BRITISH COLUMBIA

NANAIMO.

(From our own correspondent.)

Nanaimo, Nov. 22.—The death of Captain Charles Honeyman from heart enlargement took place at his residence on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was generally considered hale and hearty, but on Saturday night last he was taken suddenly, and never rallied. The captain was a genial-hearted man, and at all times ready to assist in any good cause; he was always prominent in work of reform, political or otherwise, and his presence will be missed at many a gathering in the future. He held the position of Lloyd's agent for Nanaimo, and also the position of Stevedore. He was well known to all mariners visiting this port, and his knowledge of nautical affairs brought him into popularity. The captain was a native of Alloa, Scotland, aged 48 years. He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon under the auspices of Doric lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., of which deceased was a prominent member.

The steamer Esperanza left on Thursday morning with a hunting party consisting of W. K. Leighton, R. Hindmarsh, W. Sloan and W. Vanhouton. The vicinity of Qualicum will be cleared out of game.

McInnes & McInnes, barristers and solicitors, have opened a branch business at Wellington.

Mr. N. Foster is engaged in organizing an orchestra composed of some talented musicians.

Free Press.

The Nanaimo-Alberni Mining Company, of this city, have received official information of the sinking of the preliminary shaft down to bed rock, and the discovery of seven foot of rich gold-bearing gravel. This shaft is sunk on what is known as the old Constance claim. This shaft with the greatest difficulty was sunk through a strata of the hardest cement, under which was found the gravel and then the bed rock. Some of the gold discovered is of a coppr color, while the other sample is what might be termed, for want of a better expression, the bright natural color of gold. Experts state that the indications in this shaft are almost identical with the indications in the rich mines of Cariboo. The bright prospects have given the company sufficient encouragement to at once sink a proper working shaft to the pay gravel, the work on which has already been commenced, and will be energetically prosecuted during the winter. The company has decided to stop the sale of the unissued or treasury (as it is called) stock for the present. It must be a matter of congratulation to the shareholders to find the prospects so bright and cheering for a rich return for their enterprise and perseverance.

The funeral of the late Captain Honeyman took place this afternoon, the occasion being marked by a ceremonial of an unusually elaborate character, inasmuch as the deceased was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and more particularly of Doric lodge of this city. A large proportion of the local officers and members of the order, including Worshipful Master Dr. Davis, of Doric lodge, attired in full regalia, assembled in the lodge room at two o'clock, and after the formal ceremonial adopted on such occasions, marched in procession to St. Alban's church, where the funeral service was impressively conducted by the Rev. G. W. Taylor, who also officiated at the grave.

It is now stated that the W. C. T. U. and the ladies' aids of the city will nominate one or more eligible ladies for the position of school trustees, which become vacant at the end of the year.

The fall assizes opened at the Nanaimo court house on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. It is expected that Judge Crease will preside, and Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., will conduct the cases for the crown. The calendar is a light one.

The citizens of Wellington are petitioning the postal authorities for the establishment of an evening mail service between Wellington and Nanaimo, so that letters to Vancouver and the east may not be delayed twenty-four hours, as at present. The prayer of this petition is indeed a pertinent one, and should be granted by the post office department.

From our own correspondent.

Nanaimo, Nov. 25.—A public meeting was held in the Caledonian rooms on Saturday night for the purpose of nominating a candidate in the interests of the citizens. There were only two candidates for the honors, viz., Ald. Davison and A. Wilson. A ballot was taken, with the result that Ald. Davison obtained 104 votes and A. Wilson 79. An attempt is now being made to induce Wilson to run, as it is claimed that he is the stronger man.

The funeral of Captain Honeyman took place on Saturday under the auspices of the Masonic lodges. There was an unusually large procession followed the remains to their last resting-place.

The vote to be cast at the coming municipal election has been considerably augmented this year by those who have availed themselves of the privilegs of the franchise.

Those who use the water from the Nanaimo water works are wondering what has gone wrong. For the past few days the water has been coming through the pipes in a very dirty condition, and this morning there is very little force. It is feared unless rain falls that the water will play out.

