Mr. Neil Munro The Novelist

Interesting Personal History of an Eminent Young Scots Writer.

His High Place in Letters Won by Manful Hard Work.

Herewith the Colonist has the pleasure of presenting to its readers today an excellent portrait of Mr. Neil Munro, who is representing the Glasgow Evening News, in the group of British journalists who are at present the guests of the city of Victoria.

Deeply interesting is the history of this young man, who has written half a dozen novels, the sheer literary merit of which has won for him the warmest admiration of the discerning critics of London and New York. Mr. Munro is a Highlander of the Highlanders. He comes of ancient Scottish Highland families on both sides, Munros and MacArthurs, and he is a typical Celt in thought and feeling, as well as in personal appearance.

A little over 40 years of age, Mr. Munro has crowded much into that short span, it has been the strenuous life indeed, for he has always been reckoned one of the hardest-working journalists in Scotland. When Mr. J. Murray Smith, the manager of the Glasgow Evening Nes, took full charge of that paper, some years ago, he had a plan which he determined to carry out at any cost—to gather round him the most brilliant young men he could find, and let their talents put a stamp upon the News' columns, which would give it the place he wanted it to have among the journals of Great Britain. Mr. Munro was one of his first marshals. He became n nes editor (chief reporter they call it over there), and he was known in Glasgow as one of the best shorthand writers in the profession. He had the mere mechanics of the art of newspaper work "down fine"; the higher branch, literary finish, no school or university ever taught him—it was the gift of the fairies.

Mr. Munro was the head of a bright band of journalists whose work told to this extent, that the writer of the present article was assured a year or two ago by Mr. Alfred Harmsworth of the London Daily Mail, a fairly respectable authority on journals and journalism, that the Glasgow Evening News was without exception the best evening paper in the world out of London. Mr. Munro then became editorial writer, and his fine gift of description, his clever verses, and his special articles soon attracted attention.

After having been a contributor to such periodicals as the London Spectator for some time, he published his first book, "The Lost Pibroch," the critical notes of which showed what the discriminating thought of his work. Then followed other delightful tales, "John Splendid," "Gillian, the Dreamer," "Doom Castle," "The Shoes of Fortune," "The Children of Tempest," now running in Blackwood's, and just issued in book form. To his colleagues on the press it has always been a marvel how Mr. Munro could keep up his strenuous journalistic duties and yet pour forth such novels as he has written—for they are of the kind that cannot be dashed off.

Mr. Munro is one of the late W. E. Henley's "young men"; the great critic quickly detected the genius in his writing and gave him much kindly counsel, which proved of invaluable service to the struggling young journalist-novelist.

Mr. Munro lives at Gourock, on the Clyde, and across the first rise the wild mountains of Argyll, amongst which he was born (at Inveraray), and spent his childhood, and over which his gifted pen has thrown a glamour of romance and fresh new interest.

Notwithstanding his brilliant success in literature, Mr. Munro retains the bonhomie and modesty which have made him so popular amongst his fellow-journalists, and all who know him. He is one of those men whom success cannot spoil. It is very probable that Mr. Munro may return to the Pacific Coast next year to collect material for a new work.

A man lies from necessity; a woman tells the truth by accident.

BOXING TOURNEY AT FALL FAIR

Arrangements Made For Two Evenings of Sparring to Decide Championships.

The sports and attractions committee of the British Columbia Agricultural Association have decided to enter into an arrangement with the Victoria Amateur Boxing Club to hold the annual boxing tournament for the various championship contests at the coming exhibition. These events were formerly conducted under the auspices of the Victoria Athletic Club, which later became affiliated with the Y. M. C. A. More recently, however, the Victoria Boxing Club has been organized for the purpose of supervising and arranging for the competitions to decide the championship contests. Of this club Rev. W. W. Bolton is president, other members of the managing committee being Dr. Hasel, G. A. Morphy, Geo. Shade and C. A. Bury. It has been decided to hold the boxing tournament on two evenings during the exhibition, and the scientific exhibitions of sparring will, without doubt, prove great attractions. The following are the cups for the different events:

Wolley cup, presented by Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley for the heavyweight championship. The present champion is W. Fisher, but it is understood that he will not be here to defend his title.

V. A. C. cup, for middleweight championship. The present champion is W. Stevenson.

Bolton cup, presented by Rev. W. W. Bolton for welterweight championship, at present held by J. Bayntom.

Pike cup, presented by Warburton Pike for lightweight championship, now held by A. Jeffs, of the Fernwood Club.

Gillespie cup, for featherweight championship, presented by G. Gillespie, of the Bank of Commerce.

A. B. C. Challenge cup, value $125.00, presented by the American Brewing Co., St. Louis. To be won twice in succession. Won in 1902 by A. Jeffs.

