

Fraser, and Constable Drummond and several of the citizens of Plumper's Pass warned them not to continue their journey. They did, however, starting on December 14th, and nothing more was heard of them until the Vancouver, or her way to this port, saw her mast sticking out of the water near the Sandheads. Her boat was seen floating near by, but nothing was seen of the two men, who are beyond doubt drowned.

DEATH OF MRS. PRIOR.

She Passes Away This Morning After a Long Illness.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Prior, wife of Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. E. G. Prior, M. P. Mrs. Prior has been very ill for upwards of a year, several operations being necessary during that time to prolong her life. On more than one occasion the doctors despaired of her life, but each time she rallied. Last evening Mrs. Prior was taken very ill, and this morning she passed away.

The deceased lady was born in Victoria, 42 years ago, being the youngest child of the late John Work, one of the earliest settlers in the province. In January, 1878, she was married to Mr. Prior who with three daughters and a son survive her. They have the sympathy of the whole community in their bereavement.

ANOTHER INDUSTRY.

A Company to Be Formed to Develop Iron Deposits of B. C.

Another large industry that will give employment to a large number of the residents of this province is shortly to be established in the province. At the next sitting of the provincial legislature, Mr. John Cobden, the well known mine owner and capitalist, will apply for an act to incorporate a company to develop and turn to commercial use the rich iron deposits on the coast hills of British Columbia. The company propose to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads, railroads, docks, warehouses, buildings, wharves, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant, tin smelting plant and such other plants and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates, and generally to do all things necessary and conducive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and related industries, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive, and perform all useful and necessary rights, powers, privileges and aids, for giving full effect to the intentions of the application.

SEAL SKINS ADVANCE.

The London Sales Being Twenty Per Cent. More Than Last Year.

Robert Ward & Co. received word this morning from Messrs. Culverwell, Brooks & Co., of London, England, telling of the sales of seal skins which have just been concluded. The demand for the skins, owing no doubt, to the scarcity, was strong, and what is generally conceded to be fair prices were realized. The prices were as high as 20 per cent. in excess of those of last year. The prices for the various catches were: For skins taken on the Japan coast the average price was 42 shillings, equivalent to about \$110; for Copper Island skins the average price was 46 shillings, or about \$11; while for the skins taken in Behring Sea the average was as high as 48 shillings, or about \$115.

The sealing fleet are now getting in order for the spring cruise, and in about a week's time should the owners be able to secure crews at a reasonable price—the fleet of Boscowitz & Son will sail southward to form the herd in their migration northward. The vessels of this fleet are the Mary Ellen, Capt. Searle; Doris, Capt. McPhee; C. D. Rand, Capt. Townsend; and the Adm. Turner. The vessels are to be painted, repaired and overhauled. She will probably be the first of the fleet to leave, as Captain Searle has already secured an Indian crew at Quatsino. The four vessels will all carry Indian hunters.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Presentation to Thomas O'Connell—Thompson Gets Bail.

Mr. J. Wilkinson, one of the pioneers and successful Klondike miners, and Mr. Thomas O'Connell, ex-chief of police of this city, and now "mine boss" at the Commercial, have been friends for over sixteen years close intimate friends. When Mr. O'Connell left his work in the Nanaimo colliery to assume the position of city policeman, Mr. Wilkinson was his partner in the fall. On July 18th of this year Mr. O'Connell became a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masonry in this city. As a token of his friendship and a mark of his personal esteem, Mr. John Wilkinson, on his recent visit to San Francisco, had three ounces of Klondike gold, which had been mined by himself, converted into a handsome Royal Arch Chapter emblem, which he has now presented to Mr. O'Connell. The emblem is the Masonic keystone, and on the front is the mystic letter H. T. W. S. T. E. S. in a circle surrounded by the words "The following inscription: 'Thos. O'Connell, R.A.C., No. 235, G.S.R., Nanaimo, B. C., Exalted July 18th, 1897.' As a mark of esteem, Mr. O'Connell feels, as well he might, highly pleased at the kindly and valuable remembrance from an old and true friend, while Mr. Wilkinson feels that Tom richly deserved the recognition he has given of a lengthy friendship.

