LOCAL NEWS.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Eastern Competition.—Vancouver nurserymen protest against the injury being done to their business by the competition of agents of Eastern nurseries. Steps will be taken to check this, if possible

Brought a Racer.—Mr. Robert Breeze, horse trainer, from Seattle, arrived yesterday on the Clallam with Mr. McNeill's racing mare, Chehalis. She had been over six months out of the country, and had to some back to be re-entered. This was satisfactorily done, and the trainer and horse returned on the same boat. The mare is expected by the followers of the racing meets to make a very satisfactory showing at the coming Seattle races.

Exhibition Prize List.—The prize list of the Provincial Exhibition, which will be held in this city October 6 to 10 next, has just been issued. The pamphlet is got up in handy form and there is a noticeable absence of the overplus of advertising which usually renders a catalogue of this description more advertisement than anything else. Typographically ,the book presents a neat appearance and reflects great credit upon the Colonist presses.

Applications to Vote.—Up to the hour of closing yesterday the number of applicants who have filed declarations with Harvey Combes, collector of votes for Victoria city electoral district, had reached the total of 4,042. There are only thirteen days more, including today, available for those who have the necessary qualifications to vote, but have not filed their application to be placed on the register, the last day being August 14.

Annual Meeting.—The adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of the Mount Sicker and Brenton Mines, Ltd., was held at Pioneer hall yesterday afternoon. After the balance sheet and accounts of the company were submitted to and approved by the shareholders, the following were elected as members of the board of directors: Dr. T. J. Jones, J. L. Beckwith, W. A. Dier, T. D. Conway, Harry Dier, J. S. H. Matson and Roy Dier. The directors met immediately after the conclusion of the annual meeting when Dr. T. J. Jones was elected president and W. A. Dier vice-president.

Race Meet at Seattle.—On Saturday next the Seattle Racing Association start their race meeting which is to last for 30 days. Some of California's very choicest racing stock has been sent up, including Sweet Marie, 2:10, daughter of the great McKinney, which horse was recently sold for $25,000, and the great harness stallion Coronadar, son of McKinney; also Senator Clark's son, Wm. A. Clark, of Butte Montana, has sent a string, and very many fine horses from this and other provinces are expected. It is expected that Sweet Marie will break all North Pacific track records. The association has spared no expense in putting the track in good condition. The association comprises some of the very best citizens of Seattle, and special efforts will be made to satisfy the people of British Columbia. Mr Robert Leighton, of Vancouver, is one of the officials. Book-making will be of the open book order, and thus every man betting will have a good show. Tontine or any such game will be put down in no uncertain manner. The idea is to give high class, clean racing, so that the best people can go and enjoy it. The rates from here are single fare for the return journey, and the association is looking forward to getting a large contingent from here. From the steamers at Seattle direct cars go to the track for the Renton car for ten cents.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Mount Sicker and Brenton.—At the general meeting of this company, held on Thursday, Mr. R. T. Elliott was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Country School Matters.—It is understood that a slight emeute in school affairs at Metchosin has occurred somewhat similar to that which recently developed in the Western suburbs. The services of a diplomat were requisitioned, and it is said that the little misunderstanding has been satisfactorily adjusted.

Horticultural Society.—In addition to the satisfactory list of special prizes inserted in the schedule of the forthcoming show on August 21 and 22 next, the following offers have been received since publication, viz.: W. F. Burton, $5; Mr. Wilkerson, 12 cactus dahlias and 6 cactus dahlias, for 12 and 6 blooms from cactus dahlias, purchased from his nursery.

Alimony Granted.—In the divorce action of Devlin vs. Devlin, application was made yesterday on behalf of the defendant for alimony pendente lite. Mr. Justice Dake ordered that alimony be allowed at $300 per annum, the alimony to run from the date of the service of the citation. Costs to petitioner in the cause. A. Martin for the petitioner; J. Walls and G. E. Powell for the respondent.

Claims Compromised.—Argument was to have been continued yesterday morning before the Chief Justice on the claim of W. A. Ward against the Earle estate for some $9,000 alleged to be due in respect to a salmon contract. The Earle estate had a counter claim for $2,000 and a number of sittings of the court have been held for the purpose of adjudicating the two claims. Late on Thursday evening the contending parties agreed to settle all differences by mutually abandoning their claims, and as a result the proceedings in court have come to an abrupt termination.

