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DROP IN WHEAT.

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ay, 32c.. Oats, No. 2, Sept., 18½c.;
c.; May, 21⅝c. Pork, Oct., $8.05;
7½; Jan., $8.10. Lard, Oct., $4.40;
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ER—In this city on the 26th inst., at
pther's residence, 20 Belcher street,
n Reece Blancourt, aged 27 years.

the 28th instant, at the Provincial
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(From The Daily Colonist, September 30)

AGAIN HEADS THE LIST.

The "Triumph" Topliner of the Behring Sea Fleet With a Very Modest Total.

Utter Failure of the Branding Machine—A Fatality on the Vera.

Professor David Starr Jordan and his celebrated electric branding apparatus for performing the dog in the manger trick among the sealers, are at present the laughing stock of the prospective victims and of the naval men who have just returned from patrolling the waters of Behring Sea. Not only does the machine fail to accomplish the work for which it was designed, but so signal has been its failure that it has been tossed aside in disgust by the professor and his associates and a thrifty Siwash has taken possession of it in the hope that it may come in useful some day, on the same principle that the housewife bought the name plate.

After the abandonment of the electrical brander, Dr. Jordan and his party set to work upon the seal herds with regulation branding irons. How many seals were captured and rendered valueless to commerce by the black girdle is not known to the officers of H.M.S. Wild Swan which returned to port yesterday. This much they do know, however—that sealing men declare the smell of the burning has already been accepted as a danger signal by the sensitive seal herds, which in consequence are moving out of Behring sea and in the direction of one of the northermost of the Japanese islands.

The stench caused by the branding is so sickening that the Wild Swan's officer's did not care to approach very close to shore, although Professor Jordan's six men—he himself having returned home on the Rush—are still working the busy brander. It was at St. George island that the greatest herds of seal were this year found, although St. Paul's is also well populated. There are eighteen rookeries in all on the two islands, and according to the Swan's men there are no fewer that 15,000 seals to be found on some of them, despite the reported migration—not very strong evidence of diminution.

Among the mishaps and casualties to the sealers, of which the returned warship brings the news, the most serious concerns the schooner Vera, two of her crew—Hunter Brown and his boat-puller—having met death through their boat capsizing on the 15th of the present month, two days out of Ounalaska. There are three members of the Brown family on the schooner, and the fact that the given name of the lost hunter is not available will cause grave anxiety among the friends of each until the identity of the dead man is positively established. Hedley Hughes, second officer of the Zillah May, has spent the greater part of his season in hospital at Sitka, suffering with rheumatic fever. As he grew worse apparently, it was impossible for him to remain with his schooner, and the Swan accordingly brought him home. Of the vessels of the fleet the E. B. Marvin seems to have suffered the worst weather of all, having fallen in with a hurricane while making for Ounalaska on the 12th inst. with a catch of 973 skins stowed away. Her rudder was so damaged and her sails so torn that it was only by rare good seamanship that she made her port. A survey demonstrated the necessity of immediate repairs, and the schooner being beached was promptly put in seaworthy condition. The Swan herself had a touch of rough weather on her run home, two days after leaving Ounalaska, from which port she took her departure on the 18th of this month.

Among the catches reported by the Swan are the following, from which it would appear that the Triumph is again to wear the honors of topliner: Favorite, 416; Annie E. Paint, 385; Arietis, 680; Minnie, 850; Theresa, 559; Dora Sieword, 1,470; Triumph, 1,490; Ocean Belle, 493; E. B. Marvin, 973; Zillah May, 690; Otto, 730; Vera, 264; Mary Taylor, 468; Victoria, 625; Fawn, 182; Penelope, 598; Umbrina, 153; City of San Diego, 402; Borealis, 125; Ainoka, 924; Enterprise, 508; Sadie Turpel, 68; Beatrice, 454; Elsie, 215; J. Eppinger, 443; and St. Lawrence, 200—the latter three being American bottoms. The Triumph as last year carried a full Indian crew, as also did the Sieward, second in the list, and all the others save the Paint and the Vera.

