

MINTO CUP GAMES

MAY BE POSTPONED

Exhibition Matches Likely to Be Played at New Westminster Fair

Vancouver, Sept. 20.—Although the Tecumseh of Toronto, challengers for the Minto cup, are already en route to the coast with the idea of playing Vancouver for the trophy, it is not so very certain that the cup games will be played this fall after all. No dates and no officials have been determined upon and it is quite possible that when Manager Charlie Quirrie and his team get here next Saturday the leader of the Indians may change his mind in regard to making his cup effort this fall, and will play exhibition games at the Westminster fair instead.

Although the exhibition management decided some days ago not to have any professional lacrosse at the fair, the directors have experienced a change of heart and last night at the banquet in the Royal City theatre the Vancouver lacrosse club executive when the Minto cup was formally turned over to the statekeeping of Vancouver, Manager Charlie Welsh of the Westminster Lacrosse Club made the suggestion on behalf of the fair management that the Tecumsehs be secured to play an exhibition series at the fair. A big fat purse with a winning and a losing end would, he declared, be hung up for Vancouver and Tecumseh clubs and Westminster might also be drawn into a three-cornered series.

The suggestion seemed all right to President Con Jones of the Vancouver club, except that he did not want the impression to go abroad that he was trying to get out of defending the cup this fall. He stated that he was heartily in sympathy with the suggestion which has done so much for lacrosse on the coast and was anxious to avoid conflicting with the fair at all. But when he named October 4 and 7 as the Vancouver club's choice of dates he did so because he could not conflict with the closing of the ball season here on September 30. He also said that the contracts with his players all expired on October 10.

After the banquet Premier McBride, who is one of the Minto Cup trustees, met the executive of the clubs and the question of dates and officials for the Tecumseh games were mentioned. On behalf of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association, Nels Nelson, president of the league, protested against the Tecumseh methods in naming dates and officials themselves without first consulting the cupholders. He took strong exception to eastern referees, asking for western men.

Manager Welsh agreed with Manager Jones that it would be bad to disappoint the Tecumsehs in regard to games at this time, though the Tecumsehs certainly were in fault in not arranging definitely regarding the games before they left the east, but thought that the proposed series at the Westminster exhibition would prove amply remunerative to the Tecumsehs. The premier promised that he would put the western case before his brother trustee, Mr. Edward Clouston, of Montreal, before coming to any final decision.

Leave For Coast.
Toronto, Sept. 20.—The Tecumsehs left here this afternoon for the west and will arrive in Vancouver on Saturday night, when it is expected dates will be set for the games with the champions. The following left for the coast: Manager Charlie Quirrie, Roy Kinsman, Rowntree, Neil Felken, Harry Murtion, James Durkin, Ed. McGreor and Leonard McDougall. Accompanying the team are Peter Small, Dr. Crawford, Fred Humbley, T. Humphries, A. Marks, C. Teasdale, Garnet Routree, and J. K. Forsythe.

Con Jones of Vancouver, wired this afternoon that the Vancouver baseball team were occupying the grounds on September 30 and suggested Wednesday, October 4, and Saturday, October 7, as the dates for games. He also stated it would be useless to attempt to play after October owing to bad weather.

The following western officials were proposed: Charlie Eullen, W. Ditchburn, W. Gullen, W. Gullen, Stanley Okell, of Victoria; Bob Cheyne and Alexander Turnbull, of Westminster; W. Haley Wilson, of Ladner; Archie McNaughton, Matt Barr and Robert York, of Vancouver. The Tecumsehs wired back that they will decide on western officials when they arrive in Vancouver and also request that an eastern man be secured as one of the officials.

THE LATE M. STOLYPIN.
Remains Will Be Interred at St. Petersburg.

Kiev, Sept. 20.—A mass for the repose of the soul of the late Russian premier, M. Stolypin, who was shot during a gala performance at the municipal theatre, was celebrated yesterday at the Kiev hospital, where the statesman succumbed last night to the injuries inflicted by Dmitry Bogrov.

Emperor Nicholas participated in the ceremony and at its conclusion consoled with Mme. Stolypin. His Majesty left Kiev this afternoon for Sebastopol where the imperial party will take up for three days their residence in the newly-built palace at Yalta, in the Crimea. Thousands of persons, cheering enthusiastically, lined the streets from the hospital to the railroad station.

