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BUILDING DOCK AT PORT ESSINGTON

Private Firm Has Undertaken Important Work—Means Much to Town

TELEGRAPH SERVICE IS BAD

At Public Meeting of Residents Improvments are Demanded—Comes up Again

Port Essington, B. C., Aug. 12.—The most important work undertaken in years in Essington is progressing today and when completed will settle a vexed question that has long been a bugbear to navigators, and that is the matter of dockage during the low stage of the water. Steamers arriving on a low tide have invariable anchored in the stream and transferred passengers and freight by means of boats and scows. When the present extension of the Morrow & Frizzell dock into deep water is accomplished, the drawback existing in the past to shipping, will have passed away.

The present plans of Messrs. Morrow & Frizzell contemplate an extension of their dock one hundred feet. Fifty feet have been already added the past month by a crew of ten men who have been driving piles continuously since the contract was let.

To obviate the danger from ice something new will be attempted. There will be a 50 foot span from the end of the present extension to piling in deep water. The object of the draw is to afford the ice flow an avenue of escape without destroying the main structure. An ice break will also be erected 50 feet south of the present wharf.

The piles used on the work have been secured from the Hocsall river and give every satisfaction.

The work will prove of incalculable value to Essingtonians, but likewise to the traveling public of the inland north.

BILL MINER'S OLD PALS ARE NOW IN VANCOUVER

Four of Desperado's Former Friends Are Being Shadowed by the Terminal City Police

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 14.—Four men, all pals of Bill Miner during his term in the penitentiary at New Westminster and but recently released themselves, are now in Vancouver under the eye of the police. They have been here for some weeks and it is a matter of conjecture if their presence has anything to do with the escape of the desperado and his three fellow convicts.

The men now under surveillance are Hamburger, Charley Strauss, Baker and Chaw Murphy. The first mentioned twain are well known to the police in the matter of their British Columbia records, and the last two have served terms in Walla Walla penitentiary. These men have been hanging around the city for some time.

Further investigation of the report which reached the penitentiary early Monday afternoon that Miner had stopped for dinner at midday yesterday at the house of a rancher between Mission Junction and Harrison River station on the C. P. R. resulted in a force being sent in that direction this morning. The posse was composed of penitentiary guards, and left New Westminster in a launch, proceeding up-river with all possible speed.

Another party is searching for the criminals in the vicinity of Woodward's Slough on the river below New Westminster.

It is possible that one of Bill Miner's gang robbed the baggage-room at Central park last night. A revolver was stolen from the little station-house, and other articles taken.

ALL NOW EMPLOYEES OF GREAT NORTHERN

Significant Change Regarding Men Working for the V. W. & Y. Railway in Canada

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 14.—All employees of the V., W. & Y. offices in Vancouver, New Westminster and points along the line between the two cities are now drawing their wages from the Great Northern railway. The V., W. & Y. payroll has disappeared and in its place will come that of Jim Hill.

Just what the transfer of accounting means, or whether it means anything, is not quite clear. It is a well known fact that for a long time the operating department of the V., W. & Y. road has been in charge of the Great Northern, and its affairs have been directed from the office of the superintendent at Everett. The road for some time has been in the position of being to outward appearances half under the control of the V., W. & Y. and half under that of the Great Northern. Now, however, every employee is directly responsible to officials of the latter road.

BOUGHT PHEONIX PROPERTIES

Consolidated Company Adds Heavily to Its Holdings

Toronto, Aug. 14.—An important deal has just been closed by which the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada has purchased the property, mining claims and assets of the Pheonix Amalgamated Copper Mines, Ltd., located at Pheonix, B. C., which includes the following claims: War Eagle, Red Rock, Dandy, Dandy Fraction, Pine Hook, Lulu, World's Fair, Missing Link and Bald Eagle. The company aso purchased the Keystone. No time has been lost in commencing operations, and a large force of men are at work on the properties.

Child Drowned

Gleichen, Alta., Aug. 13.—Word has been received that the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sibbald, formerly of Gleichen, was accidentally drowned in a tub of water at their home in Kinsaw.

MINISTER GOES FREE.

Northern Missionary Was Arrested for Marrying Indians Without License.

