Sharp, "The Ladies" and the Ty-
oast completed the list, a special
ar leaving Esquimalt shortly be-
o'clock to bring the city contingent
ts back to town.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

he several factors that have gone
e up the retail trade for the past
none is more patent or more inter-
than the part taken by the Vic-
District Fruit-Growers' Associa-
those place of business is in the
arket building. Purchasers are
g their way to the premises in
r number every day, and lovers of
esh fruit that has not suffered the
of a wagon in warm sunshine
usty roads, cannot fail to be im-
d by inspecting the association's
y. In a few weeks plums, apples,
cauliflowers and tomatoes will be
to the variety in stock, and as
produce is more bulky than that
arried, the display will be just so
more imposing. The association
the following quotations, which,
l be seen by comparison with the
quent list, are in the most cases
nt:

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pberries, per lb	9@10
ckberries "	10
rants, "	5½@6¼
seberries, "	6¼
rries, "	9@10
sour, "	10
wberries, "	10@12½
TABLES—	
atoes, per lb	2
s, "	2
bages (large) apiece	5
ns, string, per lb	4@5
" butter, per box	25
" English, broad, per lb	4@5
rots, per bunch	5
tuce, three heads	5
ts, per bunch	5
ons, three bunches	5
y PRODUCE—	
gs, fresh (guaranteed)	30
tter, fresh dairy	25
am, fresh, per pint or jar	25

e current city retail prices are as
ws:

R—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$5.75
ke of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.75
ctoria XXX	5.25
on	5.25
rtland roller	5.25
em	5.50
owflake	5.50
emier	5.50
ree Star	5.50
perfine	5.25
ngarian (Armstrong)	5.50
XXX "	5.25
cong Bakers "	5.00
aham, per 10 lbs	40
at, per ton	37.50
kwheat, per 10 lbs	50
, per ton	25.00@30.00
ey, per ton	20.00@32.00
ilings, per ton	20.00@22.00
n, per ton	18.00@20.00
nd feed, per ton	25.00
" California per ton	25.00@30.00
n, whole, per ton	26.00@28.00
" cracked, per ton	28.00@30.00
meal, per 10 lbs	35
meal, per 10 lbs	45@50
led oats, per lb	5
atoes, new, per lb	1¾
ages, per lb	3½@4
, baled, per ton	16 00
w, per bale	50@75
ons, per lb	2½@3
hard, per lb	2½
umbers, each	5
aragus, per lb	12½
ese, per lb	15@20
American, per lb	20
gs, Island, per doz	30
imported, per doz	17
tter, fresh, per lb	25
" Creamery, per lb	25
" Dairy, per lb	20
" B. C. Creamery, per lb	25
ney (Chilliwack) per lb	25
ms, American, per lb	17@18
" Canadian, "	16
" Boneless, "	15
con, American, per lb	16@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian "	14@16
oulders, hams, per lb	12½
rd, per lb	12½@15
lden Cottolene, per lb	12½
EATS—Beef, per lb	5@15
Sides, per lb	7½@9
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
" " carcase, per lb	8½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
RUITS—	
Apricots	5
Cherries	5@8
Apples, Tasmania, per lb	8@10
" California, "	5
Lemons, California, per doz	25
Bananas, per doz	35
Cranberries, Eastern, per lb	20
Gooseberries	6@8
Pineapples	30@40
Strawberries, local	10@12
Plums, per lb	8
Peaches, 2 lbs	8@10
Limes, per doz	15
Tomatoes, 3 lbs	25
ISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Halibut, per lb	10@12
Rock Cod, per lb	8@10
Eastern oysters, per tin	75

Must Find Places.

LONDON, July 12.—The political axe has
llen in the custom house, and a couple
f most efficient officers there, George D.
nderland and John Siddons, have
een superannuated. Their places have
een filled by Liberals.

Shies at The Deal.

TORONTO, July 14.—The Mail and Em-
ire's Ottawa special says that a minis-
er is authority for the statement that
othing was done at Monday's cabinet
neeting regarding the Drummond
ounty Railway deal. It is stated the
ispatch adds, that Sir Oliver Mowat
ould not allow anything to be done in
his matter in the absence of Sir Richard
artwright.

The West Creating Prosperity.