After an autopsy yesterday the body of the dead premier was embalmed. Later it will be sent to St. Petersburg for burial in the Alexander-Neviski monastery.

ALLEGED SMUGGLER.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 20.—Norman B. Smith, a well-dressed young man, carrying a bag containing \$3,400 in gold, was arrested here on a warrant issued from Honolulu charging opium smuggling. Smith was taken into custody by United States Marshal Warner as he stepped from the steamer Wilhelm.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

Revelstoke, Sept. 19.—The mysterious disappearance of Charles Roeder from this district is creating no little excitement and conjecture among those who knew him best, as his non-appearance in his public haunts since the 15th of last month is considered as something out of the ordinary, especially owing to the fact that when he was last seen he had a considerable amount of money on his person. The man had been around here for some time and had been engaged as packman up the Big Bend, as well as being mail carrier in the same district. On the 15th of last month he appeared in the city after setting his monthly pay from the government and announced his intention of purchasing a team of horses to work a ranch up the Bend, which he had leased from Wm. Boyd for a term of years. Since that time, however, he has never been seen in the city and his disappearance is, to say the least, a remarkable occurrence. As far as can be learned the missing man is a sober, industrious person, not at all eccentric in his habits.

THREE MINERS RESCUED

Leadville, Colo., Sept. 20.—The three men, Fred Casandrew, Peter and Nat Jacobson, imprisoned by a cave-in in the shaft of the Morning Star mine for sixty hours, have been rescued. The men, who were supplied with food and other necessities through a four-inch pipe driven from the surface, were apparently none the worse for their experience.

FISHERY OFFICIAL

FOUND NO POACHING

Unable to Obtain Confirmation of Rumors—No Boats Inside Limit

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Following the completion of another patrol of the west coast in the steamer Germania, under charter to the Marine and Fisheries department, Capt. P. J. Ledwell, fishery inspector, announces that not only during the two weeks he was away from port was an American vessel seen poaching in the waters inquired at many of the coast towns as to whether foreign craft were fishing inside the three-mile limit, but not once was he able to gather any information which would support the rumors given currency made by a contemporary.

The Germania left here on September 6 and the next day went as far as Banfield but saw nothing. No boats were nearer shore than the Switzer Bank, which is many miles outside the restricted area. Believing that the fishermen might have slipped in after they had passed the Germania the next day retraced her course and patrolled the water between Carmah and Juan river. During that day two boats were seen in the vicinity of the Switzer Bank but no other boats were around.

Continuing her passage right along the west coast the Germania never set her eyes upon any vessels which were intruding. Near Cape Scott a great many halibut boats were sighted but they were all fishing a good distance outside the three-mile limit. "At several of the coast towns," said Capt. Ledwell, "I inquired of the residents regarding the alleged poaching which the opposition organs have been playing up. I received emphatic denials, and every character I asked and I feel that it is mainly political dodge arranged by the Conservative party."

REPORTS ON KAMLOOPS BUILDING BY-LAW

Solicitor Submits Opinion to City Council—Sale of Electric Power

Kamloops, Sept. 19.—Mr. Crehan, of Crehan & Co., the firm of accountants who are engaged in auditing the municipal accounts, addressed the council at the last meeting on the condition in which he found the accounts and incidentally complimented the clerk. The water and light accounts were found in good shape. The assessment and the property tax accounts were in splendid shape. The system of filing could not be beaten and with a few changes which he recommended he thought the municipal accounts would compare favorably with any in the province. Under the present system, he said, many of the improvements charged to maintenance account should be charged to capital account, thus showing the assets of the municipality as they should be, and giving the city a better showing in the financial market.

Among the communications read were four from the city solicitor, bearing points of law. Regarding city's power in restricting alteration of buildings the bylaw must be interpreted as covering any alterations whatsoever. If the council thought this might work a hardship upon some and was too stringent it might be amended. Another letter re election of a tent within the fire limit stated it was not advisable to grant the request. Though there was some doubt as to whether a tent could be called a structure, and if the council wished to bring these under the ban by-law could be made more explicit. In selling power, the solicitor advised the city to put through a bylaw and apply to the government for its sanction. On motion the letters were resolved and filed and the solicitor notified to draw up a bylaw relative to sale of power.

