

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Chief of Police Stewart in his annual report says the appropriation for the department for the year was \$24,553.16. The amount collected in fines and forfeitures during the year was \$4,615.83, being \$253.33 more than during the previous year. There was an increase of 310 in the number of cases tried this year. The present strength of the force is: Chief, 2 sergeants, 4 detectives, 1 clerk and 12 constables, 2 of whom fill the position of guards to the chain-gang and 1 night guard. The record demands an addition of six men to the force, on account of the large increase in the floating and permanent population of the city during the past year.

The municipal elections resulted in the return of the following aldermen. Mayor Gordon having been elected for a second term by acclamation: Ward 1, Robert Grant and Hugh B. Gilmore; Ward 2, Robt. Skinner and James A. Quinn; Ward 3, D. McGuigan and Captain McFadden; Ward 4, J. Foreman and W. Brown; Ward 5, W. H. Wood and J. Bruce. The vote for license commissioners resulted in the return of Messrs. Longfield and McAllister.

An appeal is being made to citizens to aid the Victorian Order of Nurses. Arrangements are being made for permanent rooms for the order. Mr. David Douglas has just closed a deal for a large ranch on Lulu Island; \$20,000 was turned over for the deal. The land was mainly virgin soil and the new owner intends putting in a considerable sum in clearing this coming spring and summer.

The men injured during Friday's storm are progressing satisfactorily. The death of a Vancouver's pioneer citizen was reported on Saturday. The late Mr. Charles Clarke, china merchant, came out to British Columbia on the second trip through the C.P.R. He was 62 years of age and during his residence in Vancouver made many friends.

Fire broke out in the rear store-room of the Palace Clothing Company, 110 Cardova street, yesterday morning. The cause of the fire is put down to spontaneous combustion, no other reason being feasible. The loss will approximate \$25,000 or \$3,000.

Robert Jamieson, a well known mining engineer and expert, committed suicide in the Rainier grand hotel, Seattle, on Saturday afternoon by shooting himself with a revolver. It is stated that he had grown despondent because of his belief that he would lose a \$25,000 suit which he had instituted against Sir Charles Ross for professional services rendered. For two days past the deceased had suffered more or less with influenza and was particularly annoyed by a headache. One hour before taking his life he gave orders for a bath. The deed was undoubtedly the result of mental depression and bodily weakness by the sickness and worry above referred to. Mr. Jamieson was well known and respected in the Pacific Northwest. He was native of Scotland, about 40 years of age. Before Mr. Jamieson came to British Columbia he had qualified in mining and engineering in England, Turkey, Asia Minor and in many other parts of the world. The deceased first came to British Columbia in 1872, when he was engaged by some of the principal engineering works in this province and in the adjoining state. His widow, Mrs. Jamieson, is one of the most active lady workers of Christ church and had much to do with the formation of a branch of the Guild of the Daughters of the King in this city.

The Rev. W. Stackhouse, pastor of the First Baptist church, has received a call to Rossland, and it is reported that he has decided to accept it.

During the past year 137 calls have been made on the Vancouver fire department and over thirty-seven thousand feet of hose and various appliances were used. With the exception of the fire at Shearwater's, no material damage to property resulted from the flames. These two fires were alone responsible for \$183,000 worth of property destroyed, but \$113,000 was insured. The loss to the city estimate that the loss to fire insurance companies was \$70,000. Vancouver city amounted in 1898 to \$110,277, while the total loss to property was \$183,000. Chief Constable is set down at \$183,000. The total loss at \$182,149.93.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mr. Walter Haines, late motorman of the city tram service, left on Wednesday's Atlantic express for his old home in England.

The Royal City Fruit Exchange held its annual meeting on Tuesday night in the Machinery hall, Queen's Park. The meeting was presided over by the presenting of the secretary's and manager's reports. A meeting was held on Wednesday night in the same place for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The meeting was adjourned without electing officers, as the necessary notice had not been given.

Harry Cheer, of Fort Langley, a lad of 17 years of age, was arrested by the Hon. Justice Boyd in the county criminal court with forgery, in that he raised the figure of a bank cheque payable to himself from \$14 to \$40. The prisoner pleaded guilty and paid \$40 into court. Mr. Mains, for McBride, the prisoner's counsel, addressed the court, pleading the prisoner's youth and the restitution of the funds in mitigation of punishment. Mr. Myers Gray, for the crown, also addressed the court, dwelling at length upon the serious nature of the offence and pressing for punishment. While sentencing the prisoner to two years imprisonment in the penitentiary, the judge pointed out that good conduct while there would earn a considerable reduction of the term of imprisonment.