Port Essington, B.C., Aug. 14.—Rev. W. H. Pierce, of Kisplox, left by steamer Hazelton on the 27th for his distant home. He appeared to be in a somewhat happier frame of mind than when he passed through our town a few days earlier on his way to Port Simpson in company with some legal dignitaries of Hazelton, to answer before Judge Young to the charge of having married a dusky couple of his mission without the usual preliminaries of banns or license, as is required by statute. In consideration of the unusual nature of the circumstances attending the little wedding party, Judge Young not only exonerated the reverend gentleman from all blame, but offered some remarks highly appreciative of the spirit and purpose of his work, and added a few scathing comments which fell in quite another different direction than on the head of the defendant.

VANCOUVER NOW HAS AN EXCLUSION LEAGUE

Organization Is Formed to Assist in Keeping Out the Japanese

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 14.—After the most thorough examination that the Japanese and their yellow cousins have yet received since the agitation against them, they were unanimously rejected as "Undesirables" at Labor hall Monday night, their friendly opponents forming an Asiatic Exclusion league, the first in Canada.

From every point of view the Japanese particularly were considered, and from every point of view were found wanting in the qualities required in a white man's country, just because they are Japanese and the yellow can never assimilate with the white. Upon this all were agreed. The only difference of opinion was in regard to the method of keeping him out.

The discussion upon this lasted until 11.30 o'clock, when the majority agreed that the remedy is solely with the government at Ottawa. The longest and strongest resolution thus far framed upon the subject was half an hour later sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the chairman, John P. McConnell, editor of the Saturday Sunset. A copy will also be sent to Premier McBride. A second resolution was also passed to similar effect, but with a clause that the British Columbia legislature continue to re-enact Hon. Mr. Bowser's Natal act.

But as pointed out the mere enactment or re-enactment of that measure is ineffective unless Ottawa authorizes its assent, the lieutenant-governor being a servant of the Dominion government. So the remedy is alone with Ottawa.

There was no time left for the election of officers of the new league, which was deferred for a meeting to be held at the call of the chair, but a committee was appointed to wait upon Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, who will be in Vancouver on Wednesday morning.

Resolutions Passed

The resolutions passed were as follows:

"One of the races now coming here is excessively aggressive, and we fear that they look forward to ultimately controlling this part of Canada.

"Coming from a country where the struggle for existence is keener and the standard of living lower than in any white nation, they easily displace the white man and his family.

"British Columbia is the western gateway of the Dominion. If it is ever attacked on that coast its defenders must be its own people. If the masses are an alien race with foreign sympathies, it needs no argument to show how easily a foreign nation could obtain a foothold here, and once obtained, how difficult to dislodge.

"We cannot conceive that the nations effected by an act of exclusion could object to the measures, as, if they were threatened with similar conditions, they would speedily adopt similar measures against us.

"The question today is easy of solution. In time, when these men are not only laborers, but merchants and manufacturers with large material interests in the country, their ingress can only be prevented at the expense of the peaceful relations now existing between this country and Japan."

"That unless the Dominion government take immediate steps a request be made for a special session of the provincial legislature and the reenactment of Hon. Mr. Bowser's Natal act."

Mr. Bowser Points the Way

In a letter of regret of his inability to attend the meeting, Attorney-General Bowser said:

"It is unnecessary for me to tell you that I am in full accord with your ideas of a league, and only hope your efforts will be successful.

"In my opinion the only thing that can be done to bring this to a successful termination is to convince the cabinet at Ottawa that this country is unanimous upon the question of the exclusion of the Japanese, and that therefore the governor-general should at once assent to the bill which I had passed last session, the Natal act.

"So far as I am concerned, I can only state that as soon as the bill is assented to, as Attorney-General I will see that the same is properly carried out and enforced.

"As outlined above, I am very strongly of opinion that this is the proper line for your league to take, to have the governor-general assent to the local act, as in that way you can have it enforced at once, whereas if left to future legislation on the part of the Dominion parliament it simply means that the country will be flooded by Asiatics before any action can be taken by the parliament at Ottawa."

Ore From North.

Port Essington, B. C., Aug. 14.—Stanley Dunlevy arrived down from Hazelton, on the Northwest recently. He brought out two tons of ore from his Cariboo group of mineral claims on the north fork of the Twelka and will accompany it to the Tacoma smelter, where the same will be treated for copper and gold. It is the best specimen of rock that has so far percolated through the gateway of the north.

