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## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

### Serious Accident to a Resident of Vancouver—Trout Fishing Near Wellington.

### Mining in Cariboo—The Omineca Country—Encouraging Developments in East Kootenay.

(Special to the Colonist.)

#### VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, March 23.—Eli Landers broke his leg so badly while walking on the Burnaby Road that it had to be amputated. Mr. Landers is an elderly man and the shock may prove fatal.

The cantata, "Under the Palms," is to be rendered by the Central Methodist choir and Sunday school on Easter Sunday.

The McGillivray Pipe Works will be removed from New Westminster to Vancouver. The council will grant certain concessions in the way of free water and taxes.

Farmer's Grand Festival Mass in "B" flat was rendered in Dunn's Hall last night with great success. The concert was under the management of the Roman Catholic church.

VANCOUVER, March 25.—A number of California miners arrived in the city yesterday on their way to the Horsefly mine in Cariboo.

News has reached Vancouver that a shipment of ore from the Rico mine to the Everett smelter, aggregating 44 tons, realized for the owners \$17,521.

The committee appointed by the council to report on the advisability of allowing the Tram company to clear a recreation ground and bathing beach in and near Stanley Park have returned a favorable reply to the council.

The Dominion government will probably be asked to allow the improvements to be made. The Tram company offer to make a recreation ground and bathing beach free of cost.

The council are considering the advisability of subsidizing the steamer Sunbury to run from between Chilliwack and Vancouver. The subsidy asked is \$100 a month.

Those favoring the scheme say that at present two-thirds of the produce bought in the Westminister markets goes to Vancouver; that as a market is to be established here probably two days in the week produce could be sent direct at \$2.50 a ton, while farmers now pay \$4.

It was also explained that many farmers could not get their goods direct from Vancouver, and consequently sent all the way to Victoria for them.

#### WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, March 24.—The New Westminister Bar Association has passed the following resolutions: "Whereas the members of the association have heard with feelings of profound regret of the affliction which has fallen upon the head of our profession in the province by the death of Mrs. Davie, wife of our Chief Justice. Therefore, resolved, that this association collectively and its members individually, beg to tender to His Lordship the Chief Justice and his bereaved family, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their hour of deep sorrow and affliction."

The sitting of the Supreme court has been adjourned until after the funeral.

Inspector McConn has completed his labors in connection with the British Columbia hatchery, the last batch of fry being liberated in Shawigan lake and Pitt lake. Altogether 6,400,000 sockeye salmon have been liberated and 4,000,000 whitefish. According to official reports in the last ten years 53,232,000 fry have been liberated, or 66,000,000 including those of 1896.

#### NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, March 23.—Dr. McKechnie has announced himself as a candidate at the forthcoming election of the Medical Council of British Columbia.

The amateur opera company will produce the "Chimes of Normandy" in the opera house next month.

Three panthers were seen on Friday afternoon in the ravine east of the New castle townsite, and close to the railway track, where a solitary panther was seen the day before.

Since the beginning of the fishing season many trout have been taken from the lakes in the vicinity of Wellington, the weather having been unusually fine for this sport.

At a meeting of the Crescent Cycling Club the following officers were appointed: President, Dr. Eberts; captain, Thomas Bryant; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Wasson.

The following are the officers of the Nanaimo baseball club for this year: Hon. President, Andrew Bryden; vice-president, John L. McKay; manager, George Wallace; captain, Fred King; treasurer, George Elliott; secretary, E. Lowe.

NANAIMO, March 24.—The bark Wilna, coal laden for San Francisco, expects to beat the Ellwell's record. She was nine days out from San Francisco to-day, or about four hours behind the Ellwell, and Captain Turner hopes to make good that deficiency if the winds prove propitious during the home run.

Messrs. T. R. E. and W. W. B. McInnes narrowly escaped being burnt out on Sunday night at their residence on Newcastle townsite. The former awoke about midnight conscious of a strong smell of burning. On entering the back parlor he found a portiere curtain near the stove blazing away. He tore it down and succeeded in extinguishing the flames with a heavy rug. The carpet was also badly burnt and the piano scorched.

