LOCAL NEWS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Pheasants Plentiful. — Hunters are having good sport with the pheasant and quail, the season for shooting these birds having opened on Saturday last. Both pheasant and quail are reported as very plentiful and some exceptionally good bags are being secured.

Outfits Released.—According to the Vancouver News-Advertiser, the Provincial government has investigated the seizure of the logging outfits of Messrs. Kinley and Faber and McGrath on the Nicomekl river and as a result they have been released as it was found they were operating on Dominion Crown granted lands and were free from Provincial restrictions.

Losses in Big Fire.—According to the Coast Review, the total losses at the recent big fire in the northern section of the city were $55,894, divided as follows: Queen, $10,657; Liverpool & London & Globe, $8,260; Aetna, $7,305; Commercial Union, $5,600; Western, $5,300; Scottish Union & National, $3,466; Phoenix of London, $2,800; Phoenix of Hartford, $2,061; Royal, $1,714; Union of London, $1,500; Northern, $1,312; Sun, $1,258; Caledonian, $1,165; London & Lancashire, $1,114; Hartford, $742; North British & Mercantile, $619; Connecticut, $400; British-American, $371; Norwich Union, $270.

A Narrow Escape.—A workmen employed at the job of putting in the foundations for the C. P. R. hotel at James Bay flats had a narrow escape from a horrible and instant death on Monday afternoon. The man was employed at some task near where the pile driver was operating, and the spectators were horrified to see him slip and fall right across the pile which was being driven. Simultaneously the big weight commenced to descend for another blow, but the man in charge of the donkey engine was prompt to see the danger and the engine was stopped just in time to prevent the blow being delivered. The man who fell was quite stunned by the shock, being rendered unconscious.

Shipping to Ladysmith.—Says the White Horse Star of September 27th: "The first shipment of ore from this place since early in the present year will be made tomorrow when five carloads of ore from the Copper King mine will be sent to Skagway en route to the Tyee smelter. Other shipments will follow at the rate of 75 to 100 tons weekly for some time to come."

A Deserter Caught—Yesterday a bluejacket who deserted from H. M. S. Grafton eleven months ago, rashly got on a spree in a Johnson street saloon. While intoxicated he ran into the arms of a naval policeman and was promptly collared and taken to his ship. During his long absence without leave, the man is said to have served several months on the Quadra.

An Ambitious Scheme.—Some few days ago the Colonist published particulars of an enterprise which the Shatford Bros., L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., and W. T. Shatford, of Vernon, have just launched, involving the opening up for purposes of fruit raising of the great Ellis ranch, comprising 35,000 acres. These gentlemen are at present in the city and speak most hopefully of the prospects of the scheme being consummated. Eastern capital is becoming interested in the project. They have the greatest faith in the future of the district.

Now at Ottawa.—The White Horse Star of September 27th has the following paragraph about a former well known resident of Victoria: "Word comes from Ottawa that J. T. Bethune, known from Victoria to Dawson, via Atlin, as the greatest promoter on paper, that ever hit either the trail or the ceiling, is now in the capital city where he is living in pomp and oriental splendor as an attache of the Grand Trunk Pacific Townsite Company. If there is a man in the Dominion who can explain the advantages of any particular townsite, "Jimmy" is the man."

Stampede Fakirs.—A special from Dawson says: "Officers of the steamers which have just arrived from the lower Yukon report that United States detectives are scouring the Yukon valley in quest of Duncan and Griggs, promoters of the Midas creek stampede. So far as known no clue has been obtained as to their whereabouts. Last known of the men was that they were headed up the Yukon in a launch. Some believe that they scuttled the launch and then returned to the coast. The captain of the steamer Susie reports that fully 200 people were victimized by the stampeders. Some went through Dawson not long ago en route to the stampede, and then turned back to the Tanana."

The Coal Trade.—Discussing the coal trade outlook J. W. Harrison of San Francisco in his report for the week ending September 27th says: "But few names of coal carriers are being added to the loading list, partially because the asking freight rate from Newcastle is too high, and the demand at this end is diminishing, the competition offered by our northern coast collieries has served to cut down values very materially. The proximity of our winter months is already felt, and the domestic fuel trade is becoming active, this will serve to materially decrease the stocks of colonial coal now on hand. Coal as a steam fuel is gradually losing its hold among large consumers locally, as they are substituting fuel oil for their purposes. Prices generally remain unchanged."

Exodus From Dawson.—Reports from Dawson are that all the steamers leaving there during the past few days and now en route to this place, are crowded with passengers, says the White Horse Star. A late arrival from the interior is authority for the statement that there will not be so many people by fully one-half in Dawson this winter as last. Comparatively few people have gone to Dawson this year, while the exodus, both below and this way has been very great. Stage travel to Dawson late in the winter will no doubt be very heavy.