BURGOYNE BAY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Burgoyne Bay, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Edward Lee died here on Saturday morning, after a comparatively short illness. No resident was more respected or loved on South Salt Spring than Mrs. Lee. Mr. Lee came from Ontario some ten years ago and settled on part of the Musgrave property, which he has farmed successfully since. Three years ago he erected a pretty and commodious residence, of which Mrs. Lee was naturally proud, and where she was ever ready to entertain her friends hospitably. The funeral took place on Tuesday under the auspices of the Loyal Island Union Lodge, and was the largest ever seen on the island. The members of the lodge, wearing their regalia, marched in procession. The following six brethren were pall bearers: W. Robertson, J. Vidler, A. Horel, J. Akerman, J. J. Akerman and A. W. Cooke. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Winslow, Rev. Mr. Manuel and Rev. E. Wilson, incumbent of Salt Spring. The coffin was covered with wreaths and crosses, sent by sympathizing friends, one beautiful wreath being sent by the Union Lodge. She was buried in St. Mary's churchyard. To her family her death is an irreparable loss, as she left eight little ones, the youngest but a few weeks old. A faithful wife, a kind mother, a true and generous friend, her loss will be felt in the settlement for a long time.

ENGLISHMAN'S RIVER.

(From our own correspondent.)

Englishman's River, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Florence Davis, of Beausejour, French creek, left on the Joan for Victoria. In consequence of her long and severe illness, Mr. Davis has decided to board the children for the winter and take a complete rest. It is stated that she has disposed of her beautifully situated ranch and thinks of taking another on Denman Island. In that case the settlement will lose one of its most amiable, clever and hospitable ladies.

Mr. D. McMillan is recovering from his dangerous sickness.

Mr. Andrew Hirst is putting a large addition to the store and postoffice.

Early in the morning of the 19th instant, two buggies left Englishman's river for Wellington, and at noon the quiet wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, which united Miss Lizzie Andrews, of Birmingham, England, to Adam Berkenstock, formerly of Michigan, U. S. The bride was given away by her sister, Mrs. Joe Hirst. Mr. William Harris acted as best man. The bride arrived from England this spring to visit her youngest sister, from whom she had been separated nearly ten years ago, and only by accident discovered to be living. Miss Andrews, by her sterling good qualities and kind heart has made many friends here, and Mr. Berkenstock is to be congratulated on his choice of a partner for life. A number of friends met at the residence of Mrs. J. Hirst to welcome the happy couple on their return and wish them joy. The boys expressed their sentiments by saluting the house of the bridegroom with rifle shots about midnight on Tuesday and on the following day. They intend bringing a surprise party on Saturday, when there will be a dance, and all will enjoy themselves in true colonial fashion.

COMOX.

There are 20 men, whites and Japs, working on the masonry and brick work, between 25 and 30 on the washer building, six with W. Laughlin on the wharf, and A. Pare has himself and two giants at the trestle work at Union. J. Hacwood, too, and his gang of trackmen are laying track, putting in switches, etc. T. Piercy is busy hauling earth and filling in along the masonry. Altogether it is a busy camp just now, and all are anxious for a continuation of fair weather, but the sky is lowering and the mountains to the southwest are covered with mist and rain clouds, so that we are, as it were, on the ragged edge of work and idleness. No man, however, need starve at Union Bay, for there is a fine clam bed available at low water, the bays and creeks are full of fish, which can be killed with pitchforks and clubs, and for those who can eat crow, any number of these sable thieves abound.

Charles Peterson, better known as Jesse James, accidentally shot himself recently up near Campbell river. While getting over a log he put the gun down in front of him as a kind of support. The trigger was caught in and pulled by the brush, exploding the gun and blowing off his right thumb, the bullet grazing his cheek. He came down to the Comox settlement for assistance and was attended by Dr. Millard.

Mr. Ralph Smith, of Nanaimo, addressed a large number of miners and others at Union in advocacy of organization among the miners. After the open meeting was over a miners' union was formed.

McPHERSONS.

