

Local News

Ask for Amherst, solid leather footwear.

Salt Spring Show.—A Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, correspondent, writes: "Mr. W. S. Ritchie, the Colonist, to state that the annual fair will be held at Ganges Harbor on September 19, and not September 26, as stated some weeks ago. The prize lists of the Islands Agricultural Society will be ready for distribution in a short time."

May Visit Coast.—Canadian members of parliament living in the East may make a trip to British Columbia next summer to view this land of wonderful scenery. In motion that the government send out a party will in all probability be presented to parliament at its next session by Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, M. P. for Beaufort, Quebec, who is now visiting the coast cities.

The Boom in Logs.—Mr. Andrew Haslam, supervisor of log scalers, states that in July government officials scaled twenty million feet of logs. He estimates that outside of this there must have been fifteen million feet of logs taken from Dominion government lands, etc., and not subject to the provincial scaling restrictions. This he estimates that thirty-five million feet of logs was put into water on the coast. This is the biggest month in the history of the industry. Mr. Haslam says that a conservative estimate of the cut in the mountains might be fifteen million feet of logs for the month of July thus the total cut in the province would be estimated at fifty million feet.

Train Crew's Fun.—The other day the crew of the coal train running between Ladysmith and Extension had a rather unusual experience while on the road. They had reached Brenton's crossing, about three miles above the city, when an old bear and three cubs were seen crossing the track just ahead of the engine. As the train passed the crew practiced all the twists and turns on the baseball field which they knew or had read about while throwing pieces of coal at the animals. The bear was probably driven in close to town by the bush fire which is raging in that vicinity.

The Robertson Rafts.—Captain R. H. Robertson, manager of the Robertson Raft Company of Portland, is at New Westminster inspecting sites on the Fraser River, with a view to choosing one suitable for the construction of a canal for immense sea-going rafts. It is essential that these rafts should be constructed in fresh water, and for that reason the Fraser River has been chosen. But since British Columbia logs are not exportable, Captain Robertson intends to purchase the logs on Puget Sound and tow them to the Fraser River and make them into rafts for exportation there. The project has proceeded so far that two oil-burning steamers are now being built at the Atlantic coast for the special purpose of towing the log rafts, and these vessels are expected early next year.

Shipment of Game Birds.—The secretary of the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club has been advised through Mr. Chaldecott, secretary of the Vancouver Island Rod and Gun Club, that the first shipment of capercaillie and grouse will be made from Cape Horn on the 20th of September. The shipment will consist of about one hundred birds, and will be followed by another consignment early next Spring. The importation of these birds, was made possible by the fact that the purpose by a few local sportsmen, assisted by subscriptions from England and from several of the large dealers in sporting goods. The local subscription list is still open and anyone who wishes to assist may leave his subscription with the secretary of the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club. A meeting of the committee of the club will be called in a few days to decide as to the most suitable place to play, to turn the birds loose on Vancouver Island.

A Chat About Comox

Eric Dunham, the Bard of Comox, introducing his little book of Rural Rhymes to the public says of them that they are not the rose-tinted reveries of a rusticating rhapsodist, but the regular, rough reminiscences of a real rancher written by himself. The ordinary rancher is not, however, a literary man and does not care to write about himself in the newspapers, hence it remains for an ordinary "penny-aliner," as the English people call him, to tell of the Comox farmers, and of the beautiful valley in which they live. While only a few of the original settlers, those who came to the valley half a century ago, remain, the community is almost as unchangeable as is an English or Scotch rural village. The keynote of the settlement is "stability." At a recent gathering at which half of the ranchers were present a resident of sixteen years' standing was heard to remark that almost everyone there was living in Comox before he arrived. The farms are not for sale, except in a few isolated cases, and the owners expect to live on them for the remainder of their days.

What has been said does not imply that the Comox farmer is not up to date, nor does it mean that the whole valley is settled up and that there are no more improvements to be made. There is in the village of Courtenay one of the finest little creameries in the province, ably managed, and well patronized. The output has about doubled during the four years of its existence, and if several of the largest of the dairy farmers do not send their cream there for manufacture it is because they have creameries of their own in which the butter is made just as scientifically as in the larger institution, and their reputation for high class butter was made long before the new creamery was thought of.

