

Provincial News.

NEW DENVER.

There is urgent need that a set of fire wardens be appointed in this town, as there are none at present. And when appointed, they should see to it that their requests are carried out.

CASCADE CITY.

Cascade has another telegraph office. The Spokane & Northern Telegraph Co., operating in connection with the Western Union, has opened an office in the building adjoining Black's hotel. W. K. McDaniel is local manager.

TRAIL.

Rev. Hugh Sanders has gone for a three weeks' trip to Parkdale where he will be married, returning later to Trail with his bride. In his absence Rev. Mr. Collins, an English clergyman, who was a passenger on the steamer, will take charge of the Baptist church here.

VERNON.

Frequent showers during the past week have been the cause of the mudiness and most abominable roads that have been experienced in this district for many years. This makes wood and grain hauling extremely difficult and many are the complaints of those engaged therein. Some of the older residents predict little or no winter weather or snow until February next.

GRAND FORKS.

The work of grading on the new streets is being rapidly pushed forward and it is expected to have them entirely completed before winter sets in.

Dr. W. H. Lambert, formerly of the city, has arrived in the city and will take up the practice of medicine here. Mayor L. A. Manly has presented the city with the sum of \$400 to be used in the purchase of harness for the fire teams and other fittings for the proposed new fire station.

MIDWAY.

The C.P.R. telegraph system is being extended to Boundary Creek. The construction party has already completed its work east of Ehol on its way in.

It is stated that the round-house and other buildings for the Columbia and Western railway terminus at Midway are already in the material yard, on the Columbia river, awaiting removal to their destination. Members of the construction engineer's staff were lately at work in the local station yard presumably laying off the sites for the several buildings it has been already determined shall be built here.

FORT STEELE.

Several new buildings are under construction and Fort Steele is improving rapidly.

W. K. Tompkins, of Abbotsville, B. C., has been offered the position of principal of the Fort Steele school.

That the mineral resources of East Kootenay are being exploited is evidenced by the business which is being done in the government offices at Fort Steele. The following taken from the record, shows what has been done during the period between December 20th, 1898 to October 12th, 1899: During this time there were recorded 651 certificates of work, 918 mineral locations, 9 government permits, 16 certificates of improvement, 30 partnership agreements, 8 payments in lieu of work, 7 abandonments, 251 bills of sale.

TRAIL.

Capt. Devitt is having an addition 12x26 put on the jail building. The new part will be used for an office and for holding court, the present apartment in use being rather small for holding court. Col. Topping is in correspondence with some parties interested in the proposal to build a trolley line between here and Rossland, and it is very probable a line will be in operation by the end of next summer.

Feet Chapman, employed at the mill, machine shops, had a narrow escape from a horrible death last Monday morning. He was engaged in fixing the shafting and in some manner became entangled in the belt. He was carried around several times with such force that when his feet struck the wall and his hands were cut off. When rescued it was thought he was dying. His injuries have fortunately proved to be not so severe as were at first thought, and consist of a double fracture of the arm above the elbow.

VERNON.

Mr. Fred Finlayson and children, who have been spending some weeks at Victoria, returned on Monday to their home on the upper Shuswap.

Jas. Piercy, at one time a well-known resident of this city, who for some time back has been living in Toronto, arrived in town again last week, and has taken a position in Smith & McLeod's sash and door factory.

At a meeting of the directors of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital it was decided to obtain the services of another Victorian nurse, who will act under Nurse Henderson at the hospital, thus leaving Nurse McKay free to devote her attention exclusively to district nursing, which of late has demanded her entire time. During the month of October the number of patients at the hospital averaged six per day.

A well attended meeting of the fire brigade held in the reading room resulted in the reorganization of the corps upon a satisfactory basis. J. J. Hull was unanimously confirmed in his appointment as chief, and H. W. Knight was elected first lieutenant and foreman of No. 1 hose team with W. Cryderman as second under him. S. T. Elliott was elected foreman of the hook and ladder wagon. A second hose team will be organized as soon as another reel can be procured.