McPherson's Station, Nov. 22.—The South Cowichan hall at McPherson's was opened on Thanksgiving evening by a very successful entertainment and dance, about one hundred people being present. Mr. Gibbons, president of the South Cowichan Hall company, said a few words regarding the hall, and then announced that the entertainment would commence. The following gentlemen sang, and were encored in every instance: Messrs. Fall, Gardom, Shallard, Todd, D. C. Livingstone, J. Rutledge, F. Rutledge, Taylor, Young, Stewart and Howie. Mr. W. P. Jaynes gave a very humorous cross between a recitation and a song. Mr. James Nightingale danced a very pretty step dance, which brought the house down. Mr. Bruce's solo on the violin was deservedly encored over and over again. Refreshments were served about nine o'clock. Sandwiches, cakes of all kinds, tea, coffee and fruit were passed and repassed around until they went begging. Ed. Miller, with his ready made speech (made by Bob Young), backed down. A huge pile of logs close by the hall, was set on fire at dark and turned night into day the whole night through. The entertainment came to a close about eleven o'clock and the lovers of the light fantastic danced to the music of Mr. Bruce's violin until three o'clock in the morning.

WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

Wellington, Nov. 25.—The general store business of Mr. G. A. Huff, at Alberni, has been brought out by Mr. E. Ratten, of this place, who intends running the business in first class style.

The collier Progressist, on its way from San Francisco, sustained severe damage to her bow plates and was forced to return. She will be replaced by some other boat until repairs are made.

Messrs. Mahrer Bros., of Nanaimo, are trying to form a plan whereby they can operate Wellington's opera house in connection with the Nanaimo opera house. If this is successful we will receive our share of theatrical troupes coming this way.

We are gradually improving. Dr. W. J. Curry, dentist, of Nanaimo, has opened an office here.

Owing to some difficulty in deciding on the amount to be paid Mr. Dummt by Mr. Jordan for a right of way through Mr. Dummt's property, Dr. O'Brien was appointed as umpire and awarded the sum of $150. Mr. Jordan has now a complete right of way to Nanoose Bay and will shortly commence shipping coal.

At the regular meeting of the Wellington football team on Thursday it was decided to put a team in the field for the British Columbia championship, now held by Nanaimo. A junior team may also be entered from this place.

A petition to have a daily mail between Wellington and Vancouver is being signed by many of our citizens and will be forwarded as soon as possible to the postmaster-general. It is hoped the petition will be granted for it is a great inconvenience at present in having a letter take nearly two days to reach Vancouver. Captain H. A. Dillon deserves credit for this scheme as we understand he is the father of it.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. George Durnan, wife of the boat builder at the Sea Island cannery, was drowned in the Fraser last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Durnan and a Mr. Kennedy of Lulu Island, left New Westminster for their home in an open boat late in the afternoon. Wind and tide being against them they made but slow progress, and, having let Mr. Kennedy off at Lulu Island, they did not reach Sea Island until nearly midnight. The more easily to reach the wharf they landed on the steamer Telephone and Mrs. Durnan was stepping from the Telephone to the cannery wharf when her foot slipped and she fell into the water. She uttered no sound and it is feared she was rendered unconscious by striking a pile or the side of the steamer. The body has not yet been found. Mrs. Durnan was about 35 years of age.

A letter received by a gentleman in this city from upper Sumas states that the excitement over the discovery of the gold quartz ledge on Sumas mountain is steadily increasing, and up to the time of writing over 600 acres had been staked out in claims. No reports of assays of the quartz had been received so far as learned, but everyone appeared to be satisfied that the gold was present in the quartz in paying quantities. Mr. Scott, the discoverer of the ledge, has commenced sinking another shaft. He is more than pleased with the prospect.

The steamer Courser has returned to port with the gold searching expedition taken by Captain Cooper. The water was found to be too high for convenient working, and, after testing the ground and obtaining an encouraging prospect, Captain Cooper decided to return to port and await lower water. He also found that a more powerful pump was required, and this was another reason for returning. Captain Cooper procured the pump to-day, and if the river continues falling he will leave again within a week and begin operations in earnest. He is satisfied the venture will pay handsomely.

KAMLOOPS.

Inland Sentinel.

W. Fortune on Monday last brought in a nugget weighing 1 oz. 10½d., found by a Chinaman in the canyon of the Tranquille while sluicing. It is flat and smooth, oval in shape, and is valued at over $25. Mr. Fortune says the Chinaman got another, valued at $4.50, and many pieces of from 25 to 50 cents in value.

