PROUNCIAL NEWS

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A matter that has been of vital interest to the people of the Sumas son it valley, and also to those of the Fraser valley, is the reclamation of the lands in and around Sumas Lake Various schemes have be enexploited with the result that the B. C. E. Ry. company took over the work and franchise of the Sumas Development Company, and set prominent engineers to work on a report of the estimated cost of a safe and secure scheme. The carrying out of this report involved so enormous a cost that the company abandoned the work for the time being.

The commissioners and the promoters of the old scheme felt confident the work could be accomplished for less than that estimated, in fact, for about one-half of that estimated by the B. C. E. Ry. engineers. The commissioners, Daniel Mead, A. C. Powell, Stirling B. Hill and T. S. Hennon, four engineers of prominence, met the His Trousers

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The life of Raleigh Foulkner, the officials of the B. C. E. Ry. company in Vancouver a few weeks ago. The alleged wife-beater, who on Tuesday in Vancouver a few weeks ago. The alleged wife-beater, who on Tuesday in the papers and data collected of all the papers and data collected in their last years' work on the scheme and a free use of all useful information to the complete of the scheme and a free use of all useful informations of the Interior Description of the Interior

and a free use of all useful information in this connection. The result was that the four engineers were given instructions to submit their report. They have done so, and this has been placed in the hands of the commissioners.

The report says in part: The character and extent of the improvements warranted in any project of this mature is limited by the financial condition of the district and by the financial condition to the police head-quarters, heard a united some one talking, and not knowing what it all was about went closer to convention held recently bridge and Spokane.

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traps on Puget Sound last Sunday, and found truth in the charges made by Canadian fishermen to the effect that American traps did not observe the weekly close seasons.

At the present time the estimated pack on the Fraser river is 380,000 cases of fish, against a Puget Sound all pack of 650,000 cases. The open season for sockeyes on the Fraser river will end in one week, and during that it time there are but five and a half days' fishing, and it was declared yesterday by canners that it would be impossible for the pack to exceed 400,000, or just half what was prepared for, by the end of the season.

Today the British Columbia Canners' Association will hold a meeting to discuss the question of securing an extension of the open season from the Dominion government. It is considered by canners to be a foregone conclusion that such a request will be presented to Ottawa.

NEW NATIONAL PARK

May Be Established by the Dominion At or Near the North Arm

The Dominion Government is considering a recommendation in favor of the North Arm within the Dominion rallway fielt. The proposition is to provide a vertiable people's play-ground in a territory having a length of at least ten miles north and south of a least ten miles north and south of at least ten miles north and south of a least ten miles north and south of at least ten miles north and south of at least ten miles north and south of at least ten miles north and south of a least ten miles north and south of at least ten miles north and south of at

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Prisoner in Vancouver Jail Vainly
Tries to Hang Himself With
His Trousers

Scenery.

"The idea is to make it a free park, where people in search of a holiday may enjoy an outling without being put to an excessive expense. It is probable that the Dominion Government, following the precedent in the netternal parks in the Rockles and ment, following the precedent in the national parks in the Rockies and Selkirks, will build and maintain roads and drivewers.

partment, Ottawa. Mr. Campbell is touring the west on an annual inspec-tion trip. He attended the irrigation convention held recently at Leth-

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Well, Well, Wallpaper!!

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The latest
Parision "cure" for a bad temper, aceording to a story in a morning paper,
is a change of wallpaper. A husband
who had been living inharmoniously
with his wife consulted a doctor. No
cause being found for disagreements,
the doctor visited the patient's home
and there found red paper on the
walls.

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The doctor ordered a change.

"Red," he said, "excites the temper; try blue."

The soothing experiment was made, with the result that the disposition of the wife became as angelic as it had been nasty before.

According to the doctor a blue room rames the most exacting

During his present visit to Prince
Rupert, according to The Optimist, the
following series of local "wants" have
been presented to Premier McBride:
"An absolute guarantee from the
premier himself that the waters of
Shawatlans and Woodward lakes will
be retained for this city, and immediately on incorporation that a record
of these waters be turned over to the
city; that no other franchises for this
city be granted in the meantime.
"That this city and this district have
cabinet representation in the next Legislature, provided the McBride government is returned, and this constituency elects a supporter of that government.
"The introduction and passing of a

anger.