A fatal accident took place yesterday morning on the New Vancouver Coal Company's wharf, a Chinaman named Loy being the victim. A large mass of

coal had fallen from one of the cars between the latter and the platform. The Chinaman stooped to pick it up, and as he did so another Chinaman, unaware of his position, started the cars, the consequence being that Loy was terribly crushed between the coal and the platform. He succumbed to his injuries shortly afterwards.

Two very distinct shocks of some kind were experienced on Sunday evening at 5:40 o'clock, a couple of seconds intervening. The general impression was that a couple of large cannon had been fired in the vicinity of the city. Another opinion was that an explosion had taken place at some of the mines or at the Northfield powder works, but such proved not to be the case. It is, however, stated that the shock was the outcome of some blasting by dynamite on Gabriola Island.

The Chemainus sawmill has started up with 50 men at work. The bark Volunteer is expected up shortly from San Francisco to load. The tug Vigilant will also arrive in the course of the next few days with a boon of logs from the Sound.

G. Bisset, of the E. & N., in the course of an afternoon's fishing at Chemainus on Sunday caught a dozen fine speckled trout, averaging nearly two pounds each, or 23 lbs. in the aggregate.

The Indians of the coast intend holding a big meeting on Kuper island to protest against the action of the government in prohibiting potatoes. Speeches will be made by the chiefs of the various tribes.

#### GOLDEN (From the Era.)

Mr. Wm. McNeish again visited his copper mine in East Kootenay last week and gives very encouraging accounts. He brought remarkably fine specimens of copper ore, some blue copper glance which contains 64 per cent. metallic copper. This ore exists in large quantities and the owner is making arrangements to have some of it shipped to a smelter.

Mr. Canard, of Victoria, who has undertaken the management of the Nip & Tuck gold property on Wild Horse, passed through here on Tuesday. He says that he is going to work the property on a much more extensive plan. It is a hydraulic property and he is shipping the machinery in from Victoria. He has purchased most of his supplies and provisions from merchants in Golden.

#### ASHcroft. (From the B. G. Mining Journal.)

John Grey, in charge of a gang of men is busily pushing work on the North Fork at Quenselle to divert the river. Mr. Pierson, of Victoria, who is largely interested in the project, is on the ground.

On the Breckenridge claim several shafts have been sunk to a depth of 50 or more feet. They are now drifting and are well pleased with the outlook.

The outlook for the various propositions in the Quenselle Fork section is good. The Montreal Company, the Beaver Mouth, the French Company (the Columbian) the Fishback Hydraulic and various other large propositions are making preparations to go on with work on a large scale, and dozens of propositions will be put in shape for capitalists to take hold of for the next season.

Messrs. Young and Lee, of Pittsburg, Penn., came in last night to Ashcroft on their way to Quenselle, where Mr. Young is building his dredger for work on the Fraser river. About 60,000 pounds of machinery direct from Pittsburg is now on the track here. The freight on the car load is nearly \$1,000, and with Canadian duty makes it a valuable consignment.

The indications now are that the season of 1896 will witness more prospecting in the Omineca district and through the Peace river country than has ever been done before, at least since early days, when prospecting was done not for the class of diggings that would be held as good now, but for at least \$20 a-day ground.

It is believed that good quartz ledges will be found throughout this section. We believe as good opportunities now exist in the Omineca and Peace river country as in any section under the sun for the prospector who knows his business, and a few short months are likely to make the country better known than have the past twenty years.

Last year Charles Smith, who has been near Taylor's lake on a prospecting trip for Victoria parties, was drowned in the Chilcooten river, while on his way to Clinton to record a cinnabar mine. His accidental death left the mine not properly recorded with the time required by law. The promoters of the prospecting trip, however, got special permit for the ground to be held until a certain time. Meantime another party got the track of the strike and the two parties left Ashcroft last week, one by a B. X. special for Soda Creek via Hanceville, to Tatlow's lake, and the other by a Collin's & Haddock special to the same place via Dog Creek, Hanceville, etc.