British Sugar

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—It is given out by the Oxford tariff commission that under the Canadian preference there has has been a four-fold increase in the exports of British sugar to Canada.

DAWSON NOW FACES A SHORTAGE OF FOOD

Freight Is Going in Slowly and Trouble Is Feared This Winter

Dawson, Aug. 14.—The annual session of the Yukon legislature is now on, and a considerable amount of important business is before the house for consideration. So far the most important move has been the notice of a memorial to Ottawa, asking for the Dominion government support of an all-Canadian railway to connect the city of Dawson with some other of the trans-continental lines. Two pure food acts have been introduced, one for the inspection of bakeries, the other for the inspection of dairies and to insure pure milk. Another bill had been introduced which, if passed, will make it unlawful to sell liquor at the dance halls.

It is feared that Dawson will be short of supplies this winter, as the Yukon river is very low—in fact the lowest on record for the time of the year, and freight is coming in very slowly. The traders say that they cannot get outside orders filled, and that they are far behind where they should be in the matter of reserve supplies for the time of the season. Old timers are freely predicting that the town of Fairbanks will be put out of business. This place has been depending on Dawson for supplies and has been delaying orders until the end of the recent strike. It will now be impossible to make anything of a shipment to this point, and as the supply on hand at the present time will not carry the people through the winter, a stampede for the outside is expected.

Refuge Home Meeting

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Refuge home Tuesday afternoon. Arrangements were made to hold the annual pound party Sept. 10. Donations were gratefully received during the month from Mrs. Spencer, Mrs Lester, Mrs. Frank Grant, Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Carne and Mr. Shepperd.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF CHINESE GOLD WASHER

Lee Woo, Pioneer of Yale District, is Burned to Death in His Cabin

New Westminster, Aug. 14.—Lee Woo, a Chinese who had been washing gold on the bars of the Fraser river near Yale for over forty years, and who was widely known among pioneer miners of British Columbia, was burned to death in his cabin last week. It is possible that he was the victim of a fiendish crime.

His remains were found in the ruins of his cabin on Saturday, and were burned to a crisp, and some of the residents of the town are wondering now whether he was not the victim of a plot to rob him of his gold and then the perpetrators destroyed all evidence of their crime. Woo was supposed to have considerable treasure hidden away, but no trace of it could be found in the ruins, and the body was so badly burned that it was impossible to tell whether or not he had been murdered.

Woo's cabin was located at Emery's bar, a short distance from the historic mining town of Yale, and as the brush in the vicinity was also burned a good deal, and a bush fire had been raging lately, the coroner was of the opinion that Woo's home must have been burned by a bush fire. He was known to be addicted to the opium habit as well. No inquest was held.

Manitoban's Death

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—John Fortier, of Dunrea, Manitoba, died at St. Boniface hospital last night after a long illness, the last few days of which he spent in the hospital. He leaves a wife and five children.

RATES ON WHITE PASS RAILWAY GO UP TODAY

Commodity Tariff is Not Affected on Goods Consigned to North After Tonight

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 14.—The White Pass & Yukon route announces that all freight taking special group commodity rates through to Dawson, Chena and Fairbanks from Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and Port Townsend will be discontinued after Aug. 15. The group commodity rates run from $5 to $10 per ton lower than the class rates and to get advantage of them all freight must be on the wharfs and bill of lading issued on the night of the 15th of this month.

The class rates will not be advanced until Sept. 15; after that date they will advance 10 per cent.

This announcement is causing a rush of freight to Alaska, as is generally known that the water is going down and shipping will be soon done under difficulty. Some fears are entertained that there will be a serious shortage of supplies in both Dawson and Fairbanks.

HAYWOOD AS GUEST.

Some Members of Chicago Press Club Object to His Introduction.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Wm. D. Haywood visited the Chicago Press club yesterday noon, and some of the members are much wrought up about it. An emphatic protest, addressed to the board of directors, was prepared at once, and circulated for signatures. A vote of censure is asked for on the members who brought Haywood into the club. This will be considered at the board's meeting on Friday night. Considerable commotion was caused during the noon lunch hour when Haywood appeared at the club in company with Seymour Stedman and F. Roderus. He was introduced to a number and greeted in various ways. Late yesterday afternoon a number of the members of the club expressed considerable indignation, and decided, according to Mr. Young, one of the members, "to put the thing right up to the directors and make them decide if such a thing could be done whether the majority of the club liked it or not."

