WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
24th to 30th May, 1905.

The weather during this week has been quite the reverse of that experienced during the last seven days. It has been remarkably fine and warm both on Vancouver Island and throughout the Mainland; no rain has fallen, except a light shower in this vicinity and an unmeasureable amount on the Lower Fraser valley on the night of Saturday, 27th, during the passage of some thunder and lightning. This fine warm weather extended up the Coast to Port Simpson; and also at Dawson the same conditions were reported. The barometer has been comparatively high over the North Pacific Coast, and light to moderate winds, chiefly from the westward, have prevailed from this to California.

In the northern portion of the Territories light frosts occurred upon the first few days, elsewhere the weather has been fine and moderately warm, with occasional showers or thunderstorms.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine recorded was 71 hours and 48 minutes; rain, .02 inch; highest temperature, 72.2 on 26th; lowest, 45.0 on 25th.

Vancouver—Highest temperature, 77 on 27th; lowest, 36 on 24th and 25th.

New Westminster—Rain, a trace; highest temperature, 78 on 26th and 27th; lowest, 38 on 24th and 25th.

Kamloops—A trace of rain; highest temperature, 84 on 30th; lowest, 40 on 25th.

Barkerville—A trace of rain; highest temperature, 78 on 30th; lowest, 34 on 29th and 30th.

Port Simpson—A trace of rain; highest temperature, 76 on 28th; lowest, 44 on the 25th.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 78 on 25th; lowest, 40 on 24th.

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—G. Cross, provincial police officer, is investigating a serious matter which has been brought to his attention. Obscene writing on pieces of paper and elsewhere have been from time to time displayed along the Carey road. The work is evidently that of a man. Mr. Cross is making a careful inquiry into the case.

—W. Northcott, city purchasing agent, is calling for tenders for the cutting and removal of the grass at the Ross Bay cemetery and the Isolation hospital. There are five and two acres respectively in the properties referred to. Tenders must be all in by 4 p. m., June 5th.

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

—The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the following donations for the month of May: Mrs. L. J. Quaghotti, San Francisco newspapers; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; Mr. Morrison, reading matter; Mr. Ridgman, books and cakes; City Librarian, newspapers; T. Shotbolt, newspapers; Times and Colonist, daily, and Mining Exchange.

—An explosion of dynamite occurred at the Lenora mine Wednesday, seriously injuring William Morrish, an employee, in the head. He was removed to the hospital at Chemainus. Dr. Perry was called to attend the injured man. Up to the present the cause of the explosion is unknown.

—The Victoria Transfer Company will have their new tally-ho out in a few days. The one in service last year, after which the new one is patterned on a smaller scale, has already been in much demand this year, and the company expect to keep both busy during the coming season. The new vehicle will be well adapted for party purposes, and will doubtless be engaged quite extensively in this work.

—An ideal investment is what people are looking for. But what is an ideal investment? In the first place an ideal investment must be absolutely safe, without this no investment is worthy of a moment's consideration. Secondly, it must be free from taxation that sapper of net returns. Thirdly, it must earn a good rate of interest. Fourthly, it must be guaranteed for a long term of years. The 5 per cent gold bond issued by The Mutual Life of Canada is just such an investment. A. B. McNeil, special agent; R. L. Drury, manager, 34 Broad street.*

—At the Nanaimo Assizes Tuesday, the jury, after two hours' consideration of the evidence against Southin, accused of indecent assault, failed to agree. The defence was to the effect that the story against the prisoner was one concocted by Miss Trumper, the lady in the case, and A. C. Thompson, formerly of the Ladysmith Recorder. The jury was discharged. The crown prosecutor, H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., moved to postpone the case to the next assizes, as he did not think it advisable to traverse the case at this sitting. It is probable that the case will not be dropped.