Through Canada.—Mr. James Lumsden, the editorial representative of the Leeds Mercury (Yorkshire) in the British editorial party of last year, has completed his book on Canada, and it will be published this fall by G. T. Fisher Unwin, London, Eng. The volume will be fully illustrated, and will be entitled "Through Canada in Harvest Time; a Study of Life and Labor in the Golden West." The book will be one of great advantage to Canada, for Mr. Lumsden is a close observer, and his numerous articles on British Columbia proved not only this, but that he also was careful to secure facts, which he presents in a very readable form. The numerous friends Mr. Lumsden made during his visit here will look forward with pleasurable anticipation for the issue of his book, which they trust will be accompanied with profit to himself.

In Chambers.—Mr. Justice Drake heard the following applications in chambers yesterday morning: Dier vs. Matson et al. Application to strike out paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of statement of defence abandoned. J. H. Lawson, jr., for plaintiff; W. J. Taylor, K. C., contra. Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest. To strike out amended particulars. Judgment reserved. Time for defence extended until three days after vacation. F. H. Gregory for plaintiff; J. H. Lawson, jr., contra. Re J. Robinson, deceased. Letters of administration with will annexed granted. Victoria Transfer Company vs. V. & S. Railway Company. Order made for interrogatories on the application. G. H. Barnard. Fletcher vs. Cheeke. Application to set aside judgment. New trial allowed upon deposit of security for amount of judgment. Costs of first trial to abide result of second trial. Costs of application costs in cause. J. P. Walls for Plaintiff; D. Rogers contra.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Customs Returns.—In addition to the statistics published in the Colonist yesterday morning, the following particulars complete the list: Goods free, $47,678; dutiable, $19,018; total, 237,696. Revenues for July were: Duty, $63,181.57; Chinese, $63,944; other revenue, $615.12; total, $127,740.82.

Valuable Find.—Dr. John P. Frizell has arrived in Portland from Unimak Island, one of the Aleutian chain. He brings with him samples of carbonates of iron which James H. Fisk, an assayer, pronounces practically pure, and fixes the value of the product at $20 a ton. According to Dr. Frizell, there are thousands of tons of the cardonates in the Alaskan deposits. The only other deposits of carbonates of iron, so far as known, are in Bavaria, which supplies practically all the natural carbonate used.

The Bingay-Fraser Nuptials.—A very quiet but pretty wedding occurred at Trail, B.C., last Wednesday, when Miss Bessie Grant-Fraser, second daughter of Mrs. William Grant-Fraser, of Trail, was married to Mr. Thomas Wentworth Bingay, eldest son of James Wentworth Bingay, K.C., of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and head accountant at the Canadian Smelting Works, Trail, B.C. The bride, who was given away by her brother, looked very pretty in a navy blue and white traveling gown, with hat to match. Her gift from the groom was an exquisite diamond and turquois ring. Miss Jennie Grant-Fraser acted as bride's maid to her sister, the gift from the groom being a handsome pearl crescent brooch; while Mr. J. Douglas Veits received a pair of gold cuff-links from the groom, whom he so ably supported. The bride's numerous presents, including cheques, and a large quantity of cut glass, silver and china, represented the good wishes and esteem of friends in the East and at the Coast, as well as of those in and near Trail. Mr. and Mrs. Bingay will spend their honeymoon at Banff, after which they will travel in Eastern Canada and the United States before returning to Trail, where they will reside.

Presentation to Capt. Walbran.—The crew of the D. G. S. Quadra invited their retiring commander, Capt. J. T. Walbran, to the Driard hotel last night, and there a presentation took place. A handsome walking stick, with the silver-mounted handle engraved with wording to the effect that it had been presented by the cruiser's crew as a token of esteem to Capt. Walbran. A handsome address, the work of W. H. Travis, accompanied the walking stick. After the presentation had been made by Fred Melrose, on behalf of his fellow-members of the Quadra's crew, Capt. Walbran replied briefly to the words of praise that had been said regarding him, and commented on the loyal work that had been done by the crew that had served under him for so long—having been in command of the Quadra for 12 years. He told those present how he had ever the words of Nelson before him, that England expected every man to do his duty. He had done his, and the crew of the steamer had always done theirs. He told of the good feeling that had ever existed between commander and crew, as was evidenced by the handsomely engraved address and valuable walking stick, which had been presented to him. Other addresses were given by many present, and after some songs had been given, and refreshments served, the meeting adjourned.

BUSY AT EXTENSION.

Output of Coal Is Steadily Increasing Up to Old Level.

Upwards of 1,100 tons of coal a day are being taken out of No. 2 and No. 3 mines at Extension every day. Yesterday the output reached 1,200 tons, and as more men are being put to work daily, it is expected that the maximum production attained before the strike will soon be reached. That maximum averaged about 1,600 tons a day.

The tunnel, which is not yet in full working order, is being opened up again, and places prepared for new men. The coal is despatched to Ladysmith without delay, and the yards there are once more well filled in readiness for some of the monster coal-carriers which are now on the way to Ladysmith from various quarters.