Adam Thompson, city clerk, charged with falsifying the city books, was indicted to bail this morning. He had been indicted by J. W. Graham being his bondsmen in the sum of \$350 each and himself in the sum of \$700.

The Nanaimo amateur opera company are working hard to obtain for the premiere of Robert Plaquette's comic opera, "The Chimes of Normandy," at Duncan next Wednesday evening.—Free Press.

ANGELICAN SYNOD

Annual Business Meeting Opened Today in the Cathedral School Room.

The Election of Officers and Discussion of Mission Work.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Anglican synod of British Columbia held their annual meeting today. The convention began with the celebration of holy communion at 8 o'clock this morning and at 10:30 a second celebration was held. Luncheon was provided for the delegates at 12:30, and this afternoon they met in the school room at the cathedral for the transaction of business of the synod.

There were present fifteen clergymen and twenty-one lay delegates. The Bishop of Columbia presiding. The result of the election was the following officers were re-elected: Clerical secretary, Rev. J. K. Haslam; lay secretary, Baynes Reid; treasurer, T. R. Smith; auditors, Canon Beaulieu and Sir Henry Crease were re-elected to the executive board. The encyclical letter issued by the Lambeth conference was read by the Bishop of Columbia followed by the annual report. In the latter the mission work among the sailors and Chinese was touched upon. In connection with the work among the Chinese at Hongkong, Rev. Mr. Grundy of London, England, would arrive here shortly to look after this department of home mission work. Mr. Grundy was for fifteen years a missionary to the Chinese at Hongkong. The session of the synod will probably be concluded before the adjournment this afternoon and this evening a choral evensong will be held.

From Thursday's Daily.

The following is the bishop's address to the synod of the Anglican diocese of British Columbia, which met yesterday in Christ Church Cathedral Sunday.

My Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity: I have already publicly in the cathedral this morning read to you the encyclical letter which was issued by the archbishops and bishops who attended the Lambeth conference in July; but you will expect from me some few words at least of comment before we pass to the consideration of diocesan questions. Thirty years ago, in 1867, the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Longley), at the instigation of the bishops of Eastern Canada, consented to call together the bishops in full communion with the Church of England for conference at Lambeth. One hundred and forty-four invitations were sent, and 76 bishops assembled, of whom 29 held seats in Great Britain and Ireland. The movement was criticized severely, as all new movements are, but the result was so manifestly blessed by God that in 1878 the bishops of the Dominion of Wales, the Archbishop of York, in 1883 by Archbishop Benson, with constantly increasing numbers and interest, until this year, under the presidency of archbishop of Canterbury, the 250 bishops of the world were sent 194 were able to be present, including 57 from England, 7 from Scotland, 10 from Ireland, 69 from the colonies and mission territories, and 49 from the United States of America; and from a personal point of view I have no hesitation in saying that I shall always consider it one of the great privileges of my life to have been allowed to take part in this conference of 1897. The opening service at Canterbury cathedral, where, from the chair of St. Augustine, we were welcomed, and the closing service at St. Paul's cathedral in London, can never be effaced from my memory. The conference met daily at Lambeth Palace for the first week in July, then resolved itself into committees for the first fortnight, and the resolutions were prepared and presented to the conference during the last week of its session. Throughout all of the debates, in spite of, perhaps because of, free discussion, a very real spirit of unity prevailed and in almost all cases the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

It is to be clearly understood that these resolutions have no binding authority, as they are not the decrees of a council, upon any province or individual diocese throughout the Anglican communion. They are simply to be communicated to the various dioceses, and their consideration for such action as may seem to them desirable. Nor is there the least idea of raising the Sea of Canterbury to a position in any way analogous to that claimed by the See of Rome; the Archbishop has consented to appoint a consultative body, to whom questions may be referred for advice, but it is in no sense a judicial tribunal.