MONTREAL, July 13.—Canadian Pacific
agnates are feeling well pleased with
he prospects just now, Sir William Van
Horne, when asked if he had any par-
icular theory as to the cause of the
arge increase in the company's receipts,
eplied that it came from the large in-
rease of business in the Northwest and
British Columbia. The increase em-
braces both the passenger and freight
receipts.

FARMERS ATTENTION—The Victoria Dis-
trict Fruit Growers Association is pre-
pared to handle all your fruit, hay, grain, but-
er, eggs, etc., etc. Good prices; prompt re-
turns. Apply to Manager, City Market, Vic-
oria.

DIED.

ALEXANDER—At the family residence, 67 North
Park St., on the 10th inst., Charles Percival,
infant son of Charles J. and Ada M. Alexan-
der, aged four months.

JAMIESON—At San Francisco, Cal., on the 15th
instant, Neil, the beloved son of Mary and
the late Michael Jamieson, and brother to
Laughlin Norman and Hector Jamieson
and Mrs Stanton, a native of Whidby Island,
Wash., aged 36 years.

GOUGE—At Chemainus, B C., on the 11th instant,
Percy Bert and, eldest son of Bert and Mary
Gouge, aged 2 years.

UNLIMITED CHOICE.

Candidates From Atlantic to Pacific for the Position of Inspector of Victoria's Schools.

Reading of Their Recommendations a Task of Hours—Choice to be Made in Special Session.

If the board of school trustees do not secure an eminently suitable person as city inspector, it will not be through any insufficiency in the number of applicants. Letters asking for the position and accompanied by voluminous testimonials have been pouring into the office of the secretary in a continuous stream ever since the board expressed its need through the columns of the public press, until last evening the pile of applications had grown to such formidable proportions that the assembled trustees took one terrified glance at it, and forthwith decided that it would require a special meeting and a long one at that to dispose of the appointment. At its last regular meeting the board had endorsed the principle of introducing an outsider, experienced in educational work, but free of all local acquaintances and prejudices. The call for candidates for the position was therefore given prominence in the province of Ontario, and as a result the majority of applicants own that province as their home. Ontario does not, however, claim them all, for the roll contains addresses from Baltimore, Md., and Kentville, Nova Scotia, on the Atlantic seaboard, to San Francisco on the Pacific. Here is the complete list: G. H. Armstrong, Toronto; A. C. Crossby, M.A., Forest; R. Shepard, St. Mary's; P. J. Pilkey, M.A., Fort William; Hiram L. Smith, Belwood; D. H. Lent, Baltimore; Sylvanus Phillips, B.A., Tilsonburg; B. H. Davis, Toronto; W. R. Liddy, Port Dover; E. S. Howard, B.A., Brampton; W. C. Simons, Lethbridge, Northwest Territory; Rev. T. Clarke Robinson, St. Catharines; Stanley W. Matthews, Peterboro; D. B. Dandeno, Williamstown; W. J. Chisholm, Paisley; J. W. Odell, Cobourg; J. R. Street, Worcester, Mass.; W. J. Drope, Grimsby; W. Ben. Nayler, Morrisburg; Minnie Smith, B. A., Orangeville; R. Galbraith, Killean; E. M. Bigg, M. A., Parkhill; Frank E. Pirney, Norwood; J. Harold Putnam, Ottawa; R. A. Patterson, Perth; Sydney Silcox, Collingwood; James Morgan, M.A., Barrie; A. McCulloch, M.A., Thorold; J. H. Long, M.A., L.L.B., Hamilton; H. de la Matter, Williamstown; John Houston, M.A., Clinton; D. D. Moshier, Toronto; J. M. Martin, M.A., Listowel; A. C. Casselman, San Francisco; Frank H. Eaton, Kentville, N.S.; James Morris, Kincardine; Lyman C. Smith, Oshawa; W. R. Robeson, Prescott; John McCool, B.A., Paisley; and Ernest E. C. Kilmer, Stratford.

