

## PROVINCIAL NEWS

**Vancouver Swindler Sentenced to a Year's Imprisonment—Colonel Peterson Departs.**

**Preparation for the Forthcoming Agricultural Exhibition at Westminster.**

**Mr. McLeod Reports a Famine Probable at Dawson and Fever Rampant.**

**Death of a Klutchnan—Collection in Aid of Discharged Miners.**

Vancouver, Sept. 2.—A man calling himself Dr. Roberts, who gave bogus checks for his board bill at the Commercial hotel, was taken to Westminster yesterday, where he received a sentence of one year's imprisonment at hard labor.

Prof. Saunders is on his way to the Coast, accompanied by a party of British scientists, who have been attending the Yukon convention. The party is expected to leave for the Yukon tomorrow.

Mr. Noose, Japanese consul for Canada, has received a private letter from a friend in Japan in which it stated that Canadian Commissioner Anderson was being royally received in that country, and that he would receive a big reception at every place he visited in Japan.

The Dominion Developing and Mining Co., Vancouver, declared a dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share today from the proceeds of the sale of 100,000 shares Golden Cache stock.

Vancouver, Sept. 3.—The Jockey Club held a very successful meet to-day at Hastings. Every race was fought to a finish and every finish was under the whip. The results were:

One and a half mile run, Mr. Woodrow's Catalogue.

Five-eighths of a mile run, Salem 1st, Major 2nd, Dewdrop 3rd.

Bugle race, Mr. Rose's Jenny, 3.10. Colt trot, E. P. Queen's Stormount Junior, 3.15.

Two-thirty trot unfinished; Fanny Putnam two heats, Barnacle two heats. Best time 2:36.

W. F. Gibson has resigned his position of superintendent on the Alpha Bell, Lillooet, to look after his own claims.

The Alpha Bell claims are showing up magnificently. Work on both the Golden Cache and Surprise veins is rapidly progressing. The quartz on the former in appearance would prove to be the identical vein of the Golden Cache. The rock of the Surprise claim is very rich in free gold.

The Vancouver Board of Trade are advertising in a number of newspapers that the mines of Clondyke and Stewart river are in Canada.

## STEVENSON.

(From our own correspondent.)  
Stevenson, Sept. 3.—The Appeals have been postponed against Judge Pierson's decision in the case of Dr. Soga and in the revenue tax cases. The result of both will be looked for with much interest. As already stated, a total amount of about \$900, and the fight will be between the Victoria council, who are the appellants, and the provincial government. Mr. G. E. Corbould, Q.C., is acting for the council.

Another case of great importance to our fishermen came before Judge Pierson to-day, arising out of the non-success of the season's fishing. The circumstances were as follows: Erickson, a boatbuilder and fisherman, got materials from Malcolm & Windsor (Ltd.), with which he built two substantial boats from the catch of the season. He sold one boat to Singer, another fisherman, who agreed to pay the price of his boat and other things he got from his catch of fish. The boat was sold for \$75. He got judgment against the fishermen for this amount, but he also seeks to hold Malcolm & Windsor liable for it, and alleges an implied contract with them to see him paid his third, as the fishermen have drawn nothing beyond "grub" allowances, and all the rest has gone against the previously incurred accounts. On these accounts it appears there are still considerable unpaid balances, and both boats and nets are held by the company to secure the payment of these balances. After argument, the case was adjourned till Friday to allow Mr. Shobotham, for the plaintiff, to put in references in support of his contention for implied contract. The decision in this case will rule a number of others. Mr. Senkler, barrister, of Vancouver, appeared for the company.

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among citizens the larger general question. But the matter is sub judice. Mr. Graves, butcher, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs for a breach of the health regulations in connection with his slaughter house at Eburne. The magistrate to-day gave judgment in favor of the defendants, Malcolm & Windsor, Limited, in the suit at the instance of the boat puller, Starkey, holding that no evidence had been given to support the idea of a contract, either express or implied, so far as they were concerned. This decision will rule a number of similar cases, and the boat pullers for the season will have to seek payment from some other source. Next year they will insist on better arrangements being made before they begin work.