Byron Crawford is one of the largest farmers in Comox, his two hundred and

Interim Dividend.—The directors of the Bank of British North America have resolved to declare a interim dividend of 30s per share for the half year ended June 30 last, being at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, carrying forward about £37,000.

The Sockeye Pack.—According to former State Fish Commissioner T. R. Kershaw, of Seattle, the sockeye pack of Puget Sound will this year be only 100,000 cases or less than half that of 1902. The pack last year was 847,122 cases.

Narrowly Averted.—Arrivals from Shawinigan Lake report that a drowning accident in the West Arm was narrowly averted on Sunday. A child of Louis Stelmier's was in bathing with a pair of water wings, and came within an ace of losing his life. When rescued the child was in the last stages of exhaustion. After being taken out of the water everything possible was done to bring about respiration, and it was not for some considerable time that this was done.

Accident at Banff.—Miss N. Smith, of the King Edward hotel staff, at Banff, had a narrow escape from drowning at the Basin the other evening. Miss Smith had been swimming with a life belt on, put into water on the last stages of exhaustion. On her way to her dressing room the attractions of the bath induced her to take "just one more plunge," and forgetting that she had no belt on, she jumped into the deepest part of the pool where the water is about eight feet deep. She had sunk for the last time when Mr. Hinchings, of High river, who had just finished dressing, plunged in with all his clothes on and brought her to the surface. Even then it was over half an hour before she was brought to consciousness.

Strike in Cariboo.—What is said to be the richest gold strike in Cariboo within the past 25 years was made at Peters creek, near Stanley, by an old miner named Mathers. Mathers' discovery is the result of persistent prospecting and deep diggings. At the depth of 100 feet he struck dirt that yielded 30 ounces of gold to the set of ten feet. The news came to the city yesterday in a letter received by Fred Richardson from T. A. Blair of Barkerville. In the letter, Mr. Blair says: "My old miner has struck it rich at last. This is the biggest strike that has been made here within the past 25 years. The gold is described as coarse and heavy such as was discovered at Old Point a few years ago. The value is estimated at about \$600 to the ton. Mathers had a good deal to do to contend with in getting down through the slum, but when he got down to the gravel of the old channel he struck it rich. It is, of course, admitted that the strike is in Cariboo, and is not on the old channels, will no doubt start many people digging."

Argument.—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says Chief Louis Good of Nana-mo has invited Wm. G. Stewart head of an Opera company playing at Seattle to accompany his party and the braves of the Spokane, Colville, Yakima and Nez Perce tribes in an expedition into the interior of Vancouver Island in an endeavor to find the source of the yellow metal from which his forefathers shaped the golden bullets used in the muskets supplied them by the Hudson's Bay company. Chief Good, who is a well educated Indian, became acquainted with Mr. Stewart through association on the football fields of a prominent Eastern college team. Both being hardy athletes, a fast friendship sprang up between them. According to Mr. Stewart, Chief Good will meet the braves at Nanaimo the next week in August, and it is proposed to start for the wilds of the interior no later than August 27th. The expedition is to be equipped for a stay of three months, if necessary. There will be twenty-three braves and chiefs in the party, with pack horses and supplies.

of butter from about twenty pounds of milk, that is from two gallons. Last year his output was 17,000 lbs. of butter, which he sold at an average price of 27 cents a pound. Forty-five cows being milked on an average. In order to get this result it was necessary to buy about five hundred dollars' worth of bran and alfalfa besides the oats and peas which he grew and crushed at home. Mangolds and turnips are fed during the winter. The difficulty that many farmers find in growing the winter crop has been overcome by Mr. Urquhart. The mangold seed often falls to germinate, so in order not to lose the use of the ground for the season he sows a small quantity of turnip seed directly after sowing the mangolds. The latter fail the turnips, instead a full crop from the land and the cost of the seed is very small. The only difficulty is that a different fertilizer is used for the different roots.