The competitions for the above cups will be held within a ringed arena at the exhibition grounds, the entry forms for intending contestants now being ready. The tournament will be governed by the rules of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Association.

It is felt by the committee on sports and attractions that the boxing contests will prove most popular and succeed in drawing large crowds to the exhibition grounds. Already several local sparrers have gone into training, and it is understood that amateur boxers from other portions of the province will likely compete.

Mrs. Lakeside (shod in new tan Oxfords)—How do my feet look, dear?

Lakeside—Great! Great! — Baltimore American.

When washing greasy dishes or pots and pans, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

STEAMSHIP SALVED.

Quebec, Aug. 10.—The steamship Homelea, lumber-laden from Montreal, which went ashore at Point Riche, on the Newfoundland side of the Straits of Belle Isle, and which was expected to become a total loss, has been successfully floated, according to a report received by the government marine agent here.

GUARDS' BAND COMING.

King Edward Grants Permission for Visit to Toronto.

London, Aug. 10.—The King, through Field Marshal Lord Roberts, has given permission for the band of the Coldstream Guards to go to Canada and fill an engagement at the Dominion of Canada Exposition at Toronto. The musicians will sail August 24.

CARRIE NATION'S HATCHETS.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 10.—Carrie Nation's summary conviction for selling hatchets in violation of a city ordinance was declared illegal by Judge Newcomb today, when her application for a writ of habeas corpus came before him. The writ was sustained on the ground that the magistrate's decision was defective. Mrs. Nation's counsel will bring suit against the city for $50,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment.

THE AMENITIES OF POLITICS

Premier and Party are Cordially Welcomed at Port Essington.

Mr. F. McB. Young, the well known Nanaimo barrister, who received the Liberal nomination for Comox last week, was in the city yesterday. In reply to a question from the Colonist, Mr. Young said the Liberals of Cumberland and district were very well organized, and while he declined to indulge in any forecasts as to the result of the election, he did not fear the issue. Mr. Young would not say much about the political conditions in Nanaimo, and only returned a deep and knowing smile when asked if Mr. Ralph Smith was sure to be returned in the Coal City. Mr. Young had no doubt that Mr. Smith would be elected leader of the British Columbia Liberal party—when he got the unanimous nomination of the party, for which he is waiting.

Last evening's Times contained a statement dated from Port Essington, August 5, to the effect that a meeting there, which was attended by the Premier, Hon. Mr. McPhillips and Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, Conservative candidate, and of which Mr. Robert Cunningham was chairman, had gone entirely against Mr. Clifford and his friends. Strange to say, the Colonist has received advices, evidently by the same mail as the advices received by the Times, which declare most emphatically that the meeting was altogether in favor of Mr. Clifford, who, with the visiting ministers, got a most cordial welcome. In fact those advices record that everywhere the ministers and Mr. Clifford received unmistakable assurances of the people's approbation. There is no doubt at all that the alleged report in last evening's Times is another of those shameless and disgraceful concoctions which have too often issued from that office for the deception of the police. That report is an earnest of the kind of way in which the Times is going to conduct itself during the coming campaign, and the Colonist would caution the public to receive with the greatest hesitation reports which, to the initiated, bear upon their face the plain evidences of deliberate falsification. Unfortunately the Times enjoys a notoriety for this sort of underhanded fighting, which is rather to be deplored than to be envied.

Local News

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Hospital Meeting.—A meeting of the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital will be held at the hospital building on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock.

New Justices. — The last official Gazette contains the appointments of John Samuel Henry Matson, of Victoria, and Capt. John Berkeley Michell, of Victoria, as justices of the peace for the province.

Going Into Atlin.—Premier McBride and Attorney-General McPhillips joined the steamer Princess May at Port Simpson on Sunday, after having addressed numerous meetings in Cassiar district. They say that Clifford's election is absolutely assured. They are now en route to Atlin.

Flour in Demand.—Late advices from the Orient convey the interesting information that the exhibit which Canada sent to the fair at Osaka has greatly aroused the envy of the American consul in Japan, who has written to his government saying that the exhibit stands in marked contrast to the inactivity of the United States government. He says that one of the principal features is the rush by the Japanese each day to secure Canadian bread. He also says that there is no doubt as to the future demand for Canadian flour.

New Masonic Lodge.—C. Ensor Sharp, most worshipful grand master, A. F. & A. M., is on the Mainland in connection with lodge work. King Edward lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M., was instituted at Phoenix Thursday night with about 30 members, the installing officers being Mr. Sharp, of Esquimalt, and J. H. Schofield, of Trail, the district deputy grand master. There were present brethern from Kholt and Grand Forks, and after the ceremonies a supper was served in Masonic Hall. The lodge has been organized for about two years, and has been working under dispensation up to the present.