A section foreman named Collins was brought to the Kamloops hospital last week, having had his skull fractured by being thrown from a hand car. A portion of the skull had to be removed, and this affects his reason at times, so that a man has to be in attendance all the time. He is doing well.

Men came down a day or two ago from the Cariboo hydraulic at Quesnelle Forks, that mine being closed down for the winter. A few days' run was made after the chief clean up, and the men were preparing for the final one of the season when a large bank of gravel caved in again, burying monitor, flumes and all. Work was thereupon suspended, to be resumed again in the spring. Mr. Tingley brings word that the final clean up at the Horsefly yielded nearly $8,000. The gold came down this week.

Two car loads of thoroughbred cattel, mostly bulls, arrived in Kamloops on Monday, consigned to the Canadian Western Ranching company at Ashcroft. J. D. Prentice, the manager, was up with the intention of having some of them taken off here for the Harper ranch and for H. Bostock, of Ducks, who had bought a number of them. Local representatives of the C. P. R. did not consider themselves authorized to allow this, so the animals were taken through to Ashcroft and some of them brought back the next day. They were a ne lot of cattle, all shorthorns, from some of the best of the breeders in eastern Canada.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner.

The ore shipped by the Evening Star company yielded $33 per ton in gold at the smelter.

The contract for building the water works plant has been let to James A. Clark, who went to work with a strong force of men last Monday. The right of way from Stoney creek has been cleared and the wooden flume to convey the water from Stoney creek has been put down.

One of the best surface showings seen in the camp for some time is that just uncovered on the Georgia. The Georgia is a large piece of ground almost 1,500 feet square, surrounded by the North Star, the Evening Star, the C. & C. and the Iron Horse.

Eugene Germond, of Spokane, has purchased a half interest in the Abe Lincoln. A sample taken from the bottom of the shaft last week ran $48.13 in gold and copper.

The jumpers have been getting in their work again. Most of these people are out for blood money and for nothing else, and if the business is carried much farther the honest miners of the camp will be driven to take radical measures for their protection.

The Le Roi shaft is being sunk at the rate of ten inches a day through solid ore. There is an increase of quartz with depth and a proportionate increase in gold value. Much of this ore runs as high as $80 per ton. It is understood the Le Roi will pay a big dividend about December 1.

Some time ago W. H. Mead, of Spokane, purchased the Hattie Brown for himself and some Boston people. He began development work two weeks ago, and last week uncovered a fine body of ore. At a depth of twelve feet the vein seems to be widening, though already seven or eight feet wide.

Mr. W. de L. Benedict concluded his examination of the Cliff and Con on Tuesday and left on Thursday morning for Vancouver, where he will submit his report to Mr. Barnard, of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields company. Mr. Barnard's option on this property expires December 1, so that we will know very soon whether he is to take it up or not.

F. P. Gutelius, of Butte, arrived this week to take personal charge of the building of the narrow gauge railroad from Rossland to Trail. The surveys of the line have been completed, and things are now almost in readiness for actual construction. Mr. Gutelius said the road would be built immediately if the weather did not interfere. Bids have been invited for the construction and will be opened next Monday.

The Le Roi company has just added a diamond drill to its equipment, and this, driven by an electric motor, is doing some fine prospecing work on the west end of the Le Roi ground. The new drill plant of the War Eagle will soon be installed. It will have a capacity of twenty drills, and will be one of the most substantially constructed plants in the country. This will be in operation by January 1st, and will revolutionize the output of the War Eagle and its associate properties. The Centre Star company will have its seven drill plant ready for service within 30 days. A two drill plant has just been set to work on the Lee and Maid. If the Cliff deal goes through a drill plant will be set up on that property immediately. The same can be said of every mine to be worked by the English syndicate for whom J. H. Clemes is acting. The largest drill plant in the camp will probably be put in for the Kootenay and Columbia. The Trail Mining company, the owners of these properties, will send here for one of the thirty drill compressors now in use by Messrs. Mason, Hoge & Co. on the big Chicago drainage canal. Both the Crown Point and Iron Horse companies have asked for bids on supplying drill plants, and these bids have been handed in. Neither plant will be of less capacity than five drills. Arrangements have been made by both the Josie and the St. Elmo companies to put in compressors.