In the matter of milking Mr. Urquhart differs from many dairymen. He believes in washing the cow's udders before milking instead of milking dry. A pail of warm water is kept in the stable and the udder of each is cleansed with a cloth, which is then wrung dry. He thinks this much more satisfactory than the plan advocated by many lecturers of wiping with a dry cloth. Sheep are kept on this farm but although they breed successfully, there is usually some loss from pantheism or sheep stealers of some kind, which takes off most of the profit. A good example of a successful upland farmer is J. A. Halliday, who, until within the past few years, has been one of the big army of British Columbia school teachers. Of his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, ninety is under cultivation, and on this he keeps twenty pure Jersey grades. He feeds the latter best because he thinks they give better returns for the amount of food consumed and are harder than the pure bred stock. From these grass season one hundred and sixty pounds of butter a week, which is delivered to patrons in Cumberland. During the winter this output drops to about thirty pounds a week. All the feed is produced on the farm except a small amount of bran which is fed with cracked oats. On account of the small amount of pasture land, soiling has to be resorted to in order

Alberni Liberal Convention.—Following are a few names to come before the Liberal convention to be held at Alberni on the 29th August, when a candidate will be chosen to contest the District of Alberni: H. C. Brewster, Clayoquot; Danvers Osborne, Bamfield; Capt. John Irving, Victoria; J. R. Motion, Alberni; J. F. Bledsoe, Alberni; Hugh Aiken, Nanaimo; C. H. Barker, Nanaimo; Aaron Barnes, Wellington.

Valuable Stallion Shot.—King Patchen, the most valuable standard-bred stallion in British Columbia, was shot in his stable at the Hastings race-track on Monday night. In the afternoon he was kicked by another race-horse on the track, and after that lay down in his stall until evening. In attempting to get on his feet the injured leg broke at the hip and he had to be shot. King Patchen was worth at least \$1000 and was the property of James Richardson. He was the sire of several swift racers, among them being Glangarry Patchen, with a record of 2:13 1/4, and B. C. King, owned by Mr. Hollinshead of Ladner, which has a record of 38 1/4 for a half mile in Victoria.

Col. Egan Here.—Col. J. G. Egan, the dean of the Kootenay newspaper fraternity and editor of the Rossland Miner, is enjoying a vacation in the city. The colonel is a brother of Martin Egan, who won fame as an Associated Press correspondent during the Russo-Japanese war and is now head of the Associated staff in the old world metropolis. During the early days of the Rossland boom Col. Egan was in the vanguard of newspaper correspondents who flocked to the Golden City to tell the world of the new Eldorado. Practically speaking, he has resided there ever since and has guided the destinies of the Daily Miner. Few men in the southern interior have as large a circle of acquaintances as the colonel, who is withal a prince of good fellows.

Shortage of Logs.—The fact that there are very few logs now in the water on this coast, coupled with the certainty that there will be an immense falling off in the production of logs during the next few months owing to the rainy season hampering work in the woods, will probably cause the importation of large quantities of timber from Puget Sound. Several mill managers with an eye to the future believe that next winter there will be something of a log famine on the coast because the demand for lumber is not likely to decrease coincidentally with the log supply. This being the case, inquiries are now being pursued on the American side for fir timber. Owing to the strike at shingle and lumber mills on Puget Sound, large quantities of good fir have accumulated there, and the owners being unable to handle it are willing to sell.

A Good Tourist Year.—Hayter Reed, superintendent of the C. P. R. hotel system has returned to the East from his annual trip of inspection of the railway's chain of hotels between the Atlantic and Pacific. He stated in an interview that the tourist business had been unusually good from one end of Canada to the other, all the big hotels doing splendid business, especially with Mr. Stewart through association on the football fields of a prominent Eastern college team. Both being hardy athletes, a fast friendship sprang up between them. According to Mr. Stewart, Chief Good will meet the braves at Nanaimo the next week in August, and it is proposed to start for the wilds of the interior no later than August 27th. The expedition is to be equipped for a stay of three months, if necessary. There will be twenty-three braves and chiefs in the party, with pack horses and supplies.