Mr. George Brine has bought the old Colonial hotel lot on Columbia street and will erect there a brick building, block 46x132, extending right through to Clarkson street. Mr. G. W. Grant is preparing plans and specifications. As soon as these are completed, and weather permitting, a start will at once be made, it being the intention to rush the building to completion.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Hospital Board of Management the following officers and committee were elected for the current month, Mrs. William Turnbull and Mrs. L. Thorburn. His Honor Judge Hastings, a commissioner of the late fire investigation in this city, in an interview with a representative of the "Columbian" as to when a report might be expected, said that he had been delayed by waiting for the extension of the shorthand notes, which

was only received during the Christmas holidays. His shorthand report will be ready in about ten days.

The traffic bridge across the Coquitlam river at Westminster junction has been in danger of washing away the last few days, but the municipality is now having several carloads of rock dumped in to protect the piers.

The Cycling Club concert and ball proved a great success. Both were well attended.

The falling of a large fir stub across the line above Eighth avenue considerably delayed the interurban train cars. The tree smashed to fragments where it touched the rails, but carried down the trolley wire and all the wires in its reach.

Dr. Bodington, superintendent of the insane asylum, who has been dangerously ill for some time, is fast recovering. The galvanizing iron roofing and walls for the new market has arrived and will be put on as soon as possible.

SILVERTON.

The business done in Silvertion by the C.P.R. for the year 1898, averaged month for month with that done in 1897, shows an increase of business of over \$1,000 per month, while the month of December brought in over \$5,000, an increase of over \$2,000 for the corresponding month in 1897.

Over 50 head of work horses and mules are at present employed hauling freight up to and ores from the mines of Silvertion. Additional teams are expected next week from Calgary, N.W.T. On Monday a consignment of 3,000 new ore sacks was received by the Wakefield mines.

Hill Bros. have delivered 18,000 feet of lumber at the wharf for the Comstock mine.

Work is to be started up at once on the Eli group on Twelve Mile creek. The owners have been busy getting in supplies during the last few days and four men will be put to work. A trail to the property had to be broken through three feet of snow. The winter has proved to be a busy locality next spring and summer.

Geo. Campbell, a Silvertionian, has disposed of the Fidelity fraction, which lies near here and close by the Bossun mine. The purchaser of this property is G. H. Dawson, owner of the Essex group on Silver creek, and the price paid was \$1,000 cash.

Anderson & Brady have transferred their contract for the hauling of the Wakefield ore to C. L. Lane, of Sandon, who has purchased their train of mules and is already at work on the trail. H. Brady will team the ore from the foot of the trail to Silvertion. It is estimated that six carloads of ore can be sent down if the raiiders can handle that amount on the trail.

ROSSLAND.

The city election resulted in a victory for A. S. Goodie for mayor. His majority was 106. The following were elected aldermen: C. O. Lalonde and John Hooper, First ward; Ross Thompson and J. Ferguson, Second ward; and Albert Barrett and John Edgren, Third ward.

At a meeting of the Columbia athletic club a resolution was passed to the effect that owing to the lateness of the season and the delay that would necessarily be incurred in raising up a gymnasium, etc., the directors deemed it advisable to disband the club for the present.

Mr. John McLAREN, late of the firm of Armstrong & McLAREN, of the Brunswick hotel, and formerly chief of police of Vancouver, has been appointed chief of police of Greenwood.

Water was a luxury last Friday in Rossland. The few springs that are scattered over the city were drained as rapidly as they would fill. Water was needed at the rate of \$2 per barrel, or 25 cents per bucket.

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CASCADE CITY.

Mr. H. Allers Harker, secretary of the Dominion Mining and Development Agency Company, Limited, the British corporation that is acquiring the water rights at the cascades of Kettle river here, was a recent visitor to the city, and as a result Superintendent Anderson, the engineer in charge, has advertised for tenders for cutting and delivering 90,000 lineal feet of round timbers for the cribbing of the dam, and has sent out an order for 12 tons of iron-drift bolts to be used to fasten the round timbers together. The same company is actively at work in putting in city water and lights.

Chief Engineer Tye, of the Canadian Pacific railway, has just been over the entire line of construction from Robson to Greenwood, and has expressed himself as well pleased with the progress made thus far on the work.

VERNON.

Cattle throughout the district have so far stood the winter well, and it is estimated that there is plenty of feed in the country to see all the stock safely through the season.

A hockey club has been organized with the following officers: Hon. pres., Eric Gillson, M.P.P.; pres., H. G. Muller; vice-pres., Mr. Chambers; sec.-treas., A. W. Cochrane; captain, T. K. Crowl; secretary, the committee, E. Jackson, J. Gould and S. A. Shattford. The first practice will be held as soon as the new rink is ready.

Work on the Mara bridge has been somewhat retarded owing to the inclemency of the weather, but it is expected that the structure will be complete and ready for traffic early next week.

CRANBROOK.

