struction of these works will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

AN IMPORTANT DEAL.

A deal was completed yesterday by which the Gold Fields of B. C. has bought out the real estate, stock and good will of the Shoal Bay Trading Co., doing business at Shoal Bay, something over 100 miles up the coast. The manager of the Shoal Bay Trading Co. was Mr. P. N. Smith, and the property transferred consists of 160 acres of land, known as the townsite of Thurlow, and the buildings thereon, including an hotel, store, post office, etc. The sum of $5,000 was paid in cash by Mr. Grant-Govan's company, and the sellers are also taking some stock in the first named company as part payment. The hotel at present on the property will be turned into a general store, and a new hotel of over 20 rooms will immediately be erected, under the supervision of Mr. W. H. Sherlock, who will go to Shoal Bay as manager of the company's interests in that district. The hotel will be a first class institution, and from the look of the plans, which have already been prepared, the building will present a very creditable appearance.

The company is letting contracts for 750 feet of tunnel on claims owned in the vicinity.—News-Advertiser.

ROSSLAND NOTES.

Rossland, Aug. 21.—The past week has been rather featureless in this camp. No sensational strikes are reported, though all the leading mines continue to look well, and the Iron Mask has made especially good progress in the work of blowing out shipping ore.

For the first time in months the stock market has shown signs of reviving, and buying orders from the east have been quite numerous, Monte Cristo stock apparently being most in demand.

The visit of Vice-President Shaughnessy is being looked forward to with great interest in all parts of Kootenay. The Rossland public, and especially the mine owners, are very anxious to meet him.

AFFAIRS AT SANDON.

Sandon, Aug. 21.—The incorporation of Sandon is in sight. The necessary names have been obtained, and a petition will be sent to the lieutenant-governor-in-council this week.

Hon. George E. Foster is in town looking after some silver propositions.

Chief Constable Hamilton has been reinstated by Superintendent Hussey, the charges against him having proven to be frivlous.

The fall in silver does not seem to affect this district. The owners of the principal mines, while they naturally feel sore, say that they can and will work them if silver goes down to 40 cents.

The ore shipments for the week ending 9th inst. were 1,357¼ tons.

AROUND KAMLOOPS.

During the week a healthy movement was noticeable about town in mining circles, and several important deals have been reported. This, of course, is but the natural result of the amount of work done. From what can be gleaned from the week's transactions, it appears that number of the leading prospects on Coal Hill are falling into the hands of good parties—hence mining matters have taken an upward tendency. The confidence of the majority of those holding claims in this camp in their commercial value is attested by the number of certificates of work issued in respect thereof, which is far in excess of all expectations, and the persistency with which the work of prospecting and developing has continued. Every week brings tidings of new finds and encouraging results from work that is being performed on claims undergoing development. On Wednesday Andrew Thompson, of North Thompson, who has been working along the rim of Jamieson creek, brought up a nice little sample of yellow metal, the result of a few days' work through a small sluice head, about six miles up the creek. Jamieson creek has been rewarding for many years part, on a limited scale, those who have made calls on her in this way. And there is no doubt the source of this gold will be found in some of those leads recently located on the creek. There is gold bearing rock somewhere there that will be brought to light by the system of prospecting now in vogue.—Inland Sentinel.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DIRECTORY.

Henderson's New Directory Completed and Now Being Delivered.

The fourth volume of Henderson's British Columbia Gazetteer and Directory, with mining encyclopedia, published by the Henderson Publishing Co., Ltd., is now being delivered to subscribers. It is a compact, well bound volume of 885 pages, printed in small, clear type, and divided into six parts. The first section gives a directory of over 3,000 free miners in one alphabetical list, with number of certificate, date, and place of issuance from June 1st, 1896, to May 31st, 1897; the second section gives an alphabetical directory of the mining and development companies doing business in British Columbia, giving their capital, stock, where incorporated and officers, with information regarding their properties; section three is a gazetteer and directory of over 750 places in British Columbia, arranged in alphabetical order; section four gives the incorporated companies, other than mining, showing capital, stock, date of registration and head office; the fifth section gives a classified business directory. The work has been carried on in a quiet and systematic manner. The company, who have had 20 years' experience in directory work, claim this as the most difficult task they have ever had in hand. A large portion of the book was put in type and then carefully revised. Their last directory, in 1891, gave a description of three hundred places. This year's publication gives 3 places, entailing a vast amount of work to compile from original manuscript in such a short time. Corrections have been made to a late date, the actual printing having been done in the past three weeks. The company being a local one, with a complete directory plant, has been able to bring out a book second to none in the Dominion, and one which from a casual inspection appears to be worthy of the support of the business community.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Famous Fire Mountain Mine—Rumor Re Changes in Australian Steamship Service.

