Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Anxious to Return.—A British Columbian who has just returned from a visit to London reports having met at the metropolis Arthur Scaife, for many years editor of the Weekly Province, and well-known throughout the province. He is now managing an insurance company in London. Mr. Scaife is making money in London, but hopes to return some day for good to British Columbia.

Valuable Horse Killed.—A valuable horse belonging to Messrs. Cameron and Caldwell, the Johnson street liverymen, was killed on the Gorge road on Sunday afternoon as the result of a runaway accident. The driver having alighted to get the buggy in position to allow an automobile to pass, the animal became frightened and ran away, colliding in its mad rush with a telephone pole, with fatal results to itself.

His Trip Cancelled.—S. Bunner, president of the California Volunteer Firemen's Association, Mrs. Bunner and family, are still in the city. They did not accompany the party to the Sound last evening because of the sudden illness of one of their daughters, who has been taken to St. Joseph's hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis. While here they are guests at the Dominion.

Visitors Entertained.—The visiting members of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of California were entertained during their sojourn in Victoria. On Sunday morning the party was taken up the Arm in rowboats and in the afternoon they "took in" the band concert at Beacon Hill park. They left in the evening for the Sound, after thanking Chief Watson and members of the committee for what they characterized as "a really splendid time."

Interested in British Columbia.—John A. Turner, of Nelson, has just returned from a visit to London. He reports that he called at the agent-general's office several times and found the Hon. J. H. Turner. From the agent-general he learned that a new interest in British Columbia is awakening in the old country and the result of it would be beneficial to this province. The British Columbia offices are crowded daily with anxious enquirers as to conditions in this country.

Chinamen Injured.—At noon on Saturday, while a gang of men were blasting about half a mile below Ladysmith on the Ladysmith-Extension short line, now under construction, a team that was hauling a wagon loaded with piling for a bridge became unmanageable, tipped the wagon over and ran away. Three Chinamen were badly injured. One was sent to the Nanaimo hospital with a fractured thigh, an arm and several ribs. The other two have broken limbs, but are being taken care of in the railway camp.

The Salmon Pack.—The Vancouver World is authority for the statement that a cannery operator confided to it the fact that nearly 100,000 cases more than had been reported hitherto were actually put up. To be exact there are now 725,000 ready for shipment, and with plenty of sockeyes still outside, it is expected that the pack of 800,000, or something pretty near it, will be reached. Friday night and Saturday morning things were remarkably good on North Arm. One boat brought in 355 fish, and several averaged over 200. In fact, there seems to have been quite another rush, just in time to be handled to some extent before the close season of 36 hours began.

Primeval Ox.—Frank Caldwell, of Indianapolis, a recent arrival at Seattle, brought down the skull and horns of an extinct species of ox, found 40 feet below the surface by Charles Patton on claim No. 1 below discovery, Sulphur creek, Klondike camp. So far as is known, this is the largest and most perfect specimen of the giant ox ever found. The measurements of the ox skull and horns are as follows: Horns: Tip to tip, posterior, 6 feet 8 inches; tip to tip, anterior, 5 feet 8 inches; tip to tip, straight across, 4 feet 6 inches; circumference at base, without shell, 1 foot 4 inches; estimated circumference of horn at base during life when covered with shell, 2 feet 1 inch; circumference of eye socket, 1 foot 2 inches; distance between eyes, centre to centre, 1 foot 7 inches.

The Shooting Season.—With the opening of the shooting season only a few days distant, Victoria sportsmen are beginning to prepare to embrace the opportunity thus presented them. As far as can be gathered, deer are numerous, abounding particularly in the Sooke hills and the district surrounding Shawnigan Lake. In addition, ducks become lawful game from September 1. Pheasants, which are reported to be particularly numerous, especially in the Saanich district, will be brought in on the 1st of October by order-in-council. Discussing the prospects, a member of the Fish and Game Club corroborated the report that blue grouse are not plentiful. He explained the fact by stating that the wet weather experienced towards the close of the month of May must have killed off a great many broods. The birds, he said, are just hatching at that period, and such weather could not help but be serious in its effects. According to the same gentleman, willow grouse are more than usually plentiful.

Cornered "Spud" Market.—D. G. Stewart, of Vancouver, has cornered the potato crop of the Ashcroft district. He secured about 60 cars—practically the entire output, with the exception of the Boston Flat crop and that of the Semlin ranch and probably two or three of the small ranches in the neighborhood of Cache Creek, the owners of which are holding for a higher figure. The price paid was $12.50 a ton, which is a good average figure. The potatoes will be shipped to Vancouver and Dawson. Those consigned to the latter place will be loaded at Ashcroft early in September.