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to keep up the butter supply. The favorite crop of autumn sowing is corn. At first the cows were not very fond of this feed, but now they eat it quite readily. This year a larger acreage than usual of corn is being grown, and this will be preserved in a silo which is being built. When the mangolds are all being used the silage will be fed to the milking cows while the young stock get turnips because the turnips favor the butter if fed to the milkers. As elsewhere throughout the valley the crops on this farm are very heavy this year with the exception of the corn, and even that crop is not light on the Halliday farm because of the careful cultivation it has received.

Mr. Halliday has solved the labor problem by keeping with him two sons, who are not afraid of work. Their motto is to do all the work of the farm themselves and never sell anything except what might be called the "finished product," that is, beef, fat hogs, butter, and eggs.

This is one of the few farms where a careful record is kept of the milk of each cow. In the stable is a spring balance on which the milk of each cow is weighed, the operation not occupying more than two or three seconds. Each cow is credited with the amount and any cow that falls below a certain average is made ready for the butcher. The milk is tested from time to time and the quality of the milk is of course taken into account in deciding the value of the cow.

These examples are sufficient just now to show that the Comox farmer is keeping up with the times. There is a feeling of prosperity pervading the whole valley, prices are good, and everyone has some ready money within reach. The farms are all being enlarged and improved and new buildings are erected as required. On the other hand there are many sections of land as yet untouched, except by the logger. These are mostly on the outskirts of the present settlement and the land is good enough to well repay the opening up. The difficulty here as elsewhere, is the cost of labor. Not that two and a half dollars a day is too much for a man to get, but it is too much for a farmer to pay for clearing his land.

At a recent farmers' picnic the writer had occasion to tell those present something of the stumping operations conducted in the State of Washington, at Seaside, and in the Duncan district. Much interest is being taken in the subject, and from remarks made by several individuals, it seems likely that Comox will have a stumping outfit at work in the near future.

SALE OF A LARGE MILL AT ARROWHEAD

Deal is Confirmed by Principals Who are Guests at Dallas Hotel.

Messrs. Thomas Meredith, of Winnipeg, president, and Mr. W. W. Fraser, of Emerson, Manitoba, secretary-treasurer and two of the principle stockholders of the Arrowhead Lumber company are guests at the Hotel Dallas, accompanied by their families. When interviewed by a Colonist reporter Wednesday evening, these gentlemen confirmed the report that they had completed the sale of their large mill at Arrowhead, together with their valuable timber holdings which consist of one and a half billions of feet of lumber on the Arrowhead and the adjacent country. The mill which has just been sold is one of the largest, if not the largest, in the interior, having a capacity of 140 thousand feet every 10 hours. The Arrowhead Lumber company has been successfully operated for the last two years and the assets of the company are well and favorably known in the lumber business. Mr. Fraser stated last evening that they do not intend abandoning the lumber business and already are making arrangements whereby another large lumber unit will be purchased. The last item will be good news for the people of this province. They are the class of men wanted in British Columbia at the present time. They are live business men, possessed of all the strong characteristics known to Western business men, which go to make up such men as the business requires. They are to be congratulated on securing for the province, such men as they have sold their valuable property, viz., Messrs. C. R. Lamb, Hall Watson, and associates of Minneapolis. It is believed that the purchasers are among the most wealthy lumbermen in the state of Minnesota. The new firm will prove a great acquisition to the lumber interests in the province and it is stated on good authority that they intend materializing the increasing capacity of their plant at once. It is understood that the purchasing price of 3-4 of a million dollars, will be paid in cash to the old Arrowhead company. It will be remembered by the residents of both this province and of Manitoba, that the late W. R. Beatty ex-M. P. for Brandon, Ontario, then a member and one of the stockholders of the company, lost his life in February, 1905 in a fire which consumed the company's large boarding house at Arrowhead. Mr. Beatty being general manager at the time. It was under Mr. Beatty's direct supervision that the present Arrowhead mill was erected. Almost immediately after Mr. Beatty's demise, in fact only seven days after the death of the president of the company, Mr. Archibald McMan, died of typhoid fever, while on the company's business at Ottawa. This ended suddenly the lives of two of the most useful and well known gentlemen, who were esteemed by all who knew them. Since Mr. Beatty's demise the company's business has been ably conducted by Mr. Rand Gibbons.