Just how to select the best man for the important position from this list of total strangers is not an easy task, and the trustees at their meeting last evening considered and cast aside numerous suggestions. It would not be fair, they held, for a committee to "boil down" the testimonials; on the other hand the secretary estimated that to read them, at full speed, would occupy at the very least calculation seven or eight hours. The weeding out of the least desirable among the many was also held to be a duty devolving upon the full board, and so, as the fairest and best way all round, it was ultimately decided that each member of the board shall take opportunity during the next week to read through the applications and accompanying documents, coming prepared to make an intelligent selection at a special meeting on the evening of Thursday, the 24th instant. At this same meeting a selection will be made from ten candidates for the position of principal of the Boys' Central school, and other requests for appointments on the teaching staff or promotion will be dealt with.

The communications received at last evening's session were few in number, and purely routine in character. The Henry Hate Chemical Co., asked for a share of the board's patronage, their request going upon file. The principal of the South Park school noted that her school had no pupil teacher assigned to it during last term, and suggested that the omission be rectified this fall—which will be done. Supplies were requested for the Girls' Central and Spring Ridge schools, the principal of the former noting that the new process blackboards had proven anything but a success. Accounts for the month totalling $178.63 were passed for payment, and the summary of attendance for the month of June was adopted as below: Average daily, 1,873.59; average actual, 1,852.94; pupils actually in attendance. 1,992; average per teacher, 41.5.

The supply committee was authorized to purchase a quantity of wood offered at a very advantageous rate, and

Trustee Hall deferred, until the appointment of an inspector had been disposed of, his resolution of which notice had been given looking to the amalgamation of the Boys' and Girls' Central schools, and to the addition of bookkeeping and one or two other subjects to the curriculum.

Under the head of reports, Trustee McMicking, for the alterations and repairs committee, presented a statement of the requirements of the Central school, such small improvements as might improve the ventilation at a small cost, and render the grounds more presentable and convenient for those attending the school. This report was given back to the committee with the authority of the board to proceed with the repairs suggested.

Trustee Hall also reported, in behalf of the Gymnasium committee, to whom had been referred the question of acquiring if possible additional ground for the children of the West school to play in. The report was to the effect that the property in view would give no definite reply to the propositions made to her, and consequently the committee could only recommend the board to abandon the proposal.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

LONDON, July 14.—The rifle shooting contests at Bisley which began yesterday were continued to-day. In the Secretary of War competition, the Canadian, Swain, holder of the gold medal, and Wyatt, tied for the first prize, each scoring [redacted] agreed to divide the first and second prizes. Windatt, Broadhurst, Captain Davidson, Smith and Miller, gained places in the first hundred at the first stage for the Imperial prize, entitling them to compete in the final stage on Friday.

YACHTING.

THE TWENTY-FOOTER CHAMPIONS.

NEW YORK, July 14.—In the second trial races of twenty-footers to-day Mr. C. H. Crane's Momo won, beating Mr. Irving Cox's Skate by four seconds. There is one more race to be sailed to decide which of the American fleets shall be selected to meet the Canadian yachts on Lake St. Louis.

CRICKET.

A DRAW WITH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

NOTTINGHAM, July 14.—The cricket match between the Gentlemen of Philadelphia and an eleven representing Nottinghamshire, which was begun here on Monday and continued yesterday, was declared a draw to-day, after the home players had made 249 runs for eight wickets down in their second innings. The Philadelphians made 421 runs in their first innings, and the Nottinghamshire team in their first innings scored 244 runs.

MUST BE PLAYED AGAIN.

It has been decided by the league committee that the match between the R. M. A. and the Albions, which was played last Saturday on the Barracks ground, shall be played over again on some future date.

THE WHEEL.

AN AMATEUR CHAMPION.

BRANTFORD, July 14.—There is much excitement here over the bicycle races now on. McLeod defeated Davidson in the mile race, in two straight heats, for a prize valued at $150. Axton, of Brantford, defeated Richardson, of Toronto, in the mile open. Axton is considered the fastest amateur in Canada, and challenges an amateur to contest his right to go to Scotland to represent the Dominion.

THE TURF.

SATURDAY'S LOCAL MEETING.

The entries are numerous for the races at the Driving Park on Saturday, and there are sure to be events of the greatest interest. In the "free for all" there are: Carrie S., with a record of 2:21; Condi, who is 22 years old and made a record last year of 2:19¼; and Willema, who has a two-year mark of 2:26, while she has trotted two miles in 4:46, and holds the twenty-mile record of the Pacific Coast. An event of great local interest is the race between Black Beauty and Confectioner, owners up. One match race between Jim Murphy and Bright Eyes for a $300 purse will be a fast one to the finish. The race between the bicycle and the horse will also be a good exhibition of speed between man and beast. There are six entries for the bluejackets' pony race, which, while not likely to be productive of any record-breaking time, is sure to be full of pleasing features. This race meet is being conducted under new management, and every effort is being put forth to make the event a successful one in every respect.