The Director, the second of the fleet to reach home, arrived yesterday, with the Carlotta G. Cox following close behind her up the straits. The former comes straight from the Copper Islands and Japanese coast, with a catch of 1,052 skins from all quarters for the season. Leaving the Asiatic side on the 30th August. Captain Gilbert of the Director confirms Captain LeBlanc's report of the scattered condition of the herds on the Asiatic shores, and also had a taste of the storm that has so recently tested the stability of the shipping on the North Pacific. The Cox, coming from the Copper Islands also, had 1,400 skins stowed away when she spoke the Casco in the homeward run.

THE CITY

Mr. Samuel Sea was yesterday the victim of a most peculiar case of poisoning, which for a time gave both himself and his friends no little anxiety. He had enjoyed a fish dinner, and to this he feels bound to attribute his illness. Until the doctor arrived and put him out of his misery, Mr. Sea was unquestionably the swellest man in town.

On the 27th of next month the eighth annual ball in aid of the Jubilee hospital will be given in the Assembly hall under the auspices of the ladies' auxiliary. The event, which is always looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations and with recollections of the brightest kind, bids fair to be quite equal to, if not surpassing anything heretofore presented under the same auspices.

A large and interested congregation assembled at Christ Church cathedral last evening to enjoy the special service in commemoration of the harvest. The decorations, music and sermon were all appropriate to the occasion, Rev. W. D. Barber, rector of St. Saviour's, occupying the pulpit. To-night the Harvest Home is to be held at the Church of the Holy Saviour, in Victoria West.

A lad named R. H. Young, an apprentice on the City of Benares, now in Esquimalt, was before Magistrate Macrae yesterday for not remaining aboard the vessel when ordered so to do. The youngster does not seem to "hanker" for sea life so badly as he did six months ago when he joined. He was captured ashore by provincial constable Murray, and was remanded for a week.

Basket ball, which last winter proved so popular a pastime, is to again engage the attention of a large congregation of sports this season. A very enthusiastic meeting was held in the drill hall last evening when a programme of re-organization, election of officers and general routine work was disposed of. Among the officers elected were: Hon. President, Major Williams, and President, Lieut. Foulkes. It was decided that the first practice should be held on Thursday.

That Indian-whiteman assault case still drags its weary length along in the city police court, yesterday seeing several witnesses under examination, and another adjournment. The chief obstacle to speed in disposing of the case is the fact that much of the evidence has to be filtered through two interpreters, the witness speaking in the Skeena tongue, the first interpreter translating into the Chinook, and the second repeating what is said in his own particular brand of English.

There was much disappointment yesterday among the police court habitues who had gathered in number to listen to the evidence against Van Horst and his younger companion, arrested late Tuesday night for a succession of burglaries. The case was merely called and continued until Friday, to permit of the police perfecting their chain of evidence and establishing, if possible, the ownership of several articles found in the home of Van Horst which have apparently been stolen.

The Colonist had the opportunity of inspecting some water color drawings and etchings by Frank Ashworth Harrison, of Duncan, on their way to the New Westminster agricultural and fine art exhibition, which opens next Monday. Mr. Harrison's pen and ink study after Landseer's celebrated picture of King Charles' spaniels, is worthy of critical notice and cannot fail to meet with high encomiums from all judges. It is now two years since Victoria had a public exhibition of water colors, and it would not be a bad idea to have another to encourage native talent.

The dramatic and musical recitals by Mr. Fred. McAdam, of London, Eng., assisted by Mr. F. Victor Austin, of this city, furnished another demonstration that elocution is not a strong drawing card in Victoria. Mr. McAdam has a very pleasant manner on the platform and his recitals, both literary and musical, show evidence of the highest culture. He has an agreeable English accent when reciting, but to the scrupulously critical this at times might seem to allow the attention of his hearers to wane. In singing, he uses a sweet voice, but of somewhat limited compass. Mr. Austin on the violin was very scholarly and his performances a pleasing diversion in the programme.