Horada, a Jap, was to-day before the magistrate, charged with assaulting and molesting a Chinaman at Sea Island and inflicting on him grievous bodily harm. It appears that Horada and two mates rowed over to Hickey & McPherson's cannery, in boat, and leaving the boat on the beach had gone into the Jap house there. Soon after their boat was missing, and by and by a Chinaman, Ah Lung, brought it back. This was too much for the Japs' temper, and they at once pounced on the fellow and gave him several dips in the "briny." To hold him tight they put a rope round his waist and held on to it. His cries brought men to the rescue, but the Japs pulled off from the shore with their captive and carried him over to Munn & Co.'s cannery, where they deposited him in semi-nude and very scared condition. After hearing the evidence the magistrate convicted and fined the accused fifty dollars and costs. Mara and Kim, two Japs who gave evidence for the defence, were both arrested and being the other two parties to the offence committed. Their case will be heard to-morrow morning.

## NEW WESTMINSTER.

Yesterday Mr. James McNamara, one of the best known citizens, was incarcerated in the provincial jail for non-payment of costs in the suit of the city vs. himself for an infraction of the health by-law, in which a conviction had been made a few weeks ago. Mr. McNamara, upon learning that a portion of the costs would go to the informant, asked for a return of the fine which he had paid, saying that he would go to jail for six months rather than let the informant get a return of the cost. Mr. McNamara was straightway taken thence. However, it seems that the amount was ultimately paid after persuasion from his friends, and Mr. McNamara was released.

Preparations are being made for the forthcoming exhibition of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society, to be held in this city on Oct. 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, and this should be one of the best, if not the very best, that has been held in this province, as the farmers have had an exceptionally good season for all kinds of crops.

A reception social will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Friday, the 10th inst. in honor of the Rev. A. E. Vert, who was inducted as pastor last evening.

The civic taxes are coming in well, and this year bids fair to surpass any previous year. This is a good sign, and should be a proof of better times having arrived.

A sure sign of this coming winter being an early and severe one in the northern part of this continent is the arrival of the first flock of geese and ducks. The usual time for them to arrive in this part in any large number is about the beginning of October. The report is that Sumas Prairie and Lake is covered with geese and ducks, and the flock passed over this city yesterday morning.

It is to be sincerely hoped and wished for that the rain of the last day or so will cease, and that there may be a week or two of fine weather, to enable the farmers to gather in their grain. Large quantities of grain have been cut, and are lying on the ground, waiting for favorable weather to gather it in, and if this rain continues there is no doubt but that there will be a large quantity destroyed.

Miss Street, of New Westminster, who has been in the employ of the New Westminister and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company for six years, and who is the oldest operator of the company in the Royal City, has resigned her position and will leave next month for London, Eng.

## NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Sept. 4.—H. McLeod, for many years a convict guard in the jail here, has returned from the Clondyke, and is at present in Vancouver. He reports a large number of unemployed in the vicinity of Dawson and scattered throughout the country. He says that when on his way from St. Michael's to Dawson he met a great number of men going in, numbering about 750. The majority of them were without provisions, expecting to purchase supplies at Dawson. Mr. McLeod fears a famine this winter. A few days before leaving Dawson a steamer arrived with a cargo of provisions, and next day not a pound of them remained, they having been all bought up. Typhoid fever has broken out at Dawson, and before he left six deaths had occurred. Two brothers who were about to leave, having made stakes for themselves, died of this complaint. The sanitary condition of Dawson is terrible.

This morning an Indian on Nanaimo river woke up and found his Klutchnan lying dead by his side. A man by the name of Sam Shaw had visited the cabin and given liquor to the woman, and she had become intoxicated. He left a soda water bottle with some liquor in it with the Klutchnan before he left. Constable Cassidy reported the death to Conner Davis, who has ordered an inquest for to-day.

Complaint is made by the farmers that residents of Nanaimo are shooting the grouse, although the grouse season is still open, and will make an example of the first one he can lay his hands on.

Another party of three arrived from the Nanaimo lakes to-day with fine baskets of trout.

Mr. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, is here, and will be present at the Wellington annual show.