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—On Tuesday afternoon the funeral of Harry Hall took place from the family residence, Douglas street, at 2.15, and at 2.30 o'clock at the Centennial Methodist church. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman. A number of appropriate hymns were rendered by the choir, which was in attendance. Among them were "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Rock of Ages Cleft For Me." There were many beautiful floral tributes. The following acted as pall-bearers: Frank Davey, George Holt, Edward Parsons, Thos. Hammond, Harry Croft and Wilford Gibson.

—As mentioned in another column, a city league lacrosse match will be played between the Victoria West and Star teams to-morrow evening at Oak Bay grounds. The personnel of the respective teams follows: Victoria West—Goal, R. Stevens; points, H. Jenkinson; cover-point, E. Lyall; 1st d., A. Stevens; 2nd d., W. Battersby; 3rd d., C. White; centre, F. Baker; 3rd h., G. Holler; 2nd h., R. McGinnis; 1st h., T. Cessford; outside home, F. Jacobson; inside home, H. Monteith. Stars—Goal, Dempster; point, Taylor; c. point, Richmond; 1st d., Finlaison; 2nd d., Temple; 3rd d., Laing; centre, Gawley; 3rd h., Haughton; 2nd h., McLaughlin; 1st h., Rhodes; outside home, Stewart; inside home, Simpson; reserve, J. Lorimer. W. Hendron has been selected to act as referee.

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—Next Tuesday evening, June 5th, a concert, followed by a laughable little comedy in which some well known local amateurs will take part, will be given, by kind permission of the officer commanding troops, in the Fives Court, Work Point barracks, for the benefit of St. Joseph's church at Esquimalt, of which Rev. Father Nicolaye is pastor. On Thursday, June 8th, the same concert and comedy will be repeated in Institute hall, View street. Already the tickets on sale for the performance at the Work Point barracks hav been larger than was expected, and show the high esteem in which Father Nicolaye is held by his military and civil friends.

—Two Victoria horses participated in the races held recently at the Hasting track near Vancouver. Maid of Delmaro, owned and driven by C. A. Harrison, proprietor of the Driard hotel, was first in a trotting and pacing competition. There were seven starters and the contest was close and interesting. Victoria Girl, owned by Dr. Humber, of this city, entered the race set aside for horses without records. She took fourth place. Although loosing the competition Dr. Humber is very much pleased with her performance, as she acted well on the track and gives promise of developing more speed with proper training.

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—A Quatsino correspondent writes telling of the discovery of a good seam of coal, six feet thick, on the west arm of the Sound by the North Vancouver Coal Company. He states that a wharf and trail are being constructed preparatory to making a sample shipment. The property, he says, lies beside several iron deposits recently acquired by a Seattle syndicate. Referring to operations for the development of the latter he announces that eleven men have been employed, and will start work immediately. He also states that Messrs. Grant and Labby intend opening up the famous June group of mines in the near future.

—A. B. Christensen, secretary of the Cape Scott colony, writes that there is evidence that the skulls found in the cave at Raft cove are of Caucasian origin. Referring to a skull which he is sending to the city he says: "The size of the skull and the teeth indicate it as that of a youth, while the well developed front part of the head and less prominent backhead are not inconsistent with the theory of the Spanish nationality of the crew that here have met their death. Several of the skulls show the same marks of violence as the one I send you. Some of the skulls are covered with crystals—a fact which might assist in determining their age. Of these I have none in my possession. The discoverers only took four skulls from the cave, of which Mr. Illstad gave me the one I am sending you."

—There was a large attendance at the farewell social given in honor of Rev. J. P. Westman, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, and Mrs. Westman, who have resided here for the past three years, and leave on Friday for Cranbrook, at the church Monday evening. S. Johns occupied the chair, and among those occupying seats on the platform were Rev. G. K. B. Adams, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church; Rev. J. P. Hicks and Rev. Mr. Dean. All delivered appropriate addresses referring to the successful work of Rev. Mr. Westman and Mrs. Westman during the period they have resided at the Centennial church parsonage. F. Davey, secretary of the board of management, read an address. It was accompanied by the presentation of a suitable token of their appreciation of the loss about to be sustained through the severing of Rev. Mr. Westman's connection with the church and its congregation. The pastor made a suitable response. An excellent musical programme was rendered and refreshments were served. The remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