Australian Politician Dead.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., July 12.—Hon. Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., LL. D., member of the legislature of New South Wales, is dead, aged 66 years.

Engineers' Strike.

LONDON, July 9.—The committee of engineers of the allied unions has issued a notice to the members of the unions instructing the latter that wherever 25 per cent. of the unionists are locked out on Tuesday next, the remaining 75 per cent. are also to go out on strike.

The Same...
Old Sarsaparilla.

That's Ayer's. The same old sarsaparilla as it was made and sold by Dr. J. C. Ayer ***50 years ago.*** In the laboratory it is different. There modern appliances lend speed to skill and experience. But the sarsaparilla is the same old sarsaparilla that made the record—***50 years of cures.*** Why don't we better it? Well, we're much in the condition of the Bishop and the raspberry: "Doubtless," he said, "God might have made a better berry. But doubtless, also, He never did." Why don't we better the sarsaparilla? We can't. We are using the ***same old plant*** that cured the Indians and the Spaniards. ***It*** has not been bettered. And since ***we*** make sarsaparilla compound out of sarsaparilla plant, we see no way of improvement. Of course, if we were making some secret chemical compound we might.... But we're not. We're making the same old sarsaparilla to cure the same old diseases. You can tell it's the ***same old sarsaparilla*** because it works the ***same old cures.*** It's the sovereign blood purifier, and—***it's Ayers.***

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

A Denial From the Collector of Customs at Westminster—A Probable Suicide.

The Bella Coola Colony Prosperous and Contented—Rossland Officers Divide a Reward.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, July 12.—The collector of customs at New Westminster thus writes to the News-Advertiser respecting the duty on salmon: "In your issue of the 10th you say: 'It was rumored here yesterday that instructions had been issued by the collector of customs at New Westminster to charge a duty of one cent per fish on all salmon brought in from the American side.' Permit me to say that the rumor is as false as can be. I never gave any such order. I trust you will pardon me if I say I understood my business better than to make such a stupid blunder as you say I did."

The Lind case has turned out a very interesting one. The post mortem examination revealed the fact that the direct cause of the death of Lind, whose body was found on his bed at the Norden, was congestion of the lungs, but as congestion of the lungs might be caused by poisoning, Coroner McGuigan took the precaution to have the stomach saved for analysis. Yesterday two letters were found addressed to friends, which would indicate that Lind had taken poison. One addressed to Mr. Carl Nelson said: "I wish you and Mr. F. J. Carlson, in Everett, Wash., would look after my property and belongings, and every bit shall go to my sister Fredreca Maria and no one else. She is a cripple and sick, and she is living in Sweden." The other letter read thus; "My Friend Carl Nelson:—Don't regret that I have left as I have done. My friend, live well. With best wishes from me. Good night. (Signed) John Lind."

The British bark Pomona is lumber laden and ready to sail for Australia. Her cargo is valued at $7,844.93.

VANCOUVER, July 13.—A leading canner and an excellent authority on canning in British Columbia, informed the COLONIST correspondent to-day that there is a combine in England, composed of the biggest buyers, who control the market, to bear prices of British Columbia salmon, which accounts for the low price at present, and also that only seven cents per fish is now offered to fishermen.

Mr. Costello, a canner, says that there is no excitement whatever on the Fraser. The fishermen are all at work. Their meeting was a mild affair and attended by only comparatively few fishermen. There is no combination among the fishermen.