This Lambeth conference has done and may we all, clergy and laity alike, conscious of the difficulties of the age in which we live, resolve more firmly than ever to do battle for the Lord against the evil, and to work and pray for the extension of His kingdom upon earth.

Let me now turn your thoughts more directly to our own diocese, with its needs and prospects. Ecclesiastically we are still in the same position; and inasmuch as there is no provincial organization in British Columbia, we remain dependent upon the Archbishop of Canterbury as our Metropolitan. This in no way interferes with our position as an interval part of the Church of Canada, and the more we can foster the sense of unity the better it will be for us all. Meanwhile, we

can only wait patiently until further steps may be taken by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of Rupert's Land as Primate of all Canada, or until the growth of the population and importance of the civil province of British Columbia makes it necessary to increase the number of dioceses, when the difficulty would be removed and the province easily formed. I cannot but feel that we suffer loss in our present state. All attempts at centralization of work are out of the question, and we lack the enthusiasm of numbers and are naturally inclined to become self-centred. From a church point of view this is lamentable; and, knowing our danger, we must be most careful to ever be on the watch against it.

No one can forget the effect of the excitement which we are sure to experience in the spring. There is a great probability of our losing many of our best men from Victoria, Nanaimo and Wellington, and we may have to receive in their stead those who will require at our hands very special care. Any large discovery of gold within our diocese (which we all admit to be probable) would also tax our energies in endeavoring to meet the spiritual needs which would at once arise. Under the circumstances I hesitate to carry out any changes in our organization as it at present exists, although there are some which must be made before long.

Before I touch upon the question of finance, I have to report the resignation of Mr. W. C. Ward, who held the office of treasurer of the diocese since 1892, and who was a most active member of the synod from the time of its incorporation in the diocese of the opportunity of recording my sense of the extreme kindness which I ever received from Mr. Ward and feel certain that a special reference of thanks will be presented by the synod. Mr. T. R. Smith has kindly consented to act as his successor, but I am bound to add that owing to the business of his life it has only been an urgent personal request from myself that he has thus temporarily accepted the office. Financially, there is not much that calls for comment. The accounts which are to be presented at the annual meeting will be for the year ending March 31, 1897, and I am thankful to say that the deficit upon the mission fund has been reduced to \$391. Our income amounted to \$8,219, of which \$1,477 was from interest upon investments, \$948 from the Lenten offerings, \$282 from the collections on Whitsunday and Advent Sunday, and \$500 from the fund collected by friends in England, while the total amount of grants paid to several parishes was \$3,000. This year the deficit for the grants has been reduced to \$1,477, so that with a very slight effort, when our next accounts are presented, the heavy deficit which existed in 1896 will, it is hoped, be entirely extinguished.

Much of the anxiety through which we have passed might have been prevented if the authorities of the S. P. G. had seen their way to make us an annual grant from their funds; but this year in England I made no effort to secure such a grant because of the financial straits of our sister diocese of New Westminster, which lately had the first claim. With mining camps springing up in all directions, and with no interest arising from many of their investments, the church of the Mainland coast and the richer brethren in the east of Canada and in the Old Country. Our own financial difficulty is the property known as Angela college. The Wesleyan Temple, out of the building was collected by Bishop Hills in England, and a large grant was made by the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge, the object being to establish a girls' school on Church principles. With the consent of the society, the property has now been leased to Mr. T. W. Laing, M.A., Oxon., who has succeeded the Rev. C. E. Sharp as principal of the Boys' Collegiate School. We are all glad to hear that Mr. Sharp still continues his valuable services as tutor, and as bishop I have accepted the office of visitor of the institution. It can hardly be called a diocesan institution when we are unable to make any grant in aid of it, and there is less than nothing in the way of endowment, for, unhappily, the property has upon it a mortgage of \$8,000. However, I feel sure that all the members of the church will in some way or other strengthen the hands of Mr. Laing in the work which he has undertaken. The amount charged for interest upon the mortgage, and the sums guaranteed by those interested in the work which were promised at the synod in 1896, have not all been paid, so that there is a considerable deficit upon this account. The only other piece of church property which we possess is called the Mountain district lot, near Nanaimo, is also burdened with a mortgage of \$2,000, interest upon which has to be paid, and in spite of several attempts to sell it we have not been able to find a purchaser.

