

PROTECT OUR GAME.

Lately we had the pleasure of a chat with a gentleman who is deeply interested in the preservation of our British Columbia game and fish, and who is very well-informed upon all that is going forward both as to their destruction and protection. As the gentleman occupies an official position we may be pardoned for withholding his name. He assured us that under present conditions the game of British Columbia and the game-fish, that is trout and other river and brook fish which may be taken with a fly, will be all killed off in the course of a few years. In the rivers of Vancouver Island the slaughter of fish is carried on with a selfish reckless disregard for the future of the species. The methods employed to kill the fish are such as all sportsmen will condemn, and they are directly contrary to the law; the fly fisher has no chance whatsoever, and he will have less if the government do not move quickly and strictly in the matter.

Within a few miles of Victoria this senseless slaughter of fish is carried on with impunity, and streams which used to attract sportsmen from distant quarters of the globe are now deserted, and the pools which at one time did a flourishing business are vacant. It is the same with the game; our deer are being massacred without mercy, often not even for the sake of their hides or horns, and apparently for no better reason than to gratify the bestial lust for blood that seems to seize some men when they find themselves in a wood with a rifle. The noble elk, moose and caribou are dying out; the bears, wolves, panthers, and other animals that depraved must, of course, be extirpated for the sake of the farmer, but the purely game animals of British Columbia should have the government's earnest protection.

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GALIANO ROAD REFORM.

To the Editor: I noticed in the Colonist of the 8th inst. a letter signed Levan Callison and Charles Groth, showing the chief commissioner of lands and works for the action he has taken in the matter of roads in this island. The letter is full of errors and is full of errors. Last spring our what was universally condemned, the fact that it was built being such that steamers would very seldom make a landing, and in fact, would be unable to do so.

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That Galiano "outrage." To the Editor: My attention has been called to a letter in the Semi-Weekly Colonist of the 8th inst. headed "Galiano Road Outrage," and signed by Chas. Groth and Levan Callison. The letter was written by either of the two signers, neither of whom is able to concoct two lines of it. The letter is a very good specimen of the kind of writing that is to be seen in the columns of the Colonist. It is full of errors and is full of errors.

TO DEVELOP B. C. PROPERTY.

An English Company Represented in Heavy Investments on the Provincial Mainland. A London Syndicate Which Will Turn its Attention to Vancouver Island. Mr. E. C. Erbsloh, of London, has again returned to this city. His visit to the province means much for its financial and industrial development.

HELD THE ANNUAL SESSION. The Board of School Trustees Assembled in Their Last Monthly Meeting for the Present Year. The Superintendent Submits His Annual Report - A Lady Teacher Writes to Terminate Her Engagement.

FRIENDS PREVAILED. A Nervous Toronto Woman Walked the Floor During the Night for Hours at a Time - She Makes a Statement.

BUSINESS IS FLOURISHING.

The opening of East Kootenay by the Crow's Nest Pass Line is being quickly followed by a rush of capital to the towns that are springing up along the road, says the Nelson Miner. At every siding building operations are being pushed through; a whole array of buildings being erected, business blocks and residences. Merchandise and hotelmen are taking advantage of the opportunities the new country affords.

THE TAKU TRAIL TO TESHIN. The question of routes into the new Atlin gold fields seems likely to lead to as much discussion, and to be the cause of as much difference of opinion, as the highways to the Klondike caused when the rush first set in to that district.

NEW WISCONSINER. Mr. James H. Burt is expected to be many years hence a resident of Saperton, and suddenly at his home on Saturday evening.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Dr. Paul Lankhammer, M.E., Ph.D., died at 8:18 o'clock at the International hotel on Friday night. He had been sick for a few days with a fever, and had recovered that he was able to get up, and contemplated starting on a morning for the properties of the Omineca Iron Mine, which he had purchased.

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When Lady Marie Worley Montague visited the Sultan, she wrote home to England that she had been smothered with love.

Cheminault's Notes. Cheminault, Dec. 12. - The contest for the seat in the legislature made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Smith was held at the choice of the meeting to be held at Dunsmuir's tomorrow night, the opinion seems to be that a pack animal can hardly obtain foothold, while a misstep is attended with serious results.

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