Goes to Montreal.—Many Victorians will learn with regret that Mr. D. J. Munn, brother of Mr. A. J. Munn, of this city, and a frequent visitor here, has decided to remove from British Columbia to reside permanently at Montreal. Announcing his departure, the New Westminster Columbian says: "One of our most progressive and enterprising citizens, Mr. Munn, will be greatly missed, and the goodwill of this community will follow him to the commercial metropolis where larger fields for enterprise have attracted him. It is understood that Mr. Munn has become identified with pulp and paper interests in Quebec, and perhaps his interests in this industry may yet attract him back to British Columbia."

Labor Day.—Much interest is being taken in Victoria and the other cities throughout the Island in the big Labor Day celebration in Vancouver, on September 7. Special excursions will be run from Island points. Several features of the demonstration have already been decided upon. In the morning there will be an industrial parade, in which trades unionists from all the Coast cities will appear in regalia, and there will be music, floats, etc. The school children will be invited to join in the procession. At Brockton Point, in the afternoon, sports will be held, and the night will be celebrated by a carnival, to take place in the same grounds. As part of the sports, endeavors are being made to arrange a rock drilling contest.

Sunday School Meeting.—The young men of Mr. Siddell's Bible class of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school are requested to meet this evening for the purpose of taking appropriate action in connection with the much lamented death by drowning yesterday afternoon of their late class-mate, D. Herbert.

Goes to Greenwood.—A. B. McNeill, of Victoria, has been appointed principal of the Greenwood schools. Mr. McNeill was principal of the North Ward school for several years. He has had a long and very successful career as a teacher. The new appointments were rendered necessary by the resignations of the members of the old staff at Greenwood.

Raised Sunken Scow.—About a week ago one of the scows being used for the new Point Ellice bridge sprung a leak and sank. Yesterday the steam derrick was fastened to one end of the scow and it was out of the water far enough to enable the men to shovel a quantity of rock which had gone down with it on to another scow.

Waiters to Organize.—R. B. Hesketh, general organizer for the Hotels and Restaurant Employeees' International Alliance, has issued the following call: "All waiters interested in the welfare of a local branch of the Hotels and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance are requested to be present at an open meeting, for waiters only, to be held at Labor hall, corner of Douglas and Johnson streets, Wednesday evening, August 12th, at 8.30."

Leave on Saturday.—Confident of success in the various interesting races which are to be held, the J. B. A. A. oarsmen who are to represent Victoria at the regatta to be held at Astoria, Oregon, will leave on Saturday next, and at Seattle will meet the Vancouver men. The local club will compete in three events—the senior fours, single sculls and double paddle canoe. The former crew will be slightly different from that which competed in the N. P. A. A. O. at Vancouver, D. O'Sullivan taking the place of Briggs.

Douglas Gardens' Re-opening.—The Douglas Summer Gardens will re-open again on Friday night, under the able management of Mr. Anderson, the well-known theatrical manager (late of Keith's circuit, of Chicago), and he guarantees to give the public a high-class, sterling, moral entertainment, for the nominal dime, and all who attend will certainly see a show far different from the usual run of this class of show. Starting on Monday next, Mr. Anderson will introduce a novel way of advertising the gardens.

New Atlin Strike.—A new strike in Atlin is reported by late passengers from that district. William and Charles Queen took three pans from their claim, No. 85 below on Spruce, yielding a total of $60.60. The highest in pan was $27.20, and in 22 hours' sluicing the clean-up amounted to $2,365, with four men shoveling in. The Irving brothers, owners of 83 and 84 below on Spruce, are taking out 40 ounces a day with six men. These properties, with the same number of men working last season, averaged but three ounces per day.

N. P. A. A. Meet.—Fifteen entries are expected from Portland, Ore., for the N. P. A. A. meet on Saturday next. W. F. Burton has been selected as referee, and Messrs. E. C. Hayward and Harvey Combe added to the list of judges. Messrs. Shallcross and Anderson will act as assistant judges. The actions of the official in reducing admission fee to 25 cents entrance and an additional 25 cents for the grandstand has been ratified. The prize committee report generous support from the citizens. This evening at 8.30 another meeting of the committee will be held to put finishing touches to the preparations.

Big Run of "Reds."—A phenomenally large run of red salmon is on in Northland waters, according to advices received from Southeastern Alaskan cannery managers of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company. This fish is know as the Alaska pink, which corresponds to the Puget Sound humpback. The schools are larger, according to the report, than ever known in the history of Alaska salmon canning. They are coming in countless thousands, and the canneries are taxed to their utmost capacity to handle the catch. There is also a good run of the Alaska medium red and the Alaska red salmon proper, the latter being next in quality to the Puget Sound sockeye. The medium red is on a par with the Sound cohoes.