Business in Ladysmith is expected to continue quiet until one or two pays have been distributed. All men who have put in full time for July have done very well.

An attempt to load a lot of rock at the mines was detected last week, and the five miners guilty of the offence received prompt notice to quit.

VICTORIAN TO THE FRONT.

George Denny, Formerly of Colonist, Manila Correspondent of A. P.

George Denny, formerly city editor of the Colonist, who left the staff of the paper in September last to take the position of associate editor of the Associated Press at New York, has been promoted to a higher post. Martin J. Egan, also a former Victoria newspaperman, who had been in charge of the bureau of the Associated Press in the Philippines, with headquarters at Manila, has fallen ill, and is returning to take up the work at New York, and Mr. Denny, whose work in the few months he has been with the great news gathering institution has brought him prominently to the front, has been assigned to the Manila bureau, of which he is to be in charge at a munificent salary. Mr. Denny left New York at a moment's notice and arrived at San Francisco on Friday night. He left the Golden Gate yesterday on an army transport en route to Manila. Since his work began with the Associated Press, the former Victoria newspaperman has been given a number of very important assignments one of which was to traverse the length and breadth of the United States with the Crown Prince of Siam and his retinue on their visit to this continent.

Mr. Denny, as those who knew him in Victoria are well aware, was among the brightest of British Columbia's newspapermen, and his advance in the field of newspaper work will not come as a surprise to those who are conversant with his ability. He is a Victorian—a native son of this city. His promotion to the most important bureau of the big United States news gathering association at this time, when the crisis is on in the Far East, and war is threatening, is a signal distinction, for, in view of eventualities, the news association is gathering its brighter stars in the vicinity of the danger zone.

CAPITALIST'S SUICIDE.

San Francisco, July 29.—Franklin Heywood, capitalist, lumber merchant, prominent Mason and one of the best known men in the city, committed suicide today at his residence by inhaling gas. His lifeless body was found with a rubber tude extending from the chandelier above and one end clenched between his teeth. The suicide is attributed to temporary insanity. For several days Heywood showed signs of failing intellect. He forgot his home address one night last week and was found wandering aimlessly in the streets. On another occasion he forgot the number of the offices of the Gualala Mill company, of which corporation he was president. Yet he appeared to be in excellent health and spirits, and last evening spent several hours at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. M. Hunt.

He was a man of large means, and 66 years of age and a native of Maine. Operations on the Pacific coast. He was the company with which he was identified is one of the largest lumber co

Receives the Regular Denial

Again Ralph Smith M. P. Disclaims all Knowledge of Alleged Transfer.

Was Never Asked to Run for Local House -- Political Notes.

"What did I tell you?" said a well known local politician, waiving a copy of last evening's Times at a Colonist reporter and pointing to the despatch from Ottawa to the effect that Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., was the only man in the country who had not yet heard of his own promotion from Dominion to Provincial politics. "I told you so," continued the wise observer"; Smith would never drop the bone for the shadow. He's not that sort!"

It thus turns out that the whole story has been trumped up by persons who were not even in Mr. Smith's confidence, and were not speaking under his auspices at all. So ends the second attempt of a small clique to use Mr. Smith's name in a very "feeling" manner.

Ralph Smith, M.P., is on the way West from Ottawa.

Comox Liberal Association have elected 12 delegates to the convention at Cumberland next Thursday.

The executive committee of the Victoria Liberal-Conservative party met last evening for the first time in their new quarters over the Army and Navy cigar store, and transacted much important business.

The man on the corner, and his twin brother, the man on the street, are beginning to look exceedingly wise, and the interchange of personal opinion goes merrily on. A consensus of opinion inclines toward the belief that whatever success the government may meet with on the Island, a clean sweep will be made of the Mainland.

One or two genuine labor men have asked the Colonist's political news reporter to state for them as emphatically as need be that the statement of certain Socialists appearing in this column to the effect that the Socialists hold the terms Labor and Socialism to be identical and interchangeable terms, is not founded on fact. Those labor men say they have nothing to do with Socialism in any shape or form as advocated by local Socialists, and believe that a very large and important proportion of the workingmen of Victoria, having examined the claims of Socialism, don't want anything to do with it. Laboring men are thinking for themselves to a greater extent than before, and the fallacies of any new-fangled political nostrum they can detect without any assistance from professional political pilots.

"That was a great note you had in about Joe Martin, yesterday," a local Liberal remarked to a Colonist reporter yesterday. "It hit close to the bull's eye. He's keeping us all guessing, is Joe. I'd give something myself to know what he's really up to. Do you know, scribe, when the Liberals of British Columbia turned down Joe Martin, they literally knocked the brains out of the party."

