Late Advices From Dawson

Several Small Fires at Klondike During the First Week of July.

Public Works Ordered by the Canadian Government for Yukon.

Mail advices from Dawson up to July 11 were received by the Alpha.

Friday was a day of fires in Dawson, says the Sun. A hard wind blowing up the river and a spark under the eaves of Smith & Hobbs' two-storey building, used as a carpenter shop and storehouse for lumber, threatened to destroy a goodly portion of the town at about 8:30 o'clock in the morning. The heavy wind drove the fire up the roof under the lumber covering, and had gained quite a headway when discovered. A bucket brigade and a small stream of water from the Ladue mill extinguished it before any water from the large fire engine was turned on.

About noon a small fire was noticed on the sidehill above the A. C. warehouses, which in a few minutes was running like a racehorse up and over the hill. Some twenty cabins were destroyed, among the losers being J. Barr and George H. Crosby, who had just come in from Hunker. They lost their cabin, with its entire contents. William Bonnes and James Clery were also losers of a cabin and contents. Ed. Morrison came in for about the same loss. Taylor brothers also lost a cabin and valuable outfit. They were at work on Hester creek at the time of the fire. James Cambra was asleep in his cabin, and was awakened by the cries of his two dogs, which were tied back of the building, and he only escaped with a part of his clothing, as the cabin was full of smoke and burning when he awoke. The dogs perished in the flames. J. Norris, Charles Becker and Oscar Hansen were among the losers. The fire burned around some thirty or forty cabins, which were saved by thoroughly wetting the moss chinking and in some few cases back-firing was done.

Some time after noon the fire bell rang an alarm, the cause being a small blaze in a cabin back of the Yukon saw mill. A few buckets of water were sufficient to put it out. And the last blaze of the day was a small one down towards the toll-bridge. It was extinguished with but little trouble or damage.

Two arrests were made for setting the fire on the hill, and the police are confident that one of the arrested parties are guilty, but the only witnesses seem to show a disposition to shield the guilty party.

YUKON PUBLIC WORKS.

Telegraph Line Will Be in Dawson Early in October.

Mr. J. B. Charleson, superintendent of the new government telegraph line from Bennett to Dawson, is in town, says the Sun. He is accompanied by Messrs. Tache, government engineer, and Fuller, government architect, who have work ahead of them in the Yukon. All these gentlemen are connected with the department of public works. By Mr. Charleson's last report, the wire had been strung half way down the Thirty-Mile river, and no doubt by this time is nearly completed to Hootalinqua. Mr. Charleson says they will use both the ordinary telegraph instruments and the long-distance telephone instruments on the wire. The rate from Dawson to Bennett will be $2.75 for messages of ten words. Mr. Charleson believes that he will have the line in operation in October.

He also comes with the widest possible instructions to provide public buildings, government wharves, and to inquire into the matter of roads and trails. Acting under his instructions, Mr. Fuller will prepare plans for a new post office, court house, gold commissioner's office, and others of a public nature. It is also understood that the instructions now given regarding trails and roads will be followed by more definite ones at an early date, so as to have the work commenced this fall.

On the way down the lakes, by Mr. Charleson's orders, Mr. Tache had a wing dam constructed at Cariboo Crossing, which gave 12 inches more water over the difficult spot.

Preparations are being made to house workmen on Thirty-Mile river, who will blast out the obstructions in that river when the depth of water renders the work practicable.

Mr. Charleson purchased the little stern-wheel steamer Stratton for use in the Yukon in connection with public works and telegraph construction.

BIG SALMON DIGGINGS.

Jerry Galvin Confirms the Report of the Richness of Ketteba Creek.

Jerry Galvin, who was in the Big Salmon country, recently returned to Dawson. He says upon his arrival at the new diggings some weeks ago, he found seven men at work sluicing at a small creek about four miles long and from 150 to 200 feet wide. This creek is called Ketteba creek and is a tributary of the South Fork. A local recorder had been appointed, and when Mr. Galvin left the entire gulch had been taken, and as he came out he met some 30 or 40 people pushing in. Mr. Galvin advises people contemplating the investigation of the new strike to take not less than 30 days' provisions with them, as they will have to prospect new creeks if they expect to locate.

The bedrock on Ketteba creek is reached at about four feet, and a yield of $80 per day to the man was being taken out. The gold is fairly coarse, one piece weighing $24 being found. The discovery party were in that country last summer, and indications found there at that time brought the party back in March of this year.

This particular locality was tramped over last summer by nearly two thousand people and nothing found, and was more thoroughly prospected than any of the upper rivers, with the possible exception of Thistle and Selwyn.

The benches show excellent prospects, with the same wash gravel as is found in the bottom of the gulch. This camp is about 35 miles above the forks and up stream from where the trail crosses the salmon. It enters the South Fork from the right-hand side or right limit. Mr. Galvin made three quartz locations and brought in half a ton of ore, which is now undergoing a careful assay.

