The surveyors of the Great Northern

# MINISTER WANTS

Complaint is made that the Great Northern service south of Cloverdale is still very far from satisfactory to the

The funeral of the late Donald Fraser, ne of the pioneers of Abbotsford, took lace ni New Westminster Monday, un-

The dining and chair cars of th

der Masonic auspices.

Thomas Skinner, an old resident of Revelstoke, dropped dead of heart disease at the Oriental hotel in that city Mr. Fielding to Ask for \$25,-

Treatment Canada May Expect When Payne-Aldrich Tariff Comes in Force—Decision Not Yet Arrived At

### **CONFERENCE HELD**

AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington Officials Make Statement That Canadian

Residents of Lulu Island are very anxious in connection with the inroads the current of the Fraser is making on the dyke at certain points, and are doing all in their power to induce the Dominion government to arrest the destruction of the dykes and of portions of the island.

One of the United States. It is declared, in fact, that the Dominion government has left no loophole for President Taft to do otherwise than to allow the maximum rates automatically to go into effect against imports from that country. In this connection it is pointed out that the maximum rates of the American tariff law against imports from Canada are decidedly lower than the duty imposed, by Canada one imports duty imposed by Canada one imports from the United States. This was true under the Dingley law, and the difference is declared to be even greater under the Payne-Aldrich act.

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the country districts, will show invariable repugnance to pay out of their scanty resources a fixed tax for fifty years of their existence. Is Sandstone a Mineral?

A sequel of the recent decision in the House of Lords that sandstone is not a mineral is the raising of an action in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, by the North British Railway Co., against the Budhill Coal and Sandstone Co., Limited, Shettlestone, and others. A few years ago, in consequence of mining operations, sidings and buildings at Shettlestone station subsided and were damaged. The railway company ask for £7,000 damages. The Budwell Company explain that their workings were bona fide, and in reliance on their lease and on the decisions of the Court of Sessions that sandstone was a mineral. They admit that some damage was done by the operations, but explain that the damage was grossly exaggerated, and that a large part of the injury was caused by the working of coal.

New Placer Invention.

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A new method of working stream beds, and one destined, say those who have the machine in operation, to revolutionize the working of placer claims and the outer beach or second claims and the outer beach or second bar ot Nome, Alaska, has been invented and patented by L. F. Gilman, and the contract for the portable caisson or cofferdam let to a Seattle iron works. Gilman, while he has never been in Alaska, has had many years' experience in placer mining in California. Various unsuccessful and costly attempts to mine and extract gold from the outer bar of the Nome beach, of which the inventor had read much, was the incentive for the invention.

A Chamber of Mines for Portland Canal.

There is a movement on foot for the purpose of organising a Chamber of Mines for the Portland Canal district. Among those who are also in favor of the movement is T. Moore Fletcher, M. E., who recently came to Stewart; C. H. Dickie, general manager of the Portland Canal Mining Company; T. J. Vaughan-Rhys, M. E., of Prince Rupert, and many other mining men.

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## REFORM SCHEME

Lord Rosebery Introduces His Resolution Declaring for Changes in Upper Chamber Large Crowds Listens

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### **GOVERNMENT IS SELECTING SITES**

First Three Experimental Orchards to Be Established at Vernon, Summerland and Kelowna Respectively

The first three demonstration orchards to be established by the provincial government will be located at Vernon, Summerland and Kelowna in the Okanagan district. To provide for these the special grant of \$10,000, included in the estimates, will be utilized. The sites are being chosen by B. Hoy, assistant to R. M. Winslow, provincial horticulturist.

In connection with these farms it is

proposed to allot some ten acres to each. Special attention will be paid to the soil. A record of all expenses and profits will be kept so that the possibilities of the industry may be accurately guaged. Men selected from the districts where the orchards are located will be placed in charge, the officials of the agricultural depart-ment exercising a supervision over the

general work.