"But," protested the reporter, "surely there is plenty of good brains left in the Liberal party yet!"

"Um—well, yes; but, dash it all, they're the fried and breaded sort!"

Reports from all over the upper country go to show that Conservative organization is being perfected very rapidly. The Manitoba debacle and the Blair secession have had telling effect.

BRITISH JOURNALISTS TRAVELING WEST

The Party Includes Several Men Distinguished in the Profession.

Last Wednesday the party of representative British newspaper men who are touring Canada reached Winnipeg and were cordially welcomed by leading Winnipegers and were taken all over the prairie capital. As the trip, unfortunately, is a very hurried one, they have not much time to spare, but promised to spend more time on the return journey. They were enthusiastic in their praise of Canadian energy, enterprise and productions. To most of them the country was a complete revelation.

One fact which has impressed itself upon them is the general use of electricity in the Canadian cities over all British municipalities, excepting perhaps Glasgow and Liverpool. The superiority of Canadian tram car systems was also remarked by the journalists.

As to the country itself, the pressmen all agree that the average Englishman has a very inaccurate idea of Canada. They know it only as from the map, and think it a land of eternal snows and ice. "One cannot obtain a just conception of your country unless he sees it with his own eyes," said one of them.

The railway questions will also absorb considerable attention, the visitors stating that this is an all-important matter in the development of a new country, especially as affecting freight rates between Great Britain and this colony. The industries will be inspected on the return trip.

The journalists are viewing Canada particularly from a commercial standpoint, and one member of the party, Mr. Henry Alexander of the Aberdeen Free Press, will be able to draw comparisons regarding Canadian cattle, as he is one of the foremost experts in that line in Great Britain.

The personnel of the party is as follows: Neil Munro, Glasgow Evening News; E. B. Osborne, London Morning Post; John Derry, Sheffield Daily Independent; W. McAllice, Midland Express, Birmingham; Henry Alexander, Aberdeen Free Press; Arthur Yarrow, Newcastle Daily Chronicle; Mr. MacKonkey, Belfast Evening Telegraph; H. Rylett, Reynolds' Newspaper, London, and Sidney Higham, Daily Graphic London. Mrs. McAllice is accompanying her husband on the trip. Mr. White of the Dominion government and Geo. H. Ham, of the C. P. R. came from the East with the journalists.

Mr. Neil Munro is the celebrated author of "The Lost Pibroch," "Gillan the Dreamer," "Doom Castle," "John Splendid," "The Shoes of Fortune," "Children of Tempest," and many other works which have won for him the heartiest praise of the London literary critics and of discriminating lovers of good work everywhere. He has been for some years chief editorial contributor to the Glasgow Evening News, one of the most frequently quoted evening newspapers in the United Kingdom, and he still contributes articles to it, and to many of the London literary journals. He is a tremendous worker, exceedingly popular, and altogether a fine example of the modern British newspaperman. Mr. Munro will find plenty of scope for his gifted pen in British Columbia.

The party are expected to reach Victoria next week.

Diggings Rich As Klondike's

Gold in Paying Quantities Being Found by Stampeders to Tahkeena District.

Miners who Have Returned to White Horse Bring Glowing Reports.

The steamer Amur, which arrived yesterday morning from Skagway, which port she left on Monday—a day later than the Cottage City—brought further details regarding the diggings discovered in the Tahkeena district. A despatch received at Skagway from White Horse the day prior to the sailing of the steamer says the first man to return from the new strike on Ruby and Fourth of July creeks since the stampede, arrived at that place on July 25, and he brings the news that the richness of the diggings exceeds the wildest dreams of those who first discovered it. The man is K. Henderson, an old miner, who was all through the Dawson creek stampedes and who knows all about northern placer mining. He says it is the richest country he ever saw. He firmly believes it to be richer than any of the creeks in the Klondike ever was. Henderson staked on both creeks, and says he would not sell either of his claims for any money. He will return soon

Henderson made the trip out on horseback, taking six days. He says the country is a fine one to travel over, and that the trail from White Horse to Ruby is excellent. It is about 180 miles from White Horse. He says the gold area is very large. Henderson met one lady stampeder, on her way to the newest Eldorado. He says all the Indians throughout that section of the country are making for the diggings.

On Saturday last the steamer Clossett arrived at White Horse from the Tahkeena with 13 stampeders, returning from Ruby creek. The story told by the returning men varies to some extent as to details, but the general consensus of opinion is that a rich strike has been made. As to how rich, it is impossible to say at this time. All say that gold is found on the surface the full length of Ruby and Fourth of July creeks, both of which were pretty well staked. Ruby creek was all taken.