Prairie Blossoms.—Five of the prettiest maidens from Calgary and the surrounding district will pay the Dominion Fair a visit as the guests of the exhibition management. The Calgary Herald has opened a popular voting competition for the five most popular young ladies in Calgary and the surrounding country. Voting will continue till September 20, and till that date the supporters of these fair prairie blossoms will be working might and main for their favorites. A sixth lady will also come to the fair on the Herald's bounty, and this one will be the most popular married lady in the district. The one who receives the majority of votes will act as chaperone to the quintette which will invade the Royal City during the Dominion exhibition.

The Tourist Rush.—The handling of the rush of tourist travel both to and from the Portland Fair is taxing the capacity of the Canadian Pacific railway as well as the other transcontinental lines, for the last few days, says the Vancouver Province of Saturday. The second section of the Imperial Limited was reported as 3 hours and 55 minutes late, the delay being announced as due to heavy tourist travel. The handling of some 500 eastbound tourists who arrived in Vancouver by the steamers Princess Victoria and Charmer made strenuous times for the local C. P. R. passenger and baggage departments. Eighteen coaches full of eastbound tourists left last evening on the two sections of the Imperial Limited, while two more coaches were attached at Mission.

Mr. Springett's Departure.—A. R. Springett, who has been associated with Edgar Dewdney for the past year in Victoria, B. C., has gone to take charge of the properties belonging to the Canadian Land & Ranch Co., Ltd., with headquarters at Crane Lake, Saskatchewan, says the Winnipeg Free Press. It was only a year or two ago Mr. Springett moved with his family to take up his permanent residence in Victoria, after the death of Mr. Andrews, the late cattle rancher of whose property he had been in charge, expecting to make Victoria his permanent home. He has interests both on Vancouver Island and on the Mainland, and it was only after considerable pressure from Mr. Eden, the managing director of the company in England, that he consented to take charge of the properties after the death of Mr. Andrews, the late efficient manager.

An Indian's Treasure.—Dr. Atlyin, one of the best known Siwash doctors on the coast, and a son of King George, the famous chief of the Clayoquots, has a document, 50 years old, which he cannot read, but which he treasures more than he would the whole wealth of British Columbia. It is a document bearing the seals of a notary public and issued in the days when British Columbia was a crown colony and not a province. Atliyu keeps the paper as an heirloom and he sets great store by it. He recently lent the document to Rev. Mr. Stone, Methodist missionary to the Clayoquot Indians. This much-thumbed piece of paper bears the date of August 7, 1855, and is addressed from Clayoquot Sound. It was originally written by William Banfield, and is a letter of recommendation declaring that the Indian was "one of the best Indians I have ever met and the best friend of a white man."

To Tour Island.—Messrs. D. W. and A. S. Iddings, two very bright and enterprising newspaper men, special writers for leading American magazines, will arrive in Victoria in a few days for the purpose of preparing to start out on another tour of Vancouver Island. Last year they made a trip covering a large portion of the northern interior, and a new route will be chosen this season. The technical information gained in the trip will be recorded in the bulletins of the National Geographical Society and the American Geographical Society, and the more popular writings will be communicated to the magazines and the newspaper press of Ohio, to a syndicate of papers, in which state the travelers will send a daily letter. In recognition of the work done by them during last summer, Messrs. Iddings were elected members of the National Geographical Society and fellows of the American Geographical Society.

The Pacific Cable.—The Electrician (London) complains of the peculiar tone which prevails in the report of the Pacific cable conference. It says: "It seems to be taken for granted that the Pacific cable board should receive preferential treatment from colonial governments as compared with that meted out to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, but it was only by the enterprise of this company that telegraphic communication with Australasian colonies was established at all. The company's Australasian business was thirty-two years old before the home and colonial governments decided to lay the Pacific cable. The company's service is an admittedly efficient one, and finally the company is an essentially British one. It is customary to refer to the subsidy granted to the Eastern Extension Company by Australia, but this subsidy, it should be pointed out, was not granted until the company's service had been ten years in active work. It was then ordered that the company should provide a duplicate cable to ensure certainty of service, before the traffic warranted the outlay on their part."

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Agricultural Editors.—The party of agricultural editors who are on a tour of the west left St. Paul Monday night. There are about fifty American editors in the party, the tourists traveling in two Pullman cars, with a special diner attached.

Magistrate at Ladysmith.—Notice will be given in the next issue of the Gazette of the appointment of Russell Simpson, barrister, of Ladysmith, to the position of police magistrate at that town.

Yukon Council.—Governor McInnes will tomorrow convene the Yukon council, August 24 being the date set for the opening of the session. Much important work for the Yukon will be undertaken. The session may last a week or two.

Through Hope Mountains.—Advices from Nelson are to the effect that reliable information has been received there which declares that Great Northern surveyors west of Princeton are locating a line to open an old survey through the Hope mountains.

Mining Activity.—There is a quite a revival of activity in mining along the coast. Two mines will shortly resume actve operations at Van Anda and word has been received from Shoal Bay that a rich strike had been made by Alex. Wright. As a consequence all the old claims staked at the time of the boom there towards the end of the 90's have been re-located.