Later on the government intends to establish one of these demonstration or chards on Vancouver island in the vicinity of Victoria, while another wil have its location on the lower main-R. M. Winslow, B. S. A., provincial

evening from a week's visit to Oregon and Washington, during which he was the guest of Professor A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon state agricultural college, in which well-established institution he has just been offered and refused a professorship.
"British Columbia looks good enough for me," said Mr. Winslow with a laugh, when asked as to whether or not the refusal of the prof-

whether or not the refusal of the prof-erred professorship may be regarded as final. "They are splendid people over there in Oregon, however," he added; "and if I were contemplating any change I do not know any whom I would rather live among. They treat-ed me royally during my week's visit, and I cannet say too much for their friendliness or their hospitality. Nor can one very easily exaggerate the scenic beauty of that Hood river coun-try of which they are so proud." During his visit "across the line" During his visit "across the line" Mr. Winslow gave three successive and successful lectures at the popular "grange meetings" at Hood river discussing in their order "forms of winter injury" "spraying fluids" and the "handling of nursery stock."

Spraying may be said to be Mr. Win-dew's speciality and he left yesterday on a short demonstration tour to nearat-hand Island points. Yesterday he gave a demonstration at Mr. Duncan's orchard Duncan. Today Mr. Matti-shaw's orchard in Nanalmo will be the scene of his instructive activities; to-morrow he will be at Mr. Shaw's orchard on Gabriola; and on Friday at Mr. Hudson Lee's Fulford harbor. Mr. Winslow yill return to Victoria Sat-urddy and leave shortly thereafter for the Okanagan, so as to reach that great district in time for the meeting Vernon on the 28th inst., to discuss

WRECKERS REACH STRANDED YUCATAN Change of Wind Shifts Floating Ice and Allows Salvage Steamer Santa Cruz Near Wreck

experimental orchard plans.

The recent change of winds in Alaska has permitted the salvage steamer Santa Cruz from this port to reach the side of the wrecked steamship Yucatan in Icy Straits, Previously ice floes had shut off approach by water. The Santa Cruz has three divers at work patching a large hole in the starboard bow of the Yucatan and as long as conditions permit will continue operations in an effort to float the vessel. It is probable the salvage ship will be forced to leave her work from time to time to avoid being crushed by the ice pack which will be forced back toward the shore when the winds shift to the north. The Yucatan has been abandoned to

ceptance of the vessel has yet been made by Lloyds in London. The underwriters have three months beore taking action on abandonment of a wrecked vessel. It is understood a special representative of Lloyds is on the way to this coast from the East to take some action in the matter. The Santa Cruz, after patching the ole in the Yucatan's bow, will turn er attention to the stern, which is her attention to the stern, which is submerged at all tides. The observa-tion house on the hurricane deck has been carried away by ice floes and it will be necessary to deck over the entire afterpart of the steamship. Then the pipes emptying into the sea and all sea cocks will have to be plugged and everything made water tight, after which the vessel will be pumped out and the stern floated. It is expected there will be no difficulty in getting the vessel off the beach and into deep ater, although it is impossible as yet to tell how firmly her bow is embedded in the sand. Her stem was somewhat crushed and her nose bumped in by

the underwriters by the Alaska Steamship Company, her owners, but no ac-

with the beach when she

Weir in New Zealand. Andrew Weir, head of the firm of Andrew Weir and Co., of Glasgow, operating a regular line from British Columbia to the Orient and from British Columbia ports and San Francisco to Australia, was in Auckland on February 1, according to news brought by officers of the liner Maitai. Mr. Welr is making an extended tour and left Auckland by the Maheno for Sydney. From them be will get the lines and left and lef ney. From there he will go to china and Japan before coming on the Victoria. Mr. Weir stated at Auckland that as soon as trade between San Francisco and New Zealand improved., it was the intention of his company to put on larger and faster steamers.

The wedding of Miss Gladys Sweatman, daughter of the late Archbishop and Mrs. Sweatman, to the Rev. J. B. eringham, M. A., of Trinity College, is announced to take place on Tuesday, March 29, at the Church of the Messiah, Toronto. No invitations will be issued, as the wedding will be very quiet.