

PROGRESS ON G. T. P. IS SATISFACTORY

Chief Engineer of Mountain Division Completes Tour of Inspection.

(Special Correspondence.)
Prince Rupert, Dec. 11.—After finishing a tour of inspection of the construction work done so far on the Grand Trunk Pacific between Prince Rupert and Copper River, in which they practically covered on foot every mile of the first hundred mile contract, C. C. Van Arsdale, chief engineer of the mountain division, J. W. Stewart, of Foley, Welch & Stewart, contractors, and J. B. L. MacDonald, the firm's superintendent, arrived here last night on the launch Telwa which met them at Hole-in-the-Wall, the tidewater limit, and brought them to the city. On the trip an every camp was visited, and although a shortage of men was found at several of the camps, the general progress made is reported to be very satisfactory. The party came down to tidewater in canoes as the cold weather in the interior has made the water in the Skeena so low that no boats can now navigate higher up than Hole-in-the-Wall.

All traffic on the river is now suspended, except in canoes, which is extremely dangerous, owing to the large amount of ice that is now running, and the Skeena is expected to freeze over within a few days. Fresh meat is "poled" up stream in canoes which draw but a few inches of water, and when the ice forms the contractors will be supplied with fresh beef hauled to their camps by Contractor Morrison's dog train.

TWO GOLD BRICKS FROM MINE AT SALMO

Week's Output From South- eastern B. C. Is Well Up to General Average.

Nelson, Dec. 12.—Two gold bricks were brought into Nelson from the Queen mine at Salmo, weighing 46 lbs. 2 oz., and valued at \$10,700. Cheering news came from Rossland, showing that the camp is regaining its old time activity, with a steadily increasing payroll. A car of ore shipped from the Bluebird during the week realized \$2,400 for the lessees of the mine.

The roasting plant of the Bluebird mine at Alouette has been completed. The week's output for southeastern British Columbia has come up to the general average.

Boundary ore shipments for this week were 23,654; for the year to date, 1,371,041 tons.

Rossland shipments for the week, 6,700 tons; for the year, 232,049 tons. Slokan and Kootenay shipments for the week, 8,477 tons; for the year, 128,424 tons.

Total production for the week, 49,231 tons, and for the year, 1,781,414 tons. The total receipts at the smelters during the week were 40,767 tons, and for the year, 1,760,305 tons.

DROWNING OF J. T. MORTIMER.

Meets Death in Red River at Pembina While Crossing Ice.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—Local Socialists have received details of the drowning of their former leader in this city, J. T. Mortimer, who was twice a candidate for parliament on the Socialist platform in Vancouver.

Mr. Mortimer was drowned in the Red River near Pembina, Man., on Thursday, November 26th. He was only about 34 years of age, and was of British parentage, having been born in Scotland, though his parents removed to Canada while he was still quite young. He was in the tailoring business in Vancouver for a few years and then removed to Winnipeg, later taking up his home in St. Vincent, Minn. The details of his tragic and untimely end are given as follows:

Leaving his home at St. Vincent, on the east side of the river, at 8 o'clock in the evening, Mr. Mortimer attempted to cross the river on the ice to Pembina where he intended to take a train for Winnipeg. Not returning home on the Saturday following, an expected telegram message from his wife to friends in Winnipeg disclosed the fact that he had not reached that city. Search being made it was discovered that he had broken through the ice on his way across the river and drowned. In spite of most strenuous efforts upon the part of all concerned the body has not yet been recovered.

CREAMERY ASSOCIATION.

Officers Are Elected at Annual Meeting at Duncan.

Duncan, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of the Creamery Association officers were appointed for the ensuing year as follows:

President, G. T. Corfield; vice-president, J. N. Evans; directors, Wm. Bassett, David Alexander, F. A. Jackson, Wm. Hurd and C. T. Gibbons. W. H. Hayward, M. P. F., who was present, spoke on the subject of the creamery gathering eggs from farmers on the same principle as the butter business is conducted. It was pointed out that successfully carrying out a scheme has been worked in Denmark and other places, and there is no doubt it would give a stimulus to the egg business in Cowichan, giving us a more stable market and better prices.

It was left to the directors to ascertain more particulars and to call a special meeting later to consider this question as well as that very important one of the purchase of feed for the patrons.

