

The Colonist

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THE LATEST INVENTION.

When Mr. Ernest Bazin's invention, the steamer on wheels, is more fully developed, the present Government—

This steaming as it is described in the Strand Magazine for December is a most peculiar structure. It looks very little like a steaming. It has the appearance of being a platform on eight immense wheels.

Two things are necessary for the experiment—a sizable tank of water and a large tin button or hollow inside and sharp at the edge. The latter might cost two or three shillings to make. The water can be found in the family bath.

In the vessel the wheels are turned by steam engines to give the rotary movement, and a screw does the propelling. The result is expected to be very great speed. The screw in the vessel now being constructed is moved by an engine of 500 horse power, and each pair of wheels is rotated by an engine of 50 horse power, making for the three pairs a force of 150. This gives for the whole boat a motive force of 700 horse power.

Scientific men, and men who are not scientific, have examined Mr. Ernest Bazin's model and watched it at work. Some of these scientists predict for the new vessel a glorious career. It is confidently said that it will effect a revolution in steam navigation.

PENCIL LIBELS.

The libel laws of the Transvaal are so severe that it has been found impossible to carry them into effect. They, however, contain one provision which many in this country will admire and would perhaps like to see incorporated into our libel law. It relates to cartoons.

tures, the "artists" who execute many of them and the men who publish them deserve to be whipped at the cart's tail. As drawings, the greater number of them are admirable. There is not the faintest scintilla of humor in their composition; they are simply stupid when they are not brutal.

TARTE'S DISCOVERY.

The Hon. Mr. Tarte was frank enough to admit at the Board of Trade meeting that as far as he was concerned he had on his present visit discovered British Columbia. This is evidently the experience of all eastern public men when they visit this province for the first time.

Happily this ignorance is disappearing, yet still we have Mr. Tarte, a member of the Cabinet, and undoubtedly a very intelligent man, when he pays a visit to the Coast, talking as if he had discovered British Columbia. It is to be hoped that when the Minister of Public Works returns home he will, with the energy for which he is remarkable, spread abroad among his colleagues in the Government, the members of the Dominion Parliament and his countrymen generally the knowledge he has been able to gain by his own observation and from the natives, the advantages of the country which he has just discovered, and the needs and the rights of its inhabitants.

A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY.

It appears that the Hon. Mr. Tarte has been most favorably impressed with what he has seen and heard during his visit to this Province. We are pleased to see that British Columbians of both parties have been ready, even eager, to explain to him its condition and what it needs from the General Government for its proper and timely development.

with scant justice by the Federal Government. Mr. Tarte saw at a glance the possibilities of the Province, and he immediately devoted his energies and his talents to the promotion of its interests. He used his influence with the Government, of which he was a prominent and an influential member, to have justice done to its heavily burdened inhabitants, and to convince capitalists at home and abroad that in British Columbia they had one of the most promising fields of investment that the world contained.

It is, we know, a risky thing to write history in advance, but Mr. Tarte, if he uses his opportunity well, may be convinced, bring about results similar to those that we have feebly outlined. What British Columbia now wants is an advocate and a champion at the seat of government who will stand up for its rights manfully and work for its advancement indefatigably.

IN ERROR.

It is our opinion that the Times is in error when it says with regard to the Commissioners sent to Winnipeg by the Bowell Government while the remedial bill was before Parliament: "Nothing would suit them but the restoration of separate schools in both names and fact."

THE MANITOBA SETTLEMENT.

The terms of the settlement of the Manitoba school question agreed upon between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province of Manitoba may be seen in another column. We do not feel called upon to criticize the arrangement that has been made. If it is satisfactory to the nominal minority of that Province we do not see what outsiders have to do with it.

SIR DONALD SMITH'S PROPOSALS.

In order that there may be no mistake as to the nature of the proposals made by the Commissioners of the Dominion to the Manitoba Government in April last, we reproduce our Winnipeg special telegram of April 2 on the subject, the correctness of which was not questioned at the time:

We may add that, although the Catholics of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia had no peculiar rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution, the people of those provinces voluntarily granted the above concessions to the Roman Catholic minority. Sir Donald Smith's proposals were, in short, that the denominational minority in Manitoba be placed on precisely the same footing as regards education as the Catholics of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

New York, Nov. 18.—The Evening Post financial cablegram says: "All the London stock markets were lifeless and depressed to-day. Two jobbers had to close accounts to-day, but the matter has been arranged so that probably no failure will be announced to-morrow."

The Evening Post says: "Stocks opened dull and generally inactive. There was little trading done except in the professional stock exchange contingent. These were sold and imparted a heavy tone to the market as a whole. The declines, however, were only fractional. The selling by small professional operators attracted little or no selling from sources outside the stock exchange, and towards the close even a heavy tone to the market began in rather a desultory way to buy back shares sold at an earlier hour."