An inquest touching the death of Kitty Askew was opened before Coroner McGuigan at 3 o'clock this afternoon. After viewing the body of the girl, evidence was taken. On examination of the body it was found that the bullet had entered her body just under the left breast. It had not emerged. A. Gibson, the first witness called, said he was coming up Richard street, beside the Bank of British Columbia, when he heard three shots and saw a woman running down in a semicircle. The woman shouted and almost fell into his arms. She lived for a few seconds, gasped twice and died. He lit a match and saw that she was Kitty Askew. He found the man who fired the shots lying dead at the corner of Pender and Richard streets. Charles Smith testified as follows: 'I saw Immel shoot Kitty Askew. I was about seventy-five feet away.' Last night about a quarter to nine I was at the Clarence hotel. I walked out and saw a man and a woman. They appeared to have hot words. They were close to each other. I heard the words, "You agreed to come and meet me and went somewhere else." The young man spoke the words. She turned away as if she objected to his words. I listened for a few minutes. He placed his hand on his hip and he said, "Do you mean to say that you did not do it?" and she replied, "I told you I did not do it." He then drew a revolver and shot her twice. When he saw her drop he shot himself. When he shot himself his cap was on and it was set on fire. I could not say how he shot himself. The two shots were quick. He only fired at her twice, and not as she ran across the street. A lady on the street said: "Oh, my God!" He saw the man fall, being within 12 feet of him. He never got up again. There was no life in his body after a minute. He knew Immel for four years and recognized him. After further evidence the jury returned a verdict that the deceased met her death through a bullet wound from a revolver in the hands of W. J. Immel.

Miss Askew was a waitress at the Boulder restaurant and stepdaughter of H. Condron, of Port Haney. Immel was a blacksmith, 28 years old, of an extremely jealous disposition, and his sweetheart did not always consider this fact in taunting him, as she sometimes is said to have done. It is supposed that his jealousy was aroused to the insanity pitch, and as Immel always carried a revolver, the deadly weapon was ready to tempt him to its use.

The 12th of July passed off very quietly here. Several stores were closed in honor of the day, but in the main business went on as usual. A large number of citizens attended the Nanaimo celebration.

At the recent ordination held on the 11th June last in Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, Mr. J. H. MacGill, of Trinity College, Toronto, and formerly of Vancouver, was made a deacon. After attaining his degree in arts, Mr. MacGill came in the spring of 1890 to Vancouver, where he spent some months. Thence he went to Vancouver Island and afterwards to Kamloops, where he entered the law office of F. J. Fulton. Returning to Vancouver he was with Mr. John Campbell until called, in November, 1893, Mr. MacGill was also well known as a member of the News-Advertizer staff, which he left to enter the divinity class of his college. He is now in charge of the mission at Amaranth, near Orangeville, Ont.

A big deal in mining properties, in which Vancouver men were the sellers, has just taken place. The Spokane and Standard groups on Palmer mountain in Okanagan country, owned by Messrs. J. B. McLaren and A. E. Palmer, of this city, have been sold to Mr. Daniel W. Henley, a well known Spokane lawyer, who now owns 17 claims in that district. The price has not been made public, but the consolidated properties are said to be worth from $200,000 to $300,000.

VANCOUVER, July 14.—In March last two Chinamen, suspected of being infected with leprosy, escaped from the ken of the Victoria authorities and came over to the Mainland. Mr. Webster was notified that they were thought to have gone to work at one of the canneries and wrote to several down river canners. Yesterday the chief constable received a letter from Messrs. Currie and McWilliams stating that a Chinaman had come to them on Wednesday last from Victoria whom the other Chinamen had sent off saying he was a leper.

The report of fishermen on the Fraser is "No fish."

A. W. Hager, barrister of Chicago, brother of Congressman A. L. Hager, of Iowa, is in the city. Mr. Hager is interested in properties on the Fraser and in Cariboo. He has a very high opinion of the possibilities in mining here.

A meeting of the Yale Queen Mining Company was held yesterday. The company have made a cross cut 325 feet to reach the main vein, which they expect to see inside of another 75 feet. The stringers through the country rock that they are now in run $19.50 in all values. The last assay on the main lead was $157.09 in all values.

Mr. W. Cowan, formerly of Brandon, has arrived in Vancouver, where he proposes to locate with his family. Mr. Cowan is already interested in numerous mines in the province.

The Herbert Cup, for general proficiency, was presented to No. 5 company, Fifth Regiment, last night by Col. Worsnop. The company secured it as the outcome of the annual drill now over, in competition against all the Victoria and Mainland companies.

A petition is in circulation to increase the staff in the Customs offices.