The work of tearing down the shacks condemned by the city council on September 13 is proceeding rapidly and in fact was very nearly completed yesterday afternoon. While it is a satisfaction to most people to see the shabby old tumble down buildings removed, the operation in one instance affords an excellent object lesson in the mysterious workings of the aldermanic mind. A minority of the council, it will be remembered, favored condemning those buildings in the list recommended by the sanitary officer and building inspector, but the majority cut this list down to three. Consequently while No. 15 Johnson street was condemned by the council, Nos. 11 and 13 were spared. All these numbers were under one roof and so the absurdity was witnessed this week of actually sawing a building in half, tearing one side down and leaving the other. The other places condemned were seventeen cabins behind the Jubilee saloon on Johnson street and the old building formerly used as a feed store by Baker & Son on Yates street, and certainly no one will grumble to see the unsightly buildings disappear.

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HELD ON SUSPICION.

William Gordon a Prisoner at the Provincial Jail Under Strange Circumstances.

A Mystery of the Skeena Mining Country Suggesting a Second Butler Case.

There is a striking similarity in many respects between the crime of the century which cost Butler, the Australian, his life, and the crime for which W. Gordon is held a prisoner at the Provincial jail in this city, where he was delivered last night on the arrival of the C. P. N. steamer Tees from Northern ports. The parallel is found in the motive and method of the crimes committed at opposite ends of the earth—for in each case, if the conclusions that have been reached in this Skeena river mystery are justified by later developments, the murderer is supposed to have decoyed his victim into the wilderness penetrated only by adventurous prospectors, and there robbed him of his life for the few valuables and the miner's outfit in his possession. Like Butler, Gordon is believed to have killed his partner, secured his property, and started back to civilization where he had hoped to enjoy the proceeds of his deed of blood, and found instead, avenging justice awaiting him.

It was in the early spring that Gordon and his partner, Isaac Jones, started out from Ashcroft across the mountains to visit Germanson creek, at that time brought into considerable prominence as a promising mining territory, and intending to go thence to the Findlay. About the first of July Gordon returned to Hazleton, avoiding on his way Manson creek, through which he and his partner had passed on their way in. At Hazleton Gordon represented himself as an agent of the Le Roi Mining Company, and said when asked as to the whereabouts of his partner that Jones had returned by way of Quesnelle.

He then began to dispose of his pack animals, a large amount of clothes and the outfit generally, including a quantity of supplies that had been the personal property of Jones. Sacrifices were made in prices, Gordon's eagerness to get rid of everything quickly and get out of the country being at the time the subject of general comment.

It was this that first aroused suspicion that all was not right, and by order of Mr. R. E. Loring, the Indian agent at Hazleton, Gordon was arrested, in the belief that he was in some way connected with the mysterious disappearance of his partner. In his statement, made before Mr. Loring at the time, Gordon said, in contradiction of his former story, that his parter had been drowned in the Omineca river. While it was known that Gordon did not have much money when he set out with Jones, over $400 was found upon his person at his arrest, and this money was concealed in the lining of the cuffs of his coat and in his coat collar.

As a matter of fact no one can say with positiveness that Jones is not a living man to-day. The case is simply that he has disappeared under the most peculiar circumstances, and Gordon reappearing on the scene alone has disposed of his partner companion's property while telling most unsatisfactory stories as to his fate. There is a story that a revolver was taken from Gordon during the course of his trip into the mining country, in consequence of his having threatened Jones with it, but direct evidence of this does not appear to be available.

Butler, it will be remembered, was sought by the police while search was made for the bodies of his victims. In the same way the Northern authorities seem disposed to hold Gordon until investigation can be made. The Indians' version, published on the return of the steamer Louise a week ago, that the mutilated body had been found, apparently lacks any foundation in fact.

Gordon, who like Jones is a single man of middle age, was brought down handcuffed by constable Chapman of Hazleton, an Indian officer also forming one of the party. Developments in this strange case will be watched with special interest.

FULL OF FISHERY PRODUCTS.

The Steamer "Tees" Returns Loaded With Cargo to the Guards.