The prizes which were won by members of the Fifth Regiment at the Thanksgiving Day shoot will be paid to the winners at the Drill hall on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

BIG CHEQUE FOR VANCOUVER.

City Receives \$2,720 From B. C. Electric Railway as Percentage of Earnings for Month.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—A cheque for \$2,720.19 was handed in to the city treasurer yesterday by the B. C. Electric Railway Company, in payment of the city's monthly percentage of the company's earnings for November. The cheque for November last year was \$1,850.43. The amount received from the company for the present year to date is \$20,776.88, already exceeding the city's estimate of \$20,000 for the year. For the same eleven months last year the amount received was \$14,232.51, so that these returns show a very gratifying increase in the amount of business done by the company during the year.

NELSON MAYORALTY CANDIDATE.

Nelson, Dec. 12.—Three candidates are in the field for the mayoralty: Harold Selous, ex-alderman; Alderman Captain D. C. McMorris, and ex-Mayor W. G. Gillett.

FIRE AT VANCOUVER CAUSES \$50,000 LOSS

Damage Result of Smoke and Water—Practically Covered by Insurance.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—At an early hour this morning fire broke out in the building occupied jointly by the Australasian Club and F. J. Schofield on Cordova street west, and the contents of the building, including a stock of goods in F. J. Schofield's store worth in the neighborhood of \$45,000, and the fittings and furnishings of the club, valued at about \$3,000, were entirely destroyed. The fire was one that might very easily have been the most serious ever known in the city, as the building is situated between the Spencer block and the handsome structure occupied by the Terminal City Club and Clarke & Stuart's wholesale store.

It is not known how the fire broke out, but at about 20 minutes past 1 o'clock an alarm was turned in.

In the club where the fire started, the whole furnishing of the place was swimming in pools of blackened water, the windows broken, and the firemen thundering water into the wrecked rooms through the thick, choking smoke. Owners and school boys in the immediate vicinity became alarmed even after the brigade, No. 6, had been at work for some time, for it looked very dangerous, so heavy was the smoke. The fire was in that the damage was not caused by flames but by the smoke and the water thrown in by the hose.

It is understood that the loss is practically covered by insurance, in both places.

DUNCAN TO HAVE BOARD OF TRADE

Committee Is Appointed to Ar- range Preliminary Details.

Duncan, Dec. 12.—The meeting called by W. H. Hayward, M. P. F., at the council chambers for the purpose of electing a representative to co-operate with a committee of the Victoria board of trade, and representatives from other sections in exploiting the resources of Vancouver Island, and also to consider the advisability of forming a local board of trade, was fairly well attended.

Mr. Peterson was unanimously elected as the representative to confer with the special committee of the Victoria board.

Considerable discussion then took place as to the respective merits of a development association and a board of trade. Eventually it was decided to form a local board of trade and a committee composed of Messrs. Peterson, Erickson and Campbell was appointed to arrange the preliminary details and to report at another meeting to be arranged later.

ADJUSTING FREIGHT RATES.

Conference Between C. P. R. Official and Nelson Merchants Wholly Satisfactory.

Nelson, Dec. 12.—W. B. Langan, C. P. R. general freight agent at Winnipeg, held a four-hour conference with the president of the board of trade and the committee representing local merchants, this afternoon, on the reduction and adjustment of freight rates on goods coming in and going out of Nelson and territory. The conference was private, but it is announced tonight that a wholly satisfactory settlement was arrived at, and that the new schedule, when approved at headquarters, will be put in force at once. It will mean the saving of many thousands of dollars to merchants and consumers.

The second of his series of lectures on "First Principles of Europe," will be given by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, on Wednesday evening next, in St. Andrew's church. "Scotland" has been chosen as the subject of this lecture, and as Mr. Clay visited most of the beautiful spots and places of historic interest in the "Land of Cakes," a delightful evening is in store for those who attend. The lecture will be illustrated by some excellent stereoscopic views of the chief places of interest in the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the scenic grandeur of the Trossachs, and such historic scenes as Stirling Castle, Westrose Abbey and the Field of Bannockburn. All who had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Clay's lecture on Italy will agree that a rare intellectual treat awaits them on Wednesday evening.