At the board of trade meeting last night it was suggested that the city make an offer to all comers for a smelter. The suggestion was not endorsed, however, owing to the fact that the city might by waiting get a better offer made to them than their own general offer.

NANAIMO.

At the Orange celebration here on the Twelfth the following resolution was moved by Mr. Thomas Cunningham, of New Westminster, Past Provincial Grand Master, seconded by H. T. Thrift, D.M., and carried unanimously:

Whereas the extension and consolidation of the British Empire has been a fundamental principle of Orangeism from its organization in 1688 to the present day; and, whereas, a movement for the federation of the colonies of Great Britain with the Mother Land has been recently inaugurated; resolved, that the Orangemen of British Columbia, assembled to commemorate the victory of William at the Boyne, an event which secured to the inhabitants of Great Britain and Ireland a United Kingdom founded on truth and righteousness, desire to express their sincere satisfaction at the prospective triumph of the political principle of a United Empire which they have steadfastly supported through all the vicissitudes of two centuries and with gratitude to the King of Kings, they hail with joy the spontaneous and almost universal desire expressed by the subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria throughout the British dominions for closer political and business relations with the United Kingdom and its dependencies; and that they hereby renew their oft repeated pledge to use all lawful means for the furtherance of the scheme of Imperial Federation and the extension of the blessings of the Anglo-Saxon civilization with its accompanying advantages of civil and religious liberty.

WELLINGTON.

Little interest was taken in the nominations to fill the two vacancies on the council board. Ex-Mayor McKay was placed in nomination for the North Ward, and Mr. James Watson for the South Ward. There being no other nominations, both gentlemen were declared elected.

News from Nanoose Bay states that boring will commence at Hamilton's today for the West Wellington Coal Company. Mr. E. H. Heape, managing director, was here on Tuesday, and seemed thoroughly satisfied with the prospects of the company.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 14.—News came to-day of the death of Police Magistrate Atkinson of this city, in hospital at Nelson, whither he went a few weeks ago to defend a number of cases coming before the spring assizes at Nelson and elsewhere. He was attacked with inflammation of the bowels and went into the hospital, where he died yesterday afternoon.

Thomas Clive Atkinson was aged 41 years. He was born in Caledon, Ont., near Orangeville, and was the eldest son of Geo. Atkinson, a well-to-do farmer. He studied law in Toronto, and after being admitted to the bar went to the Northwest Territories and spent a few months at Medicine Hat, afterwards proceeding west to British Columbia in 1883. He settled in New Westminster and has ever since practised his profession here. Mr. Atkinson was married in 1886 to the eldest daughter of the late James Ellard, of this city. He was a member of Harris Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Orangeville, Ont., and of the Royal Arch Chapter, A. F. & A. M., in Vancouver. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World, and filled the chair for the first time after the lodge organized in New Westminster. He has been police magistrate in New Westminster for ten years, and it is said never had a decision reversed.

NEW DENVER.

F. E. Sargeant, secretary of the Anaconda Copper Company, and W. L. Hoge, a partner of Marcus Daly in the banks of Anaconda and Butte, arrived in Sandon on the 4th inst. They are both largely interested in the Payne mine. On Monday morning, says the Ledge, Mr. Sargeant donned a pair of blue jeans and English-expert yellow leggings, and at Bartlett's stables asked for a quiet horse. Mr. Sargeant gathered up the reins, caught hold of the pommel with one hand and the rear of the saddle with the other, and was about to give a spring when the horse sneezed. Mr. Sargeant's right arm snapped in two above the elbow.

This sounds ridiculous, but it is a matter of fact. The horse was not restive; Mr. Sargeant did not fall; he in some way, scarcely explainable, twisted his right arm and the bone snapped.

BELLA COOLA.

BELLA COOLA, June 30.—The settlers of this valley have now become so accustomed to their changed conditions and surroundings that hardly a complaint is heard, but general content prevails. Last winter was mild, the spring came early and the weather this summer has been very favorable to growing crops.

Almost everybody is now away at the canneries, men, women and children. Only those remain who cannot get away.