A special collection will be taken up next day with a view of assisting those who have been discharged from the Vancouver Coal Company's employ to seek employment elsewhere.

Two mineral claims, the Elbow and Un-

daunted, of Texada Island, and one, the Bell, of Vincombe Inlet, were recorded by Gold Commissioner Bray to-day.

## TRAIL NEWS NOTES.

Trail, Aug. 31.—David E. Kellogg, of Ballard, Wash., and Miss Lelia A. Stout, of Trail, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Mr. Frost, of the Baptist church, which was the officiating clergyman. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stout, while Mr. Kellogg is a member of the firm of Donahue & Kellogg, operating a shingle mill at Ballard.

It is said that the new silver-lined stack at the smelter will be commenced in November.

Wounded by his wife for cruelly beating and abusing her, Allen Morrison is just now hunting for bail in the sum of \$25, in default of which he will spend four months in jail. After the beating the wife escaped in a boat, and leaving the boat on the beach had gone into the Jap house there. Soon after their boat was missing, and by and by a Chinaman, Ah Lung, brought it back. This was too much for the Japs' temper, and they at once pounced on the fellow and gave him several dips in the "briny." To hold him tight they put a rope round his waist and held on to it. His cries brought men to the rescue, but the Japs pulled off from the shore with their captive and carried him over to Munn & Co.'s cannery, where they deposited him in semi-nude and very scared condition. After hearing the evidence the magistrate convicted and fined the accused fifty dollars and costs. Mara and Kim, two Japs who gave evidence for the defence, were both arrested and being the other two parties to the offence committed. Their case will be heard to-morrow morning.

J. H. Fox will ship two carloads of ore to the Tacoma smelter in a few weeks from his group on Beaver creek. Work is being pushed on a nine foot ledge, the solid rock appearing to be the Le Roi ore. Of a number of assays the lowest has been \$35 and the highest \$78. The property is on the Nel-hem in semi-nude and very scared condition. After hearing the evidence the magistrate convicted and fined the accused fifty dollars and costs. Mara and Kim, two Japs who gave evidence for the defence, were both arrested and being the other two parties to the offence committed. Their case will be heard to-morrow morning.

## NELSON.

Nelson, Aug. 30.—At a meeting of the city council this evening A. H. Clements resigned. The resignation was accepted without comment. The council has a tale. During the canvass for the municipal election Mr. Clements was one of the strongest supporters of the successful candidate, and as a slight compliment to him for the staunch support he had given them he was elected to the honorable position of city treasurer. Shortly afterwards he asked for two months' leave of absence from his duties of his position (up to that time he had not received any city money). The leave was granted. Mr. Clements went east and left his partner in charge of his affairs here. During his absence the various salaried licenses in this city expired, and with the exception of three were allowed to run on sufferance until the license commission could get together and issue new licenses. Mr. Clements' house, the Merchants' Hotel, was one of the unfortunate trio, and owing to the arbitrary action of the mayor was compelled to close its doors. All of this was done during the past few weeks has been three payments for machinery.

Colonel I. N. Peyton came down from Rossland and Northport Thursday evening. "The mine never looked better," said he yesterday. "We are working 200 men, the biggest payroll in the mine's history, and we are taking out 300 tons of ore daily. We have encountered a remarkably fine showing in the west drift on the 500-foot level, 450 feet west of the main shaft, and we are getting three feet of solid ore assaying \$75 to the ton."

"The skip shaft will be down to the 500-foot level within 90 days. The old shaft is already down to that level. When this is done, we shall have a solid ore body between the 500 and 600 foot levels that is virgin ground."

"How is the work progressing on the smelter?"

"The foundation walls for the furnace building are completed, and the large retaining wall will be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday. When that is done the timbers for the main building will all have been framed and ready to put together, and the work of raising the frame will be completed in 15 days. Contractor Glaze is pushing the work ahead as fast as possible, and will soon have some portions of the road ready for traffic."

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## MIDWAY.

Good progress is being made with the connection of the wagon road on the Colville reserve, which is being built by the Midway Company, between this point and the mouth of Ourles creek. Contractor Glaze is pushing the work ahead as fast as possible, and will soon have some portions of the road ready for traffic.