entire south and east sides. It also acquired \$750,000 worth of property on the north shore last year. On this north shore the proposed terminals are to be erected, the city being asked to assist the company in securing the balance of the privately owned property on that side, as well as conceding sixty acres of foreshore adjoining. The rallway agrees to reclaim its land by dredging the bed of the creek, thereby forming a channel for navigation, and to resign all right to the waterfront about the new basin, leaving 163 acres for the city to use as reclaimed land, or for furthering of the channel scheme, as seems best. The cost of dredging the head of the creek is estimated at \$500,000, and it is stated that the initial expenditure of It was 96 "in the shade" at Revel-toke last Saturday. And Revelstoke s in the mountains. Big bush fires are burning around the Arrow lakes, but as they are in old slashings no serious losses are Fifty thousand dollars is to be ex-

ated that the initial expenditure of the company, in addition, for the erec-tion of terminals adequate to this city, pended on Vancouver's new Masonic Temple at the corner of Georgia and ción of terminais adequate to this city, will be one million dollars. The city Council appeared to be favorable to the scheme, but laid the matter over or a week to allow of public discussion, and for the solicitors to examine the offer and prepare the city's side of the case.

The Bank of Hamilton is erecting ew premises at Fernie.

There is a marked revival in minin in the Slocan lake country.

Revelstoke has let contracts for ce-The Gerrard sawmill is now turn

ed between Millside and Sapperton by William Fisher. The Liberals of Prince Rupert hav formed an association stork as president.

A stage service has been establish

Dr. J. H. King, M. P. P. for Cran brook, is on his way home from extended visit to the Old Country.

An athletic club has been formed a Prince Rupert with F. A. McKinnon president and C. G. Morgan secretary The Creston Review has changed hands, being purchased by J. K. John-son, with Ralph G. Scruton as editor.

Work on the new Lulu Island bridge is advancing rapidly, the first steel being in place and 45 men busily em-

Summerland is having Sunday af-ternoon band concerts with short ad-dresses—one each Sunday—by local

The first telephone line in the Bulk-ley Valley has been installed, con-necting the various branches of F. L. Cucumbers and tomatoes are being

grown in large quantities at Creston, which finds an insatiable market for these vegetables at the coast. John Stewart has arrived at Ph nix to assume the superintendent's duties at the Dominion Copper Co.'s properties in the Boundary camp.

William Manson is to resign the Government agency, and be the can didate for Prince Rupert's Conserva-tives at the next Provincial elections

"wanted" for a \$700 shortage at Fer-nie, returned last week to confuse his enemies and prove that no shortage existed. R. L. Rainsforth, who was reported

Prince Rupert is asking the gov-ernment to appoint a building inspec-tor, in consequence of the recent col-lapse of a three story structure in

Vancouver, the retiring district chief New Westminster is hoping for the establishment of a large steel plant

Vernon citizens will erect a monu-ment to Archie Hickling, the hero of the recent fire.

Revelstoke poultry fanciers have or-ganized a live association with W. A. Foote as president and F. W. Laing as secretary-treasurer.

Inspector A. E. Miller, recently ap-pointed for the Kootenay and Yale school divisions, has taken up his re-sidence at Revelstoke.

The government is making extensive improvements at Galena Bay in the construction of a road to open up the farm lands of that district. O. Hansen, a stonecuttere working on the new Molson's Bank building at Revelstoke, has lost an eye through a stone chipping flying into the pupil.

The Sixth Regiment, Duke of Con-naught's Own Rifles, will go to Seat-tle next Saturday to assist in the celebration of Vancouver Day at the fair

Divers have succeeded in locating the Great Northern locomotive which went through the bridge draw at New Westminster. It lies in 110 feet of water, but can be recovered. A provincial meeting of fire chiefs

is to be held at Revelstoke on Sep-tember 1 and 2, some forty delegates being expected. Last year the British Columbia convention was held at New

Judge Ben F. Lindsey, the "Children's Judge," from Denver, is speaking in Vancouver this evening. The Children's Protective Association of that city has secured \$2,000 toward the nent of the juvenile court H. M. T. Hodgson of Alberni

mourning the death of a favorite brother, Rev. Mr. Hodgson, who was accidentally killed at Leeds, England, last week. The late reverend gentleman was chaplain to the troops en-camped at that place. Pat Burns, the Calgary Cattle King,

expresses the opinion that if the ranchers continue to concentrate on wheat, Alberta instead of being the largest meat providing province of the Canadian Federation will soon be importing perforce for local needs. A Japanese workman named Kata mura whose back was broken in a re-cent accident at Rogers Pass, will be sent back to Japan by his friends. Nothing can be done for the poor chap by the surgeons. He may linger for years, but his case is quite incurable.