Will Burn Coal.—According to the Yukon Sun, late copies of which have just been received, there is every probability that this season will be the last in which the steamers of the White Pass will use wood as fuel, the wood camps will be a thing of the past and the glory of the wood choppers will have departed. A contract has recently been entered into between the representatives of the company and George Miller, the owner of the vein of coal above Five Fingers, which has been opened this season, for 5,000 tons of the black diamonds and during the winter all the steamers of the line will be transformed into coal burners.

Hold-up Suspect.—According to a special despatch from Bellingham, appearing in a Vancouver exchange, Pinkerton men have caused the arrest of a man at Bow, Skagit county, on the suspicion that he is implicated in the robbery of the C. P. R. express at Whatcom on the night of September 10. The arrested man has been spending money freely since the robbery and he is unknown in the vicinity of the place where he was arrested.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Canadian Representative.—The Mining and Scientific Press, published at San Francisco, has appointed Wm. M. Brewer, M. E., representative and correspondent for the Dominion of Canada. This will not interfere with the fulfillment by Mr. Brewer of engagements as consulting engineer and geologist.

A Rich Cargo.—The Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Jefferson is expected to reach the Sound this morning with a very rich cargo from the North. The vessel sailed Saturday from Skagway for Seattle, having on board 200 passengers, $300,000 of Klondike gold and 8,000 cases of salmon from the Chilkat canneries.

Miner Suicides.—John Proctor, a former Dawson miner, is dead, a suicide, at Fairbanks, the metropolis of the new Tanana district. He blew off the top of his head with a rifle. The man had $150 in his pocket at the time. The rifle did its work so completely and fearfully that the man's brains were blown all over the room. He had placed the muzzle in his mouth and evidently pulled the trigger with his toe while lying in bed.

Mr. Higgins' Book.—The fifty volumes of Mr. D. W. Higgins' book, "The Mystic Spring and Other Tales," which the city council subscribed for when the enterprise was first mooted have been received by City Clerk Dowler, and consideration is now being given to the question of properly distributing them. It is likely they will be placed in all the libraries and public institution of the province with the compliments of the corporation.

Putting in Cofferdam.—Workmen at the site of the C. P. R. hotel are now putting in a cofferdam to expedite the job of excavating for the foundations. So moist is the material that the big orange-peel dredge has difficulty in making progress in digging the big hole. A big crowd of spectators is constantly assembled to witness the work.

Fine Fruit Exhibit.—Secretary Herbert Cuthbert, of the Tourist Association, was busy yesterday afternoon placing in position a number of jars forming the nucleus of the permanent fruit exhibit which is to be made a feature of the attractions of the rooms on Fort street. The fruit shown is preserved in alcohol and is of the very highest quality, constituting a magnificent advertisement of Victoria district as a fruit-producing area. A placard will be placed in position proclaiming the fact that all the fruit shown was grown within five miles of Victoria.

Appointed Manager.—Wm. Dee, formerly manager of the local offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has been appointed manager of the Victoria branch of the Pacific Coast Wireless Telegraph Company, which is expected to open for business in the course of a few days. Office quarters have been secured adjoining the reading room of the Driard hotel. Stations are established at Seattle and at other points along the coast, and ultimately it is intended to open branches in British Columbia and other points further north. The selection of Mr. Dee for this position will give much pleasure to many Victorians, amongst whom his popularity was well established in his former managerial capacity.

At Mount Sicker.—A grand smoking concert was held in the Miners' Union hall, Mount Sicker, on Saturday evening last. There were about forty presents. The following rendered songs, recitations, funny stories and clog dances: Messrs. R. T. Vyogan, W. Hunter, W. Tregear, W. H. Barton, S. Horel, F. B. Shearme, A. McLean, A. Trainor, A. McGregor, H. Smith, Hattie. The committee consisted of Messrs. F. B. Shearme, L. Matthews, W. Prevost, G. R. McLean and S. Horel. Mr. W. W. Beaton gave a toast to unionism. The committee was accorded the hearty thanks from all present for the very able way in which they had conducted the business. Mr. F. B. Shearme was in the chair and opened the concert with a few words.

Dominion Exhibition.—Victorians who hope the big Dominion exhibition next year will be held here will be interested in learning that Halifax is auxious to be the next place. The following resolution was adopted by the Halifax city council on the 25th of August last: "Whereas, the province of Nova Scotia and the city of Halifax combined have at their disposal large and commodious exhibition grounds and buildings; and whereas, this city is most conveniently situated for the holding of a mammoth fair or exhibition; and whereas, the Dominion fair has already been held twice in the West; therefore be it resolved, that this council respectfully ask the Dominion government, through the city's representatives in the Federal parliament, to name Halifax as the place for holding the Dominion fair in 1905. Be it also resolved, that the city representatives in the local legislature be respectfully asked to secure the assistance of the provincial government in this matter."