The city clerk of Victoria invited the council to send two of its members to the convention of municipalities to be held in that city this fall. A motion was carried that the letter be received and filed and delegates be appointed later.

TRIAL OF DAY SEPT. 20

OVER THIRTY DAYS

THE GYMKHANA

Arguments Filled Time of Court Yesterday Afternoon

After arguments before Judge Lampman yesterday afternoon the trial of John Day, accused of receiving stolen navy yard stores, was adjourned until Monday morning, when the defence will be called on to produce witnesses.

The adjournment was granted principally because Stuart Henderson had to leave for Ashcroft to be present at the election to-morrow. A further reason was that the defence had no witnesses in court it could call at that stage of the trial. Oliver Richards, one of the defence witnesses, had left for Seattle a few days before and had not been subpoenaed.

The defence also wanted to call the warden of the Central prison, Toronto, who, it is claimed, will endeavor to identify the witness Frederick Bullock with Alfred Bullock, who served a term there 20 years ago for forgery. The defence intends to bring the official from Toronto.

The prosecution urged that in the light of other evidence given, the evidence of Bullock was sufficient to prove that the former storekeeper of the Victoria Machinery Depot was telling the truth. Mr. Alkman said he could see no reason for the adjournment, especially as the defence had every opportunity to prepare its case.

An effort to postpone the trial until after the criminal assizes was made by Mr. Henderson, who pleaded the necessity of bringing the witnesses from Toronto. Judge Lampman, however, would not allow the application and ordered that the trial proceed Monday.

Fire Chief Thomas Davis' name was mentioned in connection with the identification of Bullock as Alfred Bullock. Mr. Henderson remarked that Fire Chief Davis had said he knew Bullock 20 years ago in Toronto, but would not swear that Bullock had been sent to prison for forgery. The fire chief told the solicitor that when he came here from Toronto Bullock had called him up on the telephone at the Dominion hotel and said he was Alfred Bullock of Toronto. Mr. Henderson thought there was enough in it to warrant the defence in getting an extension of time to bring the prison official from Toronto. The description read in court yesterday gave Alfred Bullock at 5 feet 4 inches in height and possessing dark hair. He would not be 40 years of age. Bullock denied in the witness box that he was the Alfred Bullock on the records of the Toronto penitentiary, and said he had only been in Toronto for three months at any one time.

The lawyers for the defence urged a dismissal on the ground that the offence alleged against Bullock was not proven and out of the jurisdiction of the civil courts. It would have to be dealt with by the admiralty. He held that under the Canadian Naval Act the admiralty would have to deal with the witness who stole the property and swears he sold it to Day.

Instances were given of cases where crimes had been committed in the navy and the accused handed over to the civil authorities, and the case of Fenwick who was handed over from the Esquimalt navy authorities some years ago and found guilty of murder in the civil court was cited. Judge Lampman said he could not see eye to eye with the counsel for the defence on the point raised. Should the case result in a conviction Mr. Henderson will argue his point before the Court of Appeal.

TRAGEDY IN PRISON

Folsom, Cal., Sept. 20.—Jake Oppenheimer, murderer, robber, and condemned to die, added another murder to his list yesterday afternoon when he killed Francisco Quijada, also condemned to die, with a piece of iron bar in the corridor of the prison.

The murder was the result of bad blood that has existed between the men for several months. Both figured in a recent attempted jail break, and both were sentenced to hang under a new law, which makes it a capital offense for a life term to attempt a jail break. Oppenheimer is one of the most noted criminals of the west. He had killed two men and figured in several attempted jail deliveries. He has been the most untrusty prisoner in the history of Folsom.

"I just wanted to add another scalp to my belt," is his only explanation of the deed.

After the attack in the corridor Quijada staggered to his cell and expired. The iron bar with which Oppenheimer made his murderous attack was wrested from a prison bucket.

Only a few minutes before Quijada had informed the warden that he would cheerfully meet his fate on the gallows if Oppenheimer were hanged first.