Neither party seemed to care for expense but wanted to get there with all speed. The mine is reported to be a bonanza.

Arthur Stevenson, road superintendent from Lytton, says the big dredger is still at its anchorage near the mouth of the Thompson, but that having made a trial of its machinery and finding it in good shape they were to move the dredger up the river soon. The small dredger is working on Mormon bar, and there is no doubt but that it is successful as a gold saver. Mr. Young, who is now at Kamloops, informed Mr. Stevenson that a new dredger would be built by his company at Spence's Bridge to operate on the Thompson near that point. Of the richness of portions of the river he had there is no chance of question, and if dredgers can work successfully among the boulders that in many places cover the river beds, they will reap a rich harvest.

Horse Shoe Bend is attracting considerable attention. About 200 acres of ground which is rich enough in gold to pay well for working was until two years ago on a reserve, but the water of the Thompson having cut through the neck

of land so that the main stream is diverted from its original channel. It is now claimed that the land is no longer a reserve, as the reservation is described as only to high water mark of the Thompson river. The ground on the bar yields in places as high as 2 1/2 cents per bucket, a force of men are now working, and it will be increased soon. A large number of men have come into Ashcroft, stayed a day or two and gone up the road, heading, in most cases, for the forestry or Forks country. More than fifty have left this week. The demand for labor is not going to equal the supply, at least not for some weeks to come, as the camps in the vicinity of Barkerville will not be active until near the 1st of May.

#### REVELSTOCKE. (From the Kootenay Mail.)

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A large number of letters are being received from outside parties who are seeking for a field of investment, and it is expected that there will be quite a rush into the Trout Lake and Fish Creek countries during the coming summer. We expect enough ore coming out next winter to keep a boat running daily, thus keeping an open channel in the arm all winter.

The first carload of machinery for the Columbia River Hydraulic Mining Co., who are operating on the Columbia just above the mouth of Smith creek, has arrived from Chicago, and another carload has been dispatched.

There is every likelihood of great activity in the Big Bend this year, and in anticipation of a rush Tom Horne is making preparation to handle the river freight. The "Big Bend" when he built last year, he will have two new boats which are now being constructed here. The boats are designed to carry heavy freight and will probably carry most of the machinery going into the Bend.

Another serious accident occurred on the construction work of the C.P.R. bridge across the Columbia river last Sunday, but, happily, unlike the previous one, the accident was not fatal. Murdoch McKee, a young man well and favorably known around here. While at work last Sunday, McKee lost his balance and falling about fifteen feet struck his head on a large iron spike, which disclosed any fracture of the skull. He had not regained consciousness up to Tuesday evening, when he was removed to the hospital at Kamloops. On Tuesday Ed. Davidson fell and broke his thigh. He was taken to the hospital on the same train with McKee and at last accounts both of the injured men were improving. A large force of men are employed on this bridge, the construction of which is being pushed with all possible haste.

#### FORT STEELE. (From the Prospector.)

A cattle quarantine station has been established between Elk river and Rocky creek for cattle coming from the South. Two large bands are expected early in May from Montana for the West Kootenay market.

It is estimated that the province, from Kootenay alone, this year will produce over \$3,000,000 worth of silver. This we consider a low estimate, and we would not be surprised if the output reached \$5,000,000. West Kootenay will make a grand showing, and is daily growing more and more important.

Coming rapidly into line as a mineral producer, and will ship many thousands of tons of rich ore during the coming year; and we would advise investors to keep their eyes on Kootenay.

C. M. Edwards has returned from a visit to the North Star and Sullivan group. He reports that the Star has an immense amount of ore in sight, and the twendoline, which had 700 tons at McGinley, and about 3,000 tons on the dump.

Smith and Cleaver are pushing development work on the Sullivan property. The shaft is down 83 feet and 33 solid galena, and there is a large amount of ore in sight. A small cut was run on the Hope, showing galena in the face. It is patent to anyone who has seen the Sullivan property that it will make a large producing mine in the near future.