A rate war was begun on Friday, July 8, and the fare was cut to $10 to White Horse and $65 to Seattle, second-class. This cut was taken advantage of by many, and both the Bonanza King and the Victorian left loaded down with passengers. Indications have for some time pointed to a live rate war on the upper river route, and the present cut was not a surprise to those who have been watching developments.

While the Harper street ditch was being dug across First avenue to the river bank, a bag of beans was found a short distance below the surface of the ground. They had been there for some time, and Mr. Ogilvie thinks they were cached there by Carmac or some of the pioneers before Dawson was built. They seem to be little the worse of their confinement.

A great deal of deep prospecting is going on on all the creeks, shafts being sunk by heating rocks and dropping them into the water in the bottom of the shaft, thus avoiding any danger from gases.

The health officers condemned and destroyed several hundred pounds of moose meat brought down the Klondike by Indians, much to their surprise.

There are at present thirty-one roadhouses and lunch counters on Bonanza, on the Dawson side of the Forks. Eight of them carry a license to sell liquors.

Y. W. C. A. GARDEN FETE.

Pleasant Afternoon and Evening Spent With the Committee—Work of the Association.

The garden fete held yesterday at the Y. W. C. A. proved a success in every way. Perfect summer weather favored the occasion, and visitors came in large numbers. Those in charge of the various tents, under the leadership of Mrs. McMicking, did a brisk trade, ice cream and ice cream soda vendors being almost unable to satisfy the demands of the applicants for their refreshing drinks.

The large meeting room had been gaily decorated in honor of a new piano which yesterday became the property of the association. At 3 o'clock a representative gathering was assembled, and Mrs. Pemberton in a few appropriate words presented the instrument, asking only that one rule be made in its use—that no dance music be allowed to be played on Sundays.

Miss Cave, president of the Y. W. C. A., accepted the gift on behalf of the association, and expressed her very deep sense of gratitude to Mrs. Pemberton for this and the many other acts of generosity she had shown.

The rich tones of the instrument were then displayed in a duet by Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Gill, and an excellent programme of music was carried out during the afternoon and evening.

The best thanks of the committee are given to all those who so kindly gave their assistance. The committee also desire to return thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who have contributed towards the paying of the debt originally incurred in furnishing the present house. This assistance will go far towards encouraging and increasing the excellent work carried on there, and will strengthen the hands of the indefatigable lady superintendent. The following are among those who have contributed: Mesdames Crow Baker, Bryden, Bostock, Herschel-Cohen, Dunsmuir, James Dunsmuir, Flumerfelt, Gillespie, Gallety, Grant, Hasell, Irving, Loewen, Martin, Peters, Rocke Robertson, Perrurier; the Misses Carr and Leitch (collectors); Messrs. Campbell, Clayton, Dupont, Elford, Fell, Hamley, Hibben, Mess, Norris, Rithet, Spencer, Sayward, Sehl, Spratt, Todd, Taylor, R. Ward, Weiler, A. Wilson and the Hudson's Bay Company. It is only right to add that the largest part of the collection has been made by Mrs. Pemberton, to whose zeal and energy the association owes much of its success. In addition to the piano she has given a beautiful carpet for the sitting room, and many other useful articles, and it was no small part of the pleasure of yesterday's fete to know that the standing debt of $300 or $400, which has for so long hampered the work of the association, has been reduced to the small sum of $70, which it is hoped may be cleared off before another month has gone.

A work in debt is always viewed with suspicion, and it is now hoped that the Y. W. C. A. has turned the corner and will now be enabled to develop its sphere of usefulness among the women of the city.

THE B. C. LONDON AGENCY.

From the Rossland Miner.

The niggardly policy displayed by the province of British Columbia toward the agency which it is maintaining in London is in marked contrast to the liberality of the other British colonies, which spend large sums annually in keeping up establishments and commissioners commensurate with their importance. It is no wonder, therefore, that the results obtained by the British Columbia agency have been poor. People intending to emigrate from England could not have been impressed favorably, when they made the round of the several London colonial agencies, by the poverty of the one maintained by British Columbia in such a poor manner, and it is no wonder that most of the seekers after new fields for their energies went to the colonies which kept at least respectable establishments there. In maintaining their London establishment in the proper manner, the colonies secured what they were after—desirable emigrants—while the results reached by our agency amounted to little or nothing. Under the circumstances, the action of the Rossland board of trade in petitioning the provincial government to appropriate $25,000 per year for the purpose of maintaining a well conducted and properly equipped agency in London, was a step in the right direction. It is backed up by petitions and memorials from the other boards of trade throughout British Columbia, and it seems almost certain that the suggestion will be carried out. It is an investment that should yield large returns.

HOW TO GET RID OF ANTS.