They say that, while the indications are all favorable, no one has reached bedrock as yet. In fact, no one who was on the creeks at the time the returned men were there had the tools necessary with which to go down to bedrock, and none had grub to last long enough to undertake such a job. On account of the general scarcity of grub, many of the stampeders will be coming back every day now for some time.

All those who have returned had succeeded in staking claims, and all feel satisfied with the work they have done.

The Clossett's passengers met many of the Dawson stampeders who went in over the Dalton trail from Carmack's. They were generally without grub, and it is believed that many of them will have to return to White Horse for more supplies before they succeed in reaching the diggings at all.

There is a general agreement that the country fully justifies all that has been said of it by the discoverers.

The steamer Vidette, the steamer of the Northwest Mounted Police, which is in charge of Capt. R. Cox, of this city, has left White Horse for the new camp with Capt. Richards and four men. They had a load of provisions and outfit, so that it is evident a post will be established there.

A new and correct map of the country, showing the gold fields and the best way to get there, has been gotten out by B. F. Hainer, assistant clerk, W. P. & Y. R. This map, it is said by Mr. Weisdepp, shows up the country in the best form possible, and gives the location of the new diggings in a clear and exact manner.

KIDNAPPERS OF MANILA EMBEZZLER

Return to Seattle and Tell of How They Secured Their Prisoner.

Charles E. Herron and R. D. Dwyer, the two treasury agents of the United States who kidnapped W. A. Wilson from Victoria last winter, have arrived at Seattle via South Africa with J. C. Beasley, wanted at Nome, who was arrested at Johannesburg. W. A. Wilson, a disbursing officer of the United States army, was charged with the embezzlement of $18,000 of government funds. He was convicted on two counts and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment upon each conviction. Herron and Dwyer received orders from Washington January 20 of the present year to intercept Wilson at Vancouver, B. C., at which port he was expected to arrive on a Japanese liner. The officers failed to capture their man at Vancouver, but followed him to Montreal and took him into custody there.

At that time there was no provision for extraditing prisoners from Canada to Manila, and the officers were compelled to resort to a ruse. They brought Wilson to Victoria and told him that they were going to take him to San Francisco. He consented to cross over into the United States without extradition, and was taken to Washington.

After arranging the preliminaries with the officials there, the officers brought Wilson by rail to Seattle. Then they loaded him into a small Sound boat, telling him that they would transfer him to the Senator at Victoria. At this port they hustled him on board the Canadian Pacific liner Athenian, which had brought him from Japan, just as she was ready to sail. Wilson discovered the ruse only when he went on board and found that he was on the same vessel that had brought him from Japan. His disgust was unutterable, but he was helpless. At Manila he was quickly tried and convicted, and sentenced on March 30.

From Manila the officers went to Africa.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

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Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

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Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

ACHE

Is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold by druggists everywhere, or sent by mail.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price

The Mystery Of Howard's End

Private Letters of Dead Man in Victoria Tell of Efforts to Defraud Him.

His Baggage And Papers Left in S. F. Hotel Were Ransacked.

Further information is daily coming to light bearing on the tragedy in which Capt. Thos. Howard of this city, lost his life at Berkley. It also develops that the proprietor of the Russ House, where the dead man had been living, allowed the late Captain Howard's papers to be ransacked.

It was learned from Mr. Cassidy, K. C., who is acting for the family, that some private letters to the late Capt. Howard found amongst his effects in Victoria, would indicate that the suggestion that his mining property consisting of 1300 acres on hydraulic lease, situated on Indian river, Klondike, is worthless as reported by the American expert to his principals, apparently for the purpose of forfeiting the property to them under the terms of a contract made with Captain Howard, is without foundation. At all events it is plain that Capt. Howard had every reason to believe the contrary. The first leter is dated Eureka, Yukon, Sept. 28, 1902, and is a friendly gossiping letter. It begins "My Dear Captain," and says amongst other things, "A man prospecting on 35 below the forks (that would be about six or seven chains from the upper end of your concession, and almost on the Indian river base line struck at a depth of 9 or 10 feet, pay which he and two partners with one old sluice box washed from $7 to $10 a day a man." * * * "Formerly pay ground in that locality was fine (it showed fine gold) but this is not (it shows coarse gold) which makes it look more certain." * * * In your leisure moments you might drop me a line or an old newspaper to keep me in touch with civilization. My kind regards. Sincerely yours, C. A. Cornell.