Alien Fishermen on the Fraser—The C. P. R. and Grand Forks—Rossland Notes.

Meeting of New Westminster Presbytery at Eburne—An Induction, Call and Resignation

Fishermen Complaining About Result of Season's Work—Enormous Waste.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Steveston, Aug. 18.—Last night the Presbytery of New Westminster met at Eburne for the induction of Rev. J. A. Logan as pastor of Richmond congregation. Rev. Thos. Scoular preached the induction sermon, Rev. W. Meikle addressed the pastor, and Rev. J. McLeod addressed the congregation regarding their respective duties.

The Presbytery had under consideration also the call from St. Andrew's congregation, New Westminster, to Rev. Mr. Vert. The call was placed in Mr. Vert's hands and he accepted it. The Presbytery resolved to meet in St. Andrew's church, on Sept. 2nd, at 8 p.m., and induct Mr. Vert.

The resignation of Rev. Mr. Gordon, Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver, again came up for action, as Mr. Gordon wishes for the present to enter the teaching profession, and has prospect of an appointment in Vancouver. After hearing parties the Presbytery resolved to accept the resignation. It also appointed Rev. E. D. McLaren as interim moderator of the session.

The first of the autumn mists came down upon us last night very densely, and it continued till about 8 o'clock this morning.

The London Canning Co. have closed their pack for the season at 21,000 cases. The Federation Company expect to close in a day or two with a pack of 25,000 cases. The run of fish is gradually slacking down, but catches of 100 to 200 fish per boat are still common occurrences.

C. G. Sexsmith, storekeeper, Eburne, was before the magistrate on a double charge of trading on the Sabbath and selling liquor without a license. The Sabbath trading was proved and a fine of $5 and costs was inflicted. In the liquor selling case there was proof of whiskey having been given out for the benefit of an alleged invalid, but not of the sale of the liquor. The case was dismissed.

Considerable anxiety was felt at the presence of such a mass of decaying fish on the banks of the river here for a time, and certainly the odor was most unpleasant. The ground has been fairly well cleaned up, and the atmosphere is much more tolerable. There will still be some little trouble in this connection, but not such as to seriously endanger health, and thanks are due to the canners as well as to the health officers for the promptitude in handling the matter. It was no ordinary difficulty, as fish thrown into the water had to find lodgment somewhere.

Fishermen are complaining bitterly about the result of their season, as they had to throw away such a large proportion of the fish they caught and the price they got for the rest was so small. Some of them do not hesitate to assert that more fish have been thrown away this season than have been packed. If this is so, and if the pack amounts to 750,000 cases, the loss will be enormous.

Steveston, Aug. 23.—A case in reference to the revenue tax of considerable interest to Victorians has just been decided by Judge Pierson here. It appears that a Chinese boss, Wau Tong, before leaving Victoria was called on by your collector to pay the revenue tax for 22 of his men. As the men had not then earned anything the boss was not bound to pay, but in order to save his men from being detained by the collector he gave the collector a promissory note for the amount, payable about the time he thought he could get cannery funds. The boss received the men's receipts and has held them till now. Collector Fagan refuse to recognize these receipts and contended that as the men had not earned their money befor coming here the tax should be paid here, and that in any event the promissory note was neither a regular nor a bona fide transaction. The boss was a little mixed in his account of the note business, and there was no one present to explain it more fully. One would have liked to have heard the collector's version of it, and under what authority he is able to take a promissory note at four months in payment of taxes. After careful consideration the judge gave a decision in favor of Collector Fagan and the Chinaman has paid him the tax, this time in cash. The boss and the Victoria collector will now have to reckon together about the contents of that note. The case was a test one, and the result has ruled the action of several of the bosses, a considerable sum having been added to the provincial exchequer. More will doubtless be heard of the matter either from your collector or from your city council.