Bush Fires Checked.—The rain of last week has put an end to the damage which was being wrought up the coast by bush fires, according to advices brought down by the steamer Venture. No further danger from this source is now feared, as, even if the weather should again become warm, the heavy dews at night will be sufficient to keep them in check.

The Close Season.—The close season for trap fishing in the straits will set in tomorrow. With many of the trap men there has already been a suspension of operations, and at a number of points the nets are being lifted and the piles removed preparatory for the winter. Bell, Irving & Company, of Vancouver, have already shifted their plant into storage and others are following suit.

Logger Injured.—Suffering from a broken leg, a logger named Stephens was picked up at Alert Bay by the steamer Venture, which was southbound. The man was taken to the Vancouver city hospital, where the injured leg was set. A log rolled on Stephens' leg at Ford's camp, on Broughton Island. Stephens was taken from the logging camp to Alert Bay in a rowboat.

Mysterious Disappearance.—W. R. Cuthbertson, who mysteriously disappeared a few weeks ago and is thought to have been drowned, was one of the best known mining engineers of the Yukon. He spent several years in Dawson and had charge of heavy investments, several of which are yielding good returns. On No. 80 below on Bonanza he installed a plant with a conveyor for handling the gravel which is now being worked successfully.

Laborers Scarce.—L. E. Shields, the well-known Great Northern railway contractor, in an interview said: "There is a great difficulty in getting men for construction work at present. There is much railway building all through the West in addition to this. Laborers are being paid $2.25 per day for street work in St. Paul, Minn." He further added that it would be well on in October before the construction work from Midway west was finally under way.

McInnes Creek.—W. W. B. McInnes, the newly appointed governor of the Yukon, is to have his name imperishably engraved on the annals of the great Golden North, as will be seen from the following paragraph taken from a Dawson exchange just to hand: "McInnes creek is the scene of the newest strike. Men have staked and applied for ground on the creek, and a stampede may take place soon. The creek enters Indian twelve miles above the mouth of Indian. The creek has just been named by the recorder."

Writing Up Province.—Messrs. John P. McConnell, John Innes and John Miller have just reached the coast. They have been touring the interior of British Columbia in the interests of a newspaper syndicate and making illustrated write-ups of portions of the province not so well known to the outside world, their articles appearing simultaneously in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Mr. McConnell is the right bower on the writing and Mr. Innes does the illustrating.

Grand Aerie.—Says the Winnipeg Free Press of Saturday last: The Grand Aerie of Eagles at Regina elected grand officers as follows: Hon. Henry Davis, Cleveland, O., grand president; Ed. Kraus, grand vice-president; A. E. Partridge, grand secretary. It took five hours to decide the presidency. The other grand officers will be elected today. There are four candidates for treasurer and ten candidates for grand trustee. Von Rhein, of Victoria, and W. J. O'Connor, of Winnipeg, are both nominated, but neither are likely to be elected.

An Exploring Trip.—Messrs. Daniel W. and Andrew S. Iddings of Dayton, Ohio, two prominent American publicists and scientists, have left for the north on a two months' exploration trip. The young men are on their fourth successive tour of Canada since the summer of 1902, when they visited the Peace river country. Their writings enjoy a high regard in the minds of the foremost magazine editors of the United States, of which they are members, and the American Geographical Society, which has elevated them to the distinction of Fellows. On returning they will tour the interior of Vancouver island.

The Fruit Industry.—Told at Nelson of the rapid development of the fruit-growing industry, W. R. Callaway, freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., said: "That is very good news. If the fruit product keeps on growing, we'll have to supply a refrigerator car service to handle it. Fruit should be a great source of wealth to British Columbia. The Coast district, the Island, Okanagan and Nelson districts should be able to produce a lot of fruit for export. And the best market in the world is ready made right at your doors. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with their fast increasing populations, will take all the fruit that British Columbia can grow and pay good prices for it."

To Build G. T. P.—The National Construction Company has entered into a contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to build their line from Winnipeg to the Pacific ocean, as well as the branch line from Fort William and Lake Superior junction. This corporation, which is composed of leading capitalists and railway men, will in consequence be very much in evidence during the next ten years, or at least while the new highway to the Pacific is under construction. It is to the National Construction Company that all the tenders now being asked for are to be addressed. This method is being adopted by nearly all the large railways in this country. It will be remembered that Sir William Van Horne first became known in Canada as the manager of the North American Construction Company, a corporation that was formed at the time to build the Canadian Pacific.

Yukon Telegraphs.—The extent of the great forest fires which have swept portions of British Columbia the last few weeks is told in an interview by J. Y. Rochester, superintendent of the government telegraph system, extending from Ashcroft to Dawson, and on to Forty-Mile. "Our telegraph lines," says Mr. Rochester, "are being kept up as best as possible under the many arbitrary conditions which we have to fight. This summer forest fires in Southern British Columbia have been our greatest annoyance. Over a stretch of 600 miles the fire has raged for weeks, making the place a living furnace. We hope that there will be no more trouble on that same stretch, now that the timber is burned. The Port Simpson branch was greatly damaged by the forest fires, but we have that branch also well in hand again. As to talk of a proposed wireless system and the like, I have nothing to say. I know of none such being contemplated by our government."

Work on Hotel.—Although only a comparatively small force of men are at work on the big C. P. R. hotel, excellent progress is being made with the huge undertaking. Most of the brick facing for the basement at the front of the structure has been laid; and on the north wing a half-dozen courses of stone are already in position. The most up-to-date mechanical appliances are being utilized for the handling of the heavy material which is to go into the building, and as these are great labor-saving devices, the number of men which would otherwise be employed is much reduced.

C. P. R. Officials.—Messrs. Robert Kerr, W. R. MacInnes and F. W. Peters, respectively passenger traffic manager, freight traffic manager and assistant freight traffic manager of the Western lines of the C. P. R., who are now touring the West on annual inspection, are in Seattle. After spending a few days on the Sound the party will come to Victoria, reaching here on Saturday next. Mr. E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent, and Mr. B. W. Greer, general freight agent of the C. P. R., are now with the party of Eastern officials, and will remain with them throughout the tour.

Heavy Oat Crop.—W. H. Ker of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., reports that it is probable the oat crop of Lulu Island will this year be 50 per cent. greater than any previous record, but until the threshing is over it is impossible to make an accurate estimate. Everything points to an equally great increase in the 1906 crop. At the present time new areas of land never before cultivated are being ploughed and burned with the surface soil. The whole island has lately been shrouded in the smoke of these burnings, and the results will be seen next season in wide stretches of grain fields.

Late Strawberries.—M. Young, of the New England hotel, Government street, is again showing a magnificent sample of late strawberries grown by J. Greenhalgh in the North Victoria district, adjoining Mr. Palmer's property. The berries are fine in point of size, regular in form, and deep and well ripened; red in color, in taste delicious, firm and somewhat fleshy, and of the true, unmistakable strawberry flavor. They cost Mr. Young 35 cents per pound, but such an unusually fine sample of fruit at such an unusual time of year is considered well worth it. It is hoped that this new species will soon be brought into general cultivation and become in the near future a regular product, instead of, as at present, a freak.

Druggists' Combine.—T. M. Henderson, of Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, was seen yesterday in regard to the report from St. John, N.B., to the effect that a majority of the wholesale drug houses were proposing a combine with a capital of $6,000,000. Mr. Henderson confirmed the report insofar that an effort had been made for the last two or three years at the annual meetings of the Druggists' Association to form a joint stock company, but as far as he knew nothing further had been done. The annual meeting for this year had been held in the latter part of June, when it was likely that the subject had been brought up, which had started this report. But he did not know whether the project would go through or not.

Re the Lazaretto.—Dr. Fagan, chief of the health department of the provincial government, who left en route to Europe on Saturday last, will confer with the authorities at Ottawa upon matters affecting his department and especially concerning the Darcy Island lazaretto. He may also visit the Tracadie establishment at New Brunswick for the sake of information and comparison. Before his return it will in all probability be decided finally whether it be more desirable now and for the future to transfer patients suffering from this disease to the Dominion lazaretto at Tracadie or to establish a similarly equipped establishment on Darcy Island capable of dealing in the most humane manner possible with this class of sufferer and supplying them with the attendance of which they stand in need.

"The Western Fever."—Interviewed at Winnipeg on his return from the coast, Hon. George H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, who was here the other day, said: "Yes, I had a pleasant trip, a very pleasant trip, and all members of our party were equally delighted. Your west is a magnificent country. I am sure it has a wonderful future; indeed, it has a very wonderful present. If I were to say all I think you would say I had been smitten with the western fever. "But each province has its own particular strong points and advantages. Well for us that it is so—the whole country has then a chance of greatness. It would be most unfortunate were the best of everything gathered in one point. The west has so many best things, however, that, proud as one may have been before of his heritage as a Canadian, he ought to be doubly proud after he has traversed the chain of provinces from Atlantic to Pacific."

Re American Silver.—No definite action has yet been taken towards the exportation of American silver from Canada, which was decided upon by the Dominion government several months ago. It is certain, however, that the decision will be acted upon as soon as arrangements can be made. The situation in British Columbia is thus set forth by a banker: "No, I have received no official notification yet, but I think it is certain to come. It is not merely that the silver coins are inconvenient and expensive to handle. The acceptance of American silver at its face value represents a big profit to the United States and a corresponding loss to Canada. The American dollar is worth a little over 50 cents and its present purchasing power is one dollar. I couldn't say what part of the silver in circulation in Canada is American, but I think that in British Columbia it must amount to nearly 75 per cent."