Professor C. L. Marlatt, of the department of agriculture, gives the following as the best method of ridding lawns and flower beds of ants: A number of holes should be made in or about the ant nest with a stick or iron rod, and an ounce or two of bisulphide of carbon poured into each hole. The holes should be closed immediately by pressing the earth over them. The chemical evaporates and penetrates throughout the soil, quickly destroying the ants. Three or four ounces should be sufficient for a large nest. Very small nests or beginnings of colonies can be exterminated by making one or two holes only. If used in large quantities it is apt to kill grass, and should not be used in large amount within one foot of the roots of any valued plant. It must also be borne in mind that bisulphide of carbon is an extremely volatile liquid and very inflammable, and in its storage it should be kept carefully bottled up and away from fire, even lighted cigars. In using it the precautions in the matter of fire must be constantly observed.

Van Anda Now a Favorite

Starting of the Smelter Causes Vigorous Boom for This Texada Property.

Vancouver Investors in Camp McKinney Greatly Tickled by Recent Reports.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, July 25.—There has been increased activity in mining circles this week, and more than the usual number of shares of mining companies sold. The talk of the week has been the rapid advance in Van Anda shares and the large number of these shares sold. Mr. Treat, the managing director of the mine, has been in Vancouver advertising for doctors and storekeepers and all sorts of necessary individuals who go to make up a live mining camp. It is said that the 800 acres comprising the mineral lands owned by the Van Anda company have been converted lately into a busy hive of industry. The news that the Van Anda smelter is actually running night and day and turning out diurnally a large amount of gold and copper bullion, has inspired confidence in the future of the Coast mines, like nothing else would. The faith of those operating the big mines also helps to strengthen the faith of the public. Mr. Treat, as is well known, purchased the interests of the Blewetts at something like three cents a share, and has been buying freely in the open market for some time, rounding off his purchases on Friday by buying in one block 97,000 shares for $10,000. Mr. Treat informed the Colonist correspondent that it would not be long before the Van Anda would be turning out $1,000 a day, which would be quite an item for Vancouver and Victoria. Mr. Treat has great faith in the Coast mines, and believes that the Coast cities are not over-building, but that when capital realizes the mineral possibilities of the Coast, the cities will add many thousands to their present population.

Another feature for this week was the gold bricks arriving from Camp McKinney for the Camp McKinney Gold Mines Company, Limited. The property was recently purchased by Messrs. Holland and Banfield, and the superintendent was instructed to crush out a brick and send it down. The brick was duly sent, and purported to be the result of the milling of so many tons of ore, which would give an average of $13 to the ton without the concentrates, which were very rich. The news seemed too good to be true, as the working of the ore was put down as costing less than $3. The company then sent up one of their directors to watch the process. The director returned with another gold brick valued at something like $500 and indicating exactly the same results. This gentleman stated to the Colonist correspondent that average ore only was taken, and the ore ran $13 without concentrates. The work on the property consists of two shafts—one 110 and the other 80 feet—and a tunnel of 80 feet on the side hill, which struck the vein at 20 feet. The company believe that they have three-quarters of a million dollars in sight.

HEARD IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS

Tourists are again in the majority at the Hotel Driard, last evening's arrivals including the following: H. C. and Mrs. Hexter, Pendleton, Ore.; Miss Edith and Miss Carrie Hexter, of Portland; A. M. and Mrs. Scott, Portland; Wm. A. and Mrs. Heywood, Helena, Mont.; Mrs. Overton and Mrs. Welter, Seattle; H. L. Morse and C. Hibbard, Mrs. M. D. Blackinton, and Miss Marion Hubbard, Boston; W. S. and Mrs. Clark and Miss E. L. Munroe, Somerville, Mass.; Misses A. A. and A. M. Warton; Chas. Green and H. L. Willson, Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Swayner, Bloomington, Ill.; Miss Owen, Bloomington; K. N. Washburn, Springfield, Mass.; Josiah W. Stanford, Warm Springs, Cal.; Mrs. J. Stanford and Miss Stanford, Oakland; and Miss L. H. Allyne, San Francisco.

Frank P. Slavin returned on Sunday evening from the Mainland, accompanying Mrs. Slavin and their two children, and the former's sister, Miss A. H. Slater, who have just returned from England. The party are at the Hotel Victoria, and will remain there for some days. Mr. Slavin will probably leave his wife and family here on his return to his interests in the Klondike.

C. B. Hadley, assistant cashier of the San Francisco Examiner, is a guest at the Hotel Driard for a few days during the course of a midsummer vacation. Although a young man, Mr. Hadley is counted one of the veterans of the Examiner's business office—and it is safe to say none of the staff is better liked.

J. C. Pratt, Miss Alice Wilson and Miss Annie Boxer, from Illinois, and Alfred C. and Mrs. Strelow, of Milwaukee, Wis., are among the tourist guests at the New England.

John Idington, of Stratford, Ont., one of the foremost public men of Western Ontario, is spending a few days at the New England.

Alex Weir, the new proprietor of Town Topics, Vancouver, and G. E. Morgan, also of the Terminal City, are at the Victoria.