A swash named Frank Pete met with a serious accident last week. He was foolish enough to probe at the head of a dynamite cartridge with an awl, and the inevitable result of an explosion, of course, speedily followed his investigations. His left hand, in which the cartridge was held, was shattered in a terrible state, rendering amputation an absolute necessity. He was taken to the

hospital where the injured hand was made to get rid of this. The surgeon line goes from the end of the spur to the War Eagle, and from there along the side of Red mountain. From Redmountain it is along the side of O. K. mountain, and from there to Record mountain, and along its side and the side of Sophie mountain, to its summit. Thence it goes down the west slope of Sophie mountain to the Velvet mine, which will be the terminus for the present. Doubtless it will be extended to other properties in that section when they have reached the shipping stage.

REVELSTOCK.

The ground has been cleared and preparations commenced for building the new Salvation Army barracks on First street.

The report brought into town on Saturday last that the body of Arthur Andry had been recovered was incorrect. Nothing has been seen of the missing man since last Thursday, November 2nd. On that day he rowed up from the St. Leon Hot Springs to the Halcyon Hotel, and after spending some time there started back with a companion, whose name cannot be ascertained. After they had proceeded about half a mile down the lake Andry put the man ashore. That was the last ever seen of him. The boat was found on Saturday floating right side up on the opposite side of the lake with its contents untouched, but no sign has been discovered of its occupant.

PHOENIX.

Carpenters' Union, No. 2, has been organized at Phoenix, with 26 members. It is the intention of the union to organize all points in this district where sufficient men are at work.

James Slatery, while working on the barn being built for Jos. Hedges, lost his balance and fell a distance of about 15 feet, receiving serious injuries to his spine and ankle. No bones were broken, but he will be kept for a month or six weeks.

The excavating for the new Mines' Union Hall on Dominion avenue is finished and building operations will be commenced at once. The hall will be a two-story edifice, 30x60 feet.

The plant of the Phoenix Pioneer has arrived and the paper will be issued this week by Eber C. Smith, of Grand Forks. W. Beath-Wilcox, of Cascade, will be in charge. He still retains control of the Cascade Record.

John Middleton, a miner working in the Gold Drop tunnel, had a narrow escape on Wednesday morning last. Before going off shift he fired four holes, the last fuse split, for some reason unknown, exploding the charge almost instantaneously. He was badly cut about the head, but managed to reach the mouth of the tunnel before the other shots exploded.

GREENWOOD.

Owing to the continued wet weather, the roads in all directions are reported in very bad condition and the stages are having a serious time of it. A large number of travellers are now coming in and going out regularly by the train, preferring the inconvenience of freight trains to an experience of staging.

The Yale & Columbia Lumber Company, Ltd., which is the present consummation of the effort to consolidate all the lumber mills of Yale and Kootenay has been organized and includes the following: Rossland and Nakusp, Robson and the Arrow lakes, also the Blue mills of Rossland and Ymir and Fisher's mills at Ehol, Phoenix and Rock Creek. The company is to be incorporated for half a million. R. P. Genelle, Rossland, is to be manufacturing manager, Mr. Pomroy, general financial manager, and A. Fisher local manager at Greenwood. The company has leased a piece of land near the depot here as a lumber yard. Two more mills, the machinery for which is on the way, will be erected in the district by the new company.

The Liberals of Greenwood held a meeting with Mayor Hardy as chairman, and organized an association. The following officers were elected: Mayor Hardy, president; Angus Stuart, vice-president; J. R. Brown, secretary-treasurer; and an executive committee composed of Duncan Ross, C. S. Halliday, J. B. McArthur, F. F. Ketchum, Bannerman and B. B. Kerr.

Messrs. Duncan McIntosh of the Winnipeg, and Collins of the Brandon and W. J. Gidley, of the Victoria, have obtained a franchise from the city to supply electricity light and also to run an electric or trolley car from Greenwood to Phoenix camp, a distance of about ten miles. The matter will be voted upon by the electors in about ten days' time.