The statistics of the diocese are in your hands, and the condition of the several parishes can thus be seen at a glance. The amount raised for church purposes at the recent synod (the offerings) is \$22,238. The number of communicants is returned as 1,653, but this is not quite accurate, as some clergy only give the members who actually communicated on Easter day and there have given all the names of those on their communicants' roll. But, considering the small population of the diocese, the figures are decidedly hopeful and the amount collected for church purposes is something to be proud of. It is much to be hoped that for the future power may be granted to some central body to prevent the possibility of such large debts as the bishop assumed for the parish is sadly hampered by the debt of \$8,000 upon St. Alban's church. It is much to be hoped that for the future power may be granted to some central body to prevent the possibility of such large debts as the bishop assumed for the parish is sadly hampered by the debt of \$8,000 upon St. Alban's church.

If you desire to make your costumes, dresses, caps, jackets, houses, etc., look like new garments, buy some fashionable dark color of the Diamond Dyes and you will be astonished with the results. Now is the time to look out the men's and boys' light colored and faded clothing and make them ready for another season's wear. Fast Diamond Black, Seal Brown, Indigo or Navy Blue will give magnificent shades to all garments. Insist upon your dealer giving you the Diamond Dyes every time you buy; then, and only then, is success assured.

EN ROUTE FOR KAILO CHOU.

Frederichshure, Dec. 8.—Prince Henry of Prussia, commander of the second squadron of German ships, bound for Kailo Chou Bay, visited Prince Bismarck today and remained for two hours in consultation with the great statesman.

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VANCOUVER.

Last evening the wind was more violent while it lasted than at any time this year. Wind and tide were so strong in the harbor that it took the pilot of the Asarag two hours to make a landing.

An interview with Mr. Richards, of Messrs. James, Richards & Company, regarding the arrangement of the company to put in a cyanide plant to treat the concentrates which will give much more satisfactory results in the aggregate.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, Dec. 7.—The interest taken in the civic nominations yesterday was very slight. Altogether there were about 20 to 30 present during the proceedings. The following were nominated for the various offices:

For mayor—Arthur Edmund Breton, H. H. Gifford, Thomas Owen, and William Thomas Keary, real estate agent.

For aldermen six of the present members came forward for re-election, and the new candidates were nominated. The new ones are: Joseph Burr, Marshall Sinclair, James Anderson, A. E. Woods and A. M. Herring. The members of the present council nominated for re-election were: William Angus Johnson, C. W. Gillanders, Joseph Jagger, John A. Culbick, Robert Buckland and D. Robson. The election takes place on Monday next.

School Trustees—John Mackenzie, agent Dominion lands; Jas. Cunningham, merchant; Thomas Gifford, jeweller; Geo. Rogers, M.D., and Henry A. Eastman. As presided by Capt. Peale early on Monday morning, a heavy storm of wind and rain visited this city yesterday afternoon and continued all night and part of Tuesday. A good deal of discussion is going on as to who is the right man to vote for mayor, and it is astonishing the number of faults that are discovered in the three candidates for the office. The first, which is the most serious, is that the busman, which will be held in Herring's opera house on the 9th, 10th and 11th of this month, promises to be something beyond the average and should attract a most attentive audience.

On Tuesday evening in the Central Methodist church Miss LaDell, interpreter of literature, and Miss Francis World, the Canadian nightingale, will sing to the public with their respective talents. The proceeds of the entertainment will be for the benefit of the Columbian Methodist college.