Market for Hides.—Farmers and ranchers of Vancouver Island will shortly be provided with a new market for the hides of slaughtered cattle. Charles G. Bennett, manager of the Fraser River Tannery Co., whose works are now in course of construction on the South Westminster side of the river, states that he will be willing to purchase all the hides that the farmers are able to dispose of. It is the intention of the company to cater to British Columbia trade. As they expect to do most of their business in this province, they also intend to get, as far as possible, their materials in the province also. The big boiler will be installed next week, and the machinery is expected to arrive in the near future. The plant when completed will represent a total outlay of in the neighborhood of $60,000.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Will Send Exhibit.—George Greig, secretary of the Western Canadian Live Stock Association, has interested the breeders of pure bred stock in Manitoba to make an exhibit at the Dominion Fair at New Westminster. Already six carloads of pure bred stock have been secured for an exhibit, and it is believed that the Manitoba men will be in a position to make a good showing.

Tenders for Machinery.—F. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, is calling for tenders which will be received up till noon of September 11th for the supplying of fog alarm machinery. Specifications can be seen and forms of tender procured at the agency of the department at Victoria.

Address Wanted.—Miss Matilda Normandy of Wyandotte, Mich., is anxious to locate Mr. Robert Richards, who was last heard of in British Columbia. Mr. Richards is supposed to have gone to the Yukon with a shipment of horses owned by a man named McGillivray. Mr. Richards is of short, chunky build, and aged about twenty-five years.

Bodies Not Recovered.—Rev. E. Pugh and wife of Lytton are visiting the coast cities. Mr. Pugh states that the bodies of five Indians who perished in the recent disastrous land-slide at Spence's Bridge have not been recovered. The injured, six in number, have been conveyed to the hospital at Lytton, where they are making as satisfactory progress as could be expected.

Miners Disappointed.—A rumor appears somehow to have got abroad that the Fraser is very low at Lytton and neighboring points at the present time, and as a result large numbers of people are going up there with the intention of washing for gold on the numerous bars. The water, according to Rev. E. Pugh, of Lytton, is unusually high at present, so that gold seekers are meeting with disappointment. Mr. Pugh thinks that low water need not be expected till November or December next.

Coming to British Columbia.—Mr. E. M. Burwash, son of Chancellor Burwash of Victoria University, will leave Toronto shortly for New Westminster, to take a professorship in Columbian Methodist college, in the science department. He will bring with him all the scientific apparatus employed by Victoria university when it was located at Coburg and before its affiliation with Toronto university. This apparatus has been presented by Victoria university to the sister college.

Inspected Coast Timber.—G. D. Mackay, the newly appointed timber fire ranger, has just returned from a visit up the coast. He made an inspection as far as Drury inlet, and finds that the fires in the forests have done comparatively little damage this year. Most of the fires have been on land which had been logged over, and there naturally the results were not worth mentioning. At Port Neville and Granite Bay fairly large camp fires occurred, and at Paterson's camp the damage was apparent.

Painful Accident.—Wm. Haulgrain, second mate of the steamer Venture, was recently the victim of a painful accident. He was engaged in superintending the unloading of some salmon at Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf, and while standing near an open hatchway lost his balance and fell into the hold. He was removed to the hospital, where it was found that several ribs had been fractured. His injuries were attended to and he is now getting along nicely.

Salt Higher.—Owing to the demand for salt to be used in fish curing purposes in the north it is now materially higher in price in wholesale quantities. On the steamer Venture, which sailed for the northern coast Tuesday night, there was forwarded a big shipment intended for the cargo of the Japanese vessel now loading fish in Alaska. With what she received here and that taken aboard in Vancouver the steamer carries 300 tons of salt. The result of so large a shipment on the local market has had its effect to raise the price from $10 to $12.50 per ton.

Farewell Party.—At Ladysmith on Monday evening nearly forty well-known residents of the city sat down to a dinner given in token of friendship and good wishes, to a well-known and favorite citizen of Ladysmith, David Murray, who has taken his departure for the northern gold fields, expecting to make that section his home. The number of friends present was gauged by the capacity of the lunch rooms of the opera house. Every seat was filled and the committee would very gladly have extended invitations to others who were not present had there been accommodations. As it was, invitations were confined mostly to Mr. Murray's oldest friends.

A Tiny Mortal.—One of the tiniest mortals in the world has arrived in Vancouver. It is a little parcel of humanity, weighing only one and one quarter pounds. That is its present weight, but when the newcomer from the land of Lilliput first made its appearance it tipped the scales at the pound mark. This wee baby is at St. Luke's Home and has occasioned a considerable amount of interest among the medical fraternity. It is not exceptional that such a diminutive infant should be born, but the extraordinary circumstance is that it has not only succeeded in surviving for nearly two weeks, but there are excellent prospects for the baby's life being prolonged for the ordinary span of human existence.