It is reported that ore has been struck in the St. Eugene mine in the lower tunnel.

The International Transportation Co. has been formed by the Upper Columbia Navigation & Tramway Co. and Captain J. D. Miller. They will run from Jenkinson's to Fort Steele and Fort Steele to Canal Flats, connecting with the Columbia river steamers at Golden. The boats will be the Ruth, a steamer 130 feet in length, 22 feet beam, 4 feet 6 inches depth of hold; engines 14 by 74.

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## Laurier's Big Stake.

### His Great But Unsuccessful Thrust—Foster's Magnificent Speech—Negotiations With Manitoba.

### William Head Improvements—Salmon Fishing Regulations—Carmanah Point Wire.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 16.—Mr. Laurier has thrown for a big stake and has not succeeded. Rumor has it that in making his motion for the six months' hoist he did so upon the assurance of Mr. McCarty that the straight amendment would likely carry by a majority ranging from 15 to 30. With no other motion could the Opposition leader hope to secure the votes of dissident Conservatives like Mr. McNeill, Clarke Wallace, W. F. Maclean and others, who are just as much opposed to a commission of inquiry as to the bill itself. These gentlemen have inscribed on their banners "No interference with Manitoba," consequently nothing but a straight motion for the rejection of the bill meets with their approval.

Mr. Foster's speech on Friday afternoon is acknowledged to be the masterpiece of the debate. For over two hours the Minister of Finance held his hearers spell-bound, while in eloquent language he dealt with the school question from every standpoint. He made a most effective analysis of Mr. Laurier's attitude on this question. The Liberal leader was in favor of giving redress to the people of Manitoba and yet he had moved the six months' hoist implying thereby that he was opposed to the granting of the desired legislation. He asked what necessity there was for investigation. After six long years of inquiry the constitutional duty was imposed on parliament to act. Parliament did not make the constitution; it was their duty to carry it out. Mr. Laurier's amendment was an umbrella with which the opposition sought to shelter itself from the pelting rains of criticism beneath which the members of the opposition quarrelled like cats and dogs. Mr. Foster wound up with an appeal to the Conservative mind to stick by the ship and not to allow this transient question to divide or defeat them. Mr. Foster was frantically cheered when he sat down and his speech will live long in the recollection of those who heard him.

#### IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FORETELL.

What the next few weeks may bring forth. The negotiations with Manitoba will be resumed, but whether anything will come of them or not no one can speak with any degree of certainty. Sir Donald Smith is very hopeful as to the result of the negotiations, and the mind of Mr. Greenway and his government than anyone else at Ottawa. A compromise on this question will be hailed with satisfaction by Liberals as well as Conservatives, as apart from the question of principle and of the constitution involved in the government's policy, it would be a pity if the country were to be divided on the question of race and religion. The intimation that Mr. Dickey will go to Winnipeg to confer with Mr. Greenway instead of the latter gentleman being asked to come to Ottawa, is received with great satisfaction in political circles. It is felt that both gentlemen will be freer in their negotiations if they are removed from the influences which are generally to be found at Ottawa during the session of parliament. Mr. Montzambert, chief quarantine officer for the Dominion, was in town yesterday and had a conference with Col. Prior in reference to the further improvement of the William Head quarantine station. It is admitted that the station is well equipped and well managed under Dr. Jones' superintendency, but a few more improvements are required for the purpose of making it complete as the service of the Pacific coast requires. For this purpose a sum has been placed in the estimates in order to put in some needle baths within the buildings. Fire hose, disinfecting tanks, etc. are also required and all these improvements are to be carried out during the coming summer.

The conference which took place the other day between Prof. Prince and the British Columbia members is with a view to settling certain points which have arisen in connection with applications for exclusive fishing rights on different rivers and inlets in British Columbia. In addition some firms are asking to be allowed to fish

#### WITH TRAPS AND SEINES

the same as the United States fishermen use. It is felt that if these fisheries were conceded to the British Columbia fishermen, more particularly with regard to fishing on Vancouver island, the fisheries there would be rapidly depleted, and there is a possibility of the supply of fish on the Fraser river falling off.