Frank C. Long and Max T. Bleaver, partners in a good Klondike claim, are at the Hotel Victoria, on their way North.

H. Bestwick and wife, of Seattle, are enjoying a few days at the Driard.

W. E. Manuel, a prominent merchant of Donald, is at the Hotel Victoria.

R. F. Green, M.P.P. for the Slocan, is at the Driard.

Art Exhibit.—The loan exhibit of decorative design referred to in a recent issue, is now in place in the large room of the Alexandra Club, and will be open to the public every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, for two weeks commencing to-morrow. This collection was exhibited in Boston last spring, and attracted wide attention, there being the best work of its kind yet produced in America. Applied design and decorative work is a branch of art that has created a great deal of interest in England and America during the last few years. It is are of the simplest kind, the very A-B-C of beauty in form and colors, and it is hoped that the people of Victoria will make opportunity for seeing the display.

FLED TO PORT ANGELES.

Chicago Jury-briber Returns Thence to Stand Trial for His Misdeeds.

Port Angeles, July 24.—William Armstrong, who with Dan Coughlin is wanted in Chicago for wholesale jury-bribing, and who forfeited a $5,000 bail bond there, was captured here to-day by Detective Edward Cudihee, of Seattle, and Detective Frank Tyrrill, of Chicago, assisted by Sheriff Smith, of Clallam county. A handsome stranger, well dressed and having plenty of money, came here three weeks ago. He gave his name as Wilson, and the freedom with which he scattered his money soon made him many friends. He announced that he had come to Port Angeles to invest in real estate and that he believed the place had a fine future. On July 21 he was joined by a little woman, presumably his wife, who gives her name as Eliza Armstrong. After her arrival the couple were constantly together. They rented a nice residence, bought furnishings, and were arranging the latter to-day when the sheriff, accompanied by the detectives, walked in at the front door.

Armstrong was standing on a table, hanging up a lamp, when he turned around and recognized the detective. With the remark, "Well, the jig's up," he jumped off the table. Then the Chicago detective, who wore a pair of new spectacles, presumably for the purpose of disguising himself, removed them, and Armstrong saw in him Detective Tyrrill, whom he had known in Chicago. "I am hard up against it," he said. "I thought I was safe with 2,300 miles of land and ninety miles of water between me and Chicago. I figured that I could settle down here unknown to the outside world; but it is all up now. I will give in, and go willingly."

Seattle, July 25.—It was through the united efforts of the police of Chicago and Seattle that Armstrong was made a prisoner at Port Angeles yesterday. Detective Tyrrill of Chicago came to Seattle last Saturday night to enlist the aid of Chief of Police Reed. The latter detailed Detective Cudihee on the case, and together the three spent Sunday in scouring the country about Seattle for some clew to Armstrong's whereabouts. Yesterday the two detectives arrested their man at Port Angeles and notified Chief Reed.

In the meantime, the city of Chicago is in a ferment over the greatest jury-bribing scandal unearthed in years, and detectives from that city are searching far and wide for Coughlin, the alleged tool of the Illinois Central Railroad Co., and possibly other great corporations in the corruption of Cook county court juries.

Coughlin and Armstrong, who was a bartender in Coughlin's big saloon at 125 Clark street, were indicted by the grand jury on June 21 for bribery, and released on $5,000 bail. Both left Chicago at once, and failed to appear for trial. The evidence against them is said to be overwhelming, and the Chicago newspapers have been publishing from day to day articles alleging that Coughlin was the head of a regular bribery syndicate.

No man in Chicago, or, for that matter, in the United States, has gained more notoriety in the criminal courts than Coughlin. He was implicated in the famous Cronin murder case in that city in 1889, and served part of a term at Joliet for the crime. While in the penitentiary he secured a new trial, and was acquitted, the evidence against him having been lost or destroyed during the years of his confinement.

After his acquittal he returned to Chicago and opened up his famous saloon on Clark street. This saloon, by reason of its location, has for years been the headquarters of the employees of the City hall and the Cook county court house. Coughlin had a large following in politics and it is now believed that he used this influence and his knowledge of court house affairs to engage in the systematic tampering with justice.

It was several months ago in the big damage suit of Thomas Carbine vs. The Illinois Central Railroad Company that evidence of Coughlin's alleged corrupting influence was first discovered. One of the jurors in that case, John F. Taylor, laid before Judge Tuthill, of the Cook county criminal court during the trial of the Carbine case, the fact that a man, afterwards identified by him as Armstrong, approached him, gave him a diamond pin and promised him further rewards for his influence in obtaining a verdict in the corporation's favor.

Judge Tuthill called in State Attorney Deneen, and City Detective Andrew McGarry, under the latter's direction, set to work to secure the conviction of the alleged briber. For days he patiently followed the slightest clews given him by Taylor. At last one day he took Taylor into Coughlin's saloon to get a drink. When Taylor's eyes fell on Coughlin he dropped his liquor glass, so great was his excitement.