The largest insect known is the elephant beetle of Venezuela. It sometimes attains a weight of half a pound.

HOPEFUL OF SOLVING HINDU PROBLEM

Brigadier - General Swayne, Governor at Honduras, Ar- rives at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Brigadier-General Eric John Eagles Swayne, C. B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Honduras, and Mrs. Swayne, were among the arrivals in the city by the late train last night. His excellency declined to make any official statement, as he had not had time to speak to the local authorities about the matter, and was therefore not yet familiar with the conditions prevailing.

"We have plenty of room and work for Hindus who wish to move to Honduras," said the governor, "but the matter is to be purely voluntary on their part. The advantages of the country for men of their race will be clearly explained, and those who wish to go may be certain that the British government will adhere to any promises made. They are, as I know from a residence of 16 years in India, peculiarly adapted to the land and the climate, and, in my opinion, would do well there. We can offer them the best of terms, such as a community of their own, with their own officials, and land and work suited to them will be plentiful. At present Honduras would have no difficulty in accommodating a good many of these men, and an effort must and will be made, and the proper inducements held out, to attract them to the country where they are needed."

General Swayne, who is 45 years of age, has had a distinguished career. He held high office in Burma in 1886-7, and commanded the troops in Somaliland prior to his appointment to the Comptroller-General and High Court Judge-ship there. He was in command of the British expedition that captured the Mad Mullah and put an end to the unrest that existed there, which position he held until 1905. He was promoted to the Governorship of British Honduras three years ago.

PARTY MAROONED ON WINDY ARM

Forced Ashore While Trying to Cross Lake in Small Boat.

Skagway, Dec. 12.—On Thursday J. M. Ruffner, with his wife, five white men and four Japanese left Atlin in a small boat to cross Lake Atlin on their way to Caribou and the outside. They had only three days' provisions. Ruffner wired for a team to meet the party at Squaw point, twenty-two miles out from Caribou. The teams started with three days' provisions, and waited until the provisions were exhausted, and returned to Caribou and secured more.

They then went back to the meeting point. Navigation on Lake Atlin closed six weeks ago, but with the shore ice extending far out it is still partially open for small boats. A sailing party was being organized when a member of the Ruffner party arrived at Caribou and reported the party marooned at a point called Golden Gate. A storm compelled them to go ashore at the end of Windy arm. They are reported well and awaiting the strengthening of the ice on the lake. Relief is being sent them, as they are out of provisions.

Ruffner is manager of the Columbia Gold Mining Company, operating on North Pine creek, one of the largest hydraulic propositions in the north.

TWO-CENT PASSENGER RATE.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—The Missouri rate case, involving the two-cent passenger rate and the maximum freight rate was resumed before Judge Smith McPherson in the federal court today after a recess of four weeks. Most of the testimony so far has tended to show the alleged increased cost of doing state business over interstate and trans-state business, and has been presented with a view of upholding the claims of the roads that they are unable to do business with profit under the existing rate laws.

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THOMPSON RUGBY CUP RETURNS TO VANCOUVER

Victoria High School Boys Outplayed in Game at Oak Bay.

The Thompson Rugby cup representing the school's championship was won on Saturday at Oak Bay by the Vancouver High school against the Victoria High school. Vancouver won the cup last year and retained their right to it this morning through superior and more skilful play. The score was: Vancouver two tries (six points), Victoria nil.

The game was won and lost in the first half when McCrae and Ryan scored the tries which, however, were not converted. From the first Vancouver rushed matters, outdoing the Victoria High school boys in every department of the game. It was due to their strong line that the Victoria boys came together in better shape and held their own all through, but were not able to gain any advantage or to make up any of the lead the Vancouver boys established. P. C. Barnacle refereed.

The match was played on a wet ground, which in several places was under pools of water. The side lines were slippery where they had been worn away in other games, and the end of the ground where the girls' hockey match was played was almost a quagmire. This made it very hard work for both teams. The Vancouver boys having slightly the best of it in weight did not fail to use it when opportunity offered. They, however, played the more scientific game and deserved the victory and the cup. The teams were:

Vancouver—Full back, Nicol; three-quarters, T. Smith, McGillivray, M. Beck, William Brown; half backs, T. Taylor, Walter Anderson; forwards, W. D. Macrae, Carson, Irwin Smith, Painter, F. H. Patterson, Pembroke, Ryan, Leeson.