Our normal quiet is being rapidly restored. On Saturday a large number of our fishermen left, some by boat and a large number by the stages. Those who still continue to fish are getting fair catches, and some canners are allowing them 12 cents each for their fish. A few of the canneries have shut down altogether. The following are the packs in Steveston, so far as closed:

	Cases.
Gulf of Georgia	50,000
Star	22,000
Federation	25,000
Phoenix and Britannia	60,000
John A. Hume	16,000
London	21,000
Colonial	15,000

Our temporary citizens are rapidly leaving us, and our streets are daily becoming quieter. Our stores are doing a good business, however, as the Indians and the ranchers need to take home supplies with them, and they can get their goods here and practically at city prices. The weather is all that can be wished for the comfort of those who are moving.

A large and hearty public meeting was held this evening in reference to the work of incorporation. Councillor Carter presided. Perfect unanimity prevailed in favor of incorporation, and the committee in charge of the work of getting signatures was strengthened. Liberal subscriptions were promised towards the expense fund, and Mr. Edward Hunt was appointed treasurer of that fund.

The tax collecting case previously mentioned has been followed with another with somewhat new features. Collector Fagan found with the Chinese boss at the Richmond cannery forty-eight revenue tax receipts issued by your tax collector in Victoria, and presumably for a Rivers Inlet cannery. They were shown the collector as testimony that the Richmond men had paid the tax. It is needless to say that Collector Fagan was not satisfied, and in this he has the support of the magistrate, who ordered payment to be at once made. Of necessity, this case will involve further enquiry, and in particular it will doubtless be ascertained whether this same bundle of receipts did duty up at Rivers Inlet.

The case against Dr. Soga, who is in charge as superintendent of the Japanese hospital attached to the mission here, was brought up on Friday. Mr. Shoebottom, of Vancouver, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. G. E. Corbould, Q.C., represented Dr. Soga. No evidence of practising other than acting as an attendant in the hospital was given, and the Japanese doctor from Vancouver gave evidence that Dr. Soga acted there entirely under his instructions, and that he was out at least once a week and oftener when required, under an arrangement with the consul. Dr. Soga himself holds a medical degree from a California college, but not a provincial license. The case was dismissed. Like that against Dr. Willis, it does seem to indicate that the members of the medical profession are carrying things rather too far in the line of prosecuting incoming brethren.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Friday evening a meeting will be held in New Westminster to consider the usual October exhibition.

The majority of the canners are paying off their fishermen and have discontinued packing. The run was big, but short, and it has not been the best year on record for the fishermen.

There is a rumor about that the price of canned salmon has gone up to 20s. in England, and if this is true the canners will make a fair profit on their pack. Everyone interested in the prosperity of this great industry will heartily wish that the rumor is correct.

This evening a meeting of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association will be held in the city hall. The principal business of the meeting will be to consider and discuss the question of the protest against A. Turnbull, of the Westminster team, which was filed by the Vancouver club.

In connection with the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society's exhibition in October next, a public meeting of the citizens is called by the mayor for Friday evening, the 20th instant, to arrange for the annual citizens' celebration. All those who are interested in the exhibition should not fail to put in an appearance.

Three carloads of cattle arrived per C.P.R. yesterday—two for Victoria and one for Nanaimo.

The hot weather still continues in this city. The atmosphere is not quite as clear as it has been, owing, no doubt, to bush fires, but the heat is felt quite as much, and in consequence a number of people are complaining of ill health.

The steamer Transfer arrived on Friday evening, having undergone a thorough overhauling. She has been repainted inside and outside, and has the appearance of being a new boat. She went down to the North Arm on Saturday for 2,150 cases of salmon from the Richmond cannery. She will resume her usual trips to Chilliwack and back at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning and will take up a number of Indians who are returning home after the fishing season.

The steamer Rithet arrived here on Friday with 1,500 cases of canned salmon for shipment east per C.P.R. She left here yesterday with 100 sacks of potatoes and two cars of flour for Victoria. Dr. Fagan and Mr. Blood were passengers on board the Rithet.

The steamer Edgar brought up 500 cases of salmon for shipment east.

The C.P.R. now have 6,150 cases of salmon here for shipment east. Several carloads went out by last night's train and the balance of about 10 carloads will follow.