Somewhat Hard—Some busybody took the trouble to inform the provincial police that two gentlemen from Seattle were shooting in Metchosin without licenses as "persons not domiciled in the province." These licenses cost $50 and the object of the clause in the Act was to prevent men who shoot game for the market coming from the neighboring states to shoot in British Columbia—a practice that was not uncommon. The police had to proceed on the information furnished them. The two sportsmen, who were well known in Victoria and are members of some local clubs, accordingly were summoned. It appears that they had been invited over for a day's sport on his place by a farmer in Metchosin. Neither the farmer nor the visitors knew of the clause in the Act and they accepted the invitation and shot a few grouse. The matter has been settled out of court by the visitors paying the amount of the license. The comment of local sportsmen is that it is rather outrageous that a gentleman cannot invite a friend from Seattle to shoot over his place without necessitating the payment of this big tax.

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Traversed The Bleak Interior

White Man and Party of Indians Reach Dawson From Peel River District.

Report Little or no Vegetation and no Signs of Animal Life.

The first of the Peel river Indians to reach the city this year arrived Saturday, ten of the braves from the other side of the Rockies making the pilgrimage with skins which they are trading for their winter supply of ammunition, says the Yukon Sun, September 21st. The trip was made via the Seela pass, which was discovered a few years ago, and the Twelve-mile river, one branch of the latter heading in the vicinity of the pass, the party poling up the Yukon from the mouth of the Twelve-mile.

Accompanying the Indians is Edward M. Bruce, a white man who has spent the major portion of the summer hunting and prospecting over the country tributary to the Peel river, a great deal of which is as much of a terra incognito as the barren lands of Hudson bay. The return to the civilization of the Yukon was not accomplished without a considerable degree of hardship, a tiresome journey over a trackless waste totally devoid of animal life, one of the most inhospitable regions he has ever encountered in all his years of travel through the far north, as Bruce describes it. On the summit of Seela pass and for a considerable distance on either side there was two feet of snow which all but obliterated the trail, none too plain at its best. The snow being soft and wet made the mushing very laborious and it was a pretty well fagged out crowd that made camp on the head of the Twelve-mile the day the summit was crossed.

From the standpoint of a prospector and hunter Bruce has a poor opinion of that section. "It is the most desolate, God-forsaken country I ever struck," said he, "hard to get into and much harder to get out of. Beyond the summit there are practically no trails at all, nothing but a wide expanse of broken hills with little or no vegetation and no signs of animal life to relieve the dull monotony of the dreariest of deserts.

"Even the Indians, who, with their ancestors, have lived in the region for generations, have a most precarious existence in the struggle to keep soul and body together. They are dependent almost wholly upon wild game for their sustenance, the feeding grounds of which are miles and miles remote from their camps. The Indians say that years ago there were moose and caribou in abundance, but the herds that once gave them both food and clothing are to be found no more. They blame the white hunters for much of their destitution, believing that the game that has escaped the bullets of the white men has been frightened away and will never return. An appeal, I understand, has been made to the police to keep the hunters out of the domain they consider their own, lest they die from actual starvation.

"Traces of mineral are about as scarce as are specimens of the animal and vegetable kingdom and one might spend a lifetime there searching for a claim that would give any promise. The hills are low and broken, covered with a dense growth of moss and in many places possessing not the slightest vestige of timber. Occasionally one comes across a little piece of forest, the trees being small, guarled and stunted, looking as if they, too, had had a hard time extracting sufficient nourishment from the soil to keep them alive. The Indians, and there are comparatively few of them, are in the main contented, knowing no other life, or, rather, they would be contented were it not for the constant struggle for something to eat, and that keeps them guessing pretty much all their waking hours."

The Indians will remain in the city several days doing their trading and visiting the Mooselides, later returning to the inhospitable region they call home. If they have any luck in their winter's hunt they will be in again about the holidays with a load of meat.

MINING IN ALBERNI.

The Southern Cross Strike Ore at 100 Foot Level—Cascade Ore Body.

An Alberni correspondent writes that ore has been struck on the Southern Cross mine at a depth of 100 feet.