He identified Coughlin, and soon afterward Armstrong also. Coughlin got wind of the affair, and went into hiding. Then Armstrong began working to get Taylor to drop the prosecution. Time after time he visited Taylor, and offered him money for silence. He also attempted to corrupt Detective McGarry. The latter laid a trap for him. Concealed witnesses saw Armstrong pay money to both detective and juror. When the grand jury met it indicted Coughlin and Armstrong for bribery, and also indicted the latter for "conspiracy to do acts prejudicial to the administration of justice"—that is to say, attempting to prevent the prosecution of Coughlin. The two men were arrested, and released on bonds. Their flight followed.

Coughlin is now thought to be in hiding in the woods of Michigan, ready to escape into Canada in case the officers of the law press him too closely. Some people doubt whether the state will be able to secure a conviction of the two alleged bribers, on account of the strong corporate influences back of them. Many prominent citizens of Chicago, it is said, are implicated in their alleged crime.

Coughlin was the man who negotiated for the hiring of the famous white horse behind which Dr. Cronin was driven to his death in a cottage in the outskirts of Chicago. Dr. Cronin, it will be remembered, was at the head of one faction of Camp No. 20, Clan-Na-Gael, now famous all over the world. Coughlin was at the head of another. His faction resolved upon Cronin's death, and he was one of the committee appointed to carry out the faction's will.

At the trial link after link in the chain of evidence against him was forged. He was connected with "Iceman" Sullivan, who died in the penitentiary after his conviction of complicity in the murder and the state attempted to prove that it was he who struck the first blow as Dr. Cronin entered the cottage where he was slain.

And yet Coughlin, guilty or not guilty, had the iron nerve to work with the police in the murder case, and until suspicion fell upon him did his utmost to give his brother officers false and bewildering clews.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

CARIBOO.

Nelson is about to lose one of its best citizens in the person of Ald. Henry B. Thomson, who has resigned his position as local manager for Turner, Beeton & Co., to go into business for himself in the Cariboo country. Mr. Thomson has quite decided to leave Nelson, and he will be at the head of a large syndicate that will do a general jobbing, merchandise and cattle business in the northern country. They have bought out the 150-Mile House from Veith & Borland, and will conduct the business on a more extensive scale, as Mr. Thomson will devote his entire attention to the syndicate's affairs. Those who know him in Nelson will rest easy in the belief that the enterprise will be a big success. During his residence in the city Mr. Thomson has been recognized as one of the best citizens, and has done much to serve Nelson's interests. He has been a permanent member of the board of trade, and has made an excellent alderman. Nelson people will regret to hear of his departure, but he will be followed to his new field with the best wishes for success from all classes here. There are many men that Nelson could better afford to lose than "big" Thomson.

A man named Clark, who was riding down the Cariboo road with a freight teamster, had the misfortune to be thrown off the seat of the wagon, and broke both arms at the wrists. He was sent to Clinton for medical care under Dr. Sanson.

T. C. Pennie has entered into the fast, and extra fast, freight business, and is preparing to give the express company a red hot run for the butter business along the road, into Quesnelle, Barkerville and other points. Unfortunately Mr. Pennie, while making time, neglected to keep his ice bunkers full, and in consequence old Sol turned the butter into a liquid state, and before it had been noticed by Mr. Pennie, two boxes were deposited in that state on the old Cariboo road.

Billy Patrick, a freight teamster, says the boys who are bunch-grassing expect to dig a whole crop of cheese in the near future.

Alex. Hall, chief clerk at the C. P. R. depot at Ashcroft, has been spending his summer vacation with his parents at the 150. He returned a few days ago on his wheel to resume his duties at Ashcroft.

Our genial friend, J. Chalmers, who by the way has given many of our local wheelmen a hot run this summer, had the misfortunt a few days ago, while running a 2 62 4-10 rate of speed, to be badly wrecked. The cause of the accident was a hot-box on the front wheel, which he neglected to cool. The axle burned off and completely demolished the wheel.

NELSON.

In accordance with the terms of the charter granted by the city of Nelson to the Economical Gas Apparatus Construction Company, Limited, by vote of May 29, 1899, work begins to-day upon the construction of buildings and laying of mains and pipes that will give Nelson gas for lighting, heating, cooling and power. Although this company were given, by the provisions of their charter, six months' time in which to prepare for laying their pipes, the company have shown their honesty of purpose by beginning the work within 60 days from the date on which the charter was voted them, and it is announced that the six months' time spoken of will be sufficient in which to complete the entire works, on which $100,000 will be expended. The plans for the buildings and works, together with the diagram of the pipe lines, are completed and may be seen in the temporary office of Resident Engineer Morris, with J. Keith Reid. The main building, for gas manufacturing plant, will be entirely of brick, and will be 130 feet long and 45 feet wide, while the outbuildings for workshops, offices, etc., will occupy a space of 40x65 feet. Large bunkers, to hold 1,000 tons of coal, will be constructed, and a track will connect them with the C. P. R. near the depot. Crow's Nest Pass coal will be used in the works. In addition to the outer building, there will be a gas holder 64 feet in diameter and 20 feet deep, to contain 60,000 cubic feet of gas.—Miner.