The steam tug Lois, Capt. Cates, of Vancouver, was busy loading cans at the Automatic Can Factory yesterday.

The canneries expect to have a fair run of fish this evening and will keep on packing until the end of the season, the 25th of August.

Quite a number of Indians were in town yesterday, and although this season has not been a good one for fishermen a considerable amount of cash must have been paid away to tradesmen, etc.

Another party of Americans left here yesterday morning for the other side of the border line. The total number leaving here will be between 500 and 600. This number will represent a good sum of money of which British Columbia will not benefit by one cent.

Mr. R. L. Drury, of Victoria, who is in the city as a delegate of the Provincial Lacrosse Association, is also secretary of the Liberal Association of Victoria, and gave some interesting particulars concerning the convention which it is understood the Liberal Associations of the province propose to hold in this city during fair week, to take steps to organize for the coming provincial campaign against the government. Mr. Drury says that great interest is manifested in this proposed convention throughout Vancouver Island, and his advices are to the same effect from the interior. It is proposed that each Dominion electoral district in the province shall send fifteen delegates to the convention, and the indications are that the full quota will be present from every district. It is not the intention of the Liberal Association, Mr. Drury says, to form a rival opposition party, but to work as an auxiliary of the provincial opposition party throughout the campaign in the cause of good government, and, of course, for the overthrow of the present provincial government.—Columbian.

A party of between 30 and 40 Americans came up yesterday from Steveston, where they have been working in the canneries, and for which they had been paid the previous day and were trying to change their Canadian money into American before their departure for their country. This caused them considerable difficulty, in fact it is stated that about half the number left with the Canadian money in their possession. The question of allowing United States citizens to come over here and work, and as soon as they are paid off return to their own country to spend their wages, is becoming a very sore point with every one in this city. Such a state of things should not exist, and strong pressure should be brought to bear upon the government to remedy the existing evil ere another fishing season arrives.

Owing to the salmon run being practically over, the pack in this city will not be as heavy as anticipated. Somewhere over 80,000 cases will be near the mark. A fair number of canneries are still packing at the mouth of the river, but the quantity of fish they receive is so small that they can only work about one hour per day.

REVELSTOKE.

A meeting of the business men of the town called to discuss the subject of incorporation on Monday nigha was not much of a success, as part of the crowd turned up at 8 o'clock and the balance at 8:45. It was practically decided that nothing could be done to petition for incorporation until the property owners get their titles registered, and a committee was appointed to take this matter in hand.

While the drop in silver is causing an uneasy feeling in the lower country, Big Bend, with its gold-bearing creeks and ores, is quietly but steadily forging its way to the front. A good deal of nice looking waterworn shot gold ie being brought to town. New strikes of gold bearing ore are being reported from Keystone and Lakeview mountains. With proper transportation facilities there is no doubt that the Big Bend country would at this very time be going ahead with great rapidity. In this connection it is interesting to note that an American steamship owner was in town last week, who was very favorably impressed with the prospects of trade awaiting a regular steamship service from the head of the canyon to Death Rapids, and expressed an intention of returning to further examine the ground.

Mr. J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., paid a visit to Bear creek the other day, and was much struck with what he saw there. Mr. Mitchell-Innes, a young Englishman, is working a couple of claims, which are showing up very well. The claims are on a ledge traceable for ten or twelve miles, and which Mr. Kellie thinks is the biggest surface showing in the province. There is no wash above the timber line on the mountains, and prospecting can be done on horseback, if anybody wanted to.

Owing to the enterprise on the part of the trustees of the public school here the attendance is increasing very steadily, and an average attendance of nearly 70 scholars daily is the result. The superintendent of education has notified the secretary, Mr. Charles Lindmark, that a special grant of $120, to fit up the school room for the employment of another teacher, has been made, and has given the trustees power to engage another teacher at once. Arrangements are made by the trustees to have the second teacher ready to start on Monday.

The Revelstoke Development Co. are busy putting the finishing touches to their machinery. Their flume is completed, and runs along the surface of the bank, from which the pay dirt can be shovelled anywhere along its length into it. Mr. Taylor expects to have the dirt running in the flume next week. The machinery is nearly ready and runs with a great smoothness. Mr. Taylor thinks the pay dirt on the claim will average about $1 to the cubic foot.—Revelstoke Herald.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, Aug. 19.—A special from Kaslo states that a big strike has been made in the Carbonate, Springer Creek. In the lower tunnel there is now 22 inches of solid galena, averaging over $100 per ton in all values. The three upper tunnels are now all in ore and shipments will begin at once. The mine is owned entirely in Rossland.

