

Royal City Happenings

Provincial Constable Returns Home to Give Himself up to Justice

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From Our Own Correspondent

New Westminster, March 26.—Robt. Hume, an old Westminister boy was warmly welcomed by the former here yesterday. Robert is chief provincial constable for the Chilouto district, and as of his way to Victoria to give himself up to justice! And thereby hangs a tale, with the outcome of which Constable Hume is already becoming acquainted through the despatches, Hume went to arrest a bad Indian, who was crazed by drink and had become morose. In the struggle which ensued for possession of the Indian's revolver the weapon was discharged, the ball entering the Indian's head. Five days ago the Indian died, and now Hume has to stand trial for the murder. It is reported that the Indian had killed another man only a few days previously, and the feeling is general that he only got what was coming to him, and the other would surely have been killed had his unfaithful "special" got the upper hand in the struggle.

Mr. Hume brings confirmation of the great loss of cattle on the ranges of the interior. Owing to the unprecedented snowfall the animals on the ranges have been unable to find their usual winter bunch grass, and in the Nicola Valley at least but a scant supply of hay was left in the winter. It is estimated that the largest cattle owners in that district lost six hundred head, and the prospects are not very bright. Further North towards the Kootenai range and the ranges of the H. C. Cattle Company, the annual loss of cattle has been a considerable percentage of the stock. Nor have the Indians escaped loss. It is estimated that they have lost half the number of their horses from the same cause, about 1,000 head.

Speaking further of the snowfall, Mr. Hume says it has been exceptionally heavy all over the upper country, it is now 14 inches in Victoria, and the Chilouto district, and much deeper on the mountains. All the country is covered with snow, and the water and he predicts unusually high water on the lower Fraser this summer. At present the water is running low, and the range owners have made heavy losses. The Indians, who are reported to have been exploiting the sand bars, have struck it rich. Not for many years have the sand bars yielded so rich a harvest. On the bar opposite Yale, Government Agent Todd says the men have secured about 250,000 lbs of sand, and on several other days they have gained as high as \$50. At Mountain Camp, where the sand is taken from the beach, the men have secured 250,000 lbs of sand, and on several other days they have gained as high as \$50.

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The Board of Works is making an experiment with a new method of salt in giving the city better sidewalks than the ordinary road pavements. The jury lumber pile on the pier dock, this economic move. Crushed rock, the product of the city rock crusher, will be used, kept in place by a layer of sand. If satisfactory, the system will be generally adopted, and on the wider walks the steam roller can be used to advantage. In another portion of the city a sidewalk is being tried.

For the second time in a row the smallpox isolation hospital has been broken into by burglars, who certainly deserve to be punished. On the last occasion the entire outfit of blankets was taken; the other day the coats and two leather stoves were carried away.

Aid. Holmes, chairman of the civic finance committee, City Treasurer McQuarrie, and Mr. C. Richmond have just returned from a long tour of the United States and Canada. They have inquired into many matters of municipal government, and hope to give the city the benefit of their investigations.

The funeral was held yesterday of John Thompson, well known to old-timers in Victoria, who died at the age of fifty years, a native of Scotland, and unmarried. He had been here for the greater part of his life, and for the last ten years was a patient at the Royal Columbian Hospital.

Mr. Fisher, formerly manager of the Bank of British Columbia here, but now retired, is an inmate of St. Mary's Hospital, suffering from a bad attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Mrs. Pooley, who came up from Victoria on Sunday to visit him, returned home yesterday, the patient appearing to be somewhat better.

Capt. W. O. Street, mate of the C. P. R. Co. river steamer Transfer, was quietly married Saturday night to Louie, the youngest daughter of Mr. Dan Woodward, the well known farmer of Jala Island. The ceremony was performed in Holy Trinity Cathedral, by Ven. Archdeacon Prentiss.

Lester David, manager of the Monarch Mills, has been busy yesterday in further preparations for reopening the old Ross MacLaren mills, which have been idle since they were built, ten years ago, at which time they were the largest in the West. The new company will also dye 400 cases East of Sapperton, comprising the mill site.

FIRE AT HESPELER. Hesper, Ont., March 26.—The brick farm dwelling of W. Grille was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$10,000; insurance \$5,000.

MORE WITNESSES. Another contingent of witnesses from Vancouver arrived by the steamer Chamer last night, including Messrs. Robb and Findley, newspaper reporters at the Terminal City. S. Gartham, H. Robinson and S. Noonan are also present to give evidence.

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