side of Carbonate street and another on the south side near Ward street. He paid no attention to them, but as he reached the alley near the church he heard a step behind him, and the next moment received a heavy blow on the head from a stone. Though dazed Burns was not rendered unconscious, and shouted for help. The two men immediately ran along Carbonate street toward Stanley street.

Brakeman Durkie, aged 17, son of Conductor Durkie, of the C. P. R., was killed in an accident on Sunday. He had his foot caught in a switch on the Lardo-Duncan railway, and was struck by the work train, his leg being literally torn from the body. The injured man was sent to Kaslo by special steamer, but died this morning in the hospital.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

In the McGregor assault case at the Assizes yesterday, the jury was out over an hour, and returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy in consideration of the strong provocation. Sentence will be delivered to-day.

Robt. Cameron, a penitentiary convict, before Judge Bole in the Speedy Trial Court yesterday, pleaded guilty to attempting to escape. Warden Whyte testified to his prior and subsequent good conduct, in consideration of which, and the loss of his good conduct time allowance, judgment was suspended till April.

Brinlund, who recently broke from the chain-gang, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months additional hard labor by Justice Martin.

Five hundred and fifty-seven barrels of salmon oil were shipped from here yesterday for England.

At the Assizes yesterday the indictments against those fishermen accused of marooning Japanese during the strike last July were handed to the grand jury. Subsequently true bills were returned against the accused on all counts. Most of the day was occupied with the case against Hansen for robbing a man at Port Guichon in August. The jury, after being out an hour and a half, brought in a verdict of guilty of theft. The prisoner was remanded for sentence till Thursday. In the afternoon the fishermen's cases commenced. D. G. Macneill, for the defence, called attention to the Crown interfering with public officers in the discharge of their duty by instructing the sheriff and registrar to refuse the defence a copy or examination of the jury list. He said it was the first time he ever heard of such a proceeding. Mr. Bowser, for the Crown, said the interests of the administration of justice demanded this for a time. Notice Friday or Saturday the defence had ample opportunity to see the list. In any case, under the provincial law, the defence had no such right in criminal cases. All they are entitled to see is the faces of the jurymen. Thirty-four men were challenged, mostly by the Crown, before a jury was finally impelled. The cross-examination of the first witness was not completed when the court adjourned for the day. When called to plead, the six prisoners replied audibly, in perfect unison, "Not guilty!" with quite startling effect.

E. E. Corbould, K. C., has arrived here with his bride. He was married at Trinity church, Toronto, on the 15th instant, to Charlotte Mary Elizabeth Wright, widow of the late Dr. Wright, of Toronto, and daughter of the late Chief Justice Matthew Crooks Cameron.

The weather is abnormally warm, the thermometer registering 74 on Monday and yesterday. This is a record temperature for Westminster for this season of the year.

At the council meeting on Monday last, notice was given of by-laws to establish the indemnity to mayor and aldermen, allowing the former only actual expenses.

The first of the fishermen's cases occupied the attention of the Assize court yesterday. Addresses by counsel ended at 5.30, when the court adjourned. The judge charges the jury to-day. A somewhat sensational incident occurred when the jury was being escorted out by the sheriff and deputy. In the corridor Secretary Durham, of the Fishermen's Union, approached with the apparent intention of joining the jurymen. Noting the sheriff's prohibition that official took hold of his sleeve. Durham freed his arm free, striking the sheriff across the chest and persisting in his endeavor to pass. The sheriff grabbed him and hurled him aside, ordering a special constable to conduct Durham to cell below. At this stage counsel for the defence appeared at the court room door, and did what he could to apologize for Durham, saying he did not know Mr. Armstrong was the sheriff. As Durham had been refused a perusal of the jury list by the sheriff, the latter thinks this an excuse and will call official attention to the incident to-day.

VANCOUVER.

W. D. Brydone-Jack has returned after an absence of two months, during which time he visited all the principal cities of Eastern Canada and the United States, seeking information concerning the manner in which large hospitals are conducted and the accommodation provided for the sick. The doctor also attended the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Winnipeg during the latter part of the month of August.

The New Westminster Presbytery has made arrangements for the induction of Rev. Thomas Oswald, who has accepted a call to Ladner. The induction will take place at Ladner on November 5th, at 2.30, the moderator to preside, Rev. J. Wright to preach, Rev. Alexander Dunn to address the minister, and Rev. J. A. Logan the people.