"If they hang him first I will willingly put the noose around my own neck," he said.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Dodge City, Kan., Sept. 20.—Edmond H. Madison, representative from the Seventh Kansas district in congress, died at the breakfast table at his home here on Monday. Representative Madison had not been in good health for a year. Mr. Madison was attacked while sitting at breakfast with his wife. His wife hastened to aid him, but he died almost instantly with her arms clasped about him. He did not utter a word after the first attack. A physician reached the house in a few minutes, but death had preceded him. The cause was given as heart disease.

The British battleship Nile, which was built at Pembroke dockyard twenty-one years ago at a cost of \$2,500, is now to be sold out of the service as obsolete.

HUNT CLUB PLANS AN

ENTERTAINING DAY

Series of Most Interesting Events is Arranged for September 30

The programme for the Hunt Club Gymkhana to be held on Willows race track, by kind permission of the president and directors of the B. C. Agricultural Association, at 2:15 p.m. on September 30, is as follows:

First Event, 2:15 p.m.—Potatoes, 100 lbs. to 150 lbs. Potatoes to be put into buckets. Open to members of the Hunt Club only. Race for fallow, two runs each. Points deducted for waste of paper and if parties do not ride in line. Wards will be provided for tiffin.

Second Event, 2:45 p.m.—Jumping competition for ponies 14.2 and under. Open to all. Two runs each. Points deducted for waste of paper and if parties do not ride in line. Wards will be provided for tiffin.

Third Event, 3:15 p.m.—Jumping competition for horses. Open to all. Two runs each. In the jumping competition dead beats will be declared by raising the bars until the best horse wins.

Fourth Event, 3:45 p.m.—Ladies' driving competition. Buggies to be driven by ladies over a given course, which will be marked by blocks of wood, between which competitors must drive. Open to all.

Fifth Event, 4:15 p.m.—Half-mile race for ponies 14.2 and under, which have never run in any recognized race meeting. Amateur riders, catch weights. Open.

Sixth Event, 4:45 p.m.—V.C. race (open to Hunt Club). Competitors to ride over hurdle to a given point, dismount and pick up dummy and ride to winning post.

Seventh Event, 5:15 p.m.—Half-mile race for horses which have never run in any recognized race meeting (open to Hunt Club). To be ridden by members of the Hunt Club. Catch weights.

Eighth Event, 5:30 p.m.—Despatch race (open to Hunt Club). Lady and gentleman are each given an envelope containing words of a message. From given points they ride till they meet; gentlemen dismount and takes ladies' envelope, writes out message in full, which must be placed in his envelope and ride with partner to winning post. First couple past the post with correct message to win. Points deducted for those couples who do not finish together.

Ninth Event, 6 p.m.—Menagerie race (for boys and girls under twelve years of age). Competitors to bring their own animals, which they will drive in front of them over a 100-yard course. Ponies barred. Open to all boys and girls. No entrance fee, two prizes. Entries for the gymkhana will be received as follows: To 10 p.m. sent with entrance fee to secretary, Victoria Hunt Club, care of Jubilee Hospital, on or before Tuesday, 26th inst. The committee, however, reserve the right to close the entries at any time. Fee, 25 cents each event, with the exception of the menagerie race, for which no charge will be made.

THINKING THEMES

BY DR. FRANK CRANE

One never realizes how good life is—just plain, ordinary, everyday life—until one is compelled to leave it ever beat to a hospital, where you were drowned for a while in artificial death by ether, and, conversely, when you come out at length into the street, walking wearily with a cane? Then you realize the commonest things of existence are good to you, things you never noticed in the hospital. It is the health, such as a woman carrying a basket, a bird drinking at a rain-bubble, a boy rattling a stick along the fence, a policeman's dog, a man walking briskly, a pair of lovers. It all seemed so new, so fresh and rich, so full of a meaning you had never guessed before.

This brings you back to your fundamental, unconscious want, the deepest of your being, the want to exist. One of the reasons why the world remains happy, in spite of all our efforts to render it miserable by the plague of thought, is that mankind has the instinct of the unconscious. It is the master-strong this lust for life, may be inferred from the incredible sufferings some persons are willing to undergo, rather than give up existing. This is the want of the unconscious, the unhappy all about us, who will endure any torment, any most lingering torture, rather than step out of it into that little silent door or—Death!