KAMLOOPS.

From the Kamloops Sentinel.

On Tuesday evening last the fire practice drill of the Kamloops division of the Kootenay Rifles was put in on the Caledonian grounds. Prompt at 7:30 Capt. Vigars lined up some 25 raw recruits and put them through half an hour's drill. Then he appointed Police Officer Gladwin to take charge of half the division, and put them through their facings. M. Snee was on the grounds and rendered valuable assistance.

Last night about 7 o'clock word was brought to town by the Indians that a man had been either murdered or had committed suicide on the Indian reserve, and was hanging to the limb of a tree. Constable Beattie, J. L. Gordon, A. Harding, with two Indians, at once set out for the scene, which is about one and a half miles from the mouth of Schiedam creek, and reached there just before dusk. It was found that the only way to recover the body was to lower one of the party down, as the sides of the bluff were so steep the body could not be taken down that way. This was accomplished by J. L. Gordon, who was lowered to the limb of the tree by a stout rope, which he made fast to the body of the dead man, and both were drawn to the surface. The tree upon which the body was found was growing on the side of a precipitous bluff, the limb being about 5 feet from the root, and growing straight out. It made an excellent spot for the accomplishment of the purpose for which it was used, there being a clear drop of 15 feet on that side to the ground. The deceased had evidently tried to hang himself with two handkerchiefs knotted together, but which not being strong enough had broken, and he eventually had recourse to his braces, by which he was found hanging. The body was in a very decomposed state, and must have been there for several days. Mr. Lund is supposed to be a native of Norway, and was engaged in farming at Salmon arm for quite a number of years. He came to town about 10 days ago, and was prescribed for by Dr. Procter. He is a man, of about 50 years of age. No reason can be ascribed for his action. Coroner M. S. Wade held an inquest this morning. The jury was composed of E. H. Jones (foreman), J. V. Knouff, A. McDonald, W. Hume, George Coburn and W. Sivewright. On the body were found a pipe, a purse containing a $10 bill and $1.20 in silver and a silver watch. After hearing the evidence, which brought out the fact that he had been feeling ill for several weeks, and that he had not been seen since he consulted Dr. Procter a week ago, the jury returned a verdict of suicide by strangulation whilst in a state of unsound mind.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, July 21.—Manager William White and Land Commissioner L. A. Hamilton, of the C. P. R., are expected here in a few days. They will make a tour of inspection over the line as far as Midway. The rails are now laid to a point 20 miles east of Grand Forks.

There has been a great influx of visitors, especially from the east, within the last week. The latest arrivals include Wm. Farrell, general manager of the Eastern Township Bank, and H. B. Brown, Q. C., a director, of Sherbrooke, Que. They were accompanied by A. S. McCaw, who will be the accountant in the agency of the bank recently established here.

The visitors will make a tour of the various camps of the Boundary district. Both are largely interested in the Knob Hill, Old Ironsides and City of Paris mines, as well as in the smelter now building here. Mr. Farrell expressed himself as delighted with what he had seen of Southern British Columbia, and predicts a great future for Grand Forks. He regards this province as a good field for the investment of capital, and says the directors of the bank will consider the question of opening other agencies in the West. This is Mr. Farrell's first transcontinental trip. With Mr. Brown he will proceed to the Coast via the Northern Pacific, and will return home via the Canadian Pacific railway.

Senator George Cox, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, and Robert Jaffray, a prominent Toronto capitalist, are expected here this week. They will visit various properties in the Boundary country. They are now at Fernie, B. C., examining their coal mines.

H. C. Hanington, a son of Judge Hanington, of the supreme court, New Brunswick, has opened a law office here. He formerly practiced at Moncton, N. B.

A special committee of the Board of Trade is meeting with gratifying success in preparing an exhibit of Boundary ores for the Canadian mining section of the Paris exposition. Mine owners and prospectors are heartily cooperating. The committee is composed of Richard Strong, president of the Board of Trade; H. A. Sheads, Mayor Lloyd A. Manly and J. A. Smith. It will also prepare a collection of minerals for the approaching industrial exposition at Spokane, Wash.

W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, during his recent visit here intimated that he would shortly spend two months in field work in the Boundary district. His forthcoming annual report will possess some interesting features. It will contain pictures of the various mines in the district. Mr. Robertson says this region will shortly have some of the largest shippers in British Columbia.

Upwards of one hundred men are employed at the smelter site here, and the work of grading is being rushed to completion. Blasting operations along the mile-flume from the dam on the north fork of Kettle river are now in progress. The contractors expect to finish their task within three weeks. The smelter company has just completed a substantial bridge across the river at the smelter site. Supt. A. B. W. Hodges says that in all his wide experience in the United States and Mexico he never found more ideal conditions for the erection of reduction works. He especially instanced the abundance of water, rock, lime, brick-clay and lumber.