There is plenty of building in progress in the town and commercial business is very good. Labor is decidedly scarce, in fact, and work is delayed on this account.

The Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company will have its line completed into Greenwood within the next day or two. The line is now finished within five miles of Greenwood and construction is being pushed.

ROSSLAND.

The rite of holy matrimony was solemnized here on Monday evening, the Martha Reddie on Monday evening. The ceremony was performed in the Methodist church, Rev. George Morden officiating.

James Nelson, a painter, aged 40 years, died at the Sisters' Hospital on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Nelson had been in the hospital 10 days, but had complained of feeling badly for a month before he became a patient. Death resulted from typhoid fever. For the past three years he has been a resident of Rossland, and was employed by Daniel & Chambers.

Owing to the \$5,000-by-law for park and cemetery purposes took place on Tuesday. There was but little interest taken in the matter, only 87 votes in all being recorded. All but one of the voters supported the measure.

On Monday Mr. Chapman was caught in a revolving pulley in the smelter at Trail and was violently thrown around while the wheel made many revolutions. His feet were cut off and he was subjected to such abuse that it was thought the bones were shattered into splinters. It was found that the arm which had been caught in the pulley had sustained a compound fracture. Beyond this his injuries were slight. None of the bones of his legs were fractured and he will be able to be about in a few days.

W. A. has been suspended by the C. P. R. on the Lardner-Duncan branch. The road has been prepared into Duncan City, but no ties or rails are being laid.

One survey for the railroad to the Velvet mine has been completed to that point. The line to run will be 15 miles in length and will have a one per cent. grade as far as the summit of Sophie mountain, and a three per cent. grade down the west side of the mountain to the Velvet mine. It is to be a switch on the west side of Sophie moun-

tain, and a new survey will probably be made to get rid of this. The surveyed line goes from the end of the spur to the War Eagle, and from there along the side of Red mountain. From Redmountain it is along the side of O. K. mountain, and from there to Record mountain, and along its side and the side of Sophie mountain, to its summit. Thence it goes down the west slope of Sophie mountain to the Velvet mine, which will be the terminus for the present. Doubtless it will be extended to other properties in that section when they have reached the shipping stage.

LILLOOET.

Robert Stoddart and W. H. Miller left Tuesday morning for Cayoosh creek to put up the buildings necessary at the Gold Reefs property.

The men who have been working on the bridge over the Sucker creek have returned to town after an absence of three weeks, having finished the work laid out for them.

Post Office Inspector Dorman of Vancouver, who is in charge of the mail, stated that no definite arrangement had been made as yet in regards to the mail coming in by Lillooet, but said it would only be a short time until the mail service would be changed to that route.

COLUMBIA.

Mr. J. C. Sullivan, C. E., assistant to Mr. W. J. E. was here on Tuesday and the contract for a new station building, to be situated at the mouth of the Columbia, was awarded to the present building. The present building has proved utterly inadequate. All the switches are full of freight cars, and the warehouse is also filled up to the rafters.

Mr. G. C. Buchanan of Kaslo has secured Stout's lumber mill, on the north fork of the Kettle river, and also sufficient ground for a lumber yard near the station.

Mr. L. Monier of Cascade has bought three lots in the neighborhood of the station. Upon these he will build a bonded warehouse.

KAMLOOPS.

Mrs. Quirt, wife of Mr. T. Quirt, died at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning at the Royal Inland hospital, where the patient she had undergone a serious operation. The deceased lady had been very ill for a long time, and the operation was performed as a last resource. She was 32 years of age, and leaves a husband and one little girl to be cared for.

Kamloops from Blaine, Wash., last night. Constable Bain arrived in town on Friday morning from Quesnelle Forks, having in charge a prisoner named Herbert McBride, who had been convicted of larceny and sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge Cornwall.

Herbert, who was an employee of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Co., obtained access to the company's safe and stole several hundred dollars and checks to the amount of several thousand dollars. The cheques were not negotiable as they were not endorsed.