BOMB WRECKS CONCERT HALL

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 20.—A nitro-glycerine bomb, hurled from an automobile, wrecked the concert hall of a west side saloon here and shattered windows within a radius of nearly a block. Frederick W. Bruder, owner of the wrecked saloon, is said to be antagonistic to a faction of saloon-keepers, who have been attacking him for his prominence as a witness for the prosecution in the trial of former police inspector McCann.

Land at Sooke Lake Priced at

Big Figure—City's Advocate

Dissents From Advocating

In the arbitration proceedings connected with the expropriation of lands in the Sooke Lake water shed, which lands are required by the city of Victoria in furtherance of its great water scheme, it would appear that the corporation has lost out, and does not like it.

The land in question consists of some fifty-eight acres situated on the shores of the lake and belonging to C. F. Davis. The owner wanted the sum of \$25,000 for the land and the city was only prepared to offer \$4,902. In the arbitration proceedings which followed A. Coles represented the city, and F. B. Robertson represented the owner, Judge Lampman acting as umpire to the point.

Several sessions were held and the arbitrators took a trip out to the ground in order to get a better understanding of the situation. The result is that yesterday a finding was brought in fixing the value of the land in question at \$13,500. The curious thing about the finding is that it was not signed by Mr. Coles, the city's representative, and the reason for this omission is, of course, that he dissented from the finding.

In view of the circumstances of the case it is not regarded as likely that the city will accept the award of the arbitrators but will further contest the bargain by way of appeal. It is claimed by Mr. Coles that the price fixed for expropriation by his fellow arbitrators is altogether too much and is wholly in excess of the market value of similar lands which the city is in a position to purchase. The property is described in the charts as section 34 Malahat district.

In all probability a report on the subject will be submitted to the city council at its meeting on Friday evening. The matter will be discussed and the advisability of taking further action will be considered.

HELD UP BY THUGS

ON DOUGLAS STREET

A Lindsay and a Companion

Forced to Flee From Three Highwaymen

It seems not impossible that some, at least, of the hold-up men, whose daring exploits in Vancouver have given them an unpleasant notoriety in that town, are sojourning in Victoria for a time. Monday evening, at about five minutes to ten, two young men, A. Lindsay and a companion, were held up on Douglas Street, on past the corner of Douglas Street, but thanks to their fleetness of foot escaped without loss of personal effects.

Mr. Lindsay and his companion were returning from a visit to friends in the outlying district near the end of Douglas street when the incident occurred. They were walking along the part of the street which is not lighted, and where the darkness is intensifying by tall trees on either side. At this appropriate moment they were confronted by three thugs, one of whom sprang behind and the other two separated, intending to surround the young men. However, the latter, frightened and ran across the road, followed by the highwaymen. Backing up against a wall with his friends Mr. Lindsay asked them what they wanted and one answered, "We want all you have got."

At this juncture the two young men, intimidated that they must be excused, and breaking through the cordon which the men had formed around them, dashed down the street. The would-be robbers followed until the lighted part of the road was reached and then gave up the chase.

Neither Mr. Lindsay nor his friend lost a good look at the faces of the thugs, as they had their caps pulled down well over their eyes. In fact, the only description Mr. Lindsay could give was that the three were all big, strong men, bordering on six feet in height. The police were not informed as the young men did not wish to follow up the case.

Mr. Lindsay is a recent arrival in the city and is employed at the Parliament Buildings, in the drafting department. He came from Vancouver, where he was in the employ of the telephone company, about a fortnight ago.

DIED AT BREAKFAST TABLE.

Vancouver, Sept. 19.—As he was sitting at the breakfast table laughing over a joke he had just made, John McNicol of 916 Seymour Street, was suddenly seized with heart failure and expired within a few minutes. The deceased was considered to be in the best of health. It is stated he had hardly known a day's illness in his life.

Mr. McNicol, who had been employed as a scaler in the provincial timber service, was a single man and a native of Renfrew, Ont. He is survived by a brother living in this city.

LOG RAFT ADRIFF.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 20.—Adrift eight miles south of Point Gorda, Cal., the Benson log raft, which crossed out of the Columbia river in tow of the tug Hercules last Monday afternoon, bound for San Diego, was sighted at 1:40 p.m. Monday by the tank steamer Washington.

Of the eight log rafts to leave the Columbia river for California this season, four have gone adrift. Two have broken up and proved total losses, scattering timbers over a wide area in the paths taken by the coast steamers.