Vancouver and New Westm discovered how great a necessity is electricity when both cities were plunged into outer darkness from 8:30 until 9:20 last evening, through a it accident at the generating sta-on the North Arm of Burrard In-

A meeting of representatives of all the associated packing plants on the Fraser river will be called within the next three days for the purpose of discussing the advisability of requesting the Dominion government to grant an extension of fishing on the river. According to the regulations August 25 A curious rallway accident occur-red last week at Eholt, the cylinder head of a locomotive blowing out while it was hauling Superintendent sockeyes is permitted on the Fraser.

After about three weeks' residence Amateur highwaymen and burglars at Chilliwack, one J. Lancey completed are greatly annoying both Nanaimo and Ladysmith. The residence of Mayor Coburn of Ladysmith is among that town by negotiating sundry small that the management of the complete of an aggregate amount of \$100.

Mission has organized a progressive oard of trade.

The new river boat City of Quesnel approaching completion at Ques The run of sockeyes on the Fraser as slackened off discouragingly, and

humpbacks are coming. E. H. Heaps & Co., the Vancouver imbering firm which has big mills t Ruskin, will also establish a man-facturing plant at New Westminster.

A Catholic club has been forme at Revelstoke with Mr. Stortz as pre Premier McBride and Hon.

Young are being banquetted today at Prince Rupert. The Canadian Bank of Commerce

has invited tenders for the erection onew premises at Ladysmith. The residence of Jacob Wilson, one of the finest in the Royal City, was destroyed by fire on Sunday.

The hay crop in Cowichan will fall below the average this year, but higher prices will be a partial com-

The sixth annual convention of the Alberta & Bastern British Columbia Press association will be held at Edmonton on the 9th and 10th September, when Hon. Frank Oliver and Mr. J. S. Willison, of the Toronto News, will be the principal speakers.

Charles Stevers, a Fernie teamste arrested for thefts from the C. P. R. sheds, confessed immediately and returned his plunder, being released on bail furnished by the Teamsters' Un-ion. Afterwards he jumped his bail, and the bail has been ordered forfeited.

A very peculiar accident is reported from the Fraser River, the victim be-ing one of the crew of a tug. On Saturday night he fell into the river, and had it not been for the timely arrival of help he would have drowned.
On Sunday Dr. Green was sent for and examination disclosed that he was suffering from a paralytic stroke down the left side. Whether Short was the victim of the stroke before or after falling into the river is not known.

Reg. W. Brock, Prof. of Geology in the Kingston School of Mines, and Director of the Dominion Department of Beology, is in the Prince Rupert district with Hon. Mr. Templeman.

Prof. Brock is visiting all the mining centres and making preliminary investigation, with the view of next year sending in a staff to make a year sending in a staff to make a topographical survey of all the district now being opened up. Some valuable data will thus be secured. Prof. Brock says the policy of the department is to push this work as fast as suitable men can be secured.

Immigration Officials EDMONTON, Alb., Aug. 17.—E. W. D. Scott, commissioner of immigration, and C. W. Speers, general colonization agent, spent Sunday in the city on their return from an official visit to Prince Rupert, B. C. They are now inspecting all the immigration agencies in western Canada entheir way East, and will also bay a visit fo the agencies of the department in Chicago and St. Paul. They left again yesterday afternoon on their return over the G. T. P. EDMONTON, Alb., Aug. 17.-E. W.

Illtimatum to Strikers PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 17.—Quiet reigned last night at the plant of the Pressed Steel Gar Company at Scho-enville, where 3,500 employees have enville, where 3,500 employees have been on a strike for five weeks. Operations on a reduced scale were started yesterday at the works. With the men brought here it is claimed that nearly 2,500 workmen are lodged at the plant, prepared to take the places of strikers. The company has given its old employees until Friday to return to work, and it is alleged that if the men refuse, all, with their

that if the men refuse, all, with their families, will be ejected at that time

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Based on the German and Japanese models, the war office has issued proposals for a great voluntary Red Cross scheme in connection with the Territorial army plan. It will be worked in connection with the existing Red Cross Society, and St. John's Ambulance Society, and in the event of an invasion would provide the entire country with a complete network of Red Cross organizations. Men and women of all classes are invited to become volumganizations. Men and women of an iclasses are invited to become volunteers to be trained in detachments in every Territorial army as nurses and in every branch of the Red Cross service, utilizing country houses and local resources for hospitals.