At the request of Col. Prior the Department of Interior, Geological Survey and Mounted Police are preparing an epitome of all the evidence and information relating to the different routes into the Alaska country with a view to deciding upon one which may be improved by the government for the benefit of miners and traders. As already stated Col. Prior is in favor of the White Pass route.

Col. Prior had had brought before him once more the question of a new

telegraph line to Carmanah Point and in conjunction with Messrs. Haslam and Earle representations have been made to the public works department for the building of the line to the Point via Alberni canal. As is well known to your readers the present route was strongly opposed by the British Columbia members and time has amply justified their objections. Just when the line has been required it has been out of order. It is felt that via Alberni the interruptions will be far less frequent and it will be all the more readily repaired or kept in working order.

One other matter of interest to Victoria just now has reference to the removal of the wreck of the San Pedro. Last December the government arrived at the decision that the Southern Pacific Railway Company, the owners of the ill-fated vessel, must remove the wreck, and the agents of the company, Messrs. Dunsuir, were so notified. Mr. Jos. Martin, who has been pleased to take British Columbia under his special wing, has made a great splash about the wreck being a danger to navigation, and it is a source of chagrin to him to know that the government had already taken action before he brought the matter to the attention of the house. The government has now been given a guarantee by the owners of the vessel that the wreck will be removed as soon as the weather will permit, in the spring.

#### CARIBOO AND HORSEFLY.

SEATTLE, March 23.—Work on the Cariboo and Horsefly mines in British Columbia will begin very shortly. General Manager J. B. Hobson, in charge of both mines, arrived in this city on Saturday with twenty-nine miners from Placer county, Cal., selected because of their knowledge of hydraulic mining. The two mines are incorporated under different names, though the same parties are interested in both. General Manager Hobson, in describing the work already done on the mines and their future prospects, said: "The Cariboo mine, which is larger and richer than the Horsefly, has cost the company \$400,000, or \$100,000 more than the other. The vein is a cubic yard of gravel from the two mines is 60 and 20 cents, respectively. You can estimate the wealth of the gravel when you consider that a yield of 3 1/2 cents is about the average in California, and twenty miles in length, with a capacity of 3,000 miners' inches, has been built from Lakes Polley and Bootjack to the Cariboo mine and another canal twelve miles long, with a capacity of 2,000 inches, from the Horsefly river to the Horsefly mine. These ditches were not finished until late last year, and during the 45 days left of the season, from Sept. 1 to October 20, \$60,000 was taken from the Cariboo. During a slightly longer period \$50,000 was taken from the Horsefly. No dividends have been paid as yet, all the profit going into the equipment. This season we expect to take \$300,000 from the Cariboo, and \$100,000 from the Horsefly.

"We really have the privilege of working the year round, as the ground is leased from the Dominion government, for \$50 a year. Besides that, we agree to spend \$5,000 a year in improvements. We have regular sleeping houses at both mines and stores run by the company. Last season there were 75 men at work in the larger mine and 60 in the smaller. This year about twenty more will be put on. During what is called the closed season, there have been 15 men at the Cariboo, and seven at the Horsefly, doing winter work, such as putting in logs and driving tunnels. The miners are paid from \$2.50 to \$5 per day. Ten monitors with a head of 300 feet do the work of both mines. At Cariboo is Quenselle Forks, a small mining town of 200 inhabitants, and each of the mines, which are about twenty-six miles apart, has a post office of its own. We think we undoubtedly have two of the richest mines in the country."

#### SIR AUDLEY COOTE DISAPPOINTED

HONOLULU, H. I., March 15.—Sir Audley Coote, who called here for a day on his way home by the Monowai, spent the time at his disposal while that steamer remained in port in conference with President Dole and his cabinet on cable matters, the proposed connection with the Orient practically monopolizing attention. In this regard Sir Audley assured the Hawaiian government that he had already secured Japanese capital to proceed at once with the construction of the line; he asked that he be delegated to represent the republic of the islands in closing a contract with his Japanese principals on the lines of the draft agreement submitted some time ago to President Dole and his colleagues. These gentlemen, although expressing every confidence in Sir Audley and great appreciation of his action in advancing preliminaries to their present satisfactory stage, concluded that they could not under the extensive powers sought; neither could they see their way clear to accept his second proposition, which was in effect that they give him a written guarantee assuring him of a monopoly of cable landing rights in the islands. On the whole, the interview was far from satisfactory to the strong opponents of the Canadian-Australian scheme.