—On Monday an accident occurred on Cook street, a young man, Mr. Mansfield, 19 years of age, and a resident of Regina, being seized with an epleptic fit and falling heavily on the Cook street cement sidewalk. He struck on his head, and was discovered in an unconscious condition. The patrol, the ambulance and Drs. Robinson and Hart were immediately summoned. An examination disclosed a fractured skull, and the patient was removed to the Jubilee hospital for treatment. Fortunately the fracture afterwards was found to be slight, and complete recovery is looked for within a few weeks. Recently Mr. Mansfield has been employed on a small coasting vessel sailing out of San Francisco and arrived in Victoria only a few days ago via Seattle.

—The parade committee in connection with the recent celebration give notice that all prize winners can get the money coming to them by applying to E. C. Smith at the city hall. A protest which was lodged against the awarding of a prize in event No. 13 for the second best pair of horses in a local delivery wagon has been sustained, and the honors have been transferred from the Victoria Truck & Dray Company to Messrs. Weiler Bros. Chief Watson has turned over to the celebration committee his prize of $10, won for the second best pair of roadsters.

—The total clearings of the Victoria clearing house for the month of May totalled $3,212,902. For the same month during the past four years the returns were as follows: 1904, $2,424,677; 1903, $2,362,798; 1902, $2,725,430; 1901, $2,962,193.

—The customs returns for the month of May are as follows: Value of dutiable goods, $217,616; value of free goods, $75,589; total imports, $293,205; duty, $63,098.75; Chinese revenue, $22; other revenues, $105.15. Total revenue, $63,225.90. Domestic exports, $54,051; foreign exports, $7,316; total exports, $61,367.

—The Margherita Mandolin Club can now be counted among the promising musical organizations of the city. A meeting was held in Signor Claudio's studio on Wednesday, when steps were taken towards organization. H. H. Ball was elected president and Signor Claudio secretary-treasurer. Upwards of a dozen instrumentalists were enrolled as members.

—Ald. Douglas is in receipt of a communication asking whether he has disposed of any portion of his property to J. West, the contractor, to be converted into gravel pits. He wishes it announced publicly that no lots have been sold by him to Mr. West for such a purpose.

—At the inquest Tuesday afternoon into the circumstances surrounding the death of Warden John, evidence was given that death was due to a rupture of a large vessel near the heart. The jury brought in a verdict in accordance with this.

—A union meeting of teachers and officers of the Sabbath schools of Calvary Baptist church was held Tuesday night. There was a good attendance, and plans for the picnic were discussed. The report of the committee on transportation was received, and it was decided that the picnic be held this year at Langford Plains.

—In connection with the improvements to be carried out at the Central school, the committee having the work in charge reported to the meeting of the school trustees Monday that it will be necessary to remove some of the trees. In travelling the grounds, one clump of these trees are found to be in the way, and the board on Monday authorized that this work be gone on with. A number of the trutees, however, are opposed to the destruction of any of the trees, but others while regretting this deem the action necessary.

—The funeral of the late William Henry Smith took place Monday afternoon from the residence of F. L. Smith, 85 Herald street, at 2.30, and at Christ church cathedral at 3 o'clock. Rev. Canon Beanlands conducted religious services at both the church and grave. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral tributes. The following acted as pall-bearers: W. G. Cameron, M. P. P., R. B. McMicking, J. Hastie, E. H. Hiscock, S. Shore, J. S. Bailey.

—A largely attended meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropoilitan Methodist church was held on Monday. An instructive address on Manchuria was delivered by W. Major, who has travelled all through China as well as Siberia. His description of the principal centres of the Orient, mode of life of the natives and their peculiarities held the close attention of those present. Upon the conclusion of the address Mr. Major was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. The meeting then adjourned.