NEW DENVER

The Ledge.

A Seattle company has two experts in the Slocan looking up desirable investments.

In the Reco mine is found some anglesite or sulphate of lead. It is rare in the Slocan, as this is the only property on which it has been found.

Upwards of 2,000 sacks of ore are ready for shipment at the Dardanelles. This property will be worked as soon as the water is pumped out.

Five outfits are working on Springer creek, and will do so all winter. The Exchange has four men, Howard Fraction eight, Silver Kings No. 3 two, Two Friends two, and the same number at Tamarac.

The first claim in the Slocan was located on September 9, 1891, and recorded September 26. During the balance of that year 191 claims were recorded. In 1892 the number reached 633; in 1893, 398; in 1894, 270, and in 1895, with part of the year yet to be heard from, the number has been 635; making this the banner year since the famous district was discovered.

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance.

It is stated in the Spokesman-Review that the Golden Crown property in the Wellington camp has been purchased by representatives of Marcus Daly for $35,000. This, however, needs confirmation.

Messrs. Mangott and McEcheran have still a force of men pegging away at the development of the east vein of the Morning Star claim at Fairview. The shaft having been dropped down over one hundred feet, drifting was resorted to, which has been carried to quite an extent, with the result that the vein is showing up good and strong, being about eight feet wide and the ore of splendid character.

Although the prospecting season is virtually over for this year, still a few straggling records are being made. Large as have been the number of claims recorded this summer, there is little doubt that next year's work by the prospectors will be just as fruitful, as there is a very large scope of territory to the north, west and east of our established camps that has virtually not as yet been prospected.

A rich new strike has been made on the Mother Lode, Deadwood camp, as a result of the recent development work that is being carried on by Messrs. Schofield and McCormick.

For some time past work has been carried on on the Joe Dandy claim, Fairview camp, and as a reward of patient toil, a few days ago a fine ledge of ore was struck at the bottom of the shaft. This vein of ore was formerly, although very rich, very narrow; now, however, it has suddenly widened out to about two feet, and considering that free gold is frequently met with in the quartz, some idea of the value of the find may be formed.

A large influx of mining men of all grades are making their way up the north fork of Kettle river and into the Boundary creek camps, and quite a number are remaining or investing in properties before leaving.

A few days since a number of interests in some of the principal mining properties on the north fork of Kettle river changed hands. Mr. Richard Cawston purchased a portion of Messrs. Wolff and Miller's interest in the Iron Cap and Volcanic, and Messrs. Manley and Averill the balance of the interests in the same claims, also one-eighth interest in the Wolverine and one-sixteenth interest in the Volcanic and Iron Cap was disposed of by Mr. R. A. Brown to Messrs Manley and Averill.

The terms of the option on the Calumet were that if on or before the 1st of December the intending purchaser would pay into the hands of the owners $500, they would execute a bill of sale which would stipulate that on or before the 15th of July next the balance of $9600 should be paid them. The first of this agreement was carried into effect a few days ago and the bill of sale executed.

The Wolverine, Volcanic and Iron Cap have been leased by the proprietors, Messrs. R. A. Brown, J. A. Manley, W. Averill and R. Cawston, to N. Larsen, of Leadville, Colo., and E. Blewett, of Nebraska, parties representing large smelting interests. The terms of the lease specify that the lessees are to work the mines continuously for a term of 15 years, and on no occasion is work to be suspended for a greater length of time than 30 days or the lease will become null and void. The lessees are also to pay to the lessors one-fourth the net profits derived from the said mines, and are not allowed to accumulate debt against the property. Work is to be commenced on or before the 1st of March next.

VERNON.

Vernon News.

Messrs. Webster, Dennison and McMillen are working on their claims on Deep creek, in Camp Hewitt, and from one of them, the Little Duncan, a most encouraging assay of about 100 ounces in silver to the ton has been recently obtained.

Mr. John Macdonald, better known as "Lardeau Jack," a Kootenay prospector who has been working in this district for the past few weeks, has some fine specimens of gold bearing quartz from a claim recently located by him on the west side of the lake.