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## THE TRAIL CLOSED

**The Steamer Queen Arrived from Skagway—News from the Tented City.**

**A Number of Disappointed and Disheartened Men Return Homeward.**

**They Advise Everybody to Keep Away from the Terrible Skagway Trail.**

The steamer Queen arrived at the outer wharf on her return trip from Dyea and Skagway on Saturday evening. She left Skagway about 80 hours after the Danube, and was further delayed by the many calls she was obliged to make this trip. Besides her usual ports of call, Sitka and Juneau, she called at Killisnoo and several other of the Alaska fishing stations. She brought a number of cases of herring oil from Killisnoo, 300 of which were landed at the outer wharf. There was very little other freight. About seventy-five passengers came down, the greater number being excursionists. There were thirty returning miners going back to their homes, and a number of men on their way home. They had become disheartened with the obstacles which barred their entry to the land where fortunes are being torn from the banks of the creeks. One of these was a packer named Wade, who had been a packer on the Danube, and who had been disheartened with the obstacles which barred their entry to the land where fortunes are being torn from the banks of the creeks. One of these was a packer named Wade, who had been a packer on the Danube, and who had been disheartened with the obstacles which barred their entry to the land where fortunes are being torn from the banks of the creeks.

When about two hours out from Sitka the Queen met the Alaskan steamer Dora on her way to Sitka from St. Michaels. The Dora had a large number of passengers on board, but as she was too far away to be spoken, the officers of the Queen were not able to obtain any news from her. She will in all probability have some returning miners on board, as the P. B. Wear was due at St. Michaels before the Dora left that port. The Dora's downward passengers will arrive on the steamer City of Topeka.

The Queen continued her voyage to the Sound about 5:30 Saturday evening.

A QUESTION FOR THE CABINET.

Discriminating Duty Grows in Importance With Further Study.

New York, Sept. 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

President McKinley and the entire cabinet will probably be consulted before Attorney-General McKenna announces his opinion as to the construction to be placed on section 22 of the Dingley law, imposing discriminating duties.

The attorney-general expected to announce his report this week, but now the understanding is that it is to be held back until next week, and in the meantime the president will not short his outgoing and return to Washington. It is probable that the question will be a subject of a general exchange of views at a meeting of the cabinet before the opinion is written. The questions involved are so important that all the light possible is to be thrown upon them before the administration is committed to a construction which might demoralize the entire foreign commerce of the country, and which involves a matter of about \$30,000,000 a year in customs revenues, according to the calculations of the officials of the treasury department. This calculation is made on the basis of last year's imports, and the assumption that the imports under the discriminating duty would be practically the same in value and would come in ships of the same nationalities.

British ships bringing goods from other countries than Britain are exempted from the duty. The United States, however, would be the heaviest sufferers, and it is thought that the result of the imposition of this duty would be the transfer of many British ships to the flags of nations having more favorable treaties with the United States. The more general assumption is that, on account of the imposition of these duties on goods coming into the United States through a contiguous country, the commercial roads of the United States would be benefited at the expense of the Canadian Pacific road, but when it is taken into consideration that the steamship connections in most of these roads would be unfavorably affected, it appears that the only road which would gain much advantage is the Southern Pacific, which, having connection with the American line of steamships, would have the advantage of discrimination in favor of the steamships as well as against its Canadian rival.

About the only cities that would gain any decided advantage would be Halifax and St. John, as the effect of the discriminating duty on goods brought into the United States over the Canadian Pacific would tend to break up the transit of such goods through New England to the seaboard and drive this traffic to those ports in British territory.

HIS FEARFUL FINISH.

He had loved with penury and dextrous ambiguity that only comes through practice in the art. And with growing perspicacity he urged on a capacity to swiftly conquer every female heart.

He could easily by calculation all the heights of speculation in the shortest time between two given points. And with skill quite scientific he grew wonderfully prolific in amalgamating matrimonial joints.

With the heiresses of Java he was thicker far than lava, and the buds of Madagascar were his prey.

While the girls of Australasia all grew cruder and cruder as he led them on to love him day by day.