CHINAMAN KILLED.

Dropped Spark From Pipe Into Powder With Usual Result.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 12.—A Chinaman named Fook Yuen met a very tragical death at Eburne Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He had been engaged by one of the cannery men to clear several lots in the vicinity of the bridge. He was busy filling several old stumps with giant powder, preparatory to blasting them, when a spark from his pipe fell into the powder and ignited it. With a deafening roar it exploded, and with a scream emanating from his lips, the Chinaman was hurled into the atmosphere. Several people were soon attracted to the scene by the explosion any they carried the Chinaman, horribly mutilated, to one of the neighboring houses. He died soon afterwards, suffering untold agony and the body was removed to Kemp & Simpson's undertaking parlors.

EVIDENCE THAT MINER GOT HELP FROM OUTSIDE

Person Dressed in Female Religious Orders Seen in Woods About Time of Escape

Vancouver, Aug 12.—That Bill Miner had his plan of escape well worked out and had communicated with friends outside who were in the vicinity awaiting for the consummation of his attempt to assist him with food, clothes and money, there are good grounds to believe. A most significant circumstance considered in connection with other details, has been discovered which supports this theory very strongly.

At the time of his escape on Thursday afternoon Miner had been working ten days in the brickyard. He got this privilege on the ground that his health was failing him indoors and exhibited swollen and sore feet in proof. In the light of succeeding events it would be interesting to know his method of producing sore feet while working in the penitentiary shops.

At the end of July, Miner started work in the brickyard. On August 5 a man came to Vancouver from the Similkameen, where Miner is known to have friends, and put up at a good hotel. Next day he disappeared and has not been seen around Vancouver since. While at the hotel he confided during the evening to one man that he had five thousand dollars which he was willing to spend to get his friend Bill Miner out of the penitentiary if that amount of money could do it.

Two days after he left the Vancouver house Bill Miner et al escaped from the penitentiary.

These are the facts, though for obvious reasons The World cannot publish the man's name and address. The attention of Deputy Warden Bourke has been drawn to the matter and it is being investigated.

A late report states that McCluskey, one of the convicts, called at the Gladstone hotel in South Vancouver for a drink on Friday afternoon. He was dressed in civilian clothes and appeared to have no money.

Another report states that a lady who resides near the penitentiary saw a woman dressed in the garb of some sisterhood pass along a cow trail in the woods in the rear of the penitentiary on Thursday afternoon, before the escape, carrying what appeared to be male clothing.

SASKATCHEWAN COURTS

Proclamation to be Issued Putting Legislation Into Force

Regina, Aug. 14.—It is understood a proclamation will be issued shortly bringing into force certain acts passed at the last session of the legislature.

By the terms of the acts their coming into force was postponed, but probably they will become operative from September 16th next. The effect of the principle of these assures a model judicial system of Saskatchewan. They comprise acts respecting establishment of a supreme court for the province, the establishment of district courts and practice and procedure therein, respecting surrogate courts, jurors and juries, certain officers of courts, the legal profession, and Law Society of Saskatchewan, liens of mechanics, wage earners and others.

The Supreme Court Act, otherwise known as the judiciary act, provides for a supreme court of Saskatchewan, and so far as the province is concerned, abolishes the supreme court of the Northwest Territories. It provides for judges, of whom four no doubt will be judges of the supreme court of the Northwest Territories, who reside in the province, namely Justices Wetmore, Prendergast, Newlands and Johnstone. The fifth judge has not yet been appointed and it remains also to select a chief justice. The judges are required to reside at the capital of the province and will go on circuit.

There will be no break in the continuity of the legal system in the province nor in the procedure of courts pending the making of rules which the judges of the new court are given power to make.

The District Court Act provides for a new departure in the legal system. District courts are given large jurisdictions, but the causes the judges can try have a money limit of $300.

Injured Internally.

Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 14.—An Australian named G. Peel was taken from his lodging house at 357 Powell street yesterday to the general hospital suffering from injuries received mysteriously in a drunken spree. He was found by his fellow lodgers in an unconscious condition and an alarm was sent to the police station. The sick man was immediately removed, but there is so far no intimation of how he came into his present condition. The house physican at the hospital gives little hope of his recovery. The man is in a comatose condition.

New Westminster's Growth.