A Lively Town.—It is said a petition is being circulated in Steveston praying the government to take cognizance of an extraordinary condition prevailing at that town. According to the Vancouver Province the petition recites: "The moral condition is in a fearful state. Gambling houses are run wide open, with signs over the doors and tents inviting people in. Houses for prostitution are also wide open, without any attempt to cover up their calling. Hotels are open at all hours on Sunday. The council and police have full knowledge of this, and it seems that the council of Richmond are running the police court for revenue only, without a thought or care for law or order; in fact they are making themselves partners in crime, gambling and prostitution."

The Game Laws.—Following are extracts from the game laws of interest to sportsmen: Open September 1 to March 1—Duck, snipe, bittern, meadow lark, heron, plover. September, October, November, December—Kill grouse, prairie chicken and ptarmigan, bulls of moose, elk, aribou, wapiti and rabbits. September 1 to December 15—Deer, mountain goat, or ram of big-horn. November 1 to March 31, take land otter and marten. Bag limit—Five antelope, two elk or wapiti, two moose, five goat, three sheep, 250 duck, 250 snipe, one season. Sell only—Duck, snipe, heron and plover between September 1 and February 28. Sell only goat, moose, big-horn or caribou October, November, December, also hare. Buck deer, September 1 to November 15.

First Exhibitor.—"Sir" William Ladner, the veteran breeder of thoroughbred cattle in the Delta, and a well-known old-timer of British Columbia, has the honor of being the first exhibitor to make entry in the livestock shop of the 1905 Dominion Fair. Since the announcement that the great national exhibition would be held in New Westminster this fall Sir William has been very active in stirring up interest in the exhibits and now he has set the pace for stock breeders by entering forty-one head of shorthorns. Sir William, who is vice-president of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society, under whose auspices the big exhibition is being held, will ride one of his finest looking horses on the grounds and will be a picturesque figure among the notables who will be seen in New Westminster during the fair.

Canners' Problems.—Mainland canners are now debating whether they will have to meet the increase in prices set by outsiders. The latter are setting a purse-breaking pace for the former. The increase was started last Friday morning by the independent canners, who offered 12½ cents. That rate held, with few exceptions, until Tuesday morning, when the independent buyers fell to fighting among themselves over prices, with the result that bids ran up as high as 16½ cents. Associated canners claim that at the last mentioned figure thousands of fish which should have gone to their canneries went to the independent plants.

Inspecting Inlet.—Asked as to the objective points of his party's northern exploratory trip, Andrew S. Iddings, of Dayton, Ohio, said: "We will cruise up Knight Inlet in a 35-foot sloop which has been specially equipped for the trip. Our Indian guides, one of whom accompanied us through the Peace river district in 1902, will join us at Fort Rupert. We are making the trip for the purpose of visiting the unexplored glaciers in the vicinity of Knight's Inlet. We expect to be absent about eight weeks and will return from Knight's Inlet in our sloop, calling in at the various points en route south."

Yukon River Falling.—The Yukon river between White Horse and Dawson has commenced to fall. Advices regarding the condition of the stream as late as Thursday last are to the effect that the water was dropping in the Fifty-mile at White Horse at the rate of an inch a day. The lowering of the water in the upper river at this rate means that shippers desirous of getting through goods into Dawson before the close of navigation will have to be quick about putting their freight on the road. With the falling of the water the river steamers of the White Pass route will be forced to take smaller cargoes from White Horse, with the result that as the end of the season of navigation approaches a congestion of late-shipped goods will occur at White Horse and hundreds of tons of freight sent north a little later than "the last moment" will be held at White Horse all winter.

Invited to Australia.—J. S. Larke, agent at Australia, in a statement made at Toronto the other day, said he was authorized by the president of the United Chambers of Commerce to invite Canada to send out representatives there next year and was sure they would be equally glad if the manufacturers came in a body. The Australian manufacturers were Britons and strong preferentialists. They had done nothing in that direction because the governments had gone in and out like figures in an Irish dance, but the leaders of all the parties were in favor of a preferential tariff. The export trade of Canada should be extended. Its manufacturers were simply packers of produce. To increase the trade they should aim at a great export agency, with a capital of a quarter of a million, to take the goods off the manufacturers' hands for cash, and they should do the trade in their own ships. The Canadians should study to find out what they would give Australia in return for the advantages they sought, for there would be found a sympathetic people, who would do their best to stimulate trade between the countries.

Fills Long-felt Want.—That the new Queen's hospital opened at Rock Bay, up the northern coast, under the auspices of the Anglican Missionary society, was a much needed institution is evidenced by the fact that ever since the first few days after the opening the hospital has been full. Lately the accommodation has been so severely taxed that private rooms have been turned into wards and extra beds put in for the large number of patients who would otherwise have had to make a lengthy journey south for treatment. Among the patients who are being treated at present is a woman who, when she entered the hospital, beheld another white woman for the first time in three years. She lives in an out-of-the-way settlement up the coast and is suffering from a badly scalded foot.