We are pleased to note that along with Messrs. Meredith and Fraser, Mr. Andrew Wright, of St. Charles street, is a stockholder, having considerable interests. These stockholders are the most wealthy men in Ontario and Manitoba. Mr. Fraser gave their names as follows: H. H. O'Reilly, manager of the Bank of Hamilton in Winnipeg; Messrs. Thompson and Avery, Sharnborth Lake, Ontario; W. R. Beatty ex-M. P. for Brandon, wholesale grocer, Winnipeg; D. Macdonald, railroad contractor, Winnipeg; J. and R. Johnston, railroad contractors, Winnipeg; Mr. Prince, Battleford; Dr. Froude, Winnipeg.

Messrs. Meredith and Fraser are spending a vacation in the city and will return to Arrowhead about the 20th inst., when they will turn the property over to the new company about September 1st.

HONORABLE JOHN COSTIGAN

New Brunswick's "Grand Old Man" comes out strongly in favor of "Fruit-a-tives."

Who has not heard of the Honorable John Costigan? He is to-day one of the most powerful, as well as one of the oldest, figures in Canadian politics. He was one of Sir John Macdonald's ablest lieutenants, and for nearly 20 years held various portfolios in the cabinet.

To-day at the age of 71, he is the idol of the electors of New Brunswick, and a power to be always reckoned with in Parliament.

His rugged eloquence—biting sarcasm—and ready repartee—make him at once the dread of his opponents and the delight of his conferees.

When a public man of the Hon. John Costigan's position voluntarily testifies to the marvelous cure effected by "Fruit-a-tives," it is bound to carry convincing weight with the whole Canadian people.

OTTAWA, ONT.,
232 Cooper St., Jan. 8th, 1906.



You know what fearful trouble I have had all my life from constipation. I have been a dreadful sufferer from chronic constipation for over thirty years and I have been treated by many physicians and I have taken many kinds of proprietary medicines without any benefit whatever. I took a pill for a long time which was prescribed by the late Dr. C. R. Church, of Ottawa. Also for many months I took a pill prescribed by Dr. A. F. Rogers, of Ottawa. Nothing seemed to do me any good. Finally I was advised by Dr. Rogers to try "Fruit-a-tives" and after taking them for a few months I feel I am completely well from this horrible complaint. I have had no trouble with this complaint now for a long time, and I can certainly state that "Fruit-a-tives" is the only medicine I ever took that did me any positive good for constipation. I can conscientiously recommend "Fruit-a-tives" to the public as, in my opinion, it is the finest medicine ever produced.

(Signed)
JOHN COSTIGAN.

Was ever medicine put to a severer test than this? Here was a great Public Official, who had suffered for more than 30 years with Chronic Constipation. The leading physicians of Ottawa prescribed for him without affording any permanent relief. Finally, as a last resort, "Fruit-a-tives" were ordered. And in THREE MONTHS, Mr. Costigan WAS WELL.

"Fruit-a-tives" did in THREE MONTHS, what doctors and drugs failed to do in THIRTY YEARS.

"Fruit-a-tives" are the most perfect combination known to medical science. They are fruit juices concentrated and combined with tonics and internal antiseptics.

Unlike liver pills, anti-bilious pills, and all preparations containing calomel, cascara, senna, licorice, etc., "Fruit-a-tives" act like fruit DIRECTLY ON THE LIVER. They arouse this organ to vigorous health—strengthen it—and increase the flow of bile. It is the bile, given up by the liver, which enters the bowels and makes them move.

Unless the liver is active and excretes sufficient bile to move the bowels regularly and naturally every day, there is bound to be Constipation. And the only remedy that will cure Constipation is one that puts the liver in a healthy, active condition as "Fruit-a-tives" do.