A special from Nelson states that Alice Willis, who was shot last Tuesday by H. B. Swyney, who then shot himself, is dead. She left an estate of $12,000 to her mother in Austin, Texas, appointing Dr. Lebau her executor.

The Le Roi company announces that in addition to furnishing ore to run its own plant at Northport it has arranged to supply Mr. Heinze with enough ore to keep his smelter at Trail running for four years after the conclusion of the present contract.

Bids were opened to-day for Roseland's first issue of debentures. They all range around par.

There is war in the local customs house between Collector McDonald and Customs Officer Forrester. This morning at 10 o'clock Collector McDonald reprimanded Forrester for his dilatory manner in keeping the office books, when a dispute arose, and Forrester was then suspended. For satisfaction that officer left the office and immediately wired to the inspector of customs at New Westminster, charging Collector McDonald with malfeasance in office in charging exorbitant duties and only remitting the proper amount to the department. He also charges him with renting part of the government offices to a customs broker named Finnegan and making no returns. The third charge is that he has a broker's office connected with his own with an electric bell, and that when a broker is required he rings the bell, and the broker is on the scene, and that he shares the profits. Officer Forrester also says he had reported to the head of the department at Ottawa, and that some startling disclosures will be made before the investigation ends. Collector McDonald was seen by a Spokesman-Review representative, and said that there was nothing in the charges, and that he did not fear an investigation. McDonald has been in the government service for years, is a trusted and reliable employee and popular with the citizens of Rossland, while Forrester is a late apprentice and not yet gazetted.

There is no ground for the rumor that the Le Roi company is not to continue the construction of its smelting plant at Northport; at least it did not look that way to a representative of the Miner, who went down to Northport yesterday and looked over the situation for himself.

Work on the smelter there seems to be going ahead with great vigor. The site for the plant is on a piece of elevated ground, a little north of the town, and just about east of the old ferry crossing. It is near the main track of the Spokane & Northern railway, from which three spurs have been run into the smelter grounds. These spur tracks are to remain permanently. One goes into the furnace area and another goes into the point where the ore bins are to be situated. For the present they will serve the purpose of taking in construction material.—Rossland Miner.

Alderman J. B. Johnson received a telegram from the Canadian Pacific headquarters this morning, stating that free transportation would be granted an exhibit of Rossland ores to the Toronto exhibition. Alderman Johnson has been authorized by the City Council to take charge of the exhibit and go to Toronto with it.—Rossland Record.

VANCOUVER.

Commissioner Herchmer, of the Mounted Police, has arranged for several thousand dollars' worth of goods to be forwarded from Vancouver to Dyea for the Mounted Police. The steamer Capilano, bound for Dyea, had 70 cattle, 40 horses and 20 passengers, besides all the freight she could carry. Among those who left by the Capilano were: W. Perdue, of Revelstoke, and a party of seven; A. W. McConnell, George Wilson, and A. G. Harris. Another party consisted of Messrs. Kennedy, Whitler, Gordon, Bigger, D. Campbell, E. Carrier, J. W. Finnie, E. A. Tucker, O. E. Jacques, S. J. McAllister, W. Anderson, R. R. Harris, W. Croteau and D. Good.

Forty tons of ore from the Van Anda mine, Texada, island, is here waiting shipment to Swansea.

Mr. Brown, who first located the Fire Mountain property at Harris lake, says they are inviting all who care to visit their now famous property. He has just returned from the mine, where he and an engineer traced the lead over the surface for 1,000 feet. The tunnel being pushed in for depth is now 75 feet from the surface, and the ore is as rich as ever, with clearly defined walls. Mr. Brown says that no one inexperienced can have any idea of the huge task of establishing a mill in the mountains. He says the Fire Mountain mill will be ready for work, he thinks, on or before October 15, but to accomplish this great task a large gang of men and horses are engaged. The machinery for the mill is all at Tipella or on the site. The mill site is two miles from the mines. A tramway is being built from the mines to the site.