—The Victoria Terminal Railway initiated on Sunday its new time table over the road from Victoria to Sidney. According to it the following will be the schedule: Trains will leave Victoria daily, except Sunday, at 7.45 a.m., with a second class train daily, except Saturday and Sunday, at 3 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday a train will leave at 2 p.m., and on Sunday the morning train will leave at 9.45 a.m.

—Kang Yu Wei, the leader of the Chinese reform party which is being organized in Canada, the United States and other lands of the Occident where Chinese are to be found, is in San Francisco en route to Mexico and South America to organize his countrymen in those parts of the world. It is understood he will be accompanied by his 18-year-old daughter, Kank Tung Pih, who is a most loyal supporter of the reform movement. She has been attending school in Hartford, Conn., for several years. On several occasions she has addressed large audiences on behalf of her people, and is counted something of an orator. Yang Yu Wei has twice visited Victoria, and not only has a large following here, but made during his subjourn in the city a large circle of friends among the white people.

—Word comes from the north that fire broke out in the electric light station at Atlin on Monday afternoon. There was a strong wind from the south, and the whole town was threatened. The Grand hotel at the opposite end of the town and several business houses also caught from the burning embers. The situation for a time was very serious. A sudden change of wind was the salvation of the town. The electric light station, the Northern Lumber Company's mill and the steam laundry were totally destroyed. The loss is $60,000, with no insurance.

—Messrs. Moresby and O'Reilly will be asked to defend the interests of the Spring Ridge residents whose property has been depreciated by the deepening of the gravel pits. An understanding to this effect was reached at a meeting of the Fernwood Municipal Association held in the Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday. The property owners who have thus suffered have determined to bring an appeal before the court of revision against their present high assessment. Among the cases referred to at the meeting as being disproportionate in value and assessment were the following: Two and a quarter acres bought two months ago for $1,750 and assessed at $3,330; a lot on North Chatham street sold recently for $150 and assessed at $330; on Haughton street a lot bought for $150 cash and assessed at $210; two lots on North Pembroke bought three years ago for $200 and assessed at $540; a lot near the corner of Belmont avenue and North Chatham street offered for sale for $100 and the one alongside assessed at $330.

—The White Swan gramophone drawing took place Wednesday at Johns Bros.' grocery, the winning number being 3,829.

—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the infant daughter of Capt. Dougall took place from the family residence, Henry street, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. Mr. Macrae conducting services.

—Mr. P. C. MacGregor and Mrs. E. Baker, both of this city, were united in marriage at Portland Thursday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis B. Short at the Methodist manse.

—Hon. R. F. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works, has given notice that under the authority of the South African War Land Grant Act all grants of land allotted to volunteers, their heirs or assigns are subject to the condition that these must be elected on or before July 1st. Applications for these grants must therefore be made before the time mentioned.

—The remains of R. T. John were laid at rest Wednesday afternoon, the funeral taking place from the residence at 12.30 o'clock. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman, and were participated in by a large number of sympathizing friends. The remains were taken to Saanich by special train. The interment took place in the cemetery at Shady Creek, South Saanich. At the graveside religious services were read by Rev. Mr. Westman and Frank LeRoy, on behalf of the Knights of Pythias, of which order deceased was a valued member. The following acted as pallbearers: D. M. Eberts, K.C.; Julius Brethour, Henry Moss and R. L. Fraser; and H. W. F. Behnsen and S. L. Redgrave, representing the Knights of Pythias; and James Bell and R. S. Mowat representing the Maccabees.

POWER OF JUDGE.

Question Affecting Issuing of Licenses in Southeast Kootenay Argued.

On Thursday in Chambers further argument was heard relative to the restraining order made by Judge Forin with respect to the application of John Watt, J. E. Smart and others for licenses concerning certain claims in Southeast Kootenay.

R. T. Elliott appeared for Mr. Watt, while Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper appeared on behalf of the Leckie syndicate and also for the McVittie syndicate, both claimants for the land. Oscar Bass appeared for the Attorney-General.

Legal questions were discussed as to the rights of the McVittie interests being represented in the matter. It was finally agreed that Sir Chas. H. Tupper should appear for the two interests, that of McVittie and that of Leckie.

Mr. Elliott contended that the question involved was purely one of law and not of fact. The original petition complained of was for a mandatory order to issue a license to Leckie. This was altogether outside the act. The county judge under the act had power only to settle disputes between party and party with respect to existing licenses. He had no right to act with respect to making an order as to any license being issued. What was done in this case was interference with the perogatives of the crown. He had therefore gone outside his jurisdiction.

Sir Chas. H. Tupper argued that in such a case as this the power of the Lieut.-Governor in council was not encroached upon. The legislature in its enactments had made provision whereby questions might be decided by the County court judge in order to afford a guidance to the officer charged with the administration. That was what was done in this case, and not interference with the crown.

Judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice Martin.

BODY RECOVERED.

What Age Supposed to Be Remains of Mr. Cousins Found on Upper Fraser.

Six or seven years ago while shooting the Grand Canyon on the upper Fraser Mr. Cousins, the head of a company of capitalists who had established a steam dredge on the Smoky river, lost his life. The body was not recovered by the Indians who were with him. Mr. Cousins was a Michigan man, and his friends made careful inquiries at the time as to whether the body had been found.

It would appear as though the skeleton has only this year been discovered. Mr. Moxley, who has just come down from the Peace River district, found a body fifteen miles below Grand Canyon this spring. There was little but the skeleton left. However, the band of the trousers was found on the remains, and attached to it was the chain and gold watch. Inside the watch case was found a guarantee from a Michigan watchmaker which indicated that this was the body of Mr. Cousins.

Mr. Moxley had the body buried and a cross erected. He delivered the watch and chain over to Mr. Anderson, the provincial police officer.

IN ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Meeting of the King's Daughters in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Thursday.

The fifth annual convention of the King's Daughters held its opening meeting in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 9.30 o'clock this morning, when the delegates registered and received their badges.

Mrs. Shaw, provincial recording secretary, occupied the chair, and Mrs. Baxter, provincial treasurer, and Miss Leith, recording secretary, were present.

After devotional exercises a most interesting address was given by Mrs. Day on "The open door, which no man can shut," which was much appreciated and a great help to all.

Following came the address of welcome by Mrs. Hasell, responded to by Miss Drury, district secretary of Cowichan; Mrs. Curry, district secretary, of Cloverdale, and Mrs. Rant, district secretary, of Metchosin.

Thirty-two delegates answered the roll call, after which the minutes of the last convention at Duncans were read and adopted. Then followed the minutes of the interim meeting of executives.

This afternoon's session opened at 2 o'clock. Meetings will also be held tomorrow and Saturday.

A COMMITTEE WILL ARRANGE PROGRAMME

For Entertainment of Members of American Institute of Mining Engineers During Stay in Victoria.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade, which was held on Thursday, W. W. Brewer and W. Fleet Robertson were present by invitation. S. J. Pitts occupied the chair, and there was a full attendance of members. The former took part in the discussion regarding the best steps to be taken towards suitably entertaining members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, who are scheduled to reach Victoria at 6 a.m. on Saturday, 1st of July. They will remain here until Wednesday, July 5th. It is understood that from 75 to 100 have secured tickets from New York, and many are expected to join the party en route. Their ultimate destination is Dawson City, Yukon.

The council was unanimous in the opinion that the visitors should be well entertained, as it is difficult to estimate how far-reaching a favorable impression of Victoria and vicinity would be in its effect. It was decided to place the board room at the disposal of the Institute for the holding of their meetings, and the preparation of a programme was referred to the reception committee, consisting of J. A. Mara, chairman; and Messrs. G. Gillespie, D. W. Higgins, E. G. Prior and Thomas N. Smith.