At the Cascade mine a 27-inch hole was bored into the supposed foot wall, and it broke back for three feet, bringing in a ton of high-grade ore. This proves that the ore body is considerably wider than eight feet. Tunnelling is still proceeding to strike the shaft at a lower level, and thus provide for drainage, and also avoid expensive hoisting. This work will delay shipments for a short time, but when completed will permit the ore to be mined at the lowest cost, and enable the company to make regular shipments. The present operations are being carried on under the direction of Mr. I. B. Atkinson, consulting engineer.

Work at the Happy John mines, on the opposite side of Uchuckleesett harbor from the Cascade, is being vigorously prosecuted and the lower level tunnel will shortly tap the ore body at a considerable depth.

The striking of the ore body at depth on the Southern Cross, and the continuance of a large ore body on the Cascade, are disproving the statements hitherto made that the Alberni ore deposits were of shallow character. There is every reason to believe that in a short time there will be several shipping mines, each possessing copper ore of a high grade, averaging from 10 to 20 per cent. copper. Their value is further enhanced from the fact of their being adjacent to navigable water, which permits of cheap transportation and the competition of several smelters.

AGRICULTURAL PROJECT.

Big Irrigation Scheme Planned by Mr. L. W. Shatford, M. P. P.

Mr. L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., of Fairview, B. C., and his brother, Mr. W. Shatford, of Vernon, are at the Hotel Vancouver, says yesterday's Vancouver News-Advertiser. Mr. L. W. Shatford has just returned from a trip east and is spending a few days on the coast. He has in hand negotiations for the purchase of a large tract of land in the southern portion of the Okanagan district, the great fruit-growing section of the province. Options have been secured on from 10,000 to 40,000 acres of land, lying between Penticton and Osoyoos, on the southern border. This is in the best portion of the productive dry belt, which is now one of the favorite districts in the province for settlers, especially from other portions of the Dominion.

About 15,000 acres of this area will be irrigated, while the remainder will be suitable for range purposes. The irrigated land will be disposed of in small holdings, and judging from the influx of settlers into that district during the past few years, it will be soon taken up. Mr. Shatford is largely interested in the interior, and no one knows better than he of the wonderful capabilities of the Okanagan.

JAPS ACTIVE AT MUKDEN.

Mukden, Oct. 3.—The situation is unchanged. The Japanese are active westward of Mukden. The Russian cavalry forces are strong in that direction, their horses are in splendid condition, and the roads are good. The Japanese are active eastward and have been reinforced.

BERNIER'S EXPEDITION.

Returning Vessel Reports Canadian Cruiser Making Good Progress.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 4.—The French fur steamer Stord, from Hudson bay, has arrived here. She reports that the winter is rapidly setting in and that an ice pack blocked Hudson's strait on August 12. There had been frequent snow storms before September 8. The temperature at that time was never above 35 degrees Fahrenheit. The Canadian cruiser Neptune was sighted on September 10, proceeding west through the straits. The captain of the Stord expressed doubts that the steamer Gauss would be able to get through the straits this year. The steamer Neptune carries the expedition sent to enforce Canadian laws against American whalers. The steamer Gauss was three years ago engaged in Antarctic exploration under the auspices of the Germans. Early this year she sailed for the north under the command of Captain Bernier for the purpose of annexing a number of Arctic islands to Great Britain, after which she was to proceed as far as possible in the direction of the north pole.

HAS ENORMOUS COAL RESOURCES

Colliery at Coleman in Crow's Nest Pass Estimated at 64,000,000 Tons.

"Our colliery at Coleman, in the Crow's Nest pass, will be producing a daily tonnage of 500 tons by the end of next week," said Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, president of the International Coal & Coke Company, to the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday last. Mr. Flumerfelt was formerly a resident of Winnipeg, acting in the capacity of provincial representative of the Ames, Holden Company, Montreal. He removed to Victoria, B. C., several years ago and besides being a director of the Eastern Townships bank, is prominently identified with the mining, smelting and lumber industries of British Columbia.

"The bituminous coal lands acquired by the International extend about seven miles north and south on the strike of the coal measures, and have a width of one mile. The Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R. passes within 200 yards of the main entry of the mine. Development work was started last October. We have already extracted 35,000 tons of coal and are in 2,000 feet on No. 2 seam, which has a uniform thickness of fourteen feet. There are in all seven coal seams which outcrop at various points across our property. Mr. Barton, a Pittsburg coal mining engineer, who designed our plant, estimated the coal resources in sight on our lands, above the level of the Old Man river, at 64,000,000 tons.