Victoria—Full back, M. Scott; three-quarters, J. Gray, J. McRae, H. Boggs and M. Carmichael; half backs, A. Clark and A. Brown; forwards, B. Sprinkling, S. Thurburn, B. Johnson, W. Day, C. Brown, Shipland, A. Boggs and N. Lyche, Subs, J. Moore and J. Clay.

MAYOR HALL WILL ADDRESS ELECTORS

Meeting for Tuesday Night— Candidates Now in the Field.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

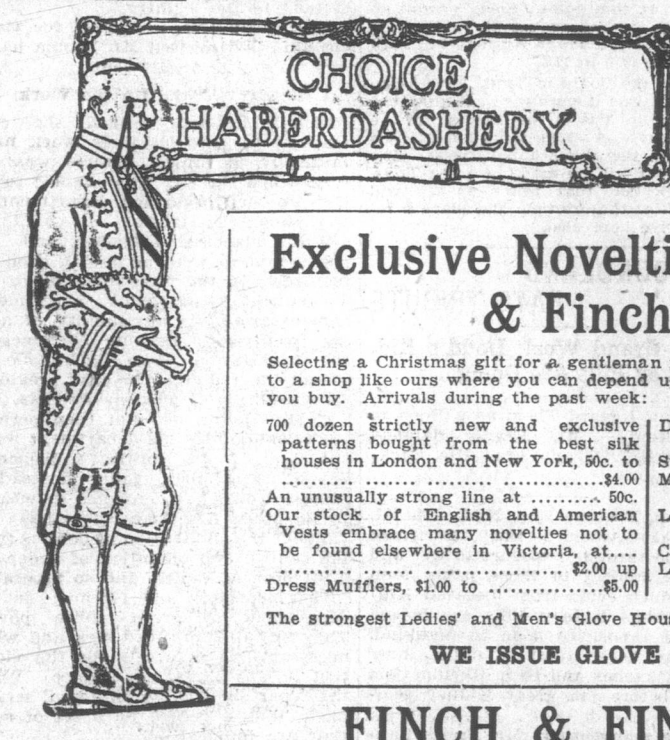
A good deal of interest is being taken in the fact that Mayor Hall is to give an account of his first year's stewardship on Tuesday evening next. It has been the custom for mayors to wait until just a few days prior to the election before taking the electorate into their confidence, but Dr. Hall is apparently not satisfied with following in the old well worn rut. All ratepayers will be glad to hear the mayor, and doubtless there will be a large attendance.

While there is not much move yet in the matter of candidates for the council next year, a few aspirants have announced their intention of running.

A. E. Morley says he is not yet prepared to say whether he will be a candidate for mayor or not. J. A. Turner has announced his intention of being an alderman candidate for Ward No. 5. A. G. Sargison says he has decided also to run for that ward.

In connection with the school board vacancies, George Jay does not intend again to be a candidate. H. Bishop also wants to stay out, while W. E. Staneland, the other one whose term will be up, will probably again be a candidate.

Walter Walker, of Hall & Walker, will be a candidate for school trustee. He was secretary of the school board years ago, and has therefore experience in the business. It is urged on his behalf also that his experience as a builder should be of service this year. In view of the fact that there will likely be a good deal of construction work in progress under the board's control.



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**Plucky High School Game in
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Vancouver High school girls on Saturday won the Thompson hockey cup from Victoria High school girls at Oak Bay by three goals to two. The victory of the Vancouver girls was due particularly to the splendid play of little Elva Stone, playing outside right, who undoubtedly played the star game of the morning, time and time again taking the ball from the Victoria forwards and carrying it along the field to the forward line and then centering. The winning goal scored three minutes and a half before time was the result of this little player's best effort.

The game commenced in pouring rain, which continued till just before half-time. The ground was under water at both goals and several puddles ornamented the field. In the down-pour Vancouver attacked first but the goalkeeper, Maud Ledingham, cleared the goal and looked like making a tie of the game. Vancouver girls attribute their victory to the rain and mud. They played a harder and heavier game in the last half, when Elva Stone, Belle Fraser, Ruby Alexander, Evelyn Little, spare, M. Shaw.