Secretary Elworthy notified members of the committee immediately and they were in conference before the council's session was concluded. A full report may be expected at an early date.

Among other matters the report of a special committee respecting fire insurance was submitted. It follows:

Victoria, B. C., May 31st, 1905.

Gentlemen:—Your committee interviewed Mr. Ross, secretary of the fire underwriters, and found that an error had been made in increasing Mr. Landsberg's rate, and the matter will be remedied. Notwithstanding this explanation, the old rate on the building occupied by Mr. Landsberg was ninety cents and is now to be rated at about $1.34, and we gather that the rate on the stock will be higher than the former rate of $1.10.

While, according to the resolution of the council, your committee's labors were confined to this particular case, yet we feel that a word of caution may be in season. We understand there is to be a general revision of the city under what is called "The Mercantile Schedule." This revision will commence early in June and will occupy about four months. Believing that the corporation of Victoria is about to adopt a "fully paid fire department" at an extra expense of about $3,000 per annum, on the understanding that a reduction will be made in assurance rates, your committee advise that the council of the board urge upon the city council the advisability of taking no steps towards inaugurating the change until the new rate is put into force, that the corporation of Victoria may determine fully what advantage will accrue to the citizens by this extra expenditure.

T. M. HENDERSON.
STEPHEN JONES.

The council was impressed with the advisability of the recommendation contained in the last section of the report being accepted. It, therefore, was agreed to draw the attention of Mayor Barnard and the aldermen to it, with the statement that it is endorsed by the Board of Trade.

R. A. Mitchell wrote informing the council that the post office authorities claim that his messenger service system is an infringement of the postal regulations.

Messrs. Forman and Henderson were appointed a committee to institute an investigation and report.

A number of other questions were referred to the monthly general meeting of the board, to be held on Thursday evening next, the 9th inst. After the consideration of other matters of minor importance the meeting adjourned.

NORTHERN DISTRICTS.

E. G. Russell Made Overland Trip From Hazelton to the Fraser.

E. G. Russell, who is intimately connected with the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived in the city Wednesday. Mr. Russell went up to the Skeena in the spring, reaching Hazelton early in May. He made a prospecting trip down the valley of the Bulkley, along the connecting links to Nechaco river, down to Fort George, and thence down the Fraser to Quesnelle and Cariboo to the C. P. R. line.

Mr. Russell says he did not spare himself in gaining a knowledge of the country, and has seen about all that was coming to him in that time. During the trip he made 250 miles in canoe.

He was somewhat disappointed with the Bulkley valley. That district has been overestimated, he thinks, with respect to the extent of ranching and arable lands. There is not nearly as great an area adapted for ranching as has been represented. He was not up the Telqua valley, but thinks it will prove a rich mining district in conjunction with the Copper river.

During the trip from Hazelton down to Bulkley, which was made early in May, there were severe frosts every night.

Mr. Russell says there is not a great rush into the district. A good deal of land appears to have been staked, but there were not an unusual number in the country.

—A pair of handsome silver-mounted picture frames were Wednesday presented to Rev. J. P. Westman, the retiring pastor of the Centennial Methodist church. The presentation was made at a farewell social to Mr. Westman, given by the North Ward Athletic Association. The boys regret that Mr. Westman is about to leave the city, and all joined in wishing him future success. In connection with the event a pleasant programme was arranged and a happy evening was spent.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

REVELSTOKE.

Saturday's Mail says: "Monday witnessed the peculiar experience of Revelstoke being white with snow in May. Considerable damage was done to trees in gardens and shrubberies, branches, and in some cases the trunks of the trees being broken by the weight of snow."

GRAND FORKS.

Superintendent A. D. McPhee, of the McKinley mine, Franklin Camp, brings the good news that the big ore body had been struck in the tunnel just run on that property. The ore was encountered at a distance of 94 feet, the present length of the tunnel. The entire face is in ore assaying $10 per ton. The depth of the face of the tunnel from the surface is 125 feet. This big strike practically demonstrates that the McKinley property will be a mine, as there are now many thousands of tons of ore in sight.