JUDGMENT AGAINST TENANT

Vancouver, Sept. 19.—That a landlord is not to be expected to provide a tenant with arrangements for exceptionally cold weather in houses he may have built in Vancouver was the opinion of Judge Grant, voiced in a judgment given in the County Court.

The case was that of Chalmers against Boyle and the MacDowell, et al., Watson Drug Company. Mr. Chalmers claims that his stock of merchandise was injured to the extent of \$800 by the freezing of a pipe in the Owl drug store during the cold snap of last January. Of this amount he assessed \$450 against Dr. Boyle, the owner of the drug store and \$350 against the tenants, the drug company.

His Honor did not think that Dr. Boyle was responsible for the actions of his tenant nor for the bursting of the pipe.

There are only three occasions, he remarked, "during the many years that I have resided in Vancouver that I have known the thermometer to go down to zero, and one of these occasions was during the cold snap of last January. Landlords are not to be expected to provide against extreme contingencies of climate."

Judgment was given against the tenants for \$80 and costs.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Nanaimo, Sept. 20.—By a fall of rock which occurred on Thursday night in No. 7 Mine at Cumberland, J. Lange, Mine Inspector, was crushed to death. Mine Inspector Newton left yesterday to make inquiries into the accident.

The Evening

Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

I had rather stretch my arm or rise from my chair than be served by one who does it not for love."—Emerson.

One woman with a family of three and a maid complained bitterly that she paid her maid five dollars and a half a week, put out all the washing, did all the upstairs work and even then received very poor service.

Another indignantly related how a domestic sent out by the employment bureau to look her over, calmly refused to engage herself because there were two rooms with carpets instead of hardwood floors, and because the family was too large. The family consists of herself and her mother.

A third disconsolate house mother, who has a remarkably large family of four, told of her absolute failure to get any maid at all, although she offers six dollars, puts out all the starched things and does some of the cooking herself.

The social worker came in at this stage of the conversation.

The social worker lives alone but has a very large, old-fashioned house and a pack of "company." She pays her maid 50 cents a week less than any of us, puts none of the washing out, and does absolutely nothing about the house herself. Her maid, besides the regular three meals, often serves afternoon tea or chocolate to evening guests. And she has a thoroughly capable, efficient and good tempered maid, who has been with her for three years, and who was recommended to her place by another maid, who served the social worker for five years and was left to enter a convent.

The social worker related this state of affairs.

"It was hailed as a miracle."

"I don't see it," said the social worker.

"You pay 50 cents less than any of us and you get very much better service. What do you do?"

The social worker thought a moment. "If there is anything I do which is different, it's this: 'Besides giving my maid her board and wages, I try to share with her some of my interests, and to take a kindly interest in her affairs. I have a good time with her, you know. In my work. Well, if I am alone, I often talk to Mary about them when she is serving me or when we are looking out the pantry and ice chest together, or examining the work, or in the evening. Several times she has helped me when I have had investigations to do which required two persons."

"In return she tells me about her beaux and her family in Ireland, and shows me her sister's picture with her four children in her lap, and her husband standing behind the chair with his feet crossed, and asks my advice about her plans for the future and so forth."

"But doesn't she take advantage of your kindness and get presuming and imperious?" broke in the lady with the inefficient maid.

The social worker smiled. "I don't think dignity and kindness are incompatible," she said, "and I try not to have them so. My maids have always been most respectful."

"Well, that may do very well with Mary," said the lady with the abominably large family of four, "but I think she's an unusual girl. Isn't she the kind that would do anything if anyone was halfway decent to her?"

"She was in five places in two months before she came to me," said the social worker.

"Oh," said the lady with the abominably large family and then—"Oh, look, there goes the L's new touring car. Why, I thought it was much larger than that from all I'd heard of it."

And the servant problem was off the tapis for the day.

Although the social worker's recipe for getting efficient service at a reasonable price did not seem to appeal to those who were asked for it, others may perhaps appreciate it.

