

"Hell is like that" a little girl was heard to say, as she lifted the lid from the range, in the kitchen at the Home, and a stream of fire blazed out.

"Its worser than that," remarked another.

I am much obliged to Miss Clarke who cheerfully showed me over her large and well-kept Home.

This work undertaken by the Woman's Missionary Society is highly commendable and aims not only at the training of mind and hands, but also lays great stress on the building up of the christian character. *G.H. Raley.*

LOCAL NOTES.

During the quarter just ended, there have been:—

5 births.

1 death.

A fire occurred in the house of Enoch Clarkson on New Years day. Our vigilant Fire Brigade made short work of it.

The board side walk damaged by fire some time ago has been put into a state of good repair by the council.

Frank Wilson and Joshua McKay, have each built a house one-story high, cottage roof, which when finished will be comfortable and warm.

Some carpenter work has been done at the Home during the past quarter. And foundation is laid for the main building, which will be proceeded with shortly.

The S. S. "Barbara Boscowitz" was floated by a few enterprising Victorians during the high tides of December, she was beached near Kitkatlah, and when last heard of was in tow by the S. S. "Thistle" bound for Victoria.

A petition has been sent by the Kitamaats to Mr. Maxwell M. P.,— asking that the New Salmon Regulations shall not be enforced in the case of Indians. To insist upon them would largely deprive Indians of an important means of livelihood.

The S.S. "Nell" Captn. Oliver brought in supplies for the Home from Victoria late in November. Mr. Raley went out on her, and brought in a load of lumber

from Georgetown Mills on the 12th. Deer, visiting and holding services at Hartley Bay on the return trip.

A violent gale of wind struck Kitamaat on the 30th. of December, and continued with lulls for three days. Some houses badly racked had to be braced, and their roofs tied down. As we were about to go to the Watchnight Service, the Chief of the Watchmen (chief of the native police) came to tell the missionary that the people were afraid to go into the church as it was unsafe. It will either have to be taken down soon and rebuilt, or more strongly braced and enlarged.

On Thursday the 28th. day of December the Temperance Hall at Kitamaat was formally opened by the Missionary and Officers of the Temperance Society, the whole village was invited to the opening feast and a very enjoyable time was spent. The building which is 35ft. by 22ft. was obtained by hard work, logs being given in exchange for lumber. All the work was done gratis by the Templars, and with a subscription, nails, windows, doors, and paint were bought.

Notice has been given that application will be made to the government of the Province at the next session, for an Act amending the "Kitamaat Railway Act 1898," by granting power to the company to construct the Railway from the head of Kitamaat Inlet North to Copper River, and East to Telegraph Trail thence South and East to the South end of Germansen Creek, at or near its confluence with Omenica River, in the latitude about 55-47 North, in lieu of the route prescribed by the Act of 1898.

Three gravestones have been placed in the burial ground in memory of the departed, and one "in memory," of the living, awaiting his decease, of which apparently there is no immediate prospect. The latter Chief Jessea had the pleasure of participating in the erection of his own grave stone. In a few cases gravestones are placed much as statues might be unveiled, or monuments erected to perpetuate the name and deeds of great men. In others there are more serious features which we deplore such as the perpetuating of the old "totemic" spirit, and heathenish customs.