Mr. Edwin Dudley arrived yesterday from Boston. He will take the place of Col. Peterson as American consul here.

Marquis Ito will arrive in Vancouver to-day.

An English correspondent writes to the News-Advertiser that the British Indian Navigation Company has purchased the three steamships forming the line between Vancouver and Australia, and will continue the service, probably substituting faster vessels for those now on the line. The B. I. Co. owns one of the largest, if not the largest, fleets in the world, its vessels being found everywhere in the Indian and Chinese seas, while it runs regular lines between England and India and Australia through the Suez Canal.

KAMLOOPS.

Edward Dillingham was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with forging an order for the delivery of a buggy and harness to himself. The buggy and harness was the property of H. P. Holley, who is now in Victoria, and had been left in charge of W. J. Norfolk. On the 20th July last Dillingham presented Mr. Norfork with what purported to be an order signed by H. P. Holley, instructing him to deliver to the bearer the articles mentioned. Mr. Norfork, of course, parted with the goods and wrote Holley to that effect. Holley replied that he had given no such order to Dillingham, and requested that steps be taken to recover the property. The hearing of the case will probably come up on Wednesday next.

The public school re-opened on Monday with the attendance above the average for opening day. There was quite a number of new scholars. On account of the hot weather school now commences at 8 a.m., there being no afternoon session. The heat is very trying for both teachers and pupils.—Inland Sentinel.

SLOCAN CITY NOTES.

Slocan City, Aug. 17.—It is my sad duty this week to chronicle the death of W. Darlington, of Darlington & Bellinger, assayers, of this place. Mr. Darlington was the resident partner of the firm and was universally popular. He was for some time connected with one of the large smelting works at Butte, Montana, and his partner, Mr. Bellinger, is now with the Heinze smelting works at Trail. The deceased was ill for some time, but everyone thought it was only a matter of a few weeks until we would see his genial face once more amongst us. The body was taken to New Denver for burial.

It is reported in town to-day that a great strike has been made on the Klondyke. It is situated on the second north fork of Lemon creek almost adjoining the St. Louis. Pete McNicol came in yesterday with half a sack full of rock. The quartz is certainly fine, carrying free gold. I also learned on good authority that a refusal of $10,000 on a bond was made. From reports the ledge is four feet wide and in a very easy place to work.

CHILLIWACK.

Mr. C. B. Reeves having received a communication from J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, enclosing an invitation from H. Bolster, manager of the Spokane Fruit Fair, expressing appreciation of the British Columbia fruit shown last year, and inviting a similar exhibit this year, President Paisley calls a special meeting of the Agricultural Society and all interested in fruit growing for next Saturday evening at the court house to consider the same.

M. A. H. H. Stiles, solicitor, Bristol, Eng., accompanied by Mrs. Stiles, is at present visiting Mrs. Stiles' father, Mr. T. P. Everdall.

The grain harvest, through the late hot weather, has come in with a rush and harvest help is at a premium. Farm hands are scarce and a number of days' work are waiting for willing hands.

On Monday at Sumas the thermometer registered 95 degrees in the shade.—Chilliwack Progress.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, B. C., Aug. 17.—A force of 12 men, under the supervision of Road Supervisor Cuppage, are pushing work on the wagon road between Lime and Psss creeks, expecting to reach the latter stream in a couple of days, when the road will be continued up the creek to Summit camp. The road is being carefully built, and will be of more benefit to Grand Forks than any similar work ever constructed in the district, for the reason that it will open the gateway to the famous Pass creek section and Summit camp.

George McL. Brown, for many years general passenger agent for the Pacific division of the C. P. R., was a passenger on Sunday evening's stage coach from the south. Mr. Brown was en route home to Vancouver, going via Penticton. During his stay Mr. Brown said: "This is not a pleasant trip I am making, and the direct object that brought me into your country I am unable just now to divulge, but you will know very soon." Mr. Brown expressed the opinion, however, that Grand Forks will have railway facilities within the next 12 months, leading the auditors to believe he had the C. P. in his mind when he spoke.

KASLO.