Another is dated 27 Gold Run, Jan. 5, 1903, and runs:

My Dear Sir,—Your letter of Nov. 25th reached me safely. I need not tell you that I was delighted to hear from you and know that you had reached the outside in safety. I have secured all the necessary information with reference to your concession which only confirms my opinion that you have a very valuable property and all that is required is development. * * * I have studied your ground and find that there are three leads. First, the present Indian channel, which is about one-half mile wide; secondly, the first bench which is at an elevation of about 100 feet above the present river bed, and thirdly, another bench which is at least 50 feet higher than the first bench and 150 feet, but above the river bed. As far as I can judge at present the depth in the present river bed will be 25 feet. The depth on the first bench will be 50 feet and the depth on the third bench to bed rock will be 25 feet. In proving the value of your ground I would suggest that you sink three shafts at least on each level. It is my belief that you will find good ground on each level, but there is no doubt one of the levels will prove much the richest, and in consequence it will be necessary to test the whole three levels. * * * I am particularly anxious to see this property developed as I have every confidence in its value and I shall be only too pleased to assist you in every way possible, and by assisting you I am assisting in the development of the country, which has been my one object for the last four years. I feel quite justified in stating that you have one of the most valuable hydraulicing properties in the Yukon. Wishing you a prosperous and happy new year, from sincerely yours, Edward Foley Bennett.

At the inquest being held at San Francisco, says the Examiner, E. W. Turner, of Victoria, after concluding his testimony, dramatically turned to Coroner Mehrmann, and asked that he be permitted to make a statement. He wanted to know why it was possible for the private correspondence, which was locked in Captain Howard's room, should have been made public through the connivance of Charles Newman when he, Turner, and J. P. Treanor, the two men who stood closest to Howard during his life, should have been denied admission to his apartments, and only permitted a hasty glance at the effects after threats of trouble to follow

After Coroner Mehrmann stated that he had concluded with Mr. Turner's testimony the latter said: "I understand that certain letters, of a private nature, belonging to my uncle, were published in a newspaper. I understand that the place where the property is held is in the Russ House. I do not believe that anybody or any newspaper man should have been allowed to take liberties with the things of my uncle, which I am not permitted to view."

R. W. Turner said he last saw the deceased last February, on the day on which he left Victoria for San Francisco, via Seattle, for the purpose of floating a company to develop mining properties in the Klondike, which had been leased to him for a period of twenty years by the Canadian government. He had received one letter from the Captain during his absence, but it contained nothing which threw any light on the progress of the mining scheme. He had never known the deceased to be anything but optimistic, and knew of no trouble, either of a domestic or financial nature, which could harass him. So far as his knowledge went he had never known the Captain to carry a revolver.

Turner's testimony developed the fact that Captain Howard was left-handed. This assertion was borne out by the testimony of the other witnesses who had been in a position to study his habits.

A. W. Dutton, a ticket agent for the Southern Pacific Company at West Berkeley, testified that Howard had entered his office on the afternoon before his body was found and asked the time of the departure of the last boat from San Francisco. Other witnesses deduced nothing that has not been told regarding the tragedy.

There is one point, though, in the story of the murder of Captain Howard that neither Turner nor any of the detectives who have been working on the case have been able to explain, and that is what took the deceased to Berkeley—a place which, so far as is known, he had never visited before. There is no reliable evidence that Howard spent any considerable portion of July 17th in West Berkeley, and the only thorough identification thus far made seems to be that by C. R. Hoessell, the cigarman who sold Howard a cigar on the morning of that day.

The remains were buried at Berkeley on Wednesday. Among the dead man's papers are a paid-up policy of the Phoenix Insurance Company for $1000 and a bank-book showing a deposit of $170 in the Victoria branch of the Bank of Montreal.

DEATH OF A DAY.

Detroit, Mich, July 30.—Eugene La Fontaine, a harnessmaker, who was a native of Quebec, was killed and Ernest Duelow and Chas. Hoffmnnd were seriously injured today by the falling of a freight elevator on which they were riding in Tuttle & Clark's store.

Halifax, July 30.—Hon. Thomas Johnston, member of the Nova Scotia cabinet, without portfolio, representing Shelburne county, died at the general hospital today.

Harsh purgative remedies are fast giving way to the gentle action and mild effects of Carter's Little Liver Pills. If you try them, they will certainly please you.

300 Men's and Boys' Suits, damaged by water, will be sold at half-price. B. Williams & Co. *

BOODLE JURY DISAGREE.

St. Louis, Mo., July 29.—The jury in the second trial of delegate Henry A. Faulkner, charged with perjury in connection with the Suburban franchise boodle, reported to Judge Douglas today that its members were unable to agree.

Tennis and Bathing Trousers, damaged by water, half-price. B. Williams & Co. *

THE SHAMROCKS.

New York, July 31.—The Shamrocks did not have their usual spin off Sandy Hook today. Mr. Fife decided to make some changes in the challenger, and it was announced early today Shamrock III. would be taken to the Erie basin today to have her masts stepped. She is expected to be racing again Monday.