BELLA-COOLA.

The vegetable and fruit crop is almost harvested.

An enterprising mine owner and operator came up on the last steamer to navigate with Messrs. Kellogg & Olsen, who are developing a mine about 12 miles up the valley. Their confidence in its richness was such that they would not enter into any negotiations with him.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Christiana held a festival and sale of fancy work on 21st.

The colonists will hold on Saturday, 28th, their annual service in commemoration of their arrival in Bella Coola. Messrs. Morrison, Simister and others intend to send a train through to Chiloquin as regularly as possible.

Mr. Clayton is getting out timber for his cannery, the lumber for which is now on the spot.

Miss Jacobson, the daughter of the season took place on the evening of 22nd.

Thos. Allen is now operating the saw mill up the valley.

Miss Thorson has gone to Clayoquot to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Jacobson.

Frank Henry, who lives seven miles up the valley, has donated an acre of his ranch for public school purposes.

Several new frame houses are being erected by Indians on the mission side of the river. Swan came in the evening of 24th. Among the passengers were Dr. and Mrs. Large, of Bella Coola, and Mr. Pollard and some Bella Coola artists.

NELSON.

On Monday afternoon, when landing a barge at the C. P. R. slip, Captain Griswold, of the tug Ymir, fell from the bow of a freight car and dislocated his shoulder. He was taken to the general hospital.

A meeting of the liquor dealers of the city was held on Monday for the purposes of organization. The result was the formation of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Nelson. Ferguson was elected president and Thomas Maden vice-president. J. J. Malone, Frank Tamblin, F. Simpson and W. A. Ward were elected members of the executive committee.

Freight for local merchants is beginning to pour into Nelson in a most unprecedented manner. On Sunday the barges brought in 44 carloads; and on Monday brought in 30 cars.

At the meeting of the members of the South Kootenay Board of Trade on Monday evening the question of the mail service came up in the form of a letter from H. W. C. Jackson, secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade, and on motion of J. M. Lay, seconded by T. G. Proctor, committee composed of Messrs. Gamble, Bannerman and Swan was appointed to look into the matter of the present mail service and report to the board. J. Roderick Robertson called attention to the dangerous state of the city wharf, and a resolution was passed suggesting that in the event of the city council submitting other loan by-laws for the assent of the ratepayers, a by-law be submitted asking for the raising of sufficient money to put the city wharf in a safe condition.

When Superintendent Marpole and Chief Engineer Cambie of the Canadian Pacific visit Nelson the company's proposal to the City Council with respect to the establishment of divisional facilities at Nelson will be submitted.

Although nothing authentic has been received in Nelson with respect to the building of the Nelson end of the Crow's Nest Pass as far as Balfour, it

is generally understood that Engineer Mickle, who is now in charge of construction on the branch from Cranbrook to Kimberley, will have charge of the Balfour extension as well. The line is between 10 and 22 miles in length, and unless further changes in the location are decided upon, it is in such shape that tenders for its construction could be called for at once.—Tribune.

A rather sick sharper made a clean-up out of Nelson merchants on Saturday morning by the issuing of forged checks and cashing the same at different stores. Just how many merchants were victimized is not known, but three cases have been reported to the police.

The amount of the check in each instance was written into the body of the check and was also punched out of the corner with a perforating punch. The checks were also numbered with a machine which is in common use in business houses. One check for thirty dollars was passed upon Pateneau Brothers, the forged taking value in jewelry for the full amount. A similar check was passed upon Brown & Co., who run a clothing store on Baker street. In this case but \$4 worth of merchandise was purchased and \$26 received in change. A third check for \$14 was passed upon Henry & Valley, the bulk of which was taken out in goods.

G. H. Kellogg, at one time in charge of underground work at the Silver King mine and lately superintendent of the North Star mine, at Kimberley, in East Kootenay, died at his home in Butte, Montana, last week.

The cause of his death was cancer of the liver.