"This plant," continued Mr. Flumerfelt, "is now nearing completion. It is designed to handle an output of 2,000 tons of coal daily. We will be producing 1,000 tons daily by the end of December and expect to reach the maximum capacity of the plant by next June. We are employing 300 men, including mechanics engaged on construction. Our coal tipple, now nearing completion, is designed to handle 4,000 tons of coal daily. It is the largest tipple in the Crow's Nest district. The C. P. R. has already built two and three-quarter miles of tracks and sidings on the coal company's property. A battery of 104 coke ovens have been completed and coke is now being shipped to the British Columbia smelters. We anticipate no difficulty in finding a market for our output, as the coal is adapted for coking, steaming and domestic purposes. At this juncture the C. P. R. is one of the largest customers, the coal being used as fuel in the locomotives along the main line and branches."

Mr. Flumerfelt left last night for Montreal.

WHITEHORSE PLACERS.

Miner Who Made Tour of All Creeks Well Pleased With Prospects.

K. B. McLennan returned from a six weeks' tour of all the creeks last night and has more confidence in their future now than ever before, and says that by another year the Kluane district will rank among the best mining regions of the north, says the Whitehorse Star.

On discovery on Bullion, a claim in which Mr. McLennan is interested, he saw 19 ounces cleaned up from four men's work of a day and a half.

On No. 3 above on Burwash Henry Collyer took $60 from a hole 6 by 8 feet and was working in water two feet deep all the time.

On a fraction between 59 and 60 above on Burwash, Joe Campbell took from the rim 20 feet above the creek $60 in 8 hours and carried the dirt in a bucket to the creek to wash it.

All the benches and hillsides on Burwash are rich, and McLennan says several men have from $400 to $600 which they have taken out in the past few weeks.

On Arch creek from one little hole a man panned two ounces, a $13 nugget being in one of the pans.

Mr. McLennan is of the opinion that Burwash will prove in another year to be one of the richest creeks ever located in the territory.

J. H. Cooper, representing the C. D. Lane syndicate, came in last night. He is fully as confident of the great future of the district as McLennan. Cooper secured five additional claims while on the creeks and will return in February with a lot of modern mining machinery which will be installed and ready for operation as soon as the season opens.

CONFERENCE OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Archbishop of Canterbury Takes Part in Services Held Yesterday.

Boston, Oct. 5.—The Archbishop of Canterbury and bishops from many parts of the world attended the general triennial conference of the Episcopal church here today. The English prelate was the last of a long procession of dignitaries which passed up the broad aisle of Trinity church, where services were held in the presence of an immense congregation. He recited one of the prayers in the office of the holy communion and read the gospel. The celebrant was Bishop Tuttle of Missouri; the gospeller, Bishop Coade, Montreal, and preacher, Bishop Doane of Albany. Bishop Doane devoted a large part of his sermon to the divisions in Christendom. He discussed the barriers which separate the Anglican church from other denominations, and how they might to some extent be broken down. While the recognition of papal supremacy was impossible, the bishop thought that the church might readily recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome because of the antiquity of the Roman See. He urged a broadening of the churches.

BE IN EARNEST.

Be in earnest about your health. Do not suppose that the headaches, backaches and other symptoms from which you suffer will pass away of their own accord instead of developing into serious and chronic disease. If you are subject to kidney, liver and bowel derangements be full to you as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are a preparation which will be so

To Purchase Whaling Vessel

A Well-Known Victoria Mariner Left For Sweden Yesterday Morning.

Will Bring Out a Steam Schooner For Victoria Whaling Company.

Yesterday morning Captain Balcom, of this city, left for Sweden, via Vancouver and New York, for the purpose of purchasing a suitable whaling schooner wherewith to carry on the business of the company which has recently been formed, and which is now erecting at Barkley sound suitable buildings for the proper treatment of the product of the catches.

Captain Balcom goes to Sweden because that country enjoys the reputation, with Norway, of turning out a better class of vessel, and at a more reasonable price, for this kind of work than any other country in the world. Those staunch little vessels are fitted up in a manner that seems to defy wear and tear, and probably there is nothing more seaworthy afloat on the oceans than those Scandinavian whalers. The centuries-long experience of the Scandinavians in this particular branch of industry has given them intimate knowledge of what is wanted and what is not in the make-up of a whaling vessel.

The schooner which Captain Balcom will purchase and bring to Victoria will be about one hundred tons burthen, and will have steam as motive power. She will be fitted up with all the latest devices known to the business and will represent the best that can be done in that class of boat. The new company expect to be ready for business in a few months. The stock in the new concern is all owned amongst Victoria capitalists.

FORSAKING NORTH.

Everybody Leaving Alaska on Approach of Winter.

Seattle Daily Times reports that hundreds of miners from Alaska and the Yukon Territory are reaching Seattle every week from Skagway. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamship City of Seattle arrived in port Tuesday morning with 193 passengers, and the Alaska Steamship Company's steamship Jefferson will reach port tomorrow morning with about 200.