Development work is steadily being prosecuted on the mineral claims back of the B X creek, and though no further tests have been made the proprietors appear well satisfied with the appearance of the ledges and the character of the rock.

The predictions of those who prophesied an early and severe winter have up to date come very far from being realized. The weather recently has been as mild as September. There is no frost in the ground and the snow has left even the high hills. In fact, more delightful autumn weather could hardly be imagined.

A scheme has been recently mooted by some of the citizens to acquire the 80 acres of land lying north of the city limits, owned by the Girouard estate. The idea is to utilize it as a public park.

Still another promising mining enterprise is being pushed forward near Port Morden, on the west side of Okanagan lake. Col. Windom and Mr. Gibb, of Calgary, located a ledge in that section several weeks ago, and during the recent visit of Mr. Susman, the C. P. R. mining expert, he paid it a visit and was much impressed with the extent of the ore leads. Since then the owners have done a good deal of development work and have had a gang of four men working at it steadily. They are well satisfied with the prospect, and should the assays, for which they are now waiting, turn out well, they state that they can without difficulty procure capital to any extent required to work the mine and put up a big stamp mill on the premises.

On Saturday night Peter Bessette, of Lumby, died suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Bessette was a native of Quebec, and came here from Montana in the early seventies. At one time he owned the flat where to-day stands this city, and it is of interest to note that for the sum of $20 he disposed of his pre-emption, and threw into the bargain several loads of fence rails which he had cut on it. That was just twenty years ago this fall. He afterwards mined for a time on Cherry creek and then established his home at the extensive hay meadows near what is now the town of Lumby, thus possessing the distinction of being the first white settler in White valley. Here he married in 1875 Mrs. Thomas Christien, who died last summer, and he leaves behind him a large family of nine children, the eldest of whom is only about seventeen years of age. Mr. Bessette was widely known and highly respected.

GOLDEN.

Golden Era.

Captain Armstrong and F. H. Bacon returned on Sunday from a visit to the West Kootenay country, via Spokane. Leaving Canal Flat on November 1st they proceeded to Fort Steele and from there they went to the North Star mine, the property of Mr. D. D. Mann. The ore at this mine is high grade galena, assaying 67 per cent. of lead and 45 ounces of silver. The width of the vein is about 65 feet and shipping ore is found to the extent of 24 feet, 90 per cent. of which can be sent to the smelter. They are at present hoisting 25 tons per day and will shortly be hoisting 50 tons. The ore is valued at $70 per ton. There are several mines in the vicinity of the North Star which are likely to make shipments next year.

WOMEN'S WORK.

The Vancouver Local Council Consider Important Subjects.

Vancouver, Nov. 21.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Local Council of Women of Vancouver was held yesterday at the Vancouver Hotel to meet Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, President of the National Council.

After the ordinary business had been gone through a discussion ensued on the desirability of nominating some ladies for the board of school trustees at the coming election, and of supporting their candidature.

It was stated that the subject had already been before the council and that information had been obtained to the effect that women were not eligible for election in the City of Vancouver. Her Excellency said that she had telegraphed to the Hon. Col. Baker, minister of education, to ascertain the true position of the matter and read his answer to the effect that all women entitled to vote under the school act were also eligible for election as school trustees, and that both married and unmarried women were equally qualified.

It was thereupon unanimously decided that the officers, together with some other members of the council, be appointed as a sub-committee to take immediate steps towards the nomination of suitable women candidates for the board.

It was further decided to invite all the clergy in the city to confer with the members of the executive next Tuesday, Nov. 26th, at the old West End school room at 3 p.m., as to the best means of organizing a wise system for the relief of distress in the city during the coming winter with the co-operation of all churches and all charitable societies.

Arrangements for the annual meeting of the council on the last Friday of January were also adopted.

Mrs. Browning, the treasurer, having resigned her post owing to stress of other work, Mrs. McLagan was elected unanimously by the executive for the remainder of the current year.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

CHEAPER COAL.

Vancouver Firm Commences to Import Coal from the Sound.