With her hold full of salmon, and dogfish oil piled high on her deck, the C. P. N. steamer Tees returned from northern ports last night, looking to the watchers on the wharf very like the typical Skagway-bound craft of a few weeks ago. Her trip had extended to the Queen Charlotte islands, and included all the ports of call on that long voyage. Returning, 50 tons of oil were brought from Skidegate, while the salmon cargo was divided as follows—Four thousand two hundred and seventy-seven cases from the Confederation company's cannery on the Naas river; 1,723 cases from the same company's Mill Bay cannery; 2,031 from the Balmoral cannery on the Skeena; 2,102 cases from the Windsor on the same river; and 1,800 cases from the Alert Bay Canning Company—making a total of 11,933 cases.

Among the passengers was Captain Smith of the Hudson's Bay steamer Caledonia, which vessel the Tees reports as being on the stocks and laid up for the winter season. It had been intended that she should make an extra trip up the Stickeen, but the steamer Alaskan, operated on that river by Mr. Callbreath, is found to be capable of attending to all the business offering at this late portion of the year. John Hamilton, J. Barber and C. Jones form the Jones party that has been making a survey for a trail into the Omineca country, already known to be rich in alluvial deposits, and to which public attention has recently been prominently directed through discoveries that point to it as one of the most prominent mineral sections of British Columbia.

Among the other passengers are the usual number of cannery workers and Northern business men, the complete list following: F. W. Johnson, G. M. Buckley, M. Hazar, A. Nassar, Mr. Harris, O. A. Ragstad, M. McDonald, John Hamilton, J. Barber, C. Jones, E. Holden, Mr. Gordon, R. Wilson, Mr. Chapman, A. C. Mouat, G. S. McTavish, Walter Williscroft, Captain Smith, F. C. O'Neill, Miss Turner, J. Parker, Mr. Kirk, Dr. Newcomb, Miss Ross, M. Morrison, Mrs. Morrison, J. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Misses Johnson (2), A. Cameron, G. A. Buttimer, A. J. Buttimer, I. T. Hopper, R. Chambers, A. Moffatt, Mrs. Moffatt, Geo. Clough.

The consignees are as follows: Dr. Newcomb, Miss Ross, Lenz & Leiser, J. W. Pendray, Simon Leiser, H. McKenzie, Federation Brand C. Co., F. C. O'Neill, R.H. Hall, Fell & Co., Barnsley & Collister, Hickman Tye Co., Mrs. W. Boddy, Fletcher Bros., Mrs. H. Smith, J. E. Phillips, Balmoral Can. Co., J. A. McNeil, Fred Raynes, Capt. Charles Hackett, Herbert Rudge, B. Stapledon, A. C. Mowat, W.H. Dempster, A. Robb, F. D. Brodie, G. S. McTavish, Windsor Can. Co., W. J. Savory, C. A. Lundbey, Samuel Sea, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. M. K. Morrison, J. Johnson, Poor Co., H. Humchit, McLennan & McF., Hartman & Co., Brackman & Ker, Thomas Earle.

COLONISTS FOR CAPE SCOTT.

A Party Leave on the Steamer "Willapa" With Others to Follow.

The C. P. N. steamer Willapa, advertised to sail for the West coast to-day, goes as far north as Cape Scott, to which point she carries seven or eight passengers who intend going to the Danish colony there located. The newcomers are from different Eastern points and include Mr. J. J. Miller and wife of Chicago, who, with Rev. Mr. Jensen of Washington, are staying at the Dominion. Mr. Jensen says that for over a month he has been receiving two to four letters a day from all parts of the United States enquiring about the colony at Cape Scott. To these enquiries he has made the most favorable replies, and he thinks that as a result the colony will be greatly enlarged this coming spring. "I have never been up the coast yet," he said yesterday, "but I have been posted on it by those already there. They seem to like the place and on the whole are well satisfied. What we want to do is give you a little butter and eggs. I know that the new soil is not the best, but two or three years working it will make it all right." The possibility of making a livelihood in so many other ways than by tilling the soil Mr. Jenson also appreciates.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer City of Seattle is to be here from the sound at three o'clock this morning and is to sail at nine, receiving as passengers Dr. Bonner, Mr. Kenna and eight or nine others going to Juneau. Preceeding her north the City of Topeka sailed last evening, carrying as passengers E. A. Daley, R. Gannon and two others.