Robert Kerr was fined \$50 by Stipendiary Magistrate Turner on Saturday morning for being drunk and disorderly. Kerr applied to the city for a permit to connect with the city's water mains, but the permit was refused until Kerr paid arrears due for water supplied him as a contractor. He then made the connection without the consent of the city, and was fined \$50 and costs in consequence.

S. S. Taylor appeared for Kerr and W. A. Gallinger for the prosecution.

Albert Jeffries, who accidentally shot himself several days ago, had an arm amputated on Saturday night by Dr. LaBau.

Subject to the approval of the ratepayers, the city council has the power to vote a sum of money for the erection of a drill shed. It is said that the bill will be asked by the Kootenay Rifles to submit a by-law to the people asking for such a grant, and that it will be voted on at the same time as that about to be submitted for special privileges to the C. P. R. in lieu of local concessions offered by that company.

At the residence of Mr. John Langridge on Saturday Mr. John Moffat and Miss Moffat, Jane Steel were married. Rev. Robert Fraser officiating.

Harry Jackson had a narrow escape of his life in the Athabasca mine on Friday night. He was working in a crosscut off the main tunnel. A few minutes before the accident occurred, the night-boss Hudson warned him to keep out of the crosscut as the rock looked unsafe.

However, soon after he went to work with his pick and a large quantity of rock fell on him. At first it was thought he was dangerously injured, but he escaped with some severe bruises and cuts.

VANCOUVER.

At the closing session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster the following standing committees were appointed:

Committee upon the Indian Industrial School—Archdeacon Small, convener; S. A. Baston and Messrs. Myers Gray, Lewis, Johnson, J. H. Anderson, H. J. Camble and Hon. T. Mayne Daly.

On Sunday School Work—Revs. A. Silva White, convener; L. Norman Tucker, H. J. Underhill and J. B. Haslam and Mr. Myers Grey.

On Clergy Widows and Orphans—Revs. H. J. Underhill, Silva White, W. Baugh Allen, Dr. Underhill and Messrs. Dowling and Schou.

On Temperance—Revs. E. P. Mclelling, L. N. Tucker, Silva White, H. G. F. Clinton, W. Bell, Messrs. H. de Vin and W. J. Walker.

On Religious Education in Schools—Revs. H. G. F. Clinton, L. N. Tucker, H. J. Underhill, Messrs. Camble and Downie.

Mr. F. Salsbury was unanimously re-elected as auditor.

The body of an unknown man was found in the harbor yesterday.

Mr. Frank Devlin, Indian agent for New Westminster district, returned on Thursday from Duncan, where he took temporary charge of the office of the Cowichan agency after the regrettable suicide of Mr. Lomas. To a News-Advertiser reporter who met him just before he left for the Royal City, Mr. Devlin said every Native or Indian, in the whole Cowichan district, was a personal friend had been lost when Mr. Lomas died. Mr. Devlin's duty was to see that Mr. Lomas's agents were made ready for the next agent. But the deceased had seen to the task before he died. His accounts were all in good shape and his books were in excellent condition.

Archie Allan, an employee at the Royal City Mills, met with a painful accident on Tuesday. One of the fingers of his left hand being injured while working on a buzz saw.

The marriage of Mr. Fred R. Greer, of H. M. Customs, Vancouver, and Sarah, elder daughter of Captain Gosse, of this city, was solemnized on Tuesday evening in the Homer street Methodist church by the Rev. Mr. Scott. The bride was attended by her sister and Miss Kilma Greer. The groom was supported by Mr. T. Matthews and Mr. G. Dyke.

The police committee met on Tuesday afternoon. It was decided to have a padded cell fixed up at the police station, cost not to exceed \$20. The chief of the department was granted usual leave of absence, commencing Nov. 15th. Captain Lester, of No. 1 hall, to act as temporary chief.

William Moore, who presented a resolution at the barometer of the Mining Exchange saloon and demanded a drink yesterday, was sentenced to thirty days in the workhouse.