Died of Heart Failure. FORT WILLIAM, Nov. 21.—Archibald McLaren, brother-in-law of Mayor McKellar, for many years postmaster at West Fort William and treasurer of the municipality of Neboing, is dead. Heart failure was the cause. He was aged 64.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Lord and Lady Aberdeen's Visit to the Coast—Stock Deals in Vancouver.

Ice in the Fraser—Channe Mining Company—News From Kootenay.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 20.—At a second meeting of the new Vancouver Municipal League held under the chairmanship of the president of the Total Abstinence Union, Mr. W. R. Clark, the Rev. Dr. Eby, of Homer street Methodist church, in a short address detailed the aims and objects of the league, and after an opportunity had been given to those present to sign the roll of members, it was resolved to leave it in the hands of Mr. James McQueen, for the purpose of securing additional names.

Some complaints having been made that the matron of the city hospital had, without due reason, refused admittance to a patient taken there, as it was alleged, with a doctor's order, the other hand, and that a man jumped out upon him and although he was not spoken to at all the supposed midnight marauder jostled him in a suspicious manner, whereupon he "laid him out" with the bottle and left him on the ground.

On Wednesday evening in the Dunn hall the Local Council of Women held a meeting for the purpose of again listening to an address from Lady Aberdeen, president of the organization.

Two more hold ups have been reported to the police. A prominent Cordova street merchant and his wife were waylaid, the highwayman securing \$55. A young man was also robbed in front of the Y.M.C.A., building and transferred 50 cents to the masked stranger at the point of the pistol.

to Spuzzum, where the train was awaiting their arrival. The walk from North Bend, a distance of about 30 miles, was about 30 miles, while the travelling over the slides was extremely difficult. The travellers praise the C.P.R. officials for their consideration for the delayed passengers and their energy in overcoming the same.

Golden Cache was transferred this morning at 11:30. There have been persistent reports on the streets here of sales taking place in Victoria from 30c to 40c above the market here.

A most daring hold-up is reported to have taken place at seven o'clock last evening opposite the Vancouver club where a young man, who was asked to have his name withheld, was seized at the point of a pistol. It was dark and the highwayman hid his face, but could be recognized again.

Some strange tales are being told in connection with the recent "hold-up" case in the city. A prospector claims to have been accosted on Carrall street with a request to "stand and deliver" by a rough looking man, and having his prospecting pick in his pocket he replied by striking the would-be highwayman with it on the head, falling him to the ground, where he left him and went home. A vendor of refreshments who pursues his calling in the late saloons and on the street, says he was proceeding home with his empty basket on one arm and a vinegar bottle in the other hand, and that a man jumped out upon him and although he was not spoken to at all the supposed midnight marauder jostled him in a suspicious manner, whereupon he "laid him out" with the bottle and left him on the ground.

Mr. J. G. Ure, lately of Victoria, has been appointed manager of the Manor House, vice Mr. J. O. Williams, who is called home to England on business of an important nature. Mr. W. H. Allen superintends the commissariat department of the hotel.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, Nov. 20.—Westminster citizens are particularly interested in the Athabasca claim, Nelson mining division. Information received from the promoters by a Colonist representative and the report of Albert J. Hill, M.P., M.E., M.C., shows that this property has been fully proved by tunnels and cross cuts. There are four propositions and assays from \$90 odd away up into the thousands. Forty tons of the ore has been known to have been issued in small blocks of 100 and 250 to Westminster buyers at 15 cents, and as large blocks are being placed in England and Eastern Canada the company has increased the price to 25 cents. The purchase price of the mine was \$40,000 which was raised by the Westminster issue of stock.

At the regular meeting of the Board of works yesterday, it was decided to enforce the clearing of vacant lots. If after being notified owners fail to do the clearing, it will be done by the city and the cost added to the taxes. The Vancouver delegates who have returned from the conference in Victoria on railway matters, are reported to be well pleased with the report themselves as well as the report in regard to the approaching severance of his connection with the church. He said that no occasion could fairly be made that in this case he was leaving a charge for another where there was less work or more stipend, as the work in his new parish would be more onerous than it was in St. Barnabas, and the stipend for some time would be less. Rev. Mr. Shildrick, of Holy Trinity, and Mr. H. J. A. Burns, net also spoke, assuring Mr. Gowen of the universal feeling of regret that existed in the city that Mr. Gowen was severing his connection with them, and promising him a hearty welcome if at any time he was able to pay a visit to the Royal City.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 21.—Another shipment of salmon for the Eastern market was made yesterday from Ewen's cannery. Mayor Shiles was waited upon by a deputation in regard to his intentions as to the mayoralty and in reply stated he would stand for re-election if nominated. Mr. W. J. Armstrong and several aldermen are reported as ambitious for mayoralty honors. Thanksgiving Day preparation helped to make a very busy market yesterday, and there was a good supply of turkeys and other poultry.