Owing to a heavy sea off Trial island the Yosemite, which left here for the Fraser at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, was compelled to return to port and remain until 2 o'clock this morning. Her rudder was somewhat damaged, but not sufficient to have caused delay.

The Willapa sails for Cape Scott and all way ports this evening, and the Tees is advertised to sail for the North to-morrow.

KLONDYKE STEAMER WRECKED.

A Seattle Schooner Bound for St. Michael's Meets With Disaster.

Port Townsend, Sept. 29.—The United States revenue cutter Grant, Captain Munger, arrived from Unalaska and brought the latest advices from St. Michael's and the surrounding country.

The steamer Bertha arrived at Unalaska on Sept. 12. She reports two inches of snow at St. Michael's. There will be a big crowd of returning miners on the steamer Portland, and it is estimated that she will bring down three tons of gold.

On board the Grant are Captain Peters and crew, in all nine men, of the schooner Nuneme, which left Seattle on Aug. 15 for St. Michael's with lumber for building boats for the Yukon river. At 10 o'clock on the night of September 7, during a dense fog, the Nuneme went ashore on Uniak island, and completely wrecked herself and cargo. All on board escaped to land by means of life lines, which the sailors carried to shore by jumping overboard and swimming. Eight days later the captain took three men in a small boat and rowed from the wreck to Unalaska. After pulling for three days in an open boat they were picked up by the steamer Dora and taken to Unalaska. They were transferred to the cutter Grant, in which vessel they started for the men left on Uniak island. After securing them the cutter started for the Sound next day. The first day out from Unalaska two sailors, William Hood and Otto Severen, were drowned by being washed overboard while furling the outer jibs. Their bodies were not recovered. Hood was from this place, where his parents reside.

A Sunday school entertainment was given in the Centennial Methodist church last evening, when a programme of recitations, choruses and instrumental music was well rendered. Superintendent Noah Shakespeare presided, and there was a large number in attendance.

Just arrived from England and staying at the Dominion hotel is Mr. James Barratt, who until a few months ago lived in Western Australia. Mr. Barrett is a lawyer by profession, but during a lengthy residence in Western Australia has had a great deal of experience with mining. The climate on the coast he found pleasant enough, but when he tried the gold fields of the interior the intense heat undermined his health and he was forced to go home to the Old Country to recruit. Mining in Western Australia has been greatly overdone, Mr. Barratt states, and there is no doubt that the result will be a large exodus of mining men to other fields, many of them without doubt choosing British Columbia. What he advises strongly is that reliable information be placed before the Australians as to the advantages of this province for mining. Mr. Barratt is himself finding out what he can about British Columbia's mining resources, and it is possible that he may decide to remain here. Speaking of the Australian gold fields, he remarked that Coolgardie, which caused such an excitement some time ago, has had its day and now is done for.

Official Mining Maps at The Colonist

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The Progressive Town of Nelson Lets a Contract for Sewer Construction.

Litigation Over a Mining Venture That Didn't Pay—Vancouver Stock Market.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Sept. 28.—Harry Symonds, Q. C. representing J. H. Rothschild and other capitalists of London, submitted another smelter proposition to the Council last night which appears on the surface the most economical for the city. They have reduced their request for a bonus to $1 a ton on ore smelted up to 65,000 tons. For this $65,000 they transfer that amount of stock to the city. They are willing to take the bonus in lieu of the tax exemption and free water. They will deposit $5,000 as a guarantee of good faith to be returned after the submission of the by-law to the people, less the expenses of such submission. The smelter would be built on the south side of the inlet. Mr. Remington of Salt Lake City who asks for a bonus of $100,000 paid in the same way, for which he offers very attractive inducements, is now on his way here to push his claims. Mr. Symonds says no matter what is the fate of the by-law, his people will build a smelter in British Columbia, but the by-law will make a difference as to the location.

The Fire Mountain Mine Co. delivered this week a ton and a half of rock to a Vancouver citizen for the purpose of testing a recently patented amalgamating machine. After crushing less than 10 per cent. of the value of the ore went into the tailings. The assayer took out an ounce of crushed rock from each bucketfull as it went into the amalgamator, and this sample assayed $82 in gold and $2 in silver. The inventor of the machine claims that it is ahead of anything in the market.