RUSSIA'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

London, August 1.—The Daily Mail prints a despatch from St. Petersburg today which says that the Russian admiralty programme includes the building of six battleships of 16,000 tons each, and of three armored cruisers. They intend to begin forthwith, and are to be completed in 1906.

WILL NOT VISIT UNITED STATES.

London, July 31.—The Marylebone cricket club has definitely decided that, owing to lack of time it will be impossible for the cricket team, which is going to Australia, to visit the United States and meet the American cricketers. The team sails for Australia by way of the Suez Canal, in September.

The Mainland Bank Clearings

Large Increase Last Month Over the Amount One Year Ago.

High Grade Copper Ore Struck on Royal Claim Van Anda.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, July 31.—The bank clearings on the Mainland of British Columbia through the Vancouver clearing house for the week ending July 30, 1903, were $1,455,085, or an advance of $400,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

Capt. McKenzie is making a strong protest that the location of the proposed Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon railway bridge as shown on the present plans would interfere with McKenzie Bros.' dock on False creek. Capt. McKenzie has asked the City Council to endeavor to induce the railway people to change their plans. The council is taking the matter up.

Permanent cement walks are to be laid in the outlying portions of the city to obviate the necessity of constant renewal.

The steamer Cassiar brought news yesterday that copper ore of high grade, running 50 per cent, had been struck on the Royal Van Anda. This property has been under bond several times, and former operations had been carried on within three feet of the present strike without getting the lead. Reports from Pilot Bay this morning indicate no fish. The fish caught in the A. P. A. traps, 3,000 in number, are largely cohoes.

Mr. George Morley, an employee of the English Bay Cannery, died suddenly last night. He was 28 years old and unmarried.

The French bark Alice, with rails, 150 days out from Antwerp, is due to arrive any day. Her cargo is consigned to Messrs. Mellon & Scott.

Ald. Bethune is agitating to have the street car line extended to the recreation grounds in Stanley park.

Another coming lacrosse player has been announced in the person of Matt Barr, jr., who made his appearance at the home of Matt Barr on Wednesday last.

The 20-round go between Memsic and Welsh in the open at Brockton Point last night, was probably the best exhibition of the kind seen here. It lasted the entire 20 rounds, and at the finish Memsic ran to his dressing room. Memsic got the decision on points, as he lead all through the fighting and landed the most blows. Welsh seemed, however, to have the best of the fight in the last three or four rounds.

Today is the last day in which Westminster and Vancouver citizens can secure a rebate on their taxes, and consequently the city treasurers of these cities will be very busy.

Richmond is very backward in registering votes. The division includes Lulu Island, Sea Island, Burnaby, South Vancouver, Hastings, Port Moody, Moodyville and Squamish and Howe Sound districts, and there are as yet but 600 names on the voters' list. The Vancouver voters' list now contains 6,300 names, and it is expected before the list is closed 7,000 will be secured.

Ten Liberals, including two imported from Vancouver, solemnly convened at Cedar Cottage, on the outskirts of Vancouver, organized a Liberal Association and elected officers.

The Canadian Order of Foresters' picnic on Bowen Island yesterday was a great success. The series of sports were carried out and prizes awarded to the winners.

The express was delayed yesterday by a heavy rain and landslides near Spatsum, 16 miles west of Ashcroft.

The Standard Company of Toronto intends to establish agencies here. It is said that they give as a reason that they are now assured of a stable government.

The building permits this month, in spite of strikes, have reached over $90,000.

Two Crown grants have apparently been issued by the provincial government, deeding to the city any right they might possess in False creek, east of Carroll street. The deeds were not registered and the concessions, it is claimed, were not known of by the city solicitor or the aldermen.

There was a meeting of the Westminster city council and the engineers engaged on the Fraser river bridge yesterday regarding the approaches of the bridge. No decision can be arrived at until the Dominion and Provincial governments settle their differences as to the eastern approach of the bridge.

Thomas R. Wilson has been appointed provincial policeman in place of Officer Munro, transferred to Steveston. Officer Wilson has done special work for some time on the provincial police force. He is a South African veteran, having twice gone to South Africa in his country's service.

Sir Thos. Cleeve, of Limerick, Ireland, is visiting the city. Yesterday he visited the chief points of interest with Mr. Pugh, of this city, who was a personal friend of Sir Thomas before he left the Old Country.

T. R. Morrow, formerly of Vancouver, has been in the city for some time. Mr. Morrow is located in Rossland. He states that the prospects for Rossland are very bright. Business is getting down to a substantial basis, and the growing time has come again.

The Vancouver Engineering Works have secured the contract for all the iron work for the Vancouver Power Company, in connection with their big power plant.