A. O. U. W. Affairs.—It is extremely probable that the British Columbia lodges of the A. O. U. W. will sever connection with the Supreme lodge because of the action of the latter in increasing the assessment rates on members over 55 years of age. At a meeting of Banner lodge (Victoria) opinions of unqualified disapproval of the increase in rates were expressed. As far as has been heard up to the present, every lodge in the province has condemned the increase in assessments upon the older members. Very few local A. O. U. W. members can be found to favor the new enactment. In order to consider the question in all its phases and do something either one way or the other, a special meeting of the Grand lodge has been called for September 14. Delegates will attend from all the lodges of the province, with instructions from each association as to what course to pursue.

Mr. Topp Complimented.—The delegates to the recent convention here of the Pacific Northwest Society of Engineers spoke highly on their return to Seattle of the paper read by City Engineer C. H. Topp. The Post-Intelligencer of yesterday says: "There were 96 in the party and all return satisfied with the results accomplished and the information acquired across the British Columbia line. During the time they were in the Canadian city, the engineers were given a hearty entertainment by the city officials and prominent residents of the city. They were taken about and shown much of the public work now under construction, and which has recently been completed, and at the meeting listened to a very interesting paper read by City Engineer C. H. Topp on what Victoria has been doing in an engineering way. This paper is considered one of the best ever read before the society, and much information was gleaned from it."

Harsh purgative remedies are fast giving way to the gentle action and mild effects of Carter's Little Liver Pills. If you try them, they will certainly please you.

That Library.—The suggestion of the possibility of the council breaking the conditions of the terms of the competition on which the Carnegie library plans were called for, has aroused the ire of Mr. W. Ridgway-Wilson, one of the competing architects, who insists that the following clause shall be complied with: "Provided, however, that if on tenders being called for the construction of the work in accordance therewith (the plans considered best by the judges), it shall be found that no reasonable tender is within the sum of $45,000, then the plan shall be discarded and the architect thereof shall have no claim upon the council for and in respect of such plans, specifications, or at all." Explanatory of his own position in the affair, Mr. Wilson says: "I made it my special study to comply with every condition of the competition, as I believe I alone did, and on that ground should have been placed first. At any rate, Mr. Hooper having had his chance, I only ask for a similar privilege."

If you had taken two of Carter's Little Liver Pills before retiring you would not have had that coated tongue or bad taste in the mouth this morning. Keep a vial with you for occasional use.

Government Party In the North

Rousing Political Meetings at Bella Coola And Port Essington.

Conservative Policy Explained By Premier And Attorney General.

Bella Coola, Aug. 2.—Hon. Richard McBride and party reached here at 10:30 tonight on the steamer Tees. Accompanying the Premier were Hon. A. E. McPhillips, Attorney-General; Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, Conservative nominee in the Skeena district; Mr. W. McNeill, assistant commissioner of Lands and Works; Mr. William Skillen, returning officer for the district, and Mr. T. A. Gregg, deputy registrar of voters for Skeena. The party had spent the afternoon of the Sabbath at the quiet home of Mr. Robert Draney of Nanu, one of the most picturesque places on the coast. There, sitting on the verandah, they were photographed by Mr. Tyson, steward of the Tees. A very pleasant afternoon was spent there, Mr. and Mrs. Draney, with their usual courtesy, doing all they could to entertain their guests. After a pleasant sail the party reached here at the time named. Most of the people of the valley, having heard that the Premier was on the Tees, had gathered at the cannery, but the day being Sunday, it was not considered decorous to hold the meeting immediately on the arrival of the steamer, notwithstanding that the people were very eager to hear what the visitors had to say on the political situation. It was finally arranged that the meeting should be held after midnight, to which the audience were perfectly agreeable. So the crowd sat down to patiently watch the hours go by which separated them from midnight. The time having come the electors repaired to the mess house of the cannery, graciously placed at their disposal by the manager, Mr. Penzer, and the meeting was called to order by Mr. Penzer, who had been voted to the chair. There were about 60 electors from the valley present, and all evinced the greatest interest in the proceedings. In an apt address the chairman introduced Mr. Clifford, who was received with cheers. The party nominee made one of his graceful and telling speeches, dealing with the party issue in the campaign in a convincing way, and with the possibilities of the district under Conservative rule, in a manner to evoke the cheers of his auditors. Hon. Mr. McPhillips followed, and made a lasting impression on the minds of his auditors by his very able exposition of the policy that would be adopted by the Conservatives when they achieved power at the forthcoming elections, which they undoubtedly would.