Larry Leahy 84 years of age, dropped dead at Burrard street yesterday. Heart failure was the cause. Deceased was one of the first settlers in Vancouver.

G. R. Maxwell, M.P., is progressing

favorably, according to friends who have recently visited his sick room.

A fatal accident was narrowly averted on Saturday morning on Pender street. An electric light pole was being transported westward, and when just abreast of the postoffice one of five men who were astride the long stick of timber in some way overbalanced himself and fell directly in front of the rear hind wheel of the wagon. But for the prompt stopping of the vehicle, which halted just as it bruised the man's shoulder, and the activity of the men, who immediately leaped to his feet, there would most assuredly have been a call upon an ambulance.

The Rev. Mr. McRae goes over to Nanaimo this week, where his old congregation is preparing to tender him a reception. After preaching in Nanaimo, next Sunday, he will return to Vancouver prior to taking his departure for Los Angeles.

The body of the man found at the C. P. R. wharf last Friday was buried on Monday afternoon, having been unidentified. From the clothing on the body it was clearly shown not to have been one of the Mannion party presumably drowned off Bowen Island a month ago. Highway robbery is seldom heard of on the streets of Vancouver, but on Monday night while Mr. Angus Fraser was walking through the arcade, his gold watch was snatched by a young man who bolted towards Cordova street and succeeded in eluding pursuit. The act was witnessed by several people, but so quickly was it accomplished that none had time to recover themselves sufficiently to effect the capture of the daring thief before he had disappeared.

The question of postman's salaries and various grievances in connection with the duties of that office was discussed at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council on Friday evening. A long report of a special committee was presented, which recommended that a strongly worded memorial be presented to the Hon. Wm. Mulock, asking that the lowest wages paid here should be \$50 per month. The report was adopted and the suggestions of the committee were ordered to be acted upon at once.

Alderman Grant's "No Indemnity Bond" was up for discussion. The Council unanimously at the Trades and Labor Council on Friday decided the principle involved in Alderman Grant's motion. After the matter was thoroughly considered the following resolution was moved by Delegate Marshall, seconded by Delegate Morrison, and unanimously carried: "That the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council deplores the fact that a motion was brought forward at the last meeting of the city council that the by-laws of the city should be amended that aldermen in future should serve the city for nominal salary, and that they should relinquish the small nominal salary they at present receive; believing that in every station in life, whether public or private, the laborer is worthy of his hire."

It was carried, this by-law would practically do away with aldermen sitting in the council as aldermen; therefore, be it resolved, that this labor council is strongly opposed to such legislation, and believes that not only should the salary be increased to the sum of \$400 per year.

The Foran-Brown perjury case came up at the Speedy Trials Court before Dr. Taylor presiding while Brown conducted his own defence, and counsel, Mr. N. F. Hagel, being absent at Winnipeg. Although offered an adjournment or time to secure legal assistance, Brown declined. The case is the outcome of an extensively ventilated matter which were two by-laws which charges which were made by the Foran-Brown case, the proceedings and of which Mr. Foran was totally cleared by the police court and also by the higher court to which Brown insisted on carrying the case. The perjury charge against Brown was fully gone into, his Lordship reserving his decision until after he had been able to review the evidence as presented by the stenographer. At the same time, he intimated that, unless a technical point should intervene, Brown was undoubtedly guilty.

Three years was the sentence that Mr. Justice Irving imposed on Saturday upon R. G. Bertucci. The prisoner was arrested on a charge of entering J. O. Furling's store at Stevenson and stealing therefrom a case of boots, shoes, a lamp, some eggs and other articles on October 31st. Bertucci elected for speedy trial, pleaded guilty and was sentenced as stated.

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. G. Bennett took place on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. H. G. F. Clinton conducted the last sad services. The casket containing the remains of the deceased was hidden in a pall of wreaths sent by the many sorrowing friends of the family on a large crier of whom the early death of the late Mrs. C. G. Bennett came as a sudden and severe blow.