At the Y.M.C.A. four basketball teams have been formed among the members of the employed boys' clubs. They are A, B, C and D teams. On Friday the teams A and C were contestants and the result was that the later was defeated. On Tuesday evening next B and D teams will be rivals.

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Vancouver—Goal, Miss McDougall; backs, Jessie Meadows, Ivy Jones; halfbacks, Ruth Clark (captain), Jean McEwen, Georgianna Patterson; forwards, Gladys Cocking, Elva Stone, Belle Fraser, Ruby Alexander, Evelyn Little; spare, M. Shaw.

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—The soccer team representing the Fifth Regiment in the second division of the Island League will meet in the Drill Hall at 8 o'clock Thursday night. A very full attendance of all interested is desired.

—The dance, given in St. John's hall Friday by the High School Hockey Club, in honor of the visiting teams from Vancouver, was a most enjoyable affair. The hall was handsomely decorated in the club colors, and the dance program was excellent, one which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A number of the teachers and parents were present.

A couple of Italians working in Normandy have invented a device which will make it impossible to "tap" wireless messages.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF LOCAL W. C.

Mrs. Jenkins Tells of B ning of Work in This City.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. T. Reid, to celebrate the anniversary of the local union, was most interesting and instructive. President Mrs. Thompson, on the chair. After the opening of Mrs. Jenkins gave a reminiscence on the beginning of the W. C. work in Victoria 25 years ago. The society was organized by Frances Willard. Their members, few, the speaker said, but very enthusiastic. At that time quite an ordeal for a woman to be a public platform, and still more an ordeal for her to address a man and yet they did it for the furtherance of the cause in which they were so deeply interested.

Monthly Bible readings were the W. C. T. U. mission, and these help and inspiration were a room back of the hall was a but comfortable. Mrs. Thompson, the weekly meetings were held in the parlors of her home, and there were no nickles in those days. Amounts raised for the work were held, at which cake and were served, and at these the \$10 per month was easily raised. On Sunday mornings street meetings were held, members from the churches assisting. At the time these services the saloons were and the men found there in coming to the meetings.

Two petitions were taken at the W. C. T. U. women, one franchise movement and the other Sunday school closing. In connection with this, which happened at the time when there was a snow storm in Victoria, one of the petitions told by the man to whom she presented it for signature, that she ought to have darned her husband's coat instead of musing around the house. Another man said he would the franchise but not the school closing.

At a fair held at Beacon Bay, W. C. T. U. women, although being able to prevent a man from getting a license to sell liquor, rationing with a refreshment tent, and carefully that although they did not make much, for their work was large and other expenses they yet had the satisfaction of seeing their opponents' profits tumbling. In those days of course there were no street car fares, and when the U. women wished to get to the fair they usually walked.

On one occasion, after they had for a bus to take them to the fair, they found the door of the house locked on their arrival. Ever, at the suggestion of the open air meeting was held. But sheltered and pictures near the sea, which was largely by men from the barracks yards. On New Year's day a was held from 11 to 5 in the hall, which was crowded to the doors. In concluding her remarks speaker said that although it took a year for a quarter of a century accomplished appeared. "What a yet, taken together, made the work of to-day paying the way for it."

Mrs. Clyde then sang "We're feeling and sweetness a to do. Mrs. Thompson, who followed an eloquent plea for a unit shoulder to shoulder, of the women all over the province, the coming fight for local opponents, she said, were and the preparation for war had been going on for 25 years now be proved for the battle. Hard blows would be given, and on both sides friendship severed, but still, if they win, there must be no flinching, no internal disputes at this should be done, or that done—temperance workers together as one body and victory.

The temperance movement, air, she said, and could not back. Business men and men all over the province were hold of the local option movement, not passively.

The speaker concluded her address by saying that the most of the temperance question is so great that nothing could then read, and many new proposals and accepted, after refreshments were served and social time spent.

Mrs. Thompson, the president for sale of copies of a book or "White," dealing very far the question of social reform. The next parlor meeting of the society will be held on the home of Mrs. Goodacre.

Miss Marguerite Raynott, is spending a short time here.

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