PHOENIX.

William Yolen Williams, who for some years had charge of the entire development of the Granby mines, but who resigned last July on account of poor health, arrived in the city last week after spending the winter at his old home in North Wales and in taking a trip through Europe. While on the continent Mr. Williams visited Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Genoa, Monte Carlo, Rome, Naples, Pisa and Pompeii, among other places, and intended to visit the Rio Tinto mines in Spain, but was unable to make that part of the trip just then. He came back much improved in health, and was heartily welcomed by the large number of friends he has here. Spokane will be his headquarters. Mr. Williams will for the present devote a part of his time to looking after mining interests in the Similkameen district, near Copper muntain.

ROSSLAND.

John Dean has returned from a visit through the Lardeau mining division, and while away he visited Beaton, Camborne, Trout Lake and Ferguson. Arrowhead is prosperous, owing to the more than ordinary activity of the lumber business there. At Ferguson the Silver Cup is working, and the mill is doing fairly well, shipments of bullion being frequently made. The people of Trout Lake appear to think that the outlook is as good there now as it has been at any time since the place was founded. There are not as many prospectors in the hills about Trout Lake as there have been in former seasons. Considerable attention is being paid to gardening and fruit raising along the shores of Upper Arrow lake in the vicinity of Beaton, and a good many pieces of land have recently been staked there and settled on. The lumbering industry seems to be most prosperous in the section around Arrowhead and Beaton. At Camborne the Eva is working a good-sized force of men in the mine and mill, and apparently doing well. There is talk of adding 20 stamps to the ten already installed in the Eva mill, as the reserves of ore in the mine, together with that which is easily accessible, it is thought, will be ample to keep 30 stamps in constant motion. The Silver Dollar has a good force at work, and is doing well. Work was lately started on the Mammoth group under the direction of Edward Baillie. This mine promises to make a good record during the present year, as the ore is of good grade, and there is said to be plenty of it.

J. D. McDonald, superintendent of the West Kootenay Power & Light Co., is in the city from Bonnington Falls, where preparations are under way for installing a large additional electric power plant. He says that 32 men are at work, and that good progress is being made with the work, getting out stone for the canal which will lead to the water wheels.

DEFENDS ROCKEFELLER.

Baptist Minister Says Criticism is Coarse and Cruel.

New York, May 31.—The recent criticism of John D. Rockefeller, growing out of his gift of $100,000 to the American board of commissioners of foreign missions, are declared in an article by Rev. Dr. Robert Stuart Macarthur, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, of this city, to be published to-morrow in the Examiner, a Baptist publication, to be coarse and cruel, and perhaps criminal and to have maligned the entire Baptist denomination. He protests against the condemnation of churches by these cowardly and unjust attacks, declares that no one knows better than Mr. Rockefeller that he cannot buy the approval of Baptists by his millions; that Baptists would advocate his expulsion from the church if it were proved that he had acquired his money dishonestly or by means morally or socially destructive.

He adds that he has investigated certain business transactions which have been fiercely denounced by Mr. Rockefeller's critics and found them in accordance with the highest standards of commercial morality. Mr. Rockefeller, he asarts, is worthy of confidence, admiration and affection, and he appeals for fairness of judgment for him.

WILL SPEAK IN LONDON.

Ottawa, June 1.—Hon. Frank Oliver leaves for London to-night to take part in the campaign there.

MARRIED.

HARDIMAN-BARNUM—On May 27th, 1905, at Dominion hotel, Victoria, B. C., by Rev. Geo. K. B. Adams, Mr. James Hardiman, of Rockford, Illinois, to Mrs. Corilla Prudence Barnum, of Bellingham, Wash.

DIED.

JOHN—At the family residence, Tyndall avenue, on the 29th inst., Robert Franklin John, aged 54 years, and a native of Glamorganshire, South Wales.