Should all the mines at present in course of development turn as anticipated by those financially interested in them Vancouver would be a city of millionaires in five years. There is no doubt disappointment is in store for many, but that there will be many Vancouver citizens of humble means made rich is almost a foregone conclusion.

The Channe Company have acquired still another valuable property, this time near Salmon river, up North. It is called the Old Hat and runs $45 in copper on the surface.

Vancouver, Sept. 29.—Premier Turner left for Westminster to-day. He visits Chilliwack to-morrow and leaves for Nelson about October 2. The Premier said to a reporter; "If the people please themselves about introducing Dominion politics into provincial elections, I don't mind at all. If they want the election run on party lines I shall do nothing to prevent it. The principal thing is to push forward British Columbia, whether on party lines or other lines."

A man named Thompson was arrested yesterday and fined $60 for making trouble among the Indians. He tried to avoid arrest by running into the water to his waist, but he was soon so chilly that he came ashore.

Rev. Mr. Meikle has withdrawn his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The Vancouver and New Westminster lacrosse teams will play off their tie match at New Westminster next Saturday.

Collingwood Schreiber, deputy minister of railways and canals, E. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, and M. J. Hamey, superintendent of construction of the Crows Nest Pass road, are in the city. Mr. Schreiber has inspected the construction. Mr. Hamey said they were working to have the road through to Nelson by one year from November.

The local militia concert and "assault at arms" drew an immense house last night. Such enthusiasm was never before witnessed in Vancouver, the audience joining in the chorus and cheering the soldiers at the finish. The first part consisted of an entertainment provided by the talent in the military ranks and was amusing, instructive and entertaining. It consisted of physical drills, boxing, songs with rousing choruses, fencing, club swinging, trumpet and drum music and music by the band. The second part consisted of a comedy play, "Who's Your Friend?" in which the following favorites were enthusiastically received by the audience: Mrs. Henshaw, Mrs. Buntzen, Miss Warren, Miss Martin, Miss Lena Ferguson, Miss Maclin, Miss Holden, the Misses Crickmay, Miss Whitly, Messrs. Cope, Harris, Kealey, Kerfoot, Lucas, Scott, Seymour and Wye. The violin solo of Mr. Freimuth's was a feature of the evening. The concert netted a handsome sum for the battalion.

WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, Sept. 29.—T. L. Graham, formerly of the staff of the Columbian, is visiting here. He goes over to Victoria in a day or two to take a position on the editorial staff of the Victoria Times.

The New Westminster Choral Society organized last evening.

COWICHAN.

A meeting of the Cowichan Liberal Reform Association was held at Duncans on Monday night for the election of delegates to the Liberal convention at New Westminster and other business. It was decided to appoint a delegation of eight, and the following were elected: R. Henderson, Alex Herd, Jas. Evans, A. McKinnon, R. Grassie, C. Dobson, F. M. Garnet and J. N. Evans.

ROSSLAND.

The freight and passenger business of the two railways running into the city have both showed a marked increase during the past two weeks. Those who went out into the mountains prospecting and to do assessment and development work on their properties are now returning for the winter, and a number of men, who have been working in the mines and elsewhere, are beginning to bring in their families with the intention of making Rossland their permanent home. Rents are more reasonable than they were in boom times, and the cost of living is not as high as it was.

Agent E. W. Ruff, of the Red Mountain railway, in speaking of the increase of the passenger business, said that the arrival during the past few weeks have averaged about 55, while the departures were about 40. This is an increase and shows that the tide of travel which ran against Rossland during a few of the summer months has now turned in favor of this city. The freight business on the Red Mountain road, which ran down to about four car loads a day during the summer has now increased to from five to seven car loads a day. In the height of the boom last winter and fall it averaged nearly ten car loads a day.

At the Columbia & Western it was reported that there had been an increase of 50 per cent. in the business of the road in the past few weeks. There is also an increase in the passenger business, and the road handles about 100 per day, 50 each way.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, Sept. 25.—The decision of the C. P. R. to forthwith build into Rossland is received here with great satisfaction, especially as that company does not evince a desire to fight. Mr. Heinze, who has done so much for this country. The C. P. R. will use a portion of the C. & W. system for its service here.