The Seattle left Skagway late last Friday night. Just before sailing the officers learned that the river steamboat Selkirk had arrived at White Horse with a big crowd of interior passengers. They reached Skagway Saturday afternoon, sailing on the Jefferson, which departed for the south that night.

The boats are still running from White Horse to Dawson, although the river is very low. The Selkirk and several boats now at White Horse expect to make one more round trip. There still remains considerable freight in the North booked for Dawson merchants.

The Seattle brought $150,000 in bullion from the Treadwell mine. The shipment is consigned to the Bank of California, San Francisco. Another treasure shipment of $22,000 from Atlin is consigned to the United States assay office in this city. Purser Jones had more than $50,000 in pokes belonging to passengers.

Among the more prominent passengers reaching port on the Seattle were Joseph and P. Columbe, Tanana operators. They recently sold one of their claims in that district for $30,000. John Bush, another passenger, sold a Tanana claim for $35,000, and B. Mann sold one for $35,000.

Gov. Brady and family and Joseph McDonald, former superintendent of the Treadwell mine, came south on the Seattle. Gov. Brady is en route to the St. Louis exposition. Mr. McDonald and family are going East. A. E. Murphy, who owns considerable property in the Tanana, came out for the winter. Fremont Morse and a party of twelve surveyors came south from Wrangel. They have been surveying on the Alaska boundary.

MELANCHOLY RELIC.

Lifeboat of Ill-fated Steamer Discovery Is Found.

Buried in the sand on the Alaska coast fifteen miles east of Yakutat, is one of the metal lifeboats from the wrecked Nome steamer Discovery. D. S. Benson, an Indian, found the boat September 8, and some days later notified the authorities at Yakutat. The news was brought to Seattle by Fred. J. Stephen, purser of the Alaska Pacific Navigation Company's steamship Santa Clara.

The Discovery was wrecked towards the close of last year, while bound to Seattle from Nome. The Discovery was a small craft and her captain was following the Alaska coast, intending to enter Cross sound and proceed to Seattle by way of the inside passage.

The Discovery made Yakutat in safety. At that time there were about twenty-five persons on board, including members of the crew. Shortly after the Discovery took her departure a severe storm came up. Some weeks later two miners saw wreckage marked "Discovery" piled high on the beach near the mouth of Seal river.

WRECKED IN YUKON.

A special to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, Y. T., says: The Northern Commercial Company's steamer Rock Island struck a rock today eight miles south of Eagle, while en route from Fairbanks to Dawson. The vessel immediately sank in six feet of water, her after end being submerged. The officers jettisoned sixty-five tons of oats belonging to the company. The oats are worth here $5,500. There was no other cargo aboard.

Relief has been sent from Dawson. It is believed the steamer can be saved. Steamers Tanana and Young, en route from Fairbanks, are also expected to help. The Rock Island is worth $50,000.

MARINE INSURANCE.

Rates Are Climbing Higher With Remarkable Results.

An advance made by marine insurance underwriters of New York in rates on steamers carrying railroad material for Japan will probably have the effect of sending all shipments of rails and locomotives for the Far East through Puget sound ports, says the Seattle Daily Times.

Already several carloads of steel rails for use in building railroads in Korea have been received on the Sound for shipment to Japan. Two big ships loaded with rails will clear for a voyage across the Pacific in about a week, and others may be secured by charter to carry railroad material.

The rate recently current in New York has been three-quarters of one per cent. This premium has now been raised to two and a half per cent, on a steamer going by way of Cape Horn with rails and locomotives on board.

When the change was announced in New York yesterday afternoon by the underwriters, it caused the managers of several steamship companies sending vessels to ports in China and Japan to announce that they would omit Japan altogether or refuse railroad material.

War risks on Pacific shipments are now becoming less, on the probability that the remnants of the Pacific Russian squadron will soon be tied up.

Several heavy shipments of railroad material are now said to be on the way to Puget sound from Eastern manufacturers. It was intended to send the steel rails around on tramp steamers, but it was later found to be cheaper to send the material by rail to Puget sound and ship it to Japanese ports. The bulk of the railroad material now arriving on the Sound will be unloaded at Yokohama.

FRANCO-SPANISH TREATY.

Paris, Oct. 4.—The foreign office expects the signing of the treaty between France and Spain relative to Morocco within a few days. The essential principles are determined upon, only details remaining to be adjusted.

NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITY.

London Paper Calls Attention to Unfortunate Lack of Hospitality.

London, Oct. 5.—The London Graphic alludes editorially to the absence of any public courtesy toward the officers and men of the American European squadron, which arrived at Gravesend September 24, and which it excuses on the ground that London is so huge that it is difficult to organize collective action. The American vessels now at Gravesend are the cruisers Olympia, Cleveland and Des Moines, Rear Admiral Jewell in command.