There has been $2,000 expended on the road this summer before the exodus took place. Mr. L. B. Hamlin, the government engineer, came here in the beginning of May and took charge of the work. The road was nearly finished from the wharf to a place about four miles up. The work from the wharf for about three-quarters of a mile along the side of a mountain was attended with many difficulties. Considerable blasting was done, rocks piled up carefully along the lower side of the road, dirt scraped up and wheeled sometimes quite a distance and spread over the surface. This place passed, the ground was level, firm and dry for about one and a half miles, and here the work proceeded at a good rate. Then lower and softer ground was encountered. Here large trees were grubbed out and the road raised up and ditched deep on both sides. The work extended about one and a quarter miles further, but, except for a short distance, the road was not completed, only made passable for wagons. Beyond there it connects with road formerly made. We have now a fairly good wagon road twelve miles up the valley, and I venture to say that if the care and skill displayed by Mr. Hamlin had been used by the preceding engineer the road would now have been in excellent condition twenty miles or more. We have received assurances that the work will doubtless be continued further up the valley next summer, and the settlers now feel confident that in spite of opposition the contract entered with the colony will be carried out.

Inquiries in regard to the valley come with every mail, and it seems we may soon see another influx of settlers.

ASHCROFT.

News reached here last week that Mr. Cousins, of the Sydney Co., known as the Smoky River Mining Co., was drowned on his return at Grand Canyon, eighty miles above Fort George. His canoe upset, and endeavoring to swim ashore he found the task too great for his strength. Two men and a boy who were with him succeeded in making the shore. Mr. Cousins was born in Australia, where his people still reside. He was a genial, unassuming and agreeable gentleman. He was about forty years of age and unmarried.

The Lytton correspondent of the Mining Journal notes that "Miss Anthony, a sister of our townsman Mr. J. Anthony, is here on a visit from England. Her pleasant manner and amiable disposition have set the hearts of the young beaux of Lytton 'all aflutter.' It is to be hoped that she will choose to make this her future home."

ROSSLAND.

J. S. Ingram, Rossland's chief of police has entered upon his duties. Mr. Ingram has been chief of police of Winnipeg, Calgary and other cities, and has letters by the score from city councilmen from each of the cities he has served. James Power, J. Hanington and McGowan, the patrolmen appointed to serve under Mr. Ingram, each have had experience in police affairs. Mr. McGowan, who is sergeant, served as special inspector under Mr. Ingram at Winnipeg. McGowan is to receive $85 per month and the other two $75 each. At the police commissioners meeting held Monday, Commissioner Jordan supported Hosson, Pyper and Henry for city policemen, but Hon. T. Mayne Daly and Mayor Scott voted for the present force.

W. Forrest is in town from Cascade City, B.C., fourteen miles east of Grand Forks, on Christina lake and says there are some 300 people in that neighborhood who are much in need of a post office as Grand Forks is the nearest. The provincial government has given them a school and is putting up a school house.

The city council has taken no action in the matter of the suspension of City Solicitor McNeill by the Mayor, and the suspension is therefore confirmed. The Mayor says there is nothing personal in the matter, his objections being solely to the amount of salary. He does not object to the board of works consulting Mr. McNeill whenever they desire, his payment to be in fees for services rendered rather than by salary.

Recorder Kirkup says with reference to police affairs: "From the consultations which Messrs. Hussey and Smith had with me, I am confident that they will make a rate of 50 cents per day for each prisoner detained in the jail. Under those terms the government will furnish the jailer and stand all the expenses of maintenance. Officer Pyper will be made jailer in case the city accepts the terms, and Officer Hoosen will continue to act in his present capacity as constable. Special Constable Henry will probably be relieved from active service. As regards myself, it was decided that I shall continue chief constable and mining recorder for this district, and my duties in both capacities will be the same as heretofore."

Chief Hussey and Mr. Smith were here to divide the reward among the captors of the men who robbed Challoner, Mitchell & Spring's jewelry store several months ago. They heard all the claimants to the reward, but they came to no decision and will reserve judgment till after their return to Spokane.

KASLO.

The Kootenaian announces that "Col. Robert Irving, manager of the K. & S. railway, has returned from his holiday trip to the Coast, looking well and feeling better."

G. B. Gerrard, manager of the Kaslo branch of the Bank of British North America, left Kaslo this morning to be absent for a month. When he returns he will be accompanied by his bride, who is at present Miss Christie, a daughter of Dr. Christie, of St. John, N.B.