An extraordinary amount of development work is being done in the mines of this camp and there is a general revival of good times. All sound stocks are climbing upward. The amount of the ore output has greatly increased lately.

The Merchants Bank of Halifax opens here next week.

Work is proceeding on the Le Roi smelter at Northport, but merchants here are realizing more and more every day that they will experience no benefit from the establishment of such an important industry on the southern side of the international boundary.

There is reason to believe that an enormous smelter will shortly be established at Robson. It will be used chiefly for the reduction of Centre Star ore.

NELSON.

The jury in the case of Samuel L. Moore vs. the Hall Mines, Ltd., brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,000 damages and costs. Points of law in non-suit were reserved for argument. The story as told from the witness box was to the effect that in January, 1897, Moore was working for the company, and on January 13 the shift boss told him to go down into the mine and assist a man named Clarence Edwards. Nine holes had been loaded and shot and Moore and Edwards went down to clean up. The former asked Edwards what he should do and the latter told him to pick the rock that had been thrown out by the blast. Moore obeyed the instructions and struck at the rock pile with his pick. A fierce explosion followed which tore out one of Moore's eyes and laid him up in the hospital for one month. In March he went to work once more for the company, and while engaged on the wood pile, was found asleep. This resulted in his discharge. The whole case seemed to depend upon the question as to whether the company was legally responsible for orders given by Edwards.

The committee on finance having reported on the proposition of the Nelson Electric Light Company, and recommending that it be accepted, provided that the company agree to dispose of its plant, franchises, etc., to the city within a period of one year at a price not to exceed $40,000, the council have adopted the report.

The contract for sewer construction has been awarded to Newling & Co. for $1,541 and work is to be commenced next Monday. Mr. Newling has had many years experience in railroad construction and for several years was under the late Thomas Andrew Walker, the eminent English contrator, who constructed the Severn tunnel, the inner circle of the railway from Mansion House to the Tower of London. He also superintended the construction of sewers which cost $40,000, in the ancient town of Lincoln, and was on the city staff in the construction of the Victoria sewers. Mr. A. Walkley will superintend the work of excavating and Mr. James Blackwood the work of pipe laying.

The case of C. M. Wilson vs. the Kootenai Water Supply Co., came up before Mr. Justice Drake last week on a motion to set aside a bill of sale of the company's property at the Pend d'Oreille river, on the grounds that it was made fraudulently and with intent to defeat and delay the creditors. Judgment for the plaintiff was rendered and the bill of sale was ordered produced in court for cancellation. It appears that the company, some time ago, put in an expensive plant at Seven Mile point on the Pend d'Oreille for the purpose of gold sluicing, and in all spent $80,000 in water wheels, motors, etc. After they had done a season's work a clean up was made which yielded $158 and a few odd cents. It was necessary to raise money to pay the men, and this was done by a note, endorsed by George Archer. The bill of sale was given to Archer as a collateral security.

The Miner says of a recent report: "Edward T. H. Simpkins has been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor to fill the office of deputy registrar, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. T. H. Giffin. For the past six months or more Mr. Simpkins has been acting deputy registrar, during the six months leave of absence granted Mr. Giffin. The latter, who has been steadily in the employ of the government for 25 years, returned recently, but finding his health would not permit him to resume his old duties, he tendered his resignation, and will probably take up his residence in Ontario. Mr. Simpkins is well fitted to discharge the duties devolving upon him, as he has been studying law for the last six years. He was born in St. Thomas, Ont., in 1873, and has been a resident of British Columbia for the past ten years. His residence in Nelson dates back to March, 1896."

The dream of Mr. McVicar, of the Nelson Hydraulic company, that his year's clean-up on Forty-nine Mile creek will largely recompense him for his work, seems in a fair way to be realized, if there be any truth in the maxim that "coming events cast their shadows before." The shadow in this case was a very substantial one and was is the form of a nugget weighing nine ounces, which was sold to a resident of Nelson for $180. The men are all engaged in the clean-up and every indication points to the fact that the yield of gold will be far in excess of any of the previous clean-ups. The widening out of the creek bed into a basin served as a natural repository for the gold, and the outlook for next season is very good.

