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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's Daily.

—The grand total of the British Columbia salmon pack this year is 513,603 cases; last year's total was 494,371. This year's total is made up as follows: Fraser river, 319,590; Skeena, 66,983; Rivers Inlet, 55,720. Naas river, 19,000; Alert bay, 5,500; Namu harbