



PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Under its new proprietorship the... Country Judge Barker held court for the first time at Alberni yesterday.

Culliton Brothers sawmill at Looch Lake is now complete. Salmon are exceedingly scarce in the Fraser.

Merritt has decided to purchase a chemical fire engine. The C. P. R. is erecting a new steel bridge over the Fraser at Cleck.

A convention of Kamloops district Liberals was held last evening. The Dominion government has provided in the estimate for a new telephone exchange at Merritt.

Another pioneer of the Cumberland district has passed away in the person of Samuel F. Crawford. The members of Moyie's Miners' Union are arranging for a grand May Day celebration.

Construction of the new government bridge across the Salmon river at Salmo is to begin in May. E. F. Glogit has succeeded Hamilton Byers as president of the Kootenay Lake hospital.

Tenders for the erection of the new Catholic church at Merritt are set to be opened on the 20th instant. Still no tidings have been received to solve the mystery of the disappearance of R. Reeves, of Canoe Point.

The residence of Mr. Dumareque, on Denham Island, was completely destroyed by fire on Friday morning. Homes are in a public meeting decided against the advice of clergy, to establish a restricted district.

The C. P. R. is to spend many thousands this year in townships and improving its grade from Gladwin to Ruby Creek. James Williamson was badly crushed at the Middlebrook mines last week, and is not likely to survive internal injuries.

The little daughter of O. Seeben, of Keult, was last week badly bitten on the face by a vicious dog, half a dozen stitches being required. Mrs. C. W. Whyte, wife of the Premier's minister at Beaulieu, died very suddenly last week, of a paralytic stroke.

Burglars are operating in the Mount Pleasant section of Vancouver. Vancouver's license commissioners are seeking wider powers as to regulation of premises under their jurisdiction.

The death has just occurred at Dunsmuir of George Mackenzie, a resident of the district, at the age of 74. The Bank of Montreal has awarded a contract to the Westholme Lumber Co. for the erection of premises to accommodate their branch at Prince Rupert.

Captain Collier of the Salvation Army, is undertaking the duties of probation officer in connection with Vancouver's new juvenile court. Miss Dunbar again leads in Nanaimo's May Queen contest, with 5439 votes.

Miss Lena Hughes having 3322 and Miss McKenzie 2905, with 122 scattered among seven other candidates. A report from New Westminster credits the Great Northern and the Canadian Northern with being on the lookout for a suitable site for a union depot there.

A grant has been made by the Strathcona Institute, Vancouver, by the Dominion government, while Attorney-General, to the master of the Provincial assistance. Mrs. Annie McDonald has been awarded \$2,000 damages from the B. C. E. R.

In consequence of the death of her son, Moternan Murdoch McDonald, the Cedar Cottage collision of November 7, 1908. The annual meeting of the Wenatchee association resulted in the election of James H. Schofield, M. P. P.; T. J. Duncan, vice-president; A. E. Churton, secretary; William Smith and James Lang, executive committee.

Revelotek's impetuous requirements more being, continually overcrowded. At the monthly meeting of Revelotek hospital board it was reported that there was a balance in hand of \$388.12 on April 1.

The mayor of Kamloops and the city clerk interviewed Mr. Lang, general freight agent of the C. P. R. Whinnip, recently, with a view to obtaining a better rate on coal for the city's use. Nine cars of an eastbound freight train left the C. P. R. track about two miles east of the city a few days ago, and it is not likely to survive internal injuries.

Chilliwack police commissioners are confining prisoners at the attorney general's building, and the attorney general is being asked to build a confinement cell to the courthouse, with a view to the confinement of prisoners. "Naturally there was a terrible excitement in the boat, as the sea, the Pericles, was being fairly well struck when we got fairly well underway.

The Pericles was being with her head towards the Leuwiln Light-house, six miles distant. Her bows were pointed towards the sea, and her propellers were being distributed. "In half an hour every soul was gradually sinking.

"When the boat received the order from the chief officer's boat to pull up anchor, she started on a race against time. "A woman in one of the cabins began to sing, 'Pull for the shore, pull for the shore.' A big wave struck the boat and the voice died away, but soon resumed singing. All this, and various songs with choruses, were sung by the crew.

Liner Pericles Wrecked on Uncharted Reef Off the Coast of Australia

Details have been received here of the wreck of the liner Pericles, which was struck on an uncharted reef off the coast of Australia. The vessel was carrying 450 passengers and crew. The wreck was discovered by a local fisherman, and the bodies of several passengers were recovered.

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