Albert Edward, son of Mrs. Alfred Carter, of 1,120 Nelson street, died suddenly on Monday evening. The child had been ill for only one day and his condition was not considered serious until a few hours before his death when a doctor was called. Nothing could be done, and in less than two hours the fine young fellow had succumbed.

A peculiar mix up in the building business was recently unearthed on the Westminster road. J. Winchbank and J. Miller, became proprietors of two houses immediately adjoining each other. The latter erected a cottage, which it subsequently discovered, stood upon the former's lot. Negotiations for settlement by exchange or sale having failed, the difficulty was solved by moving the house. This was done on Sunday when Mr. Matthews, the agent who sold Mr. Miller his lot, put 35 men to work, and moved the building into its right location.

THE INTERESTS OF B. C. HORTICULTURE

PROVINCIAL BOARD DISCUSS FRUIT TRADE

Attempt Will Be Made to Capture Manitoba Market for Western Strawberries—Keary's Aspersions.

The statutory meeting of the board of horticulture began yesterday, and was attended by all the members except the minister of agriculture, viz: the deputy minister of agriculture, R. M. Palmer, Thos. Cunningham and Thos. G. Earle.

After the completion of the routine business, Mr. Stout, the general agent, and Mr. Ford, the Western manager of the Dominion Express Co., made an official call, and discussed matters in connection with the transportation of fruit. They expressed themselves as very favorably disposed in their own interests to give every facility for the encouragement of the fruit industry.

It was mentioned that strawberries sent in the patent refrigerator boxes from Ontario had proved a total failure, the fruit having reached here in very poor condition, and recommended, in view of the failure of that mode of packing and the cost of the crates, which was stated to be $6, that ventilated ones should be used instead.

On the other hand Mr. Ford stated that the strawberries sent from Hood River in Oregon in the refrigerator boxes had reached here in splendid condition and realised $4.25 per crate to the importers, being retailed at $4.80.

It is needless to say that at these prices the importers made an enormous profit.

The British Columbia strawberry being such a superior carrying berry to that of Ontario, it was suggested that extra efforts be made during the coming season to capture a share of the Manitoba market. Mr. Stout promised to place a ventilated car on so as to test that mode of transportation. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the latest shipments of British Columbia fruit made through the company they represent.

The matter of the enforcement of the regulations of the board as to the quarantine of fruit and nursery stock was taken up, and the secretary was asked to again remind the carrying companies of them, and the necessity of having nursery stock delivered at such points as the board has designated for purposes of inspection. The places so designated are Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Golden, Revelstoke, Kamloops, Grand Forks, Okanagan Landing and Cranbrook.

It was resolved in consequence of the discovery that peaches from the adjoining states were affected with a larva similar to that of the codling moth, that inspection of that fruit which has been lately inaugurated be continued.

Mr. Cunningham mentioned the fact that two orchards at Chilliwack he found singularly exempt from plum curc, and attributed it to the fact, firstly, of their elevation, some 250 or 300 feet above the rest of the orchards; secondly, on account of their isolated positions, and thirdly, the nature of the soil, a fine red loam.

This morning the board took up the question of the aspersions cast upon it by Mr. Keary at the annual meeting of the New Westminster Agricultural Association lately held, and a statement is being prepared to deal with the matter.

It was decided that active demonstration and educational work as soon as the pests become dormant should be proceeded, and the public informed of the progress of the operations.

This afternoon the board will meet the professor of agriculture and complete their labors.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE YESTERDAY EVENING

Lady Daughter of Mayor Hayward Wedded to Mr. W. S. Fraser —A Private Event.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, of the Reformed Episcopal church, last evening united in the bonds of matrimony two well known and popular young people of this city. They were Miss Florence Hayward, only daughter of Mayor Hayward, and Mr. Walter Stanhope Fraser, fifth son of A. B. Fraser, sr., formerly of Liverpool, England. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's father, in the presence of the near relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Fraser and Miss Alice Fraser, sisters of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. Alex. Fraser. The bride was charmingly gowned in chiffon net, trimmed with sequins, over white taffeta, the bridal veil of tulle fastened up gracefully with sprays of orange blossom. She carried a beautiful shower of bridal roses.

The bridesmaids were also most becomingly attired—the one in pale blue silk trimmed with point lace, and the other in pink silk and point lace. They wore pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom, and each had a shower bouquet of sweet peas.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony a dainty wedding repast was enjoyed, and congratulations mingled with the best wishes for the health and happiness of the newly married couple. They will spend a quiet honeymoon at Shawnigan Lake. The bride's going-away dress was a black broad-cloth trimmed with appliqué, with dark Gainsborough hat.