Mrs. Fraser, a well-known resident of Stevenson, who is at present in the city, stopping at the Leland with her daughter, on Saturday night received the distressing news of the finding of the body of her only son in the water close to the Stevenson wharves.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mr. Law A. Yam, a prominent Chinese merchant, took a bride on Saturday, the daughter of a fellow countryman. At the reception, which followed the Oriental ceremony, a large number of guests called to pay their respects.

James Culbert, an old and respected resident of Langley, passed away on Saturday night at the Royal Columbian Hospital, whither he had been conveyed only a few days previously. He was 82 years of age and leaves a large grown up family and grandchildren.

The wedding took place at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, in St. Barnabas church, of Miss Edith Sadie Scott and Mr. Edward Alexander Thomas, guard at the provincial hospital for the insane, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. A. Silvo White, M.A., in the presence of a few intimate friends.

The Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath preached in Holy Trinity church on Sunday. In the morning he gave a historical sketch of the parish, speaking of the first church built by the present Bishop of Norwich in 1860, which was burnt in 1865. He gave an account of the first service held in the second church in 1867, which was destroyed by fire last year. In the course of the sermon he suggested that a memorial tablet be placed in the chancel to his predecessor, Archdeacon Woods, who was rector of

the parish from 1868 to 1889, and died at Sapperton in 1891.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity who have been engaged for a couple of weeks canvassing Victoria, Esquimalt, and vicinity on behalf of the orphanage of the Good Shepherd at Sapperton, collected \$200.

It is understood that Mr. Kincaid has cancelled his engagement with the New Westminster Creamery Company, and has accepted the position of superintendent of the butter department in the condensed milk factory, Mr. Lewis, market clerk, will assume the management of the creamery on December 1st.

As the local train was coming in from the Junction on Tuesday morning, and passing Millside, some person either fired a gun at the baggage car, or else cast a stone in that direction. At all events the conductor had a narrow escape, as the missile passed close to his shoulder, and his coat and trousers were plentifully sprinkled with fragments of broken glass.—Columbian.

Now that the water in the river has resumed its normal low level, it would not be a bad idea for the wreckers to get to work again on the remains of the three steamers burned in the big fire, and which still lie close to the new C. P. N. wharf. Thursday, the slack of a wire cable from the steamer Beaver caught on a portion of one of these sunken wrecks, and it was only after a considerable expenditure of valuable time that the cable was freed.

The old fire hall on Royal avenue has been renovated, and once more turned into a suitable headquarters for the city band.

The Epworth League of the Queen's Avenue Methodist church is preparing for a winter's campaign in evangelistic work. Beginning on Sunday morning next at 7 o'clock, a week of special services will be held in the school room of the new church, on Sixth street. The Rev. W. H. H. Harwood, pastor of the Centennial church, Victoria, will preach both morning and evening on Sunday, and will assist in the week night services following.

Mr. T. A. Sharpe, superintendent of the Dominion government Experimental Farm at Agassiz, is at present in the city, supervising the work of packing the remainder of his part of Canada's exhibit for the Paris Exposition. Most of British Columbia's exhibits from the Experimental Farm have already been forwarded to Ottawa, where the Dominion government's exhibits are being collected. Mr. Sharpe says he is not trying to send samples of all the varieties of fruit grown in this province, but only the best samples, fair representations of about 20 varieties of apples. The shipments, already gone forward, consist of a splendid assortment of bottled fruits of almost every description grown in British Columbia. These are supplemented by a large exhibit of grain, both in the straw and in special bottles, embracing about 180 varieties. The Paris Exposition will open on April 1st, and the work done on the November following. It is expected, says the Columbian, that the Canadian government will send a supplementary exhibit next year, in which case, the display of early British Columbia fruits will open the eyes of not only Parisians, but of the millions who will visit the great 1900 Exposition.

Messrs. Joseph Crane, D. McLaughlin, and Abel Chalk left on the Atlantic express on Friday afternoon for Yale, where they will be engaged to construct a large dredge for a wealthy English syndicate, which will work some of the sand bars in the Fraser for gold. These men will