THE OSAKA

Policemen Saved Throng Girls Locked in Spin Factory By Scaling the Walls

INSURANCE COMPANIES UNABLE TO PAY

According to advices brought the steamer Aki Maru which reach port this morning the losses result from the great fire at Osaka he bankrupted between 4000 and 50 merchants of the Japanese city great distress has followed. The lowas \$15,000,000. The insurance copanies' losses were \$2,500,000 and f will be able to meet their losses, so of the companies not having sufficiential. Scandals are arising as a 1 apital. Scandals are arising as ult and a government investiga insurance companies will pr

Both government and private ch homeless at stations estable the paddy fields outside to Moving picture firms had films on exhibition at Tokyo films on exhibition at Tokyo two after the fire to work up subscrip

A tragedy of the charity A cabinet maker regard reported. A cabinet maker regarder as a Shinto leader of the Tenri sec after giving his savings to the fund broke open his wife's savings banks and contributed her savings. When he returned he found her lying dead on the mats—she had poisoned hereaft

Camps of the homeless were strung along the railroad line out of Osal and hundreds were seen stumbling along under bundles of rescued effects many in danger of starvation. many in danger of starvation.

A great outery has been raised since the fire against officials of the Fukushima and Nippon Spinning factories, who locked the girl employees in the factories. The correspondent of the Japan Advertiser of Tokyo said: "At 11 p.m. when the flames were rapidly involving Fukushima-machi, shrieks

involving Fukushima-machi, shrieks and cries were repeatedly audible from behind the brick walls of both the behind the brick walls of both the Fukushima and Nippon Spinning fac-tories. Female voices implored help crying, 'Save us, we shall die!' Thes cries proceeded from the factory-girls in the building. Several policemen, who heard these cries for help, lost who heard these cries for help, lost no time in pushing to the gates of the factories, but the hell-hounds in charge of the factory-girls actually declined to open the gates, incredible as it may seem. In the meanwhile the flames were gradually spreading towards the factory buildings. The shrieks of the poor girls were perfectly heart-rending.

During the fire a woman who had given birth to a child shortly before

given birth to a child shortly before was trampled to death by fugitives when she stumbled from her house seeking to escape. Five people were burned to death, three crushed by falling walls and three died of heart

The Japanese newspapers, enlarge on the heroism of a school teacher of the Matsugaye school who rushed ino the burning school and saved th Emperor's photograph, being bad burned while accomplishing this. The proprietor of the factory whe the fire originated, named Tamada Shotaro, is said to have become hal

demented. He saved his family only with difficulty. According to his statement, a lamp hanging by the side of a pillar in the kitchen fell. a tin of kerosene oil, and instantly the fire took hold of a score of Japan-ese umbrellas just above the kitcher range and the faggots placed under neath it. As he ran into an inner room to save his family, the whole house became filled with flames. According to the report of the Bovernor, the number of institutions and buildings which were destroyed is as

Government institutions

Schools Banks
Companies
Shinto Temples
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thorough systematic Japanese way. The affected area was divided in semi-military fashion into eight dis-tricts, with an official in command of each, and some two hundred employees of the municipality were assigned to the work. As the first step, all the restaurants in the city were ordered to make balls of boiled rice and send them, together with other foods eaten by the poorer classes of the Japanese, to the city hall, whence they were despatched to the heads of the various divisions of the burned area for distribution among the sufference. All the medical men under the erers. All the medical men under the control of the municipality were like-wise deputed to visit the homeless people, and a large number of schools and temples were requisitioned as shelters. In describing the fire an eye-witness said: The streets were almost im-

passable with people escaping from the burning district by 'rikisha or other vehicle or on foot, carrying household effects or children. Many of them were in a pitiable plight weeping and wringing their hands as they realized they had lost all their little possessions. The fire was so powerful that its roar and smoke could be distinguished miles from the could be distinguished miles from the city. The burning of a row of sake warehouses offered a wonderful sight. The flames licked up the buildings in the way like matchwood, the fierce heat driving the defenders away. Suddenly a long tongue of flames reached the sake godowns, and in less than half-an-hour the whole row vanished in a see of fire. It is impossible ished in a sea of fire. It is impossible adequately to describe the scene at this point. The flames over the sake godowns leapt to an enormous height, and owing to the burning spirit they assumed a pale bluish tinge. The view of continuous flames over a quarter of a mile in extent now presented itself to the eyes of the specsented itself to the eyes of the spec-tators.