FIGURED IN THE DUNDONALD AFFAIR

Lieut. Colonel Chas. A. Smart Pays a Brief Visit to Victoria.

A visitor to the city for the past couple of days was Lieut.-Colonel Charles A. Smart, of the Thirteenth Scottish Light Dragoons, and secretary of the Dominion Bag Co., Ltd., Montreal. Amile from his prominence in the commercial world, Colonel Smart has grown to be a conspicuous figure in the public eye from the circumstance that it was through his suggestions to the department of militia that the big row was engendered which resulted in the dismissal of Lord Dundonald.

To a Colonist reporter who interviewed Colonel Smart at the Driard yesterday evening just previous to his departure from the city, that gentleman explained how it came about that his name was so frequently mentioned in connection with the Dundonald incident. The headquarters of the regiment which he commands are at Waterloo, Que., though he has jurisdiction over the eastern townships corps, and it was when he attempted to organize a corps at Sweetsburg that the trouble commenced. Colonel Smart, who is a Conservative, was charged with consulting political appointments to the official staff, that is favoring Conservatives as against Liberals. But as a matter of fact, he says, this was not true as the men he recommended were selected because of their military fitness, without regard to politics, and were about evenly divided as Conservatives and Liberals. Dr. Pickle, whose selection seemed particularly obnoxious to the Hon. Sidney Fisher, is a thoroughly capable man, and there was no valid reason why he should have been repected. Dr. Pickle is now serving in the corps in the rank of sergeant.

"You may state," added Colonel Smart, "that in my opinion the militia in Lord Dundonald's dismissal, has suffered the loss of the best commanding officer it ever had. He was a thoroughly capable and painstaking man, and had the trues interests of Canada at heart."

Colonel Smart explained that he did not care for obvious reasons to speak as freely about the Dundonald incident as he would wish. He had up to this time refrained from taking any part in the controversy.

Asked if the incident was being made much of an issue in the East during the present time, Colonel Smart said repeated allusions were being made to it on the stump, and the statements made were expressed regret at the unjust treatment accorded Lord Dundonald.

Colonel Smart said the Conservatives all through the East were very hopeful of being successful during the present campaign, Mr. Borden meeting with splendid receptions everywhere.

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TOO MUCH EXPENDITURE.

Montreal Gazette.

To the charges that the government has not done its duty in providing for the defence of the country Sir Frederick Borden makes defence that $4,500,000 will be spent by his department this year. Unfortunately an expenditure of money by this government does not prove that the ministers are doing their duty. The great trouble with Sir Frederick Borden and his colleagues is that they fling away public money instead of doing their duty. The Eastern Townships corps which was mutilated in order that the officers might be made the spoil of party will probably cost more money than it would if the spoilsmen had kept their hands off it.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Socialist party are now actively working to secure from workers and their sympathizers the necessary funds for the iniquitous $200 deposit and other necessary expenditures. This new party, though young, is a very vigorous infant and their vote at the last election was a surprise to everybody. We cannot help admiring their enthusiasm even if we do not agree with their platform.

The first gun of the political campaign will be fired in the lea of the fort at Esquimalt. The Socialist party will hold a meeting in the old schoolhouse there tonight at 7:30, when the vital bread-and-butter question of the day will be discussed. Voters, workingmen and ladies are especially welcome. The speakers are McGregor, Watters and Marcon.

The Young Men's Liberal Club has elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, C. J. V. Spratt; first vice-president, H. E. A. Courtenay; second vice-president, W. E. Fullerton; secretary-treasurer, D. Leeming; executive committee, Aaron Parfitt, A. Beakes, O. Onions, W. Kettle, R. J. Fell, Chas. Banfield, F. Cotterall, R. J. Perry, T. Donovan, A. E. Kent, R. Dewar, R. C. Grant and R. Elliott.

Second Day Of The Exhibition

Royal City Exposition Draws Large Crowds in Spite of Rain.

Many of Victoria's Firms Make Extensive and Attractive Displays.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Oct. 5. — Fine weather did not favor the second day of the annual provincial exhibition. Showers of rain fell all morning and up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, when it cleared up. Naturally the attendance was affected, but about 8,000 people visited the grounds today. Over 300 came up on a special excursion from Bellingham.

That the exhibition is a long distance ahead of anything held heretofore is conceded by all who are in a position to judge. In the stock alone the entries are fully one-third more numerous, and the same applies to all the other divisions.