Hon. Mr. McBride did not adopt the oratorical tone natural to him at gatherings of this nature. He used the colloquial style and gave the electors a mind to mind talk that proved most effective. The audience listened with deep attention while the honorable gentleman touched upon the railway policy of the party for which he stood in provincial affairs, showing that when returned to power, of which he had not the least doubt, the Conservative government, of which he would have the honor of being the head, would deal with the railway question with a firmer hand than had ever been applied before. The Premier came out strongly on the Oriental labor question, with which he promised to deal effectively in the next parliament. It was nearly 3 in the morning when the Premier closed his remarks, but notwithstanding the early hour, there was not a drowsy eye in the audience, so intently had he held their attention throughout, and there were cries of "Go on," when he showed an inclination to close. It was nearly 4 o'clock in the morning when the party returned to the steamer, and at 5 o'clock they were afoot again, as it had been promised that a meeting should be held up the valley, which extends about sixteen miles from the cannery wharf. For about a mile and a half the trail goes up hill and down dale along the river bank, a beautiful path on that fair summer morning.

Getting into the valley the party, who were necessarily afoot owing to the ruggedness of the trail, came into the agricultural land, of which the valley is noted. On either side were fine orchards with bearing trees of cherries, apples, plums, and there were seen California prunes fully fruited and promising an abundant crop. Among the small fruits were extremely fine strawberries, here produced of great size and excellent flavor; currants, raspberries and gooseberries, all of which went to show the geniality of the climate and the prolific character of the soil. All this the party saw and wondered at, for although the productiveness of the district was a matter of report to them, they had no idea of meeting with so profuse evidence of a fat and fruitful land. All that is needed is a market for these rich products or means of exit to a market, and this the Premier promised to take into immediate consideration. Mr. McNeill, who has spent his time in getting all the information possible on the natural resources of the district traversed, found much hereabouts to interest him and no doubt he will be able to furnish a report of this part of the country that will be valuable. After a considerable walk the party reached Mr. Clayton's ranch, where vehicles were waiting to convey them to Hagensburg, about thirteen miles up the valley, which was the place of meeting. Arriving there after a most interesting drive, during which there were signs of prosperity upon all sides, a large gathering of electors was met with. All the representatives of this industrious and progressive Norwegian colony were present to greet the visitors and the reception given them was hearty and loyal. The speeches were brief, but to the point, Messrs. Clifford, McBride and McPhillips in the order named, making strong appeals to the electors, which were received with cheers, giving evidence of the great respect in which Hon. Mr. McBride is held in this district, where men know how to judge genius on its merits. The meeting was brought to a close by a public endorsation of the candidature of Mr. Clifford, moved by Pastor Hagen and seconded by Mr. Chris. Carlson, president of the Bella Coola colony, who bore eloquent testimony to the great worth of Mr. Clifford as the representative of the district in the provincial parliament. The meeting dispersed with cheers for the Premier and the candidate, and a speedy start was made for the steamer, which pulled out of the harbor early in the afternoon for Essington.

Port Essington, Aug. 5.—Hon Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, accompanied by Hon. A. E. McPhillips, Attorney-General; Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, and others, arrived here today. They inspected all the canneries along the Skeena at which the steamer Tees stopped, and in consequence were up most of the night. Campaigning in this district, where the distances are so great, is no child's play or summer excursion, but is attended by extremely hard work that taxes the energy of the strongest. However, the party reached here in good trim and ready for the fray, whatever it might be. It may be said that Mr. Charles Clifford is a great favorite here, because he has done much to win popular favor both in and out of parliament. When the steamer docked at the B. A. wharf, a deputation headed by Mr. W. R. Lord, stipendary magistrate here, and by general admission the heart and soul of this busy place, and composed of Messrs. Robert Chambers, Ben. Short, Geo. Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, George Davis, A. H. Pollard, H. McKenzie, A. Oleson and others, boarded the boat and waited upon the Premier, who received them in the cabin of the steamer. It was then arranged that the public meeting should be held in the evening in a large hall of the Band of Christian Workers. When the party landed in the afternoon they were received with the utmost cordiality and escorted to the Essington hotel, where they had lunch with Mr. Robert Cunningham. During the day many of the citizens of Port Essington waited on the Premier in regard to matters in this district, and all of them were received with a courtesy that impressed them with the desire of the party to do all in their power to meet popular wishes.

The meeting was called at 8:30, but long before that time they had begun to gather at the hall, and when the party arrived there were many ladies and about one hundred men present. It was one of the greatest meetings ever held in this town. On the platform there were Messrs. W. R. Lord and many ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Robert Cunningham was called to the chair and he called upon Mr. Clifford to first present himself. Mr. Clifford, the first and best friend of this district, was received with cheers.