Steamer Fingal, which arrived yesterday morning in ballast from Vancouver and loaded with Gilman coal at the bunkers of the Seattle Coal and Iron Company, is employed in war on the British Columbia coal monopoly, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The owners are the McKenzie Bros., of Vancouver, and they will have another small steamer, the Staffa, here in a few days to load with the same coal. The McKenzies are Americans living at Vancouver, and their enterprise has the support of the people of Vancouver, who have been compelled to pay exorbitant prices by the coal mine owners. This also applies to the people of Victoria. There about a year ago a consumers' association was formed, which purchased British Columbia coal in San Francisco and shipped it back at a profit. Then Sound coal was shipped there and the price came down from $8 to $7 a ton. At this rate the United States dealer, despite every kind of opposition, is selling from 40 to 50 tons a day and making a good profit, although he has to pay 65 cents a ton duty.

It was this experience which led the McKenzie Bros. to go into the business. They first endeavored to load with British Columbia coal, but the mine owners put all sorts of obstacles in their way, so they determined to import Sound coal. The people of Vancouver have promised the McKenzie Bros. liberal support. They are thoroughly sick of the coal monopoly that has had them in its power for three or four years. They have to pay cash with their order, and the coal is not delivered for days after, and they justly believe the price is too high. The rate was $7 for a full ton, $4 for half a ton and $2.50 for a quarter of a ton, but the day the Fingal sailed there was a sudden drop to $6.

S. F. McKenzie, one of the brothers, who came down on the Fingal, said they could afford this drop, and, although paying duty, could still make a profit. He believes that they will be able to work up a big trade and help to break up the coal monopoly of British Columbia.

IN MEMORIUM.

Rev. S. Cleaver Refers to the Life and Death of William McKay.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening the ushers required to bring in a large number of chairs to accommodate the congregation that assembled to participate in the memorial service for the late Mr. William McKay.

The Rev. S. Cleaver, B. A., took as his text the 24th verse of the 5th chapter of Genesis: "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for Good took him." After a brief discourse on what was implied in the statement that "Enoch walked with God," the preacher proceeded to set forth the appropriateness of this text when applied to the life and death of Mr. McKay, referring to the unflagging interest of the deceased both in the financial and spiritual interests of the church and every good cause. In illustration of this he referred to the fact that when no one seemed to take any interest in the degraded Indians, that at certain seasons throughout our city Mr. McKay with another gentleman rented an old building that had been used for a saloon, and there they gathered as many as possible of the Indians and preached to them the gospel of Christ. There many were converted to God, and from that beginning the work spread, reaching not a few tribes, and extending as far north as Port Simpson.

Instances were also given of Mr. McKay's strict allegiance to God and the right, even under the pressure of strong temptation. Reference was made to the testimony of business men and politicians, as well as the home and church, to his integrity of character. Though an ordinary man, so far as natural gifts and education were concerned, his extraordinary faith in God enabled him to exert a most marked influence for good on the community in which he lived, and to develop a character that was so well rounded and consistent as to have few parallels in our experience. His end was in keeping with his life; for having thus for many years "walked with God," he passed suddenly home when out walking on the street. Like Enoch, "he was not, for God took him."

SEALERS' COMPENSATION.

Full Text of the Official Correspondence Received at Washington.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The British embassy received to-day from the foreign office full correspondence respecting the claims for compensation on account of British vessels seized in Behring Sea by United States cruisers. Brief cable extracts from reports have appeared, but the correspondence is full of interest as it brings out the spirit with which Sir Julian Pauncefote answered the criticisms of Senator Morgan.

In informing Lord Kimberly that the House of Representatives had defeated the measure for the payment of the claims, Sir Julian wrote: "Strong party feelings would seem alone to account for the rejection of so just and desirable an arrangement, and, as your lordship will have noticed in my dispatches, statements have been made in congress which are entirely misleading both as to laws and facts of the case. It is urged that the present claims are simply made out of indirect damages because they include, in some cases, the loss of profits of the fishery season by sealing vessels, warned out of Behring Sea.

"It is pretended that the great majority of the sealing vessels on behalf of which claims have been made were the property of United States citizens, whereas there is no evidence whatever of any change of ownership in these vessels while all carried the British flag and British registers. There can be no doubt that these statements were calculated to prejudice the minds of many members of Congress, and also to turn public opinion against a settlement of the question, both equitable and advantageous to both parties."

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