Sad Accident.—News comes from Kamloops of a sad accident which occurred on Monday afternoon, Alfred Sanford, aged 17, and his baby brother, aged 2 years, being drowned in the South Thompson river within sight of their distracted mother. It appears that the two brothers were in a buggy and drove down to the water's edge to give the horse a drink. There is a shelving beach of gravel at the point where they went, but a short distance out the river deepens very suddenly, a nasty hole being caused by a strong eddy there. Unfortunately the horse, in its eagerness to drink, went too far out and reached the hole. In trying to save itself the animal made a quick turn, upsetting the buggy and throwing the two boys into the water, at the same time plunging into the hole. The scene was heartrending. Mrs. Sanford, in a paroxysm of grief, uttering piercing cries, threw herself into the river and had to be forcibly pulled back. Both parents are prostrated by the shock of their sad loss and much sympathy is felt for them.

Arguing Law In Collins Case

W. J. Taylor, K.C., Advances Points of Law in Favor of Accused Lawyer.

Oath Not Being Required by Canadian Law Perjury Could Not Be Charged.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The habeas corpus proceedings brought before Mr. Justice Duff by George D. Collins, who was committed for extradition to San Francisco on Saturday by Judge Lampman, were continued yesterday, when Mr. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for the prisoner argued law points in connection with the case.

Mr. Taylor contended that the oath upon which the charge of perjury against Mr. Collins was based was not required by the laws of Canada and therefore there could be no crime predicated against its maker under the laws of Canada.

That the words in the criminal code "authorized or required" in relation to perjury had a meaning derived from the common law prior to the code. A false statement upon oath might then have produced three different effects upon the maker of the oath—if in a judicial proceeding, it was perjury; if not, and the oath were required by some statute or rule of common law, a misdemeanor; if not in a judicial proceeding or required by law, liability to civil action at the suit of the party aggrieved. The code abolished the distinction between felonies and misdemeanors, and grouped in one clause a definition combining the effect of the two. In order to do so it became necessary to repeat the words "authorized or required by law" in order to include misdemeanors within the term perjury. The requirement of an oath is now an essential, as formerly, in order to found a charge of perjury. The law of British Columbia does not require an oath in verification of a pleading. An affidavit for such purpose would be an impertinence amounting to a contempt of court, but it would not be perjury. The acts charged must by the provisions of the Extradition Act amount to a crime according to the laws of Canada. The acts charged here, if committed in Canada, would not be perjury, because the oath was neither authorized nor required here.

His lordship, however, intimated that it was a question of fact, rather than of law, as to the requirement of the oath according to the practice of the Californian courts.

Mr. Taylor held there was no authority for such an oath as that alleged to have been made by the accused, and perjury could not be assigned. He also took up the point that the facts as testified to by the witness Henry, the San Francisco notary, did not constitute the administration of an oath. In going before the notary with a paper already signed, holding up his hand and saying, "I swear to that," and paying the fee required after the notary had affixed his seal, the accused had not taken an oath. It was necessary that he touch the scriptures before he could be sworn. There was, however, a distinction between affirmation and an oath. The jurat of the affidavit made by Collins stated that it was sworn to, not affirmed.

Mr. Taylor also dwelt upon the evidence of the accused in the extradition proceedings when, he said, the commissioner had ignored the evidence of accused that Charlotta Newman was not his wife when he contracted the marriage with Clarice McCurdy, his present wife.

As to Former Marriage

With regard to the former marriage, there was no attempt made to contradict the accused upon this point. The judge was in the position of a magistrate upon a preliminary hearing of an indictable offence. The Extradition Act so stated. A magistrate was not justified in comparing conflicting testimony, weighing or assigning degrees of credibility to such testimony. That was the function of a trial judge or jury. When an antecedent fact was introduced and not contradicted, and did not in any way conflict with the testimony of the prosecution nor have an effect inconsistent with that testimony, the magistrate was not entitled arbitrarily to disregard such fact. The antecedent fact by operation of law removed the element of criminality. If any other rule were applied, the magistrate might disregard the most conclusive and complete testimony, thereby assuming a jury's functions.

The afternoon session was entirely devoted to the argument of the law points with regard to the admissibility of the oath under the laws of Canada.

Canadian Law the Test

The facts deposed must be measured by the law of Canada. The Extradition Act so stated, and the treaty as well. An act which might be criminal in California and amount there to perjury might not amount to perjury in Canada, and would not constitute an extraditable offence, and vice versa. It might so happen that a fugitive might successfully resist surrender in one state of the union and be surrendered from another for the reason that the law of one might impose the requirement of an oath and the other not. In the same way an American fugitive might be safe in England and be surrendered by Canada, for the reason that the treaty and the Extradition Act following it declared that the facts must constitute an offence at the place where the fugitive was apprehended. In England the materiality of the false allegation must be proved, otherwise no perjury could be assigned, whereas in Canada the criminal code dispensed with the necessity of proof of the materiality of the allegation. If a demand were made for a fugitive in England, among other facts proof would have to be given by the prosecution of the materiality of the false allegation before surrender. Canada would surrender without such proof. The reason of that was that the place of apprehension was declared to be the place of adjudication of criminality. While it might be assumed that the affidavit were made in a court in British Columbia, it could not be assumed that the courts of British Columbia or the laws of British Columbia had some added effect by reason of the fact that some law in California may require some incidents omitted in the British Columbia laws. Otherwise the effect would be that the British Columbia laws would not be a certain quantity, but would be variable, fluctuating in response to the variations that existed in foreign laws. Criminality would not be measured by our laws, but by foreign laws. Precisely what the code had declared should not be.

