

IRONICAL APPELLINGS

commissioned to subdivide 490-odd acres into lots for the Natural Resources Securities company...

The first mail-carrying stage out of Fort George left this point last Monday week for Quanaq...

F. Broad has succeeded N. H. McQuarrie as assessment commissioner of New Westminster.

The town of Merrit, centre of trade for the Nicola valley, is to apply for immediate incorporation.

New Westminster's council held a special meeting last evening to deal with local railway problems.

Upwards of 100,000 passengers were carried by the Vancouver city train cars the day before Christmas.

Police Chief Macintosh of New Westminster is spending a fortnight's vacation visiting the Queen Charlotte Islands.

John Houston's latest newspaper, the "Fort George Tribune," is to replace the election become a rabid anti-McBride organ.

Westham island bridge is now open to traffic, and is proving a great convenience to the districts that it specially serves.

Burnaby municipal elections are to be held on the 15th of January. B. G. Walker is a candidate for the reeve-ship.

A meeting of the Fort George Conservative Association is to be held on Sunday next when all district requirements are to be considered.

The tender of G. A. Simson & Co. for the North Vancouver ferry debentures has been accepted.

Upwards of forty letters were received by the city last week inquiring as to the special advantages of the city as a site for industrial plants.

The proposal to advance the salaries of Vancouver aldermen from \$400 to \$500 has been rejected.

Two silver weddings were celebrated in one day last week at Burnaby.

No tidings have been had of Martin Beckmark, the Kaslo citizen missing for the past ten days.

It is disclosed by transfer proceeds that the King Leopold of Belgium was financially interested in a promising coal property on Elk River, East Kootenay.

The New Westminster authorities have come to the conclusion that the improper voting at the recent civic elections was unintentional.

Christmas was celebrated at the New Westminster hotel in the same way as in the past.

The dog sleigh races which have proved so conspicuous a feature of the winter carnival at Fernie during the past two or three years are to be again held there this season.

The case of Tram Conductor Lister of Vancouver, charged with assault upon a passenger was yesterday dismissed by Magistrate Somers.

Objection to the blocking of the N. 6th Arm of the Fraser has been made to the city of New Westminster.

The resignation of City Electrician McCullough of Vancouver has been accepted.

K. Hari was yesterday taken to the Vancouver general hospital, suffering from severe burns and injuries to his head and arms.

TEMPERANCE INCREASES ON OCEAN LINERS

Peninsular & Oriental Line Annual Report Calls Attention to Smaller Consumption of Liquors

In the annual report of the P. & O. Steamship line there is an interesting paragraph with regard to the growth of temperance in seafarers.

From Nanaimo comes word of still another holdup, the victim being Alfred B. G. Walker.

Mr. Wilfrid's Plans. OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—It is denied that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will visit South Africa next summer.

Umbria's Last Run. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The old Cunard liner Umbria, which sailed for the first time in 1884.

Story of Distress. OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—A terrible story of distress from the silver country has been brought by mail.

Determined Churchman. KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 29.—Criticized freely for his opposition to the laymen's mission movement.

Warath Has Been Posted as Missing. Lloyd's Begins Payment of Insurance Claims Against the Blue Anchor Liner.

Mining Department

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Iron Ores. The most important matter in connection with iron and steel-making is the securing of adequate supplies of ore of such a grade as can be smelted.

Japanese Coal Trade. It is now nearly two years since the Oriental coal market has been suffering from depression.

Smaller Producers. A number of smaller properties have shipped a limited quantity of high grade ore.

The Slocan in 1909. Silver lead mining in the Silvery Slocan has seen its ups and downs since the days when the Payne mine was in all its glory.

The Surprise. The most notable event of the year in the whole of the Slocan district, in the discovery of rich ore at a depth of 100 feet in the Slocan mine.

Coal Dust Explosions. In view of the controversy on coal dust as an explosive agent, it is interesting to learn that the verdict in the Darren explosion inquest is that the men lost their lives as the result of an explosion of coal dust.

Deaths. KILLED AT SEA.—SAULT STEAD MARINE EXPLOSION.—WOMAN AND CHILD ENLIGHTENED.

Steel Making in Canada

Nothing could stimulate the establishment of a steel industry on the Atlantic coast more certainly than the effects of its establishment on the Atlantic.

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Fifteen Years of 'Fruit-a-tives'

After Doctors Had Failed to Give Relief

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