

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Under its new proprietorship the *Colonist* is to be considerably enlarged.

Culliton Brothers sawmill at Loo Lake is now complete.

Salmon are extremely 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 Clisco.

A convention of Kamloops district Liberals was held last evening.

The Dominion government has provided in the estimates 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 Salm 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 Presbyterian church at Merritt are to be received up to 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.

Homer has in a public meeting declared against the advice of clergy, to establish a restricted district.

The C. P. R. is to spend many thousands this year in lowering 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. Seebor, of Kault, was last week badly bitten on the face by a dog, and half a dozen stitches being required.

Mrs. C. W. Whyte, wife of the Premier, was suddenly taken ill while on a party at the residence of a friend.

Ballasting has begun on the Port Coleridge division at the Great Victoria, which it is intended to put in as good order as the main line.

R. M. Macdonald, for the past fifteen years a leading resident of Nelson, has moved to Vancouver to enter the firm of Bowler, Reid & Walbridge.

J. W. Sullivan, of Vancouver, has the first automobile in service on the Coleridge road, and is coming money there-with.

Mr. R. C. Campbell-Johnson, the well-known mining engineer, has met with a serious accident while on the Coleridge road, and is coming money there-with.

There is much trouble at Vernon and the local school board has invoked the assistance of the police in enforcing the provisions of the public school attendance act.

The Vernon board of trade is again urging upon the Provincial Government the necessity of establishing a land registry office at Vernon for the Okanagan district.

J. E. Griffiths, Provincial Government engineer, was in Fernie last week, attending to the strengthening of the bridge over the river Elk, so as to avoid a repetition of the damage caused by the floods of last spring.

At a meeting of Vancouver ratepayers a resolution was passed opposing any proposal to destroy the value of the head of False Creek for ship-ping purposes, and asking the council to give up the bulkhead proposal.

The secretary of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Currie, wrote to the *Ladysmith* council that there have lately been more open violations of the laws than usual, and that the council has referred the matter to the police commissioners.

Official information has reached the militia authorities at Nelson that the rifle range extension has been decided upon by the department of the Interior. The Nelson representatives of the Government have been instructed to purchasing the Nelson range into line with British army regulations.

A. Ross, chief of the fire underwriters' staff, has been making an official visit to Fernie to the first time since the disastrous fire of August 1908, and was accompanied by the fire department.

Mr. C. F. Hamilton, C. E., who recently completed the location of the Western Kamloops and Yellowhead pass at the summit of the Rockies, left Saturday for Kamloops with an engineering party of fifteen men. The next month will be devoted to the location of the company's line on Kamloops and the Fraser river between the main Thompson river and the Fraser, as it is likely the river will have to be bridged at several points.

No. 1 mine, owned by the Western coal company, and in which over 700 men are employed, was on Wednesday last, owing to a fire in the section down the diagonal slope, and was abandoned. The fire was caused by the men, and was caused by the men, and was caused by the men.

Thanks to the vigilance of Joseph Brown, the ratepayers of South Vancouver have been saved the trouble of voting on a school by-law for a loan of \$25,000, which would have been invalid had it passed, the fact having been overlooked that as the ratepayers of the district are not assessed their share of the interest and sinking fund, the school district had to be moved to take on the loan. The by-law was moved to take on the loan. The by-law was moved to take on the loan.

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Liner Pericles Wrecked on Uncharted Reef Off the Coast of Australia

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 a premises to accommodate their branch at Prince Rupert.

Captain Collier of the Salvation Army, is to undertake the duties of protection 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 3105, with 1223 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 the Strathcona Institute, Vancouver, by the Dominion government, while Attorney-General Bowser has promised to take up with the premier the matter of 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, Motorman MacKenzie, on the C. P. R. motor car collision of November 7, 1908.

The annual meeting of the Wenatchee Convention association resulted in the election of James H. Schofield, M. P. P.; J. T. J. Duncan, vice-president; A. E. Church, secretary; and J. T. J. Duncan, executive committee. Messrs. J. T. J. Duncan, A. E. Church, R. G. Brown, A. D. Fredericks, J. G. Brown, and J. T. J. Duncan, are practically every settler in the Pend'Oreille valley.

Revelstoke Imperatively requires more than the present institution, and the hospital board it is a balance in hand of \$388.12 on April 1.

The mayor of Kamloops and the city council have been asked to consider the matter of 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 west of the city, and a few days ago, and there was no track for a considerable distance, and the westbound local being delayed in consequence.

Chilliwack police commissioners are confining prisoners, and a single case is being asked to build a concrete cell and a room in which prisoners can be kept, and the extension premises are not fireproof.

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