Mr. Clifford made a very calm and manly speech. He has a fine style that might not appeal to the vulgar, but which is fully appreciated by the quick and intelligent, because there is no sentence that drops from his lips that is not pregnant with knowledge and wisdom. His allusions to the Premier were very happy and met with loud applause. He described him as a native son (cheers) who in the short space of five years since he had been in politics, has made himself by his own ability and capacity solely Premier of this great province, notwithstanding that he had had little support in the House. (Cheers.) The general wish so far as he had been able to gauge it, was to give him a show. (Cheers.) Speaking of Mr. McPhillips, he described as one of the most eloquent men in the House. Branching off from praise to his colleagues, Mr. Clifford referred to the railway matters. There was no province in the Dominion where railways were so necessary as in British Columbia, and he was glad to say that there was a project afoot to give them another trans-continental railway. He alluded to the Grand Trunk Pacific. (Cheers.) He then outlined the Grand Trunk bill and he expressed the opinion that, notwithstanding Hon. Mr. Blair's opinion, the Federal government has made a very good bargain for the country and the province. In his opinion, Port Simpson would be the terminal, but it did not matter where, it would come out somewhere in the Skeena district, and that was enough for them. (Cheers.) The railway, he was assured, must come by Hazleton and down the Skeena and it would pass through land richer in timber, coal and minerals, and the city that would be at its terminal would rival and outrank Vancouver or Victoria, because it would be nearer to the Oriental market by 600 miles, and rapid transit and speedy delivery were the great questions of the day. (Cheers.) Mr. Clifford then referred to the Columbia & Western railway enquiry, of which he was the chairman, and he declared that the charges made against Hon. Mr. McBride by Mr. Oliver were entirely false. The whole difficulty was that Mr. Oliver was disappointed in not getting cabinet appointment under Mr. McBride, who was intent on forming a Conservative ministry in which Mr. Oliver could not have a part. In conclusion, Mr. Clifford appealed to those present for support, confident that he would do all in his power to advance the interests of the district and the province, the greatest in the Dominion. Mr. Clifford declared himself a Conservative of the old school. (Cheers.) He was a protectionist, because he believed that without adequate protection Canada could not exist alongside the highly protected country to the south of us. (Cheers.)

Mr. Peter Herman, the Liberal candidate opposed to Mr. Clifford, was then called upon by the chairman. Mr. Herman rose with a roll of paper in his hand, which proved to be his speech prepared for the occasion. He was led to believe that Mr. Clifford meant to attack him, which was not worth while, as after Mr. Clifford's very temperate speech, he was nonplussed. But he read his speech, which was a virulent and insulting diatribe on Mr. Clifford, which no man of honor would have written. The vulgarity of it Mr. Clifford treated with scorn, and his sedate and temperate repudiation of the specific charges that Mr. Herman made, showing them to be falsehoods pure and simple, was received with applause by the audience, who revoted from Mr. Herman's brutal uncalled-for attack.

Hon. Mr. McPhillips followed. In deep consciousness he repudiated Mr. Herman's attack upon Mr. Clifford, a gentleman who, long before he was called to parliament, had spent his youth and his middle age in exploiting the country that Mr. Herman had not seen. Mr. McPhillips' address was received with much applause, and being delivered with much vim, was the warmer therefor.

There had been many interruptions during the meeting because the Herman faction had put men in the hall to cause confusion, but these were suppressed, and when questions were addressed to the different speakers, they were disposed of without difficulty.

When Hon. Mr. McBride was called upon he was received with loud cheers. The hon. gentleman has a distinguished air about him that immediately attracts attention. He is a man that if any one met him in this country would immediately say, "Who is that fine-looking man?" while the ordinary man would pass unobserved. Your correspondent had never heard Mr. McBride, but he ventures the opinion that he will be a winner without impeachment. The speech which he delivered here, if it had been taken by an official stenographer, would have been one of the record speeches of his career. He spoke for an hour and twenty minutes, and during all that time the audience sat entranced and frequently broke into applause.

The Tees left for Port Simpson at Midnight, and will arrive at that place in the morning, whence the party will go to Atlin.

POPLAR CREEK MINING CLAIMS

One of the Richest Ledges Yet Discovered In British Columbia.

Mr. D. G. McNaughton returned yesterday from the Lardeau country, and gave a reporter of the Colonist the following particulars:

The claims first staked by Messrs. Hamilton, O'Connor and Morgan are near Gerard station, on the Lardeau branch of the C. P. R., about 11 miles southeast of Trout Lake. The ledge shows up plainly for 400 feet, and is only 300 feet from the railroad track across Poplar creek. The vein is about 46 feet wide and is free-milling red quartz, and is so immensely rich that the owners keep armed guards all the time to prevent strangers taking off pieces. Last week the discoverers sold the claims, the Lucky Jack group, to Mr. W. B. Poole for $45,000 cash. Mr. Poole has incorporated a company capitalized at $500,000, in 500,000 shares and on Friday last in Trout Lake city and Ferguson, two small burghs on Trout lake, sold $10,000 worth in one day.

The vein has been traced for four or five miles, and 11 miles away two Swedes have a claim which, by all appearances, is on the same vein. They have gone in on the vein 14 feet, and it holds as good as the surface indications.