Great interest is being taken in the progress of the development work on R. A. Brown's famous claim on Volcanic mountain. The property, until a few weeks ago, was in litigation. Two shifts are at work. The tunnel, which is expected to tap the ore body at a depth of 1,000 feet, has penetrated the mountain a distance of 500 feet. The conditions look favorable. The formation now encountered is lime and green talc, which gives assays of 80 cents gold per ton. Mr. Brown has offered a substantial reward to the miner who first strikes ore. A townsite has just been laid out at the foot of Volcanic mountain.

The provincial government has made a large appropriation for increased school accommodation here. Several additions to the teaching staff remedy a deficiency that existed prior to the holidays.

A gang of men has started to work on the Sunset and the Peter Mascott properties on Hardy mountain four miles form this city. The claims are owned by John Keough, a local mining operator.

As a result of the recent combine formed by the sawmill owners of West Kootenay at Nelson, B. C., the price of lumber, it is understood, will be advanced $5 per thousand. The smelter company has leased Mr. Simpson's saw mill near this city. The season's output will be required in the construction of the reduction works.

John Coryell, C. E., brings news from Deadwood camp of a recent strike on the group of claims owned by the Boundary Mining and Milling Company. He says a 8-foot ledge of Galena ore literally studded with native silver has been uncovered. A leading shareholder is D. A. Holbrook, of Boundary City. It is reported that the B. A. C. has acquired 30,000 shares of the treasury stock of this Boundary proposition.

PORT ANGELES EASTERN.

President Cushing and Other Officials Spend a Few Hours in Victoria.

On the steamer Garland from Port Angeles yesterday afternoon there arrived President Charles A. Cushing, of the Port Angeles Eastern railway; Mrs. Cushing, Mr. J. C. Cushing, Isaac C. Atkinson, vice-president of the company; Major George B. Hibbard, of New York; and Arthur Shute, general passenger agent of the Port Angeles Eastern railway. Mr. and Mrs. Cushing's visit here was partially to take advantage of Victoria's boarding school, they placing Master Cushing here at the Collegiate school. Major Hibbard was formerly assistant land commissioner of the Northern Pacific at Tacoma. He also built the Cotton Belt line in Texas and Kansas, a road over one thousand miles long. He represents the bondholders of the road, and has sent in a favorable report, so that there is nothing to hinder the work proceeding rapidly. There will be a public meeting held at an early date, so that Victorians may know all about the chances that will be given the city for a transcontinental railway. The party returned on the Garland at 6 p.m. after a long interview with Chairman Shakespeare of Committee No. 5 of the Committee of Fifty, Ald. Williams and others.

Still Missing.—August Stuhr is still missing. As previously stated, he left here on June 11 for Seattle in a small fishing boat. His friends say he has left valuable business interests behind, and fear that he has been drowned.

The Tennis Tournament.

Some Exciting Games at the Belcher Street Courts Yesterday.

Champion Foulkes Has a Hard Struggle in His First Match.

The annual club tournament of the Victoria Lawn Tennic club opened yesterday under most favorable circumstances, there being several interesting and exciting games. Ties between R. H. Pooley and D. Rogers was one of the closely contested ones, Pooley eventually winning by 6-4, 6-3. J. F. Foulkes (owe 40), the present holder of the championship, just managed to win from G. C. Johnston (owe 15.3). The tussle was a very close one, Foulkes' steady play telling in the end. In the mixed doubles Miss G. Loewen and F. T. Cornwall met defeat at the hands of Mrs. E. Crow Baker and G. H. Barnard, after a prolonged struggle. The results of yesterday's games are appended:

Lieut. Hay, R.N. (rec. 15) beat P. Higgins (rec. 3-6 of 15)—4-6, 8-6, 6-2.

F. Patton and Miss Patton (rec. 5-6 of 15) beat B. H. T. Drake and Miss Eva Loewen (rec. 3-6 of 15)—6-3, 6-4.

R. H. Pooley (owe 15) beat D. M. Rogers son (owe 15) v. J. B. Green and Miss Green (owe 15)—6-3, 6-4.

G. H. Barnard and Mrs. E. Crow Baker (rec. 1-6 of 15) beat F. T. Cornwall and Miss G. Loewen (rec. 3-6 of 15)—6-4, 1-6, 6-0.