New Westminster, Aug. 14.—As a sign of the growth of the city, the city council had before them a long list of applications for extension of the water mains to pick up more remote dwellings, and a considerable number of applications for new buildings to be put on the main. All these matters were referred to their special committees and will be dealt with in the course of a few days.

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INDIANS BEAT AND ROB A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR

Two Siwashes Take Gold Watch and Money from Railway Man

Revelstoke, Aug. 11.—Shortly after two o'clock last Sunday morning, August 4, the night operator at Notch Hill was suddenly attacked by two Siwash Indians and nearly placed hors de combat. The circumstances connected with the affray show that the two Indians had entered the depot waiting room, and had asked Potter, the night operator to wake them up when 97 came in, as they wished to go on to Shuswap. When 97 pulled in, the operator being busy, asked the brakeman to wake the Indians who would book to Shuswap. A short time after the train pulled out, the two men who had been drinking when first seen by the operator, reappeared and hurled several large rocks through the window, doing much damage but fortunately not injuring Potter. The assailants then burst open the door of the operating room, seized the operator, tore off his vest extracting a gold watch and money from the pockets. The operator made a vallant struggle with his captors, and hurled a lamp at one, the glass shattering on the Indian's head. The assailants managed to escape in the darkness and up till yesterday had not been traced except that the stolen vest was found on the wagon road. Constable Fernie, of Kamloops was wired for and the capture of the ruffians is assured. The Indians, Toma brothers, are well known in the district and it is supposed that they have taken the to woods.

IS BADLY INJURED IN RUNAWAY AT ARMSTRONG

Horses Bolt and R. Bourne, Their Driver, is Dragged Considerable Distance

Armstrong, B. C., Aug. 12.—On Friday morning, whilst R. Bourne was returning with a team and democrat from the power house of Davis Creek, one of the horses, badly stung by hornets, kicked over the tongue, starting its mate, and both ran away. Mr. Bourne hung on to them until the democrat struck a stump, throwing him out. In some way he became entangled in the lines and was dragged a considerable distance, the waggon passing over him a couple of times before he became extricated. Conductor Daniels, who was on his way to the water works stopped the team and a minute afterwards found Mr. Bourne in an unconscious condition. He was quickly brought into town and Dr. VanKleek called in. Mr. Bourne's injuries are very serious, three of his ribs being broken away from the backbone and his liver and lungs being injured and torn; everything possible is being done for him and hopes entertained of his recovery. What makes the accident extremely regrettable is that Mr. Bourne has within the past two years undergone three operations on his kidneys and was just getting nicely on his feet; ill luck pursued him for a great many years and his friends sincerely hope that he will recover from this last misfortune.

KILLED AT ROSSLAND

A Miner Falls 700 Feet in White Bear Mine

Rossland, Aug. 12.—John Covello was instantly killed in the White Bear shaft at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was riding in the skip, accidentally fell out when near the 300 foot level and went hurtling down the shaft to the 1000 foot level, striking against the sides on the way. The head was almost severed from the body and the body was badly mangled. Covello was a native of Italy, aged 24 years, and has lived in the camp for the past eight years.

Chinese Shacks Burned.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 14.—Last Tuesday afternoon fire swept away all the Chinese shacks at Wallace's cannery on the Naas and but for the fact that luckily the wind was blowing away from the cannery that building would also have been consumed. The fire broke out early in the afternoon, and is supposed to have started from a cook stove.

The Chinese at work in the cannery were thrown into a panic and rushed to their houses to endeavor to rescue some of their effects. They were, however, unable to save a thing. News of the fire was brought down on the steamer Venture, which reached port last night.

Barrington's Case.

St. Louis, Aug. 13.—When "Lord" Barrington, who is in jail in Clayton, was notified today that the governor had commuted his sentence to life imprisonment, he received the news in sullen silence.

INCOMING ASIATICS MUST PAY POLL TAX

Payment Will Hereafter be Insisted Upon From All Immigrants Arriving at Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 12.—The poll tax for the Hindus and the Japanese! That is now the cry.

According to the law relating to poll tax, it is payable annually by residents of this province. It is due any time after January 1; and as all Asiatics landing on these shores come to stay they are properly subject to this taxation the moment they set foot on the wharf in Vancouver.

