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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Stocking the Fraser River Salmon Hatchery—Suicide at Revelstoke.

Demand for British Columbia Lead-Railway Building in the Interior.

Special to the Colonist: VANCOUVER, Oct. 9.—General Superintendent Abbott left today for Ottawa...

VANCOUVER, Oct. 10.—Mr. Thoms has been appointed principal of the East End school in place of Mr. Sparling.

CHAS. BROWN disturbed the Salvation Army, and was fined \$10.

The wife of Police Officer Crawford has presented him with twins.

A company undertakes to supply clean towels and soap and put in a comb and brush in offices in the city for a month.

The funeral of the late Mr. G. H. Glegg was largely attended.

The Y.M.C.A. has provided \$20,000 during the next four months.

New Westminster, Oct. 9.—Cloudy weather spoiled the view of the sun's eclipse here.

The Port Haney Steaming Co. will make a large shipment of salt salmon to Australia by the next steamer.

Two million salmon ova have been brought down from Harrison Lake for the hatchery.

The Westminister Lacrosse Club, sent a beautiful floor wreath to be placed on Harry Glegg's casket.

New Westminster, Oct. 10.—F. R. Robinson has re-opened his pork packing establishment.

Bishop and Mrs. Sillito are to be given a public reception by the three Anglican churches on Monday next.

A deck hand on the steamer Irving lost two fingers, last night, by getting his hand jammed between the deck and gangway.

It is reported that the Dominion Government is negotiating for the purchase of the Herring's Opera House, the intention being to convert it into a drill shed.

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REVELSTOKE.

The men at the Consolation mine have been taking out \$1250 per man per day for the past week or two, and the last six days' working had passed out \$480.

The Revelstoke and Arrow Lake railway is being pushed while the weather is favorable and it is expected to be in running order by the end of the year.

The Stoney Creek bridge on the C. P. R., between Rogers' Pass and Donald, in the Selkies, has borne the proverbial distinction of being the highest wooden bridge in the world, being 206 feet high.

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CONTINENTAL GOSSIP.

Bismark Determined to Get Well in Spite of the Doctor's Opinions.

Marshall McMahon Dying—Party Programmes in Prussia—Election Results.

BERLIN, Oct. 10.—Before leaving Klagenfurt, Prince Bismark received a dispatch from King Humbert of Italy, offering him for a winter residence the royal castle at Cape Di Monte, near Naples.

Prince Bismark, although declining the offer, expressed himself as greatly touched by the king's kindness, and it is understood that his reply to the king's message left the way open to his future acceptance of the royal hospitality.

Bismark's dauntless resolution to get well and his determination not to submit to the treatment accorded to a dying man are his motives for refusing unusual favors from any quarter.

The reports from day to day of his condition are so favorable that his old friends have ascertained, however, that he is again taking a keen interest in public affairs.

In Klagenfurt, last week, the greatest number of votes were cast for Herr von Bennigsen, leader of the national Liberals, Baron Wangemann, leader of the Agrarian League, and several others.

The coming session of the Reichstag promises to be one of the most important in its history.

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Minister Romero said that so far as he knew there was absolutely no foundation for the report.

Only recently he had been instructed by his government to deny a similar story and had seen to it that the policy of his government was thus outlined, and which was but a continuation of its policy for many years.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—A representative of the Mexican Land Co., who is in the city, was seen this evening and asked if he had heard the report that Lower California had been purchased by the United States.

The company with which the gentleman is connected has a grant of 18,000,000 acres from the Mexican government, and he stated the reported purchase had no foundation whatever.

"This report," he said, "may possibly refer to what is known as the Hale concession of one and one-half million acres below us; but as for ourselves, we could make no deal without the consent of the Mexican government."

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The representative in London of the United Press today says that a syndicate had purchased Lower California from the Mexican Government.

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