On Monday night a Swabish was struck by the delayed C.P.R. train while walking along the track opposite the Crescent. One of his legs was broken just above the ankle and he may lose his foot if the bones of the leg are not able to heal for the accident.

The government survey of Harrison river has been completed and the party is now engaged on a survey of Nicomen slough.

It is noted with interest here that Mr. R. G. Roach, manager of the telephone office in this city, has just been married in Victoria to Miss Jennie Fraser. The wedding ceremony was performed at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The bride came up from San Francisco on the last boat.

NELSON.

Nelson, Dec. 6.—Although the voters' list was closed to householders last Wednesday evening, the voters' list is now being prepared for the approaching municipal election, the list remains open for those who wish to qualify as real estate owners and license holders until tomorrow night. There are 225 voters on the list at present. At the last and first election of Nelson there were 520 voters cast. The only candidate for mayor, who has publicly announced his candidacy, is John Houghton, president of the Commercial Union. The impression is general, however, that either Frank Fletcher, one of the aldermen, or Dr. E. C. Arthur will run in opposition to Houghton. The election will be held at the Crown's Nest Pass road, with the exception of a little piece near Goat river, has been finally located. Work on the Kootenay lake end of the road is fairly under way, and contractors are busy in getting the road from Dog Lake. The road will be given as soon as Contractor Armstrong can sub-let the work. He is finding no little trouble in getting men who will accept sub-contracting at the present time. The men shall only be paid \$1.50 per day, and it will be hard to keep men at work at that figure. All the roughest work on the first 70 miles of the road from Dog Lake east will be done this winter, so as to have the line ready for grading early in the spring. The wagon road, which is being constructed by Dave McBeath's is almost finished. The new barracks of the Salvation Army is nearly completed, and when it they will have a jollification house-warming.

GREENWOOD.

W. W. Gibbs and Scot McRae returned to Greenwood on Sunday after a four weeks hunting expedition in the mountains back of Dog Lake. Judging from the number of rams' heads they brought home with them the trip was a very successful one. Messrs. Gibbs and McRae went after mountain sheep and they succeeded in getting them, six heads bearing mite but eloquent testimony to the prowess of the sportsmen. Considering the fact that the mountain sheep have been hunted for weeks by sportsmen coming in by way of Penitence, the local hunters are congratulating themselves on their success. Mr. T. R. Smith, M.P., was in this district party on Monday and partly on railway business. He is interested in the Bruce and he is so well pleased with the property that he stated that he had now proposed to invest in seeing a road built into the district for the Bruce will be a shipper in a short time. Mr. T. R. Smith did not state the nature of the railway business on which he was engaged. He acknowledged, however, that he was here in the interests of the C. P. R. Company, having resigned his position as engineer of the Columbia & Western some months ago. Mr. Tye is

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DUNCAN.

Duncan, Dec. 6.—A panther killed in the woods and one of the best known prospectors of the district met with a most unfortunate accident on Monday last when his right hand was almost crushed into pulp.—Greenwood City Times.

CRANBROOK.

Cranbrook, B. C. Nov. 26.—The weather during the past two weeks has been changeable with alternate snow and rain fall. The thermometer, however, has never fallen below twenty degrees of frost. At present there is about four inches of snow on the ground except on the prairie, which has the next morning. Building operations are progressing steadily. The Cranbrook hotel is about completed, and Mr. McRae, the energetic contractor, has started work on the Donough's new boarding house on the 18th inst. The village blacksmith, is erecting a shop, and F. W. Hazen is beginning work on his new residence. The White Prince Stage Co. are about to build a large livable stable here at once. Leitch's mill is in full operation.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 7.—The city election will take place in one month, and among the candidates for mayor are Robert Hewitt, Jeff Davis, Peter McCullum, L. A. Manly and James Harvey. In view of the fact that each of the candidates has quite a following, an exciting campaign is looked for. It has been decided to divide the city into wards.

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