The large consignment of machinery for the Dardanelles mine arrived here last night, after a delay of nearly 40 days on the road, and will go forward to McGuigan at once. The wagon road to the mine was completed some weeks ago, and there will be no delay now in placing the machinery on the grounds. Contracts have been let for transporting the same to the mine. At the mine there has been great activity during the past few months. The Great Western, near the Washington, which was taken up by the Two Friends Company, joined the list of shippers last week. The property is said to contain a large amount of concentrating ore, which statement is borne out by the action of the company in putting in a bin and arranging with the Washington mill to handle the ore.—The Kootenaian.

A big strike has been made on the Carbonate, on Spring creek, three miles from Sproule's siding on the Kaslo & Slocan railwsy. The property is owned by a Rossland company, of which J. B. McArthur, D. M. Linnard and W. G. Johnson are the principal stockholders. The strike was made in the No. 3 tunnel, which is in 280 feet. There are 22 inches of clean galena in the face, averaging over $100 in silver and lead. The indications are that a good, strong body of ore has been tapped, and Mr. Porter is enthusiastic about the prospects of the property.

MIDWAY.

Two carloads of ore is to be at once shipped from the Victoria claif, at Camp McKinney, the ore to go out by way of Penticton and the C. P. R. This shipment is the first made from the Victoria claim, but as a large amount of work has been done under the able direction of Mr. Bash, much more ore could be sent out if this trial shipment give satisfactory results and the management desired to make further shipments. The present lot of ore, it is understood, goes to the Everett smelter. As before stated a great amount of development work has been done on the Victoria, as several hundred feet of tunneling and drifting is the result of work carried on continuously for about a year past, with a force of 15 men on an average. This force has recently been somewhat reduced, much dead work having been completed.

As showing the rapid development of the country, schools are made necessary at Fairview and Camp McKinney, which schools, we are given to understand, will be opened at once. Three years ago the whole of the district south of Penticton could only boast of one public school, but at this date, if the schools at Fairview and Camp McKinney be included, no less than nine are in existence. What better indication is needed of the advancement of the country and its rapid settlement.

Mr. G. McL. Brown, Executive Agent of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Vancouver, paid this district a visit the past week, coming in by way of Penticton. Mr. Brown reports a very noticeable improvement throughout the whole district, and more particularly at Fairview, at which point the C. P. R. are laying down a vast quantity of mining machinery, material, supplies, etc. Among other matters pertinent to the welfare of the C. P. R. Mr. Brown was while in this section making searching inquiries relative to the boycott passively established by the Boundary creek merchants against the C. P. R.—Midway Advance.

A NEEDED APPOINTMENT.

At the last sitting of the legislature an act was passed which is styled the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, 1897, and by its provisions it provides, besides other things, for the appointment of an inspector of mines. Up to the present it is safe to say the authority of the Lieutenant-Governor has not been exercised. Therefore the act in this respect remains a dead letter. It is not right that this should be the case, if the reports that are heard have any semblance of truth in them, for it is said that some of the mines of the province that have attained considerable depth in their workings are anything but safe for those who are spending their time under ground. Under these circumstances the government should lose no time in procuring the services of a thoroughly competent mining engineer, who should enter upon his duties at once, and by so doing prevent the necessity of a sad mining accident being chronicled some day in one or other of the metalliferous mining camps.—Midway Advance.

CALEDONIAN GAMES

Scotsmen Came From Far and Near to Celebrate at the Caledonia Grounds.

A Large Audience Witnessed the Lengthy and Well Contested Programme.

Saturday was Scotsmen's day, and the men of the land of the heather came from far and near to fully honor it. In the afternoon the annual sports and games were held at the Caledonia grounds, and, as is customary, the Scots, clad in all their Highland finery, arrayed in kilt and plaid of every tartan, marched in a procession to the grounds. The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, with President J. G. Brown at their head, led the procession, and behind them came the Sir William Wallace Society, with Chief R. H. Jameson leading. Then came other Scotch lads and lassies, and following them were the Vancouver contingent, amongst whom were President J. C. McLagan, of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society; President John Johnson, of the Sons of Scotland; J. M. Dalgleish and the Gordon Highlanders, commanded by Rev. E. D. McLaren and Captain J. D. Scott.