The company which is to operate the Lucky Jack claim have already ordered a 10-stamp mill, which will in all probability be in operation by Christmas. There is unlimited water and timber in the immediate vicinity, and there is every indication of a permanently rich camp there. The proximity of the find to the railway makes it all the more remarkable. The only reason for the ground not being discovered before can only be accounted for by the fact that heretofore the Lardeau has only been prospected for silver-lead, and nobody seemed to think before these finds that gold existed in any quantities.

Forty or fifty claims have been staked on the ledge above the Lucky Jack group, and there seems every probability of a very large camp there within a very short time.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Report of Brutal Murder—Changes on Manitoba Bench.

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—Word has reached Selkirk of a brutal murder committed at Warren's Landing on Lake Winnipeg. Jack W. McKay, a native, crazed with drink, pounded an Indian to death with a cordwood stick. Details are lacking.

A city paper mentions that W. E. Perrue, a leading lawyer of this city, is likely to succeed to the Manitoba bench, owing to the promotion of Chief Justice Killam to the Ottawa bench.

Young Victorian's Melancholy Fate

David Herbert is Drowned in Victoria Arm While Bathing Yesterday.

Body Speedily Recovered, But Attempts at Resuscitation Unsuccessful.

Yesterday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock, David Herbert, a youth about sixteen years, was drowned while bathing at Curtis' Point, Victoria Arm. Medical aid and the provincial police were immediately summoned, and were promptly on the scene. The body was recovered after a short immersion, but notwithstanding all efforts at resuscitation, it was found impossible to restore animation. The remains were conveyed to the headquarters of the British Columbia Funeral Company, Government street. The funeral will probably take place tomorrow afternoon.

Persons who witnessed the accident are somewhat doubtful as to the cause of the unfortunate lad's sinking. Some say that he was attacked with cramps, others that he got a mouthful of salt water and began coughing, thus losing his power to remain afloat. At any rate he was observed to sink when out of his depth, and a rescue was immediately attempted, but unsuccessfully. One swimmer dived down after the body twice, but failed to bring it up. The steam launch Kootenay then came along, and Captain Gidley at once bent all his energies in the endeavor to bring up the body. He soon succeeded in inserting the point of a boathook in the bathing suit of the unfortunate swimmer, and fetched him to the surface. The body was taken ashore and every effort was exhausted to restore life, but in vain. The vital spark seemed to have flown forever.

Captain Gidley deserves the highest praise for his work, and there is no doubt that the Kootenay passed along just a few minutes sooner, young Herbert might have been rescued.

The deceased youth was a son of Mrs. Herbert, who resides in the James Bay district. He was employed as a clerk in the law office of Messrs. Peters & Wilson. He was an exceptionally bright boy, having distinguished himself as a student in the Victoria schools, as has also his younger brother, who has just won the Governor-General's medal for proficiency.

It had been a custom of the unfortunate lad to go swimming at the place where he met his untimely end, and he was considered to be quite a proficient swimmer by his companions. The news of the sad affair has cast a gloom over the community, and the deepest sympathy is felt and expressed for the bereaved mother and family.

ALIEN IMMIGRATION INTO GREAT BRITAIN

The Royal Commission Recommends Adoption of Laws Similar to U. S.

London, Aug. 11.—The report of the Royal Commission on alien immigration is issued today. It recommends that the emigration of certain classes of aliens into the United Kingdom be subject to state control, and proposes a number of regulations and the establishment of a department of immigration.

The specific recommendations made in the report are similar to the provisions of the United States law, except that no educational requirements are proposed. In some directions the regulations are more stringent than the American regulations. Provisions are made for the deportation of immigrants who may be proved undesirable within two years of their landing, and the vessel importing them will be compelled to repatriate them without compensation. The proposed medical inspection is similar to that in the United States. The penalty for supplying false data to the immigration inspector is deportation.

The immigration department may specify certain over-populated areas as prohibited territory for fresh immigration. In case of the conviction of an immigrant for felony or misdemeanor, the court may include deportation as part of sentence.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

Edinburgh, Aug. 11.—The home eleven being 157 and an inning behind, had to follow on, but the visitors, contrary to anticipations, were unable to inflict a single inning defeat, as the Scotsmen remained at the wicket until the close of playing, when the match was declared a draw on account of the time limit. In their second inning the Scots scored 83 runs for three wickets.

KIDNEY TROUBLE

CURED BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE.

Sufferers from this Disease are in Great Peril, and Should Not Experiment With Other Medicines.

From the Sun, Seaforth, Ont.:

The kidneys are the most important organ. They must filter every drop of blood in the body. If the blood is weak the kidneys cannot do their work, so the blood is left unfiltered and foul, and the kidneys are left clogged with poisonous impurities. Then come the backaches that mean fatal kidney disease. Don't neglect that backache for a moment. Strike at the root of the very first symptoms of kidney trouble by enriching the blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—the only medicine that makes the blood rich, red and health-giving.