C. R. Pooley (rec. 15) beat L. Crease (rec. 15)—6-2, 6-1.

A. J. O'Reilly (rec. 15.3) beat P. S. Lampman (4-6 of 15)—by default.

W. T. Williams and Miss Williams (rec. 15) beat F. B. Ward and Miss Ward (rec. 15)—by default.

J. F. Foulkes (owe 40) beat G. C. Johnston (owe) 15.3)—0-6, 6-1, 6-2.

R. B. Powell (owe 30) beat B. G. Goward (scratch)—6-4, 6-2.

A. D. Severs (owe 15.2) beat E. A. Jacob (rec. 1-6 of 15)—6-1, 6-1.

S. Y. Wootton (rec. 15.3) beat W. H. Langley (rec. 15.2)—6-3, 5-6, 6-2.

The following are matches set for today:

11 a.m.—F. J. Patton (rec. 15.2) v. W. T. Williams (rec. 15).

11 a.m.—P. S. Lampman and partner v. A. T. Goward and Miss C. Powell (owe 15).

12 noon—C. Berkley (rec. 3-6 of 15) v. B. H. T. Drake (rec. 4-6 of 15).

12 noon—J. F. Foulkes (owe 40) v. C. R. Pooley (rec. 15).

2:30 p.m.—A. T. Goward (owe 30) v. R. H. Pooley (owe 15).

3 p.m.—B. G. Goward and Miss Wilson (rec. 3-6 of 15) v. F. M. Denison and Miss S. Pemberton (rec. 15.2).

3 p.m.—Lieut. Hay, R.N. (rec. 15) v. the winner of F. J. Patton and W. T. Williams.

4:15 p.m.—G. C. Johnston and Miss Prior (owe 3-6 of 15) v. J. F. Foulkes and Miss A. Bell (owe 15.5).

4:15 p.m.—D. M. Rogers and Miss Denison (rec. 4-6 of 15).

4:15 p.m.—R. H. Pooley and Miss Keefer (owe 2-6 of 15) v. G. H. Barnard and Mrs. E. Crow Baker (rec. 1-6 of 15).

5:15 p.m.—F. T. Cornwall (scratch) v. G. S. Holt (owe 4-6 of 15).

5:15 p.m.—A. J. O'Reilly (rec. 15.3) v. winner of Berkley and Drake.

5:30 p.m.—F. N. Denison (rec. 15.3) v. S. Y. Wootton (rec. 15.3).

6 p.m.—B. Schwengers (owe 3-6 of 15) v. G. H. Barnard (rec. 3-6 of 15).

6 p.m.—C. H. S. Baker (rec. 15.3) v. J. B. Green (rec. 15.2).

6 p.m.—Lieut. Hay, RN., and Miss Newcombe (rec. 4-6 of 15) v. R. B. Powell and Miss Goward (owe 30).

ELOPED WITH A LEPER.

Considerable excitement, writes a German correspondent, has been raised among German officials at the flight from the isolation hospital at Halle of a cigar manufacturer named Leiter, who is afflicted with leprosy.

It appears that the leper and one of the nurses who attended him fell in love with each other, and decided, if the necessary permission could be obtained from the German authorities, to emigrate together to the Dutch colonies, where the man was promised the position of plantation inspector. The application to leave the hospital was passed on from one authority to another until finally it reached the minister of education, in whose realm medicinal matters come.

In the meantime Herr Leiter received a considerable sum of money from Holland, and did not consider it necessary to wait any longer for the decision of the authorities, which he knew would in all probability be a negative one.

He took advantage of a foggy night to escape through the window of the hospital, and has not been heard of since.

It is assumed that he has crossed the Dutch frontier, but instructions have been sent to officials all along the route to watch for them.

THE "SUNDOWNER."

Most of us have heard of the Australian "Sundowner," though we may not know exactly what he is. He is the tramp of the Australian bush, as Mr. H. C. MacIlwaine describes him in Harper's. He gets his felicitous name because his arrival at a homestead is neatly timed with the going down of the sun, when work is finished for the day.

"Along the trailing dusty track he comes in the twilight, unsavory, ragged, empty and well-nigh worn out with fruitless search after that for which his weary heart is anhungered above all else—work, a job; and there is no employment mean enough (he tells you wistfully) to be beneath his humble craving. And yet night by night he asks, only to find that the ill-luck which has dogged him all his days is still pursuing him. It always happens that the work in hand and offering on this particular station is, of all possible varieties, the single kind with which his singularly wide experience has not made him familiar."

FAME'S PATHWAY.

The young Duchess of Marlborough and several other ladies of much wealth and rank are going in for falconry.

Joseph Jefferson, who reached the age of 70 last February, says that he intends to act as long as his strength will permit.

J. A. MacNeil Whistler is to visit the Uniter States, his native country, next fall. This will be his first trip there in many years.

Jean de Reszke is, unlike most opera singers, afraid of the camera, and it was not until last season that he ever had an American photograph taken.

Thomas Paine has a monument on the old Paine farm, in New Berlin, N. Y., and it is to be surmounted by a newly-modelled bronze bust, costing $300.

If you are nervous or dyspeptic try Carter's Little Nerve Pills. Dyspepsia makes you nervous, and nervousness makes you dyspeptic; either one renders you miserable, and these little pills cure both.