A movement is well under way that may result in the early departure from these islands of 3,000 to 5,000 of the Portuguese colony. The plan is to go at the expense of their home government to its new possessions in Africa. The government is now sending colonists from Europe free of charge and with £1 bonus per settler.

Respect is better secured by exacting than soliciting it.—Greville.

All have the gift of speech, but few are possessed of wisdom.—Cato.

Men must love the truth, before they thoroughly believe it.—Smith.

The heart's still rhetoric, disclosed with eyes.—Shakespeare.

## ENDS ON APRIL 24.

### Termination of the Dominion Parliament—Departure of the Delegates for Winnipeg.

### Sir Charles Tupper Invites Mr. Laurier's Co-operation—Commissioners of Customs.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 23.—The Premier announced to-day that the present parliament terminates on April 24. The government has decided to pass the remedial bill if possible, no matter how the Winnipeg negotiations end. Provisions will be attached to the measure that it will not become law in the event of Manitoba legislation on behalf of the minority.

Sir Charles Tupper announced this afternoon the departure of the delegates for Winnipeg. "I take this opportunity," remarked Sir Charles, "of saying how glad the government will be to have the co-operation and influence of the leader of the opposition with his friends in the government of Manitoba, doing what he can to facilitate the object of the commission."

Hon. Mr. Laurier remarked: "I am glad to say the hon. gentleman will have that and always has had it. Although this is a tardy step, I think it is the most important step they have taken of doing at last what they should have done long ago in my estimation."

Sir Charles Tupper said the papers on the subject will be laid before the House. It is proposed to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Customs to the \$4,000 figure it was formerly at. The office has been vacant for some months, and Mr. Kilvert, the acting commissioner, will not accept the position at the salary fixed by the statute as it is less than he receives as collector at Hamilton.

The Senate discussed the subject of universal peace this afternoon and ridiculed Mr. Boulton for the manner in which he had brought it up.

Mr. McNeill's motion in favor of preferential trade and levy for defence purposes was discussed all day, the debate being eventually adjourned.

#### WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—Bishop Grandin, of St. Albert, and Father Leduc, vicar-general, came in from the West by to-day's train and were met at the C.P.R. station by His Grace Archbishop Langevin. In reply to a question to the latter dignitary as to whether the visit was in connection with the school question, he laughed and said: "No, we do not know so much about that as the papers. Bishop Grandin has not been well and he has come down partly for a rest and partly on business in connection with our work among the Indians."

Among the visitors in the city is M. Robert, from Montreal, who is connected with the financial department of Archbishop Fabre's diocese in Montreal. He is here for the purpose of making investments to promote French settlement in Manitoba.

Montgomery's lively and feed stable at Virden was totally destroyed by fire to-day.

The C.P.R. will give improved train service on branch lines in Manitoba after next week.

The wheat deliveries show a large falling off at interior points.



James E. Nicholson.

## Almost Passes Belief

Mr. Jas. E. Nicholson, Florenceville, N. B., Sufferer for Seven Long Years with

## CANCER ON THE LIP, AND IS CURED BY

## AYER'S Sarsaparilla

Mr. Nicholson says: "I consulted doctors who prescribed for me but to no purpose; the cancer began to eat into the flesh.

## Decided Improvement.

Encouraged by this result, I persevered, until in a month or so the sore under my chin began to heal. In three months my lip began to heal, and after using the Sarsaparilla for six months, the last trace of the cancer disappeared."

## Ayer's Sarsaparilla

Admitted at the World's Fair. AYER'S PILLS Regulate the Bowels.