Cranbrook has been made a port of entry and a customs house officer will be put in charge. Mr. Keay, late of Wardner, will probably be the collector. The engine house for the pumps that will drive the water for the big Canadian Pacific railway water tank is completed. The new church of England building was used for the first time on Sunday week. Rev. Proconner, of Fort Steele, conducted the services.

NELSON.

Mr. Neelands has been elected mayor by a majority of six over Mr. Honory. The aldermen, G. F. Beer, H. B. Thompson and Chas. Hillier were elected in the East Ward, and Frank Fletcher, A. L. McKillop and J. A. Kirkpatrick in the West Ward.

KASLO.

The civic elections resulted in the defeat of Mayor McAnn by Dr. Hartin by two votes. The aldermen elected were Messrs. Campbell, Kane, Moore, Pappworth, Pawcett and Twiss, six.

SANDON.

The following council was elected by acclamation on Monday: Mr. H. H. Pitts, mayor; Messrs. E. R. Atherton, Alex. Crawford, Chas. E. Hunter, B. Macdonald, John Buckley and Eric Thompson, aldermen.

KAMLOOPS.

The J. O. Rossland, is producing some unusually good ore from the bottom of the shaft. An assay made this week shows that the ore is of the best quality. The J. O. Rossland, the manager of

the shaft, was tripped up, and in falling broke his leg above the knee. The fire brigade turned out on Tuesday in response to an alarm from Lansdowne street. On arriving there it was found to have been a small fire which had been promptly put out. A citizen, who is also a fireman, drove his team up the main street on dead horses, and overturned two rigs and damaging another.

A deputation of citizens and business men waited on Hewitt Bostock, M.P., at Haven's hall on Wednesday afternoon with the object of laying before him the desirability of having the starting point of the proposed telegraph line to Nicola lake changed from Spence's Bridge to Kamloops. After considerable discussion, principally pointing out the advantages it would be to Kamloops and the settlers in Nicola valley to have the changes made, a resolution was carried to this effect: "That the citizens of Bostock to use his efforts to have the proposed telegraph line from Spence's Bridge changed so as to go from Kamloops to Nicola." Mr. Bostock stated that he would endeavor to ascertain the cost of the two routes proposed and that any action would be taken to the benefit of the majority of the people.

ASHcroft.

The bridge across the Thompson river at Ashcroft was closed for repairs on Wednesday morning, but is open again. A good piece of work is being done in the way of repairing the bridge.

Reports from the Rayson-Doxat logging camp are to the effect that work is going ahead there very fast. The logs are being cut and are being hauled to the lower end of the lake and left to make their own way to Kamloops lake, men, of course, driving such as necessary starting up. They will be boomed at the lower end of the lake and left down as required to the mouth across the Thompson river at Ashcroft.

On Thursday the fire brigade got out and tested the hydrants, and also their own hose apparatus. The test was made from the hydrant at the Carnegie house, and was very satisfactory. Arrangements should be made for the Mining Journal, to have the town re-rated for insurance purposes, and a material reduction in rates can, no doubt, be secured.

BRIDGE RIVER.

Reports brought down from Cadvalader say that the work on the Ben D'Ore mine is going ahead and is very satisfactory. The work being done by R. H. Wood on the mill site and the test work ahead rapidly. The dam is finished and the flume is receiving attention from the dam to the mill site and the test work everything in first-class shape for the machinery when it arrives.

W. F. Gibson, with his gang of men, are hammering away on the Ida May property. The Ida May is having good development work prosecuted and will prove a valuable property to the owners.

REVELSTOCK.

The hockey boys are practicing every opportunity that is offered. Mr. Jackson, the C.P.R. yardmaster, received an extremely pleasant surprise on Tuesday evening, when he was presented with a very handsome silver mounted cigar case, presented by Mr. C. H. Bachelor, on behalf of the Revelstock Bachelor Club. The case was a token of the appreciation felt for Mr. Jackson by the members of the club.

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build up and purify the blood and strengthen the nerves. To the young girl they are invaluable; to the mother they are a necessity; to the woman at forty-five they are the best remedy that science has devised for the crisis of her life.

NEUROUS PROSTRATION CURED.

Mrs. Alice Boyce, Kingston, Ont., says: "For several years I have been suffering from general debility and nervous prostration, and my health gradually becoming worse, the slightest thing would frighten me. I could not work, and my spirits were constantly depressed. Through the representations of a friend I was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This was in the winter of 1897, and I am happy to say after taking them for a few weeks there was a decided change for the better, my health gradually but surely returning. I am now as well as ever, and can eat, sleep and work without the least inconvenience. I am satisfied that anyone suffering from debility or nervous prostration will find a cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Every box of the genuine pills is enclosed in a wrapper which bears the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Sold by all dealers, or sent post paid at 50c. per box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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When told by a reporter that the general impression here seemed to be rather in favor of the slow and satisfactory development of the Atlin country, Mr. Watson