A beautiful array of useful and costly gifts and many telegrams of congratulation eloquently expressed the popularity of the bride and groom, not only in this city, but elsewhere. Owing to the recent bereavement in the bride's family the wedding was a private one, but the legion of friends did their part in the innumerable felicitous messages which found their way to the family residence, Vancouver street, all day yesterday.

DISASTEROUS FLOOD.

Two Americans Alleged to Have Lost Their Lives—Porcupine District Suffers.

According to advices brought to the Sound on the steamer Humboldt, B. Carey, of Astoria, and James Torey are supposed to have been washed away in the flood which swept the northern country. They went to sleep under shelter of some box cars and, according to the Post-Intelligencer, were swept away in the mad current.

"The disastrous flood extended to and nearly overwhelmed the Porcupine district, about 20 miles below Skagway, says the P.-I. "The water rose to a height never before recorded, and the Porcupine river was a raging and turbulent flood, sweeping everything away which stood in its path. The rains fell in an unprecedented volume and the rising waters of the river washed over the mining shafts, filling them with debris and mud, and in hundreds of cases carried away tents, supplies and even mining derricks. Arrivals at Skagway from the district tell in graphic language of the overwhelming flood and its ruinous effects. The question of damage had not been settled, although it was thought the loss would amount to $40,000 at the least. So far as known, no lives were lost in the Porcupine district during the terrible times following the unexpected rush of water. It completely ravished everything in its path, however, along the entire valley of the river.

"The first passenger train to pull out of the Skagway terminal of the White Pass & Yukon railway left the town on October 17th, five days after the flood. A train left White Horse at the same time for Skagway, but it was considered doubtful if either of the trains would succeed in completing the trip. The road at places was still covered with slides and water, and in several places emergency tracks had been laid around unusually bad sections. The passenger train was preceded by a freight and express train, so as to avoid any danger of accident to the passenger train.

"The big slide at the snowshed above Glacier was still intact, and to enable traffic to be resumed a 'shoo-fly' or temporary track was completed along a safe piece of ground. The track across the washout at Boulder had been fastened together, but was not yet considered safe for trains. The big slide at Glacier was causing the railroad company an immense amount of worry. The mass of rock, dirt and mud which covered the track for a distance of nearly 200 feet was only to be removed by pick and shovel process, and such a method meant a week or more of hard labor. The track beyond the big slide was in comparatively safe condition. The first crossing had been made passable, and the work was being concentrated on the second crossing."

CONVENTION OPENS HERE THIS EVENING

Provincial Presbyterian Sunday School Teachers in Session—Programme of Two Days' Meetings.

The eighth annual convention of the Sabbath school teachers under the direction of the Synod of British Columbia, will be held in St. Andrew's church to-night and to-morrow. Delegates will be in attendance from all over the province, and the session should be particularly interesting. The programme follows:

Thursday Evening, 8 to 10.

8:00 to 8:30.—Devotional exercises.

8:30 to 8:50.—President's address; a look over the field.

8:50 to 9:10.—Report of schools.

9:10 to 9:50.—How to secure regular attendance: (a) House to house visitation; (b) Parental influence—W. J. White.

9:50 to 10.—Appointment of committees.

Friday Morning, 9 to 12.

9:00 to 9:15.—Devotional exercises.

9:15 to 9:30.—Presbyterial and sessional oversight of schools—Rev. D. MacRae.

10:00 to 10:20.—Home department work.

10:20 to 11:00.—The teacher's preparation—J. S. Gordon, B. A.

11:00 to 11:30.—Promotion of scholars by examination—R. B. McMicking.

11:30 to 12:00.—Denominational or interdenominational methods—Rev. R. G. McBeth.

12:00 to 1:45.—Recess.

Friday Afternoon, 1:45 to 5:30.

1:45 to 2:30.—Devotional exercises.

2:00 to 2:20.—The place of doctrine, church history and government in the Sabbath school—Rev. Dr. Campbell.

2:30 to 3:30.—The Sabbath school a field for winning souls—Rev. W. L. Clay.

3:30 to 4:00.—Esson helps—Miss A. J. Davidson.

4:00 to 4:30.—Teaching exhibited.

4:30 to 4:45.—Report of nomination committee.

4:45 to 5:00—Time and place of next meeting.

5:00.—Question box.

Friday Evening, 7:30 to 10:20—Public Meeting.

7:30 to 7:45.—Devotional exercises.