Do you suffer with Chronic Constipation? Are you bilious? Is the liver inactive? Is the stomach out of order? Does the head ache? Do your kidneys trouble you? Is the skin disfigured with pimples? Is the appetite poor? Take "Fruit-a-tives." They sweeten the stomach—regulate the liver, kidneys and bowels—clear the skin—and build up strength and invigorate the whole system.

One box will prove their value. 50c. a box or 6 boxes for \$2.50. Sent on receipt of price if your druggist does not handle them.

FRUIT-A-TIVES LIMITED, OTTAWA.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT YORK COUNTRY LOAN

How Settling of Liabilities and Realizing on Assets are Being Carried Out.

The following statement was given out at the office of the National Trust company, liquidators of the York Country Loan & Savings company at Toronto: "It is perhaps as well that some statement should be made at this time as to the present position of the liquidation. The duties of the liquidator naturally fall into two classes:

"First, the settlement of the liabilities. As has already been stated, the shareholders number over one hundred thousand, and as there was no proper filing system at the offices of the company prior to liquidation a system had to be devised and each claim properly listed. As the books have come in they have been audited and filed and the tens of thousands of letters received from shareholders have been sorted and filed with the claim to which they refer. Notwithstanding the facilities provided by the banks and others, some thirty thousand shareholders' claims have been disposed of, and the liquidator's staff has been engaged for some months in writing up these claims from the books. We have met with a number of difficulties in writing up these claims, but the task is now practically completed, and all the claims will be filed within a week or so. It will then be necessary for our staff to go carefully over every claim filed and place it in its proper classification. We have prepared a schedule for this purpose, which will divide the shareholders into different classes

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"The liquidator has out of the realizations paid all the first charges upon the properties, such as taxes, first mortgages, etc., thereby saving the interest charges. No payments have, however, as yet been made on account of the claims made against the liquidation by collectors and agents. These matters will, however, be attended to as soon as it is possible to properly audit the claims and check them with the shareholders' pass books.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

To Elizabeth Beer and Jessica Beer: TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to register Charles Edward Cooper as owner in fee simple of the Eastern part of Lot 71, Block G, Victoria West, under Tax Sale Deed from Corporation of the City of Victoria, dated the 25th day of September, 1905, and you are each required to contest the claim of said Tax purchaser within twenty-one days from the first publication hereof.

Dated at Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this 18th day of July, 1906.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General.

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IS DOING WELL.

B. C. Packers' Stock has a Splendid Recovery.

Says the Montreal Star in its issue of Friday, Aug. 17th: "Montreal has recently been attracted to British Columbia Packers' company as a stock that has made a remarkable recovery from poverty to prosperity."

In June, 1905, the company owed the banks \$800,000, as the result of loans to finance operations. Today the company owes the banks but \$69,000, and is now financing the pack from its own surplus, that in a measure could be made available to continue paying the back dividends.

"It will be recalled that the company only recently paid \$37,500 on the preferred stock for 1905."

"The company in 1905 showed gross sales of \$2,168,281, and a surplus of \$488,248. This added to \$189,284 worth of stock on hand made \$699,000. "The capital stock of the company is \$1,511,400 common and \$1,270,000 preferred."

"The general manager's report, just issued, is a most encouraging document, and speaks very hopefully of the future."

GAINED 25 POUNDS.

"I was much run down in health, could not sleep, was very nervous, and so weak that I could hardly get around. Some months ago I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and today I am pleased to say that I am completely restored to health. I have gained over twenty-five pounds in weight, sleep well and feel strong and healthy."—Miss Annie Evans, 39 Göttingen St., Halifax, N. S.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

HAZELTON and BULKLEY VALLEY

Prospectors and intending settlers can be fully equipped at R. S. Sargent's General Store at Hazelton. All prospectors' groceries packed in cotton sacks. Small pack train in connection with business. Fourteen years in business at Hazelton. DROP ME A LINE.

R. S. SARGENT, HAZELTON, B. C.