Mr. Robert Hedley's administration of affairs at the Hall Mines smelter as superintendent seems to be remarkably successful. It is stated that the blast furnace under his direction one day last week treated 272 tons and is averaging between 230 and 250 tons daily.

A Suspected Cashier.

Copenhagen, Sept. 28.—Cashier Silveberg, of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, has been arrested here on the charge of embezzlement of $44,000, and with falsifying his accounts.

French Ambassador.

Paris, Sept. 28.—M. Jules Cambon, Governor-General of Algeria, it is announced, succeeds M. Patenotre as French ambassador at Washington, and M. Patenotre will go to Madrid.

Cable Extension.

London, Sept. 28.—The Icelandic parliament having voted a subsidy for the purpose, the Great Northern telegraph company will, during the early summer of next year, lay a cable from Scotland to Iceland. It is said that Great Britain will make cable connection from Iceland to British America.

The Cession of Kassala.

Suakim, Sept. 29.—Governor Parsons has gone from Massowa to Kassala, probably in connection with the cession of that place by the Italians to the British. It is reported that Osman Digna went to Mitidh, the military camp of the Dervishes, near Khartoum. Osman Digna's force has reached Sinkat.

Turks Cutting Up.

Canea (Island of Crete), Sept. 29.—Seven Turkish sailing vessels attempted to land troops on the Cretan coast, but the undertaking was balked by the admirals of the foreign warships.

Plague Riot.

Bombay, Sept. 29.—A plague search party has been mobbed at Igatpuri. Four members of the party, including a surgeon, are severely wounded.

Denbighshire Election.

London, Sept. 29.—The result of the election yesterday in the east division of Denbighshire for members of parliament to succeed the late Right Hon. Sir George Osborne Morgan, Bart., Liberal, deceased, is a Liberal victory with an increased majority. Sam Moss, Liberal, received 5,175; George T. Kenyon, Conservative, 2,848. At the last general election Sir George Morgan, Liberal, polled 4,899 votes, and Mr. T. S. I. Rakes, Conservative, 3,115.

The Duke's Body Recovered.

Hamburg, Sept. 29.—The body of Duke Frederick William, of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, who was drowned with eight of his crew by the capsizing and sinking of their torpedo boat near the lightship off Cuxhaven on September 26, has been recovered.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

The famous clairvoyant and second sight seer was about to give a public exhibition of his wonderful powers. As the performance was about to begin he called his manager and whispered:

"Have that man in the audience who just crooked his finger and drew it across his forehead put out of the room."

"Why?" asked the manager.

"Because," said the clairvoyant, "there is a limit even to the knowledge of one to whom the secrets of the past and the future are as an open book. He's going to ask where his wife keeps his clean handkerchiefs."—New York World.

Those having the greatest sorrows to bear are not the ones making the greatest fuss over them.—Philadelphia Times.

"No; I never talk to an inferior."

"But have you ever met one?"—Tit-Bits.

"I'm an orphan, sir," she said;
He tenderly consoled her,
And when he saw in pleased her, too,
His sympathy grew bolder.

"Poor, lonely little one," he said,
"I also am another;
'Twould be the thing, I'm sure, if I
Should kiss you for your mother."

He did, but e'en that thoughtful deed
Seemed hardly to suffice her;
She murmured, "I forgot to say
My pa was married twice, sir."
—Detroit Free Press.

Pat—Phwat's "insomnia," Moike?

Mike—Whoi, ut's a disease thot won't let a felly schlape whin he wants to!

Pat—Begorrah! ut musht be a good dale loike an alar-um clock, thin!—Puck.

"Why, I'd like to know," said a lady to a judge, "cannot a woman become a successful lawyer?"

"Because she's too fond of giving her opinion without pay," answered the judge.—Tit-Bits.

Tourist (after spending two days in a mountain hotel)—Be sure to have my bill ready to-morrow at 7.

Host—Without fail, and if I have to sit up all night over it.—Fliegende Blaetter.

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