7:45 to 8:15.—How to conduct the Bible class so as to hold young men—L. Tait.

8:15 to 8:45.—Address—Rev. W. A. Wilson, of Neemuch, India.

8:45 to 9:15.—Rules and forms of procedure in Sabbath school management—Rev. G. A. Wilson.

9:45 to 10:00.—Report of resolution committee.

Closing address.

COULDN'T ESTIMATE ITS VALUE!—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart never fails. It relieves in 30 minutes, it cures. It is a beacon-light to lead you back to health. W. H. Musselman, of G. A. R., Weissport, Pa., says: "Two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart entirely cured me of palpitation and smothering spells. Its value cannot be estimated." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—139.

When you cannot sleep for coughing, it is hardly necessary that anyone should tell you that you need a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to allay the irritation of the throat, and make sleep possible. It is good. Try it. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

TOWARDS FURNISHING THE CHILDREN'S WARD

Woman's Auxiliary Expect to Receive About $600 as Result of Kirmess —The Annual Ball.

The Woman's Auxiliary Society, Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, held their regular meeting at the city hall on Tuesday afternoon. The president, nine members ofthe executive and the secretaries, were present. The following reports of the month were read:

Secretary's Report.

Madame President and Ladies:—I have great pleasure in announcing that the secretary of the Kirmess committee informs me that although their accounts are not quite wound up, you may confidently expect a sum verging on $600, as your half share in the net proceeds of that entertainment, to be devoted towards furnishing the children's ward.

The sincerest thanks are due to Mrs. Dalby for the active part she took in superintending the Canadian booth, and also to the several young ladies who helped in both booths; also to Mrs. Fitzherbert, Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. B. C. Mess, Madame Pichon, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. W. Cameron, Mrs. Thos. Lee, Mrs. Machin, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. Davis, Miss G. Potts, Miss B. Dunsmuir, Miss Eva Loewen, Miss Marion Potts, Miss Phylis Green, Miss Walter Ross, Miss S. Pemberton, Mr. John Funnin, Mr. C. H. Arundell, Mr. Thomas Earle, Mr. Jacob Sehl, Mr. George Weller, Mr. Henderson (Victoria Book & Stationery Company), for contributions or assistance, and to Mr. Pooley for the Punch and Judy show, which proved the greatest attraction and success.

The purchasing committee have sent in a first consignment of material of which the flannel nightdresses (for rheumatic cases) should be the first cases. These need cutting out and making as soon as possible so that they may be ready by the winter. The grey blankets for dressing gowns for the men gave great satisfaction.

The matron would like to add to the list already furnished, a bale of white sheeting for renewing all the screens. She thinks this will be both prettier and cleaner than the colored cretonnes now in use and almost worn out.

The Daughters of Pity have supplied seven easy chairs, one couch and ten cushions to the free wards during the month. Work has been forwarded per Mrs. Redfern from Mrs. Raymur and Mrs. Yorke, and a work-woman is engaged in making up such material as is in immediate request.

B. M. HASELL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Visitors' Report.

To the President of the Women's Auxiliary:

Dear Madam:—The undersigned committee beg leave to report that they visited the P. R. J. hospital on the 11th inst., as requested, and are pleased to state that everything was found in perfect order and well arranged. The patients expressed great satisfaction at the attention and kindness received.

MRS. E. A. REDFERN.
MRS. F. YORKE.

As no canvassers were in attendance the secretary was unable to distribute more than two canvassers' books. The secretaries are sending out cards reminding members of the fees due for the current year (June, 1900-1901), and asking payment. The fees may be given to the district canvasser, the secretary or to Miss Stewart, of T. N. Hibben & Co.

It was decided that the annual ball would be held on either Thursday, November 29th, or Thursday, December 5th, and that it be fancy dress or poudre. The following night will be devoted to giving the children enjoyment, and the dancing floor will be reserved for them. The children's dance will also be a fancy dress affair. A committee was finally appointed to make preliminary arrangements.

Mrs. A. J. Smith and Mrs. Lawrence Goodacre were chosen as visitors for the month.

Mrs. E. B. Marvin will be requested by the secretary to accept the position of chairman of the work committee, with power to appoint the committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER has proved a blessing to many a "man before the public" in cases of hoarseness, bad throat, tonsilitis and catarrh. Some of the most recent evidence of its efficacy comes from a well known actor, whose home is in New York City. He says: "I have never found anything to equal this remedy for quick relief." 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—137.