The case was remanded until Friday morning, owing to his lordship being required to go to Vancouver today.

A despatch to the Vancouver World from a special correspondent in Victoria says: "A new and sensational element has presented itself in the case, an allegation by Collins, indorsed by his Canadian counsel, that overtures were made to the prisoner just prior to the handing down of Judge Lampman's orders for surrender to the effect that if he would pay in full the expenses and disbursements incurred to date by the prosecution in the proceedings against him here and in California, all further proceedings would be abandoned. Collins is said to have flatly rejected these proposals, which came from one of the San Franciscans now here in furtherance of the state's case.

The prosecution deny this, likewise the defence. Yesterday Mr. Collins was asked if he had made the allegation and he replied that he had not; he had heard nothing about it until he saw the Vancouver paper. Mr. Frank Higgins, counsel for the prosecution, said tersely, "It is a lie." Mr. R. V. Whiting, assistant district attorney of San Francisco, said: "There is not a word of truth in it." Detective Gibson, the only other San Franciscan now here in connection with the case, said: "Someone must have dreamed that."

Pacific Coast Happenings

Extensive Fire In Portland Does $150,000 Worth of Damage.

Federal Irrigation Scheme May Result in Trouble at Yakima.

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(Special)—A disastrous fire, having its start in a restaurant on the north side of East Stark street, in East Portland, did about $150,000 worth of damage early this morning. The blaze destroyed a large number of shacks and some of the old-time business blocks of Portland. The burned district comprises about four blocks of that section of the city, built on piling, and a number of the city streets were destroyed by the flames. The insurance will cover one half of the loss.

The resolution proposed yesterday before the national immigration congress concerning foreign immigration was today overridden by the sense of the meeting as tending to inject politics into the affairs of the congress. The congress today listened to addresses by a number of experts on the subject of reclaiming the arid lands.

Irrigation Troubles

North Yakima, Wn., Aug. 22.—(Special)—Before irrigation troubles in the Yakima valley are settled, it may be necessary to call out federal troops to prevent the destruction of government dams and irrigation ditches. The government ditch to irrigate the Yakima Indian reservation is draining the Yakima river of water, and the crops of farmers are said to be drying up under the scorching rays of the summer sun. Superintendent Lynch of the reservation states that he will not heed restraining orders supplied for by the irrigation companies to prevent him from using the river water. The stream is always very low at this time of the year.

The Anacortes Pack

Bellingham, Aug. 22.—(Special)—A Herald special from Anacortes today says the official figures on the sockeye pack of that place value it at $1,435,967.20. The entire year's pack is placed at over $1,750,000. The figures on the pack are given as follows: Sockeyes, 275,000 cases; humpbacks, 26,000 cases; all other fish (estimated), 75,000 cases. This year compensates for all slack seasons of the past four years.

Everett won today from Bellingham by a score of 11 to 8. Umpire McRae, taking exception to criticism, quit the field for a time.

The Canadian Parliamentary Guide, published by A. J. Magurn, Ottawa, is now ready. This is the successor of the well-known Parliamentary Companion, that, like everything else Canadian, it has grown considerably, having reached 465 pages, covering all the latest political intelligence concerning Canadian cabinets, the Canadian parliament, all the provincial legislatures, members of the privy council not of the cabinet, the political complexion of every federal constituency in Canada from Confederation down, the composition of the various international tribunals where Canada is represented, a list of officials in the provinces and the Yukon, the party platforms in Ontario, particulars of transportation commission, transcontinental commission, the militia council, a list of all those Canadians, civil and military, who have received titles or decorations, the table of precedence for Canada, the rule as to the use of the title "Honorable," and a large amount of information not available in any other form.

The death occurred on Tuesday evening at the family residence, Nanaimo, of Lucinda Marie O'Brian, beloved daughter of Mrs. D. G. Daly, aged 19 years and 11 months. Deceased was born in Nanaimo and up to about two years ago was in good health and one of the loveliest of Nanaimo's daughters. She then took sick with a slowly wasting disease and since then has got gradually worse. Every effort was made to arrest the progress of the disease but without success, and for the past several months the family have been sadly waiting for the end to come. Deceased leaves one brother, Clarence O'Brian, besides her mother, Mrs. Daly, stepfather, Mr. D. G. Da