The attendance yesterday was hardly up to expectations, but today, with the big Goten-McLeod wrestling match as an attraction, a record number through the gates is looked for. Both of the principals in the wrestling match are confident of winning and both are trained to the hour for the event. Mr. Henry White, city attorney of Bellingham, has been accepted as referee, and there is no doubt that this gentleman will give general satisfaction. Mr. O'Neil, who, it will be remembered, acted in the capacity of manager for Two Feathers, the big Sioux mat artist, is in the city with another brave from the Blackfoot reservation in Montana, who is a much larger man than Two Feathers. This Indian, by name War Eagle, stands six feet four inches in height, is 51 inches about the chest and weighs 251 pounds. He is a magnificent specimen of humanity and it is the intention of O'Neil to challenge the winner of the Goten-McLeod match to meet his last protege.

The next lacrosse match will be on Thursday between the same two teams that played yesterday, the Nelson and Westminster boys.

Out on the grounds the exhibit of the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading Company attracts considerable attention. The display consists of three cottages put together without a nail in their construction. The company is shipping this line of house into the Northwest for settlers there, and it is stated that they are giving great satisfaction.

Mr. L. H. Nicholson, who is representing the M. R. Smith Company, of Victoria, has an exhibit in the main building which attracts the attention of everybody entering by the front door. Biscuits and confectionery are tastefully displayed here and the whole is set out in as neat a manner as it would be possible to accomplish. The M. R. Smith Company, for which Mr. Nicholson has been the representative for about five years, is well known in the Royal City and the compliments which that gentleman is receiving on his beautiful exhibit are by no means undeserved.

The display of the B. C. Soap Co. and the British American Paint Co., Mr. W. J. Pendray, Victoria, is bound to catch the eye of the spectator, to the left of the main entrance.

This exhibit is built up in the form of a pyramid with smaller pillars at each corner.

The arrangement here is highly commendable and Mr. Pendray is deserving of great praise for his excellent display.

The E. G. Prior Co., of Victoria, has a neat little exhibit of Melotte cream separators, which prove of great interest to farmers visiting the fair. An attendant is always on hand here to explain the mechanism of the separators, and he never talks but to a highly interested audience.

The district exhibits, of which there are seven, are all first class this year, and keen rivalry is the order here.

Some very interesting displays of Indian work are to be seen in the main building, and for strangers these are a constant source of wonderment. Another Victoria firm which has gone to considerable pains in the arranging and placing of its exhibit is the Price Preserving Company. A neat triangular stand has been erected and on this are built up rows of bottled fruit, a mere glance at which makes the mouth of the gazer water. This display has worlds of magnetic power for the ladies.

Before the wrestling match this afternoon the Scottish games were billed to be run off. Prizes, the total value of which is $300, are hung up for these contests, and as some A1 athletes are in the city, a broken record or two is looked for.

This evening the programme includes a Scottish concert in the exhibition building.

LONDON'S CURIOUS RECORDS.

Accounts of British Metropolis Contain Many Items of Odd Interest.

London, Oct. 5.—There are many interesting and curious items in the accounts of the corporation of the city of London, as revealed by a weighty volume yesterday. For instance, the expenses of the presentation of the address to Mr. Chamberlain amounted to £223 11s. 6d., the reception of President Loubet cost £1,429 5s. 11d., and that of the King of Italy £1,585 5s. 6d. On the occasion of the visits of the two rulers a gratuity of one day's pay was made to all ranks in the police, the cost of this being £597 14s. 10d. The attendance of the city trumpeters entailed an outlay of six guineas for the King of Italy, but it was a guinea cheaper for the French President. Toastmasters on each occasion cost four guineas, menus £22 10s.; there were carriage callers at the Loubet reception at an expense of £5 15s., and the cigars at the entertainment of the Italian monarch figure at £6 14s. Apparently there were no cigars at the Presidential reception. In the expenses of the presentation to Mr. Chamberlain is an item of a guinea for announcing the guests. The engrossing of the address to the ex-colonial secretary cost £5 12s. 6d.; those presented to the King of Italy and M. Loubet were illuminated and figure at £42; while for the gold caskets in which they were placed £210 each was paid. The bill for the ermine and coronation robes worn by the then lord mayor, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, was £128; and while Sir Marcus Samuel contented himself with a purple robe and a crimson silk reception robe, for which £84 was paid, Sir J. T. Ritchie has a black one and a crimson one, which cost more than double that amount—£195. The hire of a horse for three-quarters of a year for the city marshal cost £88 5s.; the maintenance of lunatics chargeable upon the city is set down at £312 10s. 7d. In the police accounts there is an item of £40 9s. 8d. "expenses of watching suspected persons," and it is interesting to know that the winding and synchronizing of the clocks at the Mansion House, Guildhall, etc., added £13 16s. 3d. to the city's expenses.

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