NOTES FROM SAANICH.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

On Monday, Oct. 21st, the funeral of the late David John took place from the family residence, North Saanich. The deceased was a native of the south of Wales, and came to British Columbia about 1875, where he has resided ever since at his late home. The deceased was an earnest and influential worker in the Methodist church, the remembrance of which was manifested by the services at house, church and cemetery.

One of the most touching features of the funeral was the part taken by the Sunday school, of which he was a conscientious officer and teacher. Before leaving the house, each child of the school placed a flower upon the remains as a token of their young and tender love, and, after the opening prayer, sang his favorite hymns he loved when with them at Sabbath school, including "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Leaving the house, they formed in line and marched at the front of the remains to the church and cemetery, as a guard of honor.

The casket was literally covered with flowers.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Saanich, there being many friends in attendance from Victoria and vicinity. The deceased leaves a sorrowing widow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michell, of South Saanich, and six children.

The pall-bearers were: J. W. Brethour, Wm. R. Armstrong, Mark Hewitt, Samuel Brethour, Wm. Roberts and M. A. Thomas.

COMISKY SIGNS DALY.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Charles Comisky has signed Tom Daly for his team next season, according to the Chronicle. Daly is the Brooklyn club's star player, and fourth in the list of National League second basemen, having an average of 950. His batting average was 310.

RETAIL MARKETS.

Quotation on Oats Stiffening—Prediction That Potatoes Will Rise to $2 Per Sack.

Since the last market quotations were published there have not been many changes in the price of produce. Some speculation exists amongst the feed and grain merchants as to the probable outcome of the present condition of the market. Oats, the week before last, it was noted, had dropped from $2 to $3 per ton, while this week the farmers have been asking higher prices, and consequently the quotation on oats has stiffened somewhat. This is not, however, expected to continue for long, for the crop, as is known, was exceptionally good this year, and the country is well supplied with that class of grain.

With hay it is different. Before the spring, merchants expect to see it become dearer than it is at present. They anticipate the same with potatoes. Before Christmas is over, potatoes, merchants state, will be worth at retail prices $2 per sack. The Island potato is much more in demand than the imported article.

The meat market is at present at its best. Meats of all kinds are better at this time of the year than at other seasons. The quotations still remain the same. Poultry and game have risen in price, as have also vegetables. Mushrooms have made an appearance, and may be obtained at the rate of 20 cents per lb.

Current quotations are as follows:

Flour—	
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.	$5.50
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	5.50
Calgary Hungarian	5.75
Premier, per bbl.	5.75
Snowflake, per bbl.	4.50
XXX Enderby, per bbl.	4.50
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	30.00
Oats, per ton	24.00@26.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	40@ 50
Rolled oats (B. & K.)	5
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	13.00@14.00
Straw, per bale	60@ 75
Middlings, per ton	25.00
Bran, per ton	23.00@25.00
Ground feed, per ton	26.00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per lb.	1¼
Cucumbers, each	5
Cabbage, per &.	3
Cauliflower, per head	10@ 15
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	3
Carrots, per lb.	2
Lettuce, per head	5
Turnips, per lb.	3
Green Corn, per doz.	25
Mushrooms, per lb.	20
Pumpkins, per lb.	15@ 20
Cranberries, per lb.	20
Fish—	
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	15
Salmon, per lb.	8
Shrimps, per lb.	40
Cod, per lb.	8@ 10
Halibut, per lb.	8@ 10
Herring	5
Smelts, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	12½
Bloaters, per lb.	10
Oysters, per quart	1.00
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	40@ 50
Butter (Delta Creamery)	35
Best dairy	35
Butter (Cowichan Creamery)	35
Butter (Victoria Creamery)	35
Cheese (Canadian)	18@ 20
Lard, per lb.	15@ 17
Meats—	
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	19
Hams (American), per lb.	22
Bacon (American), per lb.	22@ 24
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12@ 16
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	14
Shoulders, per lb.	14
Beef, per lb.	8@ 18
Veal, per lb.	12@ 18
Pork, per lb.	10@ 18
Mutton, per lb.	18
Fruit—	
Grapes, per lb.	10
Cocoanuts, each	10@ 15
Lemons (California), per doz.	30@ 40
Apples, per lb.	5@ 6
Oranges, per doz.	30@ 50
Mediterranean Sweets	35
Plums, per lb.	4@ 6
Bananas, per doz.	35@ 40
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl, per pair	1.40
Ducks, per pair	1.75
Dressed turkeys, isl'd, per lb.	28@ 30
Eastern turkeys, per lb.	25
Eastern ducks, per lb.	18
Flounders	8
Eastern geese, per lb.	20
Game—	
Venison, per lb.	8@ 15
Grouse, per pair	1.50
Ducks, per pair	50@ 90

CAME NEAR DYING.