DUNCAN. DUNCAN, Nov. 21.—The Nanaimo Amateur Operatic company arrived here yesterday evening by special train and gave that excellent opera bouffe "The Pirates of Penzance" under the auspices of Maple Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at the agricultural hall. There were a crowded and enthusiastic house to greet the performers, who one and all acquitted themselves remarkably well, the "go" of the piece being well maintained throughout. The choruses were uniformly good and the orchestra kept up its well earned reputation. After the opera was over a supper given by the Cowichan ladies and a dance continued the enjoyment until an early hour, when everyone went home in the last falling snow in a well pleased frame of mind. The net proceeds of the performance and cost of the special train are to be given to the Nanaimo hospital. Appended is a list of the dramatis personae:

- Richard, a Pirate Chief... Mr. E. Charlton
Samuel, his Lieutenant... Mr. A. Gibbs
Frederic, a Pirate Apprentice... Mr. A. Edwards
Major-General Stanley... Mr. E. Plant
Army... Mr. Mead
Sergeant of Police... Mr. A. Mabel
General Stanley's youngest daughter... Mr. Allan
Ruth, a practical maid... Miss L. T. Davis
Kate... Miss Dobson
Edith... Miss H. St. John
Isabel... Miss E. Perchet
Female chorus—Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Charlton, Mrs. Randle, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Booth, Miss Teague, and Miss H. Teague.
Male chorus—Messrs. J. Dobson, G. Geddes, J. Priestly, W. Thomson, G. Rowlands, G. Parks, J. Teague, R. Vaucaese, Geo. Barlow, Thos. Jones, W. Kirkham, G. Ellis, H. Rogers, Walters, and A. Maynard.

ROSSLAND.

The Big Buck Gold Mining Co. has just been incorporated to work the Big Buck mineral claim on the east branch of the North Fork of Salmon river. Assays as high as 125% ounces in silver in one lead and \$8 in gold from another have been got from the surface. The gold lead is 8 feet wide, while the silver-bearing ore has been very little exploited.

A small block of treasury stock in the Kootenay-Salmon Gold Mining Co., put on the market at 5 cents, has been sold, and arrangements have been made to resume work this week and the price of stocks has been advanced to 10 cents. Work will be carried out all winter. This company owns three claims, the Louis B., Copper King and Verde, on the North Fork of the Salmon river, about a mile from the railway track. These claims have all the indications of opening up well, having strong leads and being so well situated the cost of working them is lower than most of the North Fork properties.

A ledge of mica has been found three and a half miles from Slocan crossing on the C. & K. railway. Some good samples have been got. The Electa and Chief Seattle, situated on Green mountain, have been sold to the Germania Gold Mining company. These claims were bought by Scott and Smith, of Galt, not long ago. They put men to work, and under their management showed up good. The sale was made through the Smith-Hewitt company.

The Mayflower made a shipment of 23 1/2 tons of ore last week, which averaged rather higher than that which has gone forward from the mine, being in the vicinity of \$80 to the ton. James Gilhooly, of Vancouver, has bonded Lily E., Portland and Bainbow, or Springer creek, for \$3,000. The Silver Cup will ship 350 tons of ore this winter, some of which will carry 600 ounces of silver to the ton. If the tunnel now being run should tap the ore expected, the shipments will probably exceed the above estimate for \$3,000. The mine owners in Trout Lake district say that the output of that section this winter will be 2,000 tons.

A marked improvement of the White-water is noticeable in the lower workings, both in quantity and smelter returns, but what are known as the upper workings, or carbonate tunnels, have a still better showing. This tunnel was in between six and seven sets in soft ground when the first good assay was secured on September 10. Since then the tunnel has yielded seven tons of ore. Smelter returns from this section aggregate \$10,069 net. A car now in transit is expected to yield \$3,000, and a second car, now out at the mine, is expected to prove as valuable. The ore body still holds its own in size and continues to give better assays.

Twelve men are employed on the Ottawa group. Native silver is abundant in one of the tunnels, and 60 sacks of high grade ore is out for shipment. At the Nickel Plate the new machinery is in position, and the old hoist and boiler have been removed from the east shaft, where a new shaft house has been put up. It is the intention of the owners to sink both shafts to the 200-foot level and connect them. No. 1 shaft is down 157 feet, and three shafts are at work. No. 2 shaft has to be about 50 feet more before the 200-foot level is encountered.

NO INFORMATION.

OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—(Special)—The Canadian government have not had any information regarding a Canadian being murdered in Cienfuegos, Santa Clara, Cuba. Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state, informed your correspondent that had any communication been received on the subject it would doubtless have passed through his hand. The minister of justice was in the city to-day, but the officers of his department say they have no information of any Canadian being murdered there. It was, however, learned that the steamer Bermuda was reported as being in Halifax getting arms and ammunition to be sent to Cuba. These reports are being periodically received, but so far they have turned out groundless.

FILIBUSTERING.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A Washington despatch to the Telegraph says: "It is probable that Great Britain as well as the United States may be drawn into a diplomatic controversy with Spain over the question of filibustering, as it is alleged several American expeditions have been allowed by the British authorities to leave Halifax and Jamaica. She—My tongue fails me, darling, when I try to express my love for you. He—Never mind, my own. Money talks more eloquently than you could hope to do.—Detroit Free Press.