Word has just been received of the death, after a long and painful illness, of John Clarence Wagner, of Kaslo, at Dr. Stewart's private hospital, Los Angeles, Cal., on June 25th last. The deceased was one of the pioneer prospectors of Kootenay.

VERNON.

The News says: Constable W. G. McMynn has been reinstated as chief constable for the Kettle River district. Constable Dean goes to Osoyoos, Constable Elkins to Fairview, and the newly appointed constable, Gardom, is stationed at Grand Forks, while J. L. Brown has been made special constable at Greenwood until such time as that town is incorporated. General satisfaction is expressed over the fact of Mr. McMynn's return to active duty, as he is regarded as one of the most competent officials in the employ of the government in the lower country.

A very pretty marriage ceremony took place last Wednesday morning in the Methodist church, when Miss Ada Mohr, eldest daughter of Mr. Chas. Mohr, of this city, and Mr. George McKague, of Greenwood, were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. S. J. Thompson. The bride's maid was her sister, Miss Lina Mohr, and the groom was supported by H. C. Cooper. The bridal party left by the morning train for Greenwood, their future home.

A splendid rain fell on Friday and Saturday of last week, and the spirits of the farmers have been revived wonderfully by it. It now looks as if there will be a decidedly good crop throughout the district, in spite of the dry weather which prevailed all spring.

At the licensing court at Osoyoos on June 15, T. Ellis and R. G. Sidley, J. P.'s, on the bench, the applications were: A. J. Sproule, refused; Duncan Carmichael, granted; A. Morris, granted; C. Hozier, refused; W. A. Dier, Fairview hotel, license to issue on completion of the building. The last named building will cost $25,000, showing the faith there is the Fairview camp.

The Strathcyre Co. have appointed J. A. Monteith their manager at Fairview.

WILL RIVAL THE LE ROI.

It now looks, says the Rossland Miner, as though the Kootenay & Columbia would be a second Le Roi. The developments in the mine recently have simply been marvellous. The first stoping floor has been established in the big ore chute beyond the winze, and the solid ore is fully 20 feet wide. It is one of the most magnificent sights ever seen in any mine. The ore is as solid as matte, and every pound of it is to be taken out for shipment. Great quantities are now being broken down, and the new ore dump and chute are crowded to overflowing. As a consequence, shipments to the Trail smelter from this mine will be greatly increased. Strange to say, much difficulty is experienced in getting teams to haul the ore to the railroad. In six months, if all things go well, the Kootenay & Columbia will be one of the great producers of the camp. In the meantime the main tunnel, now in over 600 feet, will be pushed on in to Columbia hill, and one of these days will come up against the Iron Colt on the west.

The Golden Province Mines of British Columbia is a company just organized in London to acquire a certain mining right granted to Mr. C. T. Law of Vancouver. The capital of the company is £125,000 in £1 shares. The company appears to be promoted chiefly by residents in Sheffield and the North of England. It is to be assumed that the "mining right" referred to is a concession granted by the provincial legislature to Mr. Law two years ago to prospect and explore a certain defined district in Cariboo with the object of striking the pay gravel in what is now the subterranean channel of an old river, and which some authorities believe will, if discovered, prove to be very rich.—B.C. Mining Review (Eng.)

About $480, says the Ashcroft Mining Journal, was the amount cleaned up by the Chinese at the placer mine near the bridge close to Lillooet, for seven days' work by only four or five men, yet this ground had been tried by white men and not thought valuable.

A Pacific Greyhound.

MONTREAL, July 13.—The fastest steamship voyage on record across the Pacific has just been made by the Empress of Japan. Leaving Vancouver at 10:20 a.m. June 26, Victoria, 4:15 p. m, the same day, the Empress arrived at Yokohama at 1:20 p.m. July 7. The time elapsed was ten days, three hours and forty minutes, 4,215 miles, at a speed of 17.3 knots per hour.

Thirty Years' Service.

MONTREAL, July 12.—N. G. Grace, the New England passenger agent of the Grand Trunk, has been dismissed after serving the company for thirty years.

Women Breaking Stone.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 13.—The police department at Kansas City began this morning working women prisoners at breaking stone, the same as male prisoners. The police commissioners adopted the rule upon the recommendation of Chief Quarles, who argued that women prisoners kept in idleness were not sufficiently punished.

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