"For three days and nights I suffered agony untold from an attack of cholera morbus brought on by eating cucumbers," says M. E. Lowther, clerk of the district court, Centreville, Iowa. "I thought I should surely die, and tried a dozen different medicines, but all to no purpose. I sent for a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and three doses relieved me entirely." This remedy is for sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

COUNT TOLSTOI ILL.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 23.—Count Leo Tolstoi is again somewhat seriously ill on the estate of the Countess Palin, near Aloupka, in the Crimea.

CONSUMPTION

is almost as deadly as ever, although physicians know they can cure it generally, beginning when most of the lungs are still sound, and even sometimes when a great deal of damage is done.

The people don't know it yet. They have been told; but they don't believe it; they don't act on it.

Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is one of the principal means of cure.

There are other helps: dry air, sunshine, country, sleep, regular habits, right clothing.

COMPLETE ANSWER TO HOSTILE CRITICISM

The Board of Horticulture Replies to the Strictures of Manager Keary—The Situation Explained.

In a report of the meeting of the Board of Horticulture of British Columbia appearing in the Times a few days ago, it was stated that a statement of the position of its members, arising out of the charges made by Manager Keary, of the New Westminster fair, would be forthcoming in a day or two. This statement has been completed and is as follows,

The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Horticulture at its meeting held October 21st, 1901:

Whereas, at the annual meeting of the directors of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society in New Westminster on Friday, October 4th, 1901, certain statements were made by the officers of said society reflecting on the conduct of members of this board, in relation to the exhibition which was then in progress at New Westminster, and

Whereas, the members of this board whose conduct was adversely criticized were not present, and had not an opportunity to defend themselves and explain the relations of this board to the several exhibitions which had been held during September and October throughout the province, and

Whereas, such adverse criticism has been published broadcast throughout the press, and if permitted to pass uncontradicted, is likely to prejudice the usefulness and influence of the board in promoting and protecting the important industry committed to its care; be it therefore

Resolved, that a plain statement of the case should be placed before the directors of the Royal Agricultural Society and others interested, with a view to the removal of all misunderstanding that might in any way impair the usefulness of the Agricultural Society or the Board of Horticulture.

Early in the spring the board had been informed that an exhibition would be held in Victoria, and that the members of the board were expected to co-operate with the officers of the several agricultural societies in making fruit exhibits a leading feature of the shows. It was thought best that the three active members of the board, viz., Mr. Palmer, of Victoria; Mr. Cunningham, of Vancouver, and Mr. Earl, of Lytton, should each in his own horticultural district attend the leading exhibitions and render all possible assistance. It was subsequently arranged between Messrs. Palmer and Cunningham that both should be present to assist at New Westminster first, as the date of the Victoria show was fixed so as not to conflict with that of New Westminster, and that as soon as the New Westminster function was concluded, both these gentlemen should proceed to Victoria to render a like service there.

For reasons which are well known, the directors changed the date of the Victoria exhibition so that the arrangements which had been made for attendance at both exhibitions were found to be quite impossible. Under the circumstances the most practical solution of the difficulty was for Mr. Palmer to take Victoria and Mr. Cunningham New Westminster. This was done, and it is believed that each in his separate field rendered loyal service to the exhibitions. The board does not accept any responsibility for the change of the dates of the two leading exhibitions. No member of this board can be charged with hostility, or even indifference, to the success of any exhibition held in this province. The policy of the board has been to encourage and to contribute to the success of all exhibitions held throughout the province, when it was manifested to the board that such service was acceptable to the officers and directors of any agricultural society.

When Westminster was in ashes and there was a probability of a collapse in the affairs of the Royal Agricultural Society, the members of this board were amongst the first to come to the help of the society, by insisting first that the annual exhibition should be held, and secondly, by Messrs. Palmer and Cunningham devoting three full weeks to the preparation for and completion of the show, without a dollar's remuneration or expense to the agricultural society. It may also be pointed out in connection with this service that Mr. Anderson, member ex officio and permanent secretary of this board, procured a military marquee and established at the exhibition grounds at New Westminster a convenient office and place of resort for business for all who were contributing to the success of the show. Besides all this, Mr. Anderson made a splendid exhibit of botanical specimens and other articles of interest to agriculturalists, and gave his undivided attention not only at that particular exhibition, but at the subsequent shows; be it known, that all this service was rendered without expense to the society.