Mr. Wm. Holland, of Seaforth, Ont., has proved that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure the most obstinate case of kidney trouble. To a reporter of the Sun he freely gave the particulars of his case: "I have suffered from kidney trouble for about two years," said Mr. Holland. "Sometimes the backache, which accompanied the trouble, would be so severe that I would be unable to work, and I have often suffered severely for weeks at a time. I tried a number of medicines said to be a cure for kidney trouble, but I found nothing to help me until, on the advice of a friend, I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills soon began to make their good work felt, and after using them for about a month every vestige of the trouble had disappeared, and I have not since had a single symptom of the disease. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have proved a great blessing to me, and I am always glad to say a good word in their favor."

As a curative medicine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have never yet been equalled. They build up the blood and nerves, give new strength and enable the body to resist disease. Among the complaints cured by these pills are rheumatism, nervous disorder, paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, indigestion, anæmia, lung troubles and the troubles that make the lives of so many women miserable. Sold by all medicine dealers, or sent post paid at 50 cents per box, or six boxes for $2.50, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Don't take a substitute at any price—only the genuine pills can cure.

HOMELEA ARRIVES.

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 11.—The British steamer Homelea, Montreal for Fleetwood, which went ashore at Point Riche, Belle Isle Straits, August 7, arrived here to-day for repairs. She was floated off the rocks at high tide last Saturday with the aid of the British warship Fantome, and arrived here under her own steam. Divers report that there is no hole in her bottom, but that she is badly dented where she struck on the ledge, and is leaking considerably.

BRITAIN'S FISCAL PROPOSALS.

Attempts Made in House to Discuss Mr. Chamberlain's Scheme.

London, Aug. 11.—When the Appropriations bill was called up in the House of Commons today, several attempts were made to discuss Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal proposal, this being the last possible chance before the prorogation of parliament. The Speaker, however, ruled that the fiscal matter was irrevelant. Lord Hugh Cecil thought that a protest ought to be entered at Mr. Chamberlain's way of combining his prestige with the liberty of an ordinary politician in order to forward his views. It was a constitutional scandal, said Lord Hugh Cecil, scarcely less than the Premier's attitude towards all proposals to discuss the fiscal policy in the House of Commons.

NEWS NOTES FROM NORTHERN PORTS

Investigating Indian Liquor Selling Cases--The Fishing Outlook.

Naas, B.C., Aug. 7.—Mr. Morrow, Indian agent, came up on the steamship Tees from Port Simpson this trip to try a Chinaman who now lies in the jail at Echo Cove, charged with selling liquor to Indians at the Great Northern cannery, Observatory Inlet.

This Chinaman was arrested by Constable Newell, who is stationed at Naas for the time being. While the Tees lay at Port Nelson, Mr. Morrow noted a case of vinegar consigned to an Indian named Walter Haldane, and, being suspicious of the declaration of contents as vinegar, sampled the stuff, and found something a trifle stronger. A second case was also found, consigned to the same party. The two cases were duly cached safely, pending further investigation, which was proceeding when the Tees left.

On Thursday the fish were running better, but the humpbacks were still very thick, Naas harbor having about 3,000, Mill Bay 3,500 and the Pacific Northern 2,400 to 2,500 cases to that date.

The manager of Wales Island cannery, Mr. Pratt, was over on Tuesday to obtain labor from the Naas, having heard from the Indians that the canneries had closed down and that plenty of labor could be got.

He reported that he had 12,500 cases up to date, mostly humpbacks—which were running very thick, but owing to his filling machine being very unsatisfactory, his daily pack was limited to the labor obtainable.

The weather around Portland canal, Observatory Inlet and the Naas has been exceptionally good for fishing, and the humpback run is phenomenal.

Great preparations are on foot for the celebration of the Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Collison's pearl wedding celebration at Kincolith. The white people connected with the cannery business and many friends from Simpson, Port Nelson, Naas Harbor, Mill Bay, Observatory Inlet and Portland Canal being invited, a grand reunion is expected to mark the event.

Rev. J. B. McCullogh is expected down from Aiyansh (60 miles up the river), to meet his friends at Kincolith, to join with the many others in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Collison long life and happiness—for there are few who are not indebted to them for their kindly hospitality and prompt and ready assistance in time of sickness, distress and bereavement.

BULGARIAN INSURGENTS.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 11.—The insurgents have blown up a bridge 60 yards long over Gievyeli, on the Salopica Uskub railway.

RUBBER MAKERS STRIKE.

Port Dalhousie, Aug. 11.—The Maple Leaf Rubber Compay's employees to the number of 200 went on strike this morning for an advance of wages and remedying certain grievances.

IRONDEQUOIT VICTORIOUS.

Third Yacht Race for Canada Cup Won by American Boat.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—The third yacht race of the Canada cup series was over a triangular course of twenty-one miles in Irondequoit's weather. A fairly strong southw