Hilton Keith has returned from Similkameen, British Columbia's land of promise, the great rich country which is waiting for a railway. Mr. Keith went to Allison, the garden of the beautiful valley, in the interests of the Similkameens who owns properties in that vicinity and have created the townsite of Allison. He went by way of Hope mountain, taking ponies to Princeton. The country around Allison was looking its best and the hay crop was very heavy. The town is beautifully situated, and it is no wonder that the lots are being quickly taken up. The mineral claims owned by the Similkameen Company, Limited, are so self-evidently

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wahuable that the merest tyro in mining could see at a glance that the advent of a railway, Allison would be a very important town, with ranching as well as mining sources to draw from, as it is the place is being rapidly settled up. The first place visited of course was Princeton. The hay crop was large and the grass growing so rank that it was cut from the bunches on the mountains. The cattle looked well and the herds are rapidly increasing. The Vermillion Forks Company are running a diamond drill continuously, prospecting for coal, with splendid results. In fact from one mine the people of Princeton are being supplied with fuel at two and three dollars, delivered. There are numerous mining claims in the vicinity. Most of them are looking very promising, having been developed to a stage where nothing further can be done until a railway taps the country. Hedley was visited after Princeton. A new camp at Hedley is very much alive. Hedley has been converted into a veritable village. The 50-stamp mill of the Nicola mine, owned by Marcus Daly, is almost completed. The owners of the mine are very careful to give out no information regarding the property, but it is generally understood that it is one of the richest mines in the province of British Columbia. But this is only one of a great many very rich deposits in the Similkameen valley. There is but one thing wanted to make the valley populous and prosperous, and that want has been so often expressed that it is hardly necessary to repeat it here. However, it will do no harm to state it again, and yet again, that Similkameen wants a railway.

Excellent Views By the Biograph

Striking Pictures of Animated Life in Canada Seen at the Victoria.

Logging Scenes in Vicinity of Victoria are Among Many Features.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The exhibition of the bioscope pictures given at the Victoria theatre last night was one of the best entertainments that has been afforded to patrons of the Victoria theatre, for the pictures, clear and perfect in every detail, were as interesting as they were perfect. Some striking pictures were shown, and many notable and interesting scenes in Canada—where the locale of the greater portion of the scenes were placed—and in the European capitals and other portions of the globe. There were many animated pictures of British Columbia life, including a striking series of pictures portraying the logging industry on Vancouver island. The fellers were shown bringing down the giants of the forests, the logging roadways, and the running of the logs and the lumber engines with their long line of mighty "toothpicks," —all portrayed as the scenes occur every day not many miles distant from Victoria.

Tonight the programme is to be changed, and among other striking pictures, some excellent views of His Majesty's coronation are to be shown for the first time. Last night's entertainment was commenced with a series of pictures of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, and then the scene was changed to Quebec, where the passengers were seen leaving the trans-Atlantic steamers as clear as though the audience stood on the dock. Then the audience were transported to Montreal, and from that pretty park on Mount Royal they saw the panorama of the city, and the striking pictures of the swarm of toboggans and bobsleighs skimming over the snow crusts on Fletcher's field. Then on the front of a street car they saw St. Catherine, and St. James street, two of Montreal's foremost thoroughfares—and also Victoria Square. The fire department was seen turning out hurriedly and extending their great ladders ,and the ambulance corps of the Victoria hospital was seen answering a call.

Then the audience left Montreal on the Imperial Limited train over the C. P. R., and saw the ferry steamer at Windsor transporting the trains. Then Winnipeg was reached and the arrival of the harvesters was clearly shown. The threshers were seen at work, and at Carberry the harvesters were at work. At Bow river ranch, at Cochrane, in the Northwest territories, the cowboys were seen breaking bronchos, and at Calgary the sports and horse racing were seen as distinctly as though one stood on Calgary's streets.

Other striking Canadian views were the driving of horses and colts into corrals at Cochrane, the long train ride through the beautiful Frazer river canyon, the spearing of salmon on a British Columbia river, and the great logging scenes—a series of pictures which provoked great applause. Other interesting and animated scenes presented by the operator were the review of the German troops before Emperor William at Dusseldorf, the opening of parliament by His Majesty, King Edward's visit to President Loubet of France, and the wonderful scenes at the Durbar which took place at Delhi. A panoramic view of Vancouver was also shown, and the whole were interspersed with numerous comical and spectacular animated pictures, one of the most interesting being the Dog Show at the Crystal palace. Of the comic pictures the trip to the moon were the most interesting.

During the evening the outbursts of applause were quite frequent. Tonight the programme will be changed and the coronation pictures will be among the attractions. Mr. Rickets, of the Vancouver opera house is acting as lecturer, and, with success.

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