To their attention it is respectfully

WESTERN BRANCH OF

MINING INSTITUTE

Interesting Papers Read by

Prominent Mining Men at

Semi-Annual Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Western Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute was held in the K. P. hall New Denver, R. R. Hedley, chairman of the Western Branch, presided, assisted by E. Jacobs, secretary, and Miss M. Gordon, stenographer, with the following mining men in attendance: W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist of Victoria; accompanied by his secretary, Harold Nation; T. Kiddle, of Tye Smelter fame, Vancouver; O. E. Leroy, of the Dominion Geological Survey; Dr. A. W. G. Wilson, C. T. Cartwright and L. H. Cole, of the mines-branch of the Canadian department of mines, Ottawa; M. E. Purcell, superintendent of the Centre Star, Rosland; S. S. Fowler, Riondel; A. H. Gracey, Nelson; M. S. Ridge, London, England; M. S. Davis, London, Eng.; E. A. Griffith, superintendent of Eastmount Mine, 10 Mile; J. C. Moen, Black Prince Mine; E. Shannon, Enterprise; T. Avison, Adam-Idaho; G. H. Aylard and John Vallance, Standard Mine; T. J. Lloyd, Van Bof; V. W. Sloan, Slocan; A. J. Becker, Lucky Jim and Sunset; J. Wolff, Mollie Hughes; Alex. Smith, Surprise; W. A. Cameron, Richmond-Eureka; A. B. Ritchie and G. B. Webster, Sunset, near Bear Lake; W. V. Richards, Spokane; J. L. Wagener, Butte; O. Jeldness, Spokane; Arthur Lakes, Jr., Denver, Colo.; A. H. Tuttle, Wilcox Mine, Ymir; W. P. White, Spokane.

The visitors were welcomed to town by J. C. Harris, vice-president of the Town Improvement Society, in a short speech, followed by W. Hunter, M.P.P., who predicted a great future for the Slocan district in view of recent developments. R. R. Hedley, the chairman, then made a short address, in which he advocated the institute taking steps to protect the public from wild mining schemes and untrue, glaring, exaggerated prospectuses.

Mr. Jacobs then read a very interesting, amusing and instructive paper prepared by Prof. G. W. G. of the School of Mines, Kingston, Ontario, dealing with old days in the Slocan. William R. Thomlinson, of New Denver, the well known prospector, read a particularly instructive and exhaustive paper on the ore of the Slocan district, which proved of great interest to the meeting.

This was followed by a short discussion on the various ores in which Mesozoic, Paleozoic and the chairmen took part. Then followed a paper on the Lucky Jim Mine, Bear Lake, prepared by A. J. Becker, superintendent of the mine. S. S. Fowler then read a paper on the Slocan district, including ore production, milling, etc., which proved very interesting. O. E. Leroy, who has made a very careful study of the district recently, gave an address on the various Slocan formations and predicted a great future from deep mining in the district. H. M. Ridge and T. Kiddle then gave short addresses on the zinc question, which was discussed at some length. At the conclusion of this a very interesting discussion arose over the chairman's remarks re wildcat prospectuses which concluded the evening meeting.

In the morning the members were taken to Silverton in launches provided by the Launch Club, and from there drove to the Standard Mine, where Mr. Aylard, general manager, acted as host, then on to the Van Bof Mill where Mr. Lay, manager of the mine, did the honors. At night the visitors were entertained at an informal smoker under the auspices of the Town Improvement Society, the committee in charge being C. F. Nelson, H. H. Falding and E. H. Grubbe.

WESTERN FUEL CO.

AND ITS EMPLOYEES

Agreement, Which Has Been

In Force Six Months, Re-

newed for Two Years

The agreement between the Western Fuel Company and its underground employees, under which the local mines have been worked the last six years, was renewed for another two years, dating from the date of the present month, says the Nanaimo Herald.

This agreement, which has now been in operation six years, was signed by the men's committee and officials of the Western Fuel Company Monday night. Negotiations between the company and its underground employees looking toward the renewal of the agreement which expired at the end of the present month have been conducted for the past two weeks, and that the question has been amicably settled and two years more of industrial peace assured will be a cause of gratification not only to the company and its employees, but to the residents of the city in general. It speaks well for the officials of the company that the terms of the working agreement have been so faithfully kept that the employees have secured a renewal of the same without difficulty or hesitation, and with the opening of new mines in the near vicinity, with vast development work projected, and two years of industrial peace assured, Nanaimo looks forward to a bright future with even more prosperous days than the past has recorded.