In view of this recital of facts, of which the public generally may not be aware, this board is clearly of the opinion that a grave injustice has been done the members of the board by the ungenerous criticism complained of, and that a public retraction of the charges is due to all concerned.

This board would respectfully suggest that the charge of hostility towards the Westminster exhibition on the part of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is disproved by the facts that His Honor has been a willing contributor to the funds of the Royal Agricultural Society, and is well known to be a valuable friend to agriculture and horticulture throughout the Dominion, without reference to locality. The position of His Honor deprives him of the privilege of making such explanations as would satisfy the public at large and the directors of the Royal Agricultural Society in particular, that in no sense can he be charged with sectionalism or unfriendly feeling towards the objects of the society's exhibitions.

THE PASTOR'S PITY.—A prominent pastor of a Durham, Ont., church writes: "I suffered intensely from Inflammatory Rheumatism. Just one bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure healed me. I pity those who suffer so much and do not know how near they are to a cure. I feel like proclaiming it from the house-tops." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—138.

Mining News

The Rossland Camp.

The ore shipments from the Rossland camp continue to grow in the most satisfactory manner, says the Miner of Sunday. This week the record up to last night is 4,800 tons shipped from the Le Roi mines, an increase of 700 tons over the previous week's record. The assurance is given that the weekly tonnage will grow from week to week until the original output of six or seven thousand tons is reached or passed. Everything in connection with the mines is moving along steadily.

Le Roi.—The operations at the Le Roi during the week have been confined almost exclusively to stoping. All matters pertaining to the mine have progressed smoothly, so much so that little has transpired out of the ordinary course of affairs.

Le Roi No. 2.—In this property the same facts mentioned in the foregoing apply. The Josie has been getting out ore at a good rate. The unwatering of the No. 1 was completed last week and operations underground have been commenced. With the No. 1 contributing to the quota of ore produced the week's aggregate will be substantially swelled.

Rossland Great Western.—At this property the work of unwatering the main shaft is well under way. The plan adopted for this purpose has already been described in the Miner, consisting of big buckets equipped with automatic apertures and working on the cage. With this the unwatering of the mine is making rapid progress. The Nickel Plate compressor has been started up to compress air for the Le Roi workings.

Abe Lincoln.—At the Abe Lincoln the week has been well spent in the work of straightening and retimbering the shaft. The matter of straightening the workings has proved to be somewhat lengthy, otherwise the work would make more rapid progress, the timbering not being a difficult problem to solve. The management of the company has decided to install an electric hoist, and the order for the machinery will be placed at once. The West Kootenay Power & Light Company has completed the construction of a pole line to the mine, over which the current for the operation of the mining machinery will be conveyed. The buildings will also be lighted with electricity.

New St. Elmo.—A small crew, four men, is employed on surface work at the mine, and during the week the stripping and crosscutting of the ledge at the west end of the property has been continued. The ore body, as was stated last week, is no less than 53 feet in width, and in several places excellent values have been found, while the ore carries values all across.

Big Four.—The usual development has been carried on at the property during the week. The contracts in the Nos. 1 and 2 tunnels were finished, and new contracts of 50 feet respectively in both levels will be started this week.

Spitzee.—Everything is running along smoothly at the Spitzee, and the week has passed without incident of special interest. The west drift on the 100-foot level is making good progress and the showing continues to be excellent. A shipment of 30 tons was made to the Trail smelter during the week, the ore for this purpose being taken out in the course of the development work now under way.

Green Mountain.—The development of the Green Mountain property is proceeding rapidly and under favorable auspices. For a couple of weeks active underground operations were discontinued to permit of certain changes in the machinery being made to meet the amended conditions encountered as depth was secured in the mine. These have been completed, and for over a week the underground development has been making excellent progress. The drift from the 100-foot station on the shaft toward the ore bodies has been advanced 40 feet, and about as much more requires to be drifted to reach the point where it has been estimated the ore should be encountered. Already excellent pieces of ore have been encountered in the face of the drift, and it is by no means improbable that the ore body may be encountered sooner than was expected.

The Slocan.

An important strike has been made at the head of Springer creek, giving promise of adding another rich mine to that portion of the camp. The discovery was made on the Monterey group, situated to the east of the Hampton claim. The group consists of the Monterey, Oregon and Bancroft claims and is owned by N. F. McNaught, R. Milloy and Leo Doiron. The claims were located about a year ago, and the discovery was made while doing the first assessment work. The discovery was made in an open cut, and consists of a six foot ledge, carrying two paystreaks, four and eight inches wide respectively. The ore may be characterized as a sulphide, with the presence of copper strongly marked. The smaller streak assays from 410 to 500 ounces of silver and the larger 80 ounces of silver to the ton. An assay from the ledge matter went 60 ounces of silver to the ton. Subsequent cuts were run along the surface, catching the vein and exposing an ore chute 300 feet long. Croppings of the vein have been traced over the three claims, the principal exposure being on the north side of the Springer claim. The vein is striking over the summit to the Riverside group on the Ten Mile slope, owned by R. S. Kirkwood. The approach of winter has caused the work to cease for this year, but in the spring the owners will put up cabins and commence development of their property.

Three men are employed on the Hampton group. They will soon have a carload of ore for shipment. Should the winter be an open one the Hampton will work straight through, otherwise it will probably close down about December 1st.

A new drift was started on the vein on the Graphic, below the old workings, and in this a healthy chute of 12 inches of ore has been exposed. On the Rosebud a crosscut was run from the tunnel started by Paul Houck. When in eight feet 17 inches of shipping ore was cut on the hanging wall. The ore carries a great deal of sulphurets. The lessees have all their timber cut and framed for the winter and blacksmith shops up.

W. H. Davidson, of Slocan City, was in New Denver recently, and inspected the Sweet Grass group, Goat mountain. Mr. Davidson is interested with Messrs. Mowatt and McKenzie, who recently took a lease and bond on the property. He was very much pleased with the property, and believes that here is the making of a rich thing. Mr. Davidson brought down with him samples of very rich ore, carrying galena and grey copper. They have two seams of ore showing in the workings, one three inches in thickness, and the other, which has just been broken into, eight inches wide. Two men are employed at present, but the force will be increased as soon as development warrants it.

TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION

SUGGESTED ISSUE OF FIVE DOLLAR PIECES

Jas. Peat Is of Opinion That Crude Oil Can Be Obtained in Crow's Nest Pass.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says inquiries are being made in London when Canada intends to issue stamps bearing the King's head, and the suggestion has been made that the mint at Ottawa should issue $5 gold pieces with the King's head also, which, with the stamps, would serve to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII.

Goldwin Smith Home.

Prof. Goldwin Smith has returned from Ithaca, N. Y., where he was reported critically ill a few days ago. He is somewhat fatigued after his journey, but otherwise is feeling very well.

Mr. Massey's Condition.

At 2.55 this afternoon Mr. Massey, president of the Massey-Harris Co. was resting quietly. A consultation of physicians will take place this evening.

Charged With Murder.

Barrington, N. S., Oct. 23.—Julius Bill was placed on trial this morning charged with the murder of Nathan Kapalan, a Jewish storekeeper at Clark's Harbor, on October 7th. The evidence submitted this morning went to show that the revolver and cartridge which caused Kapalan's death were similar to a revolver and cartridge purchased by the prisoner three weeks before the murder.

Sensational Evidence.

Brantford, Ont., Oct. 23.—The White murder trial was resumed this morning. Mrs. Partridge, cousin of deceased White, gave evidence this morning of a sensational character, alleging that Mrs. White, while stopping at her residence in Hamilton on one occasion, had given expression to the sentiments which strongly indicated a desire to get rid of her husband. Dr. Marquis, the physician who attended White, gave evidence to show the effect of arsenic on the human system when taken from day to day.

Police Inspector's Death.

Police Inspector Robt. Armstrong, of No. 4 division, died early this morning from an overdose of strychnine which he was in the habit of taking in small quantities to produce sleep. He was 58 years old.

Crude Oil in Crow's Nest.

Petrolia, Oct. 23.—Jas. Peat, of this town, who has had 40 years experience in oil business in Petrolia, has just returned from the Crow's Nest Pass region, and is confident that crude oil can be obtained there in large quantities, and of a far higher gravity than the petrolia crude. All it requires, he says, is the development of that country.

Fire at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Oct. 23.—The buildings and contents belonging to A. Malin & Sons, rope manufacturers, were almost completely gutted by fire last night. The loss is $15,000. The insurance is not known, but is considered very small.

IT HAPPENED IN A DRUG STORE.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin, the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy." It is for sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

MUST PAY POLL TAX.

Nanaimo, Oct. 23.—The Finnish leaders who yesterday met R