Had the tax been imposed on the twelve hundred Japanese who landed from the Kumeric a few weeks ago, the sum of $3,600 would have been netted by the Provincial government and at least that amount of the famous $20,000 endless chain money in the possession of the Japanese would have remained in the country. When the steamship Indiana arrives here on August 16 from Honolulu, the Japanese she is bringing will be made to pay the poll tax. The Athenian has on board one hundred and fifty-five Hindus direct from Hongkong.

Telegraph Service.

The arrival of J. T. Phelan, inspector of Yukon telegraphs, in Essington, on August 2, had the welcome effect of stimulating the business men of Essington to a renewed effort in the attempt to secure a better telegraph system at the hands of the powers that be, than has prevailed in the past.

In consequence a citizens' meeting was hurriedly called the next day at 4 o'clock but unfortunately Mr. Phelan had left on the Northwest in the morning and was not present.

After convening the meeting Mr. A. G. Harris was elected chairman and Mr. M. Morley, of the Royal Bank, appointed chairman.

The discussion which followed was too unanimous to even deserve comment. In effect it was that Essington was without a parallel in inefficient telegraphic communication, and in no section of this broad Dominion was such negligence and hardship encountered by business men as was the case in the distribution point of northern British Columbia—Essington.

A committee of five, consisting of Messrs. M. M. English, A. G. Harris, M. Morley, G. A. Frizzell and W. J. Mackay were appointed a committee to prepare a petition and have the same signed by the citizens, to be forwarded to the Dominion representative and have him memorialize the government to the end that better facilities would be appreciated by the business community of Essington.

Among those present were Geo. Cunningham, J. Cunningham, H. McKenzie, A. G. Harris, Dr. Wilson, Rev. Rushbrook, G. A. Morrow, S. A. Morley and W. J. Mackay.

Another meeting will be called on the return of the inspector from Hazelton, when matters will be more fully gone into. We want a better service, we are entitled to it, and what is more, we are going to have it or know the reason wh

YOUNG ENGLISHMEN DROWNED AT NICOLA

Were Out Boating on Lake at the Time—First in Twenty Years

Nicola, B.C., Aug. 12.—Practically the first drowning in Nicola lake happened Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock opposite Quilchena. Two young Englishmen, Henry Walker and Frank Martin, engaged in haying on the Triangle ranch, took out an old boat for a row on the lake. It seems that they got about five hundred yards from the shore, when the attention of those in another boat was called by hearing cries for help. They immediately pulled towards the spot where they could see the young men struggling in the water, there being no sign of the boat. Martin almost immediately disappeared and strenuous exertions were made to reach Walker. When within one hundred yards from him he called something and threw from his pocket some letters and papers and sunk from sight, and although the rescuing boat remained some time around the spot no further sign of either the young men was seen again.

Word was immediately sent to Quilchena and dragging operations were at once commenced. Particulars of the catastrophe were also sent to Government Agent Murray at Nicola and he at once sent assistance to help in the dragging for the bodies. Dragging operations were continued on Wednesday and Thursday, and the gasoline launch was also chartered for the work but no sign of the bodies could be found and no trace of the boat.

Walker's relatives in England were at once notified of the fatality and efforts are being made to communicate with the relatives of Martin.

This is the first drowning accident in Nicola during twenty years, an Indian woman having been drowned about that time, her body never having been recovered. A reward will be offered for the recovery of the bodies.

CANADIAN COMPANY WILL BUILD TO LINE

British Columbia Electric Railway to Connect With American System at Blaine

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 14.—Many reports have been current regarding the building of an electric railway line between this city and Seattle, and possibly Portland, giving a fast service to the Sound. Stone & Webster, controlling about twenty electric railways in the United States are gradually but surely approaching the boundary. They are now at Everett and have definitely arranged to build to Bellingham within a year or so, with the prospect of reaching Blaine later on when the B. C. Electric Railway Company will certainly build to meet them, and an arrangement of interchange of cars and running rights will bring Seattle and Vancouver a great deal closer together than now.

At present five years is named by those in authority as the time which it will take to reach Blaine from the south and establish the through line, but it is quite possible that the rapid development of the country will force the hands of the two companies concerned which, of course, both would welcome.

Lardeau Being Cleared.

Rossland, B. C., Aug. 13.—The Lardeau river is being cleared of its log jams for the purpose of driving logs through it. Loggers are at work at several points cutting the splendid timber that is to be found throughout the valley of the Lardeau. There is a magnificent belt of cedar in this section.