At the grounds there was a great gathering of the clans, and of spectators who were not numbered among the clans. The shrill skirl of the pipes, which were to be heard at intervals, was stirring to the soul of the Scot and to the unsympathetic outsider quite the reverse, for there are men who do not like the pipes. The feats of skill and strength which made up the programme were all well contested, and some of them were most exciting. Everything, thanks to the clerks of the course and other officials, passed off without the slightest hitch, nothing occurring to mar the pleasure of those present. The Gordon Highlanders, of Vancouver, contributed an exhibition of military drill to the programme, and received, as was most merited, the plaudits of the crowd. The Second Victoria Company of the Boys' Brigade were also present, but they being on their holidays, as it were, did not drill.

In the dancing Miss Elaine Telfor was the winner of the most of the prizes, but her youngest sister and little Miss Dot Ormsby, of Vancouver, were also no mean opponents.

The Victoria police force covered themselves with glory, for Mr. W. A. Anderson and Colin Cameron managed between them to secure a very large number of prizes. Anderson won the following events: Putting the stone, bagpipe competition, throwing the hammer and the race for Highlanders. Colin Cameron won the sack race and tossing the caber. Both men also received a number of seconds.

The results of the various events in full were as follows:

Quarter mile foot race—D. Sinclair won; J. A. Bland, 2.

Putting the stone—W. A. Anderson won, (35 feet 6 inches); Colin Cameron, 2 (34.5½).

Race for boys under 12—H. Allen won; G. Bigger, 2; F. Terryhault, 3; Bertucci, 4.

Race for girls under 12—Connie Telfer won; Margaret Moore, 2; Hannah Aaronson, 3.

Highland fling, gentlemen in costume—W. Anderson won; R. H. Jameson, 2.

Sack race—Colin Cameron won; W. Anderson, 2.

Highland Bagpipe competition, for gentlemen in costume—W. A. Anderson won; J. R. McKenzie, jr., 2.

Three-legged race—Ryan and Scott won; Smith and Freeman, 2.

Throwing the 16 lb. hammer—W. A. Anderson won (104 ft. 7 in.); D. F. Green, 2 (85 ft. 7in.).

One mile relay race—D. Sinclair and T. Bruno won; W. Peden and J. Imbert, 2.

Sword dance, gentlemen—W. Anderson won; M. Douglas 2.

Army and Navy race—McLeod won; Smith (H.M.S. Comus), 2.

Sailor's Hornpipe, in costume—Elaine Telfer won; M. Douglas, 2.

One hundered yard foot race—Victoria competitors—F. Cullin won, time 12 seconds; C. A. Wright, 2.

Highland fling—Elaine Telfer won; Dot Ormsby, Vancouver, 2.

Highland fling, for Victoria boys—M. Douglas won.

Race for local Boys' Brigade, in uniform—Alf. Hawton won; J. Finlayson, 2; F. Burns, 3; E. Robinson, 4.

Tossing the caber, cup presented by Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., to be won three times to become personal property—Colin Cameron won, with toss of 19 feet.

Race for Gordon Highlanders—Copelard won; Ellis, 2; Payne, 3; McQuarrie, 4; Hugh Dunn, 5; Wm. Dunn, 6.

Tug-of-War, Victoria Scots v. H.M.S. Comus—Won by the Scots in two straight pulls, the winning team being composed of Colin Cameron (captain), W. A. Anderson, M. McDonald, L. McNeill and B. McLennan.

Best dressed boy in Highland costume—J. R. McKenzie, jr.

Race for Highlanders in costume—W. A. Anderson won; Colin Cameron, 2.

Single stick competition, for men of H. M.'s N.—Ryan (H.M.S. Comus) won with ten points; Kitchen, 2, nine points.

One mile running race, championship of British Columbia—F. J. Daniels won from a field of five. Time, 4.59.

Sack race for H.M.S.'s Navy—Smith (H. M. S. Comus) won; Southwick, 2.

Special tug-of-war, Gordon Highlanders vs Victoria Boys' Brigade—Gordon Highlanders won.

Association football match—Victoria Boys' Brigade v. Gordon Highlanders—Gordon Highlanders won.

Piping and dancing—Special prize to Elaine Telfer.

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"I suppose you talked about other women at the sewing society this afternoon," said Mr. Cawker to his wife.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Cawker. "Women are not so conceited as men, who talk about themselves."

"So you've got married while I was away? I congratulate you, old man, on having now got rid of that she-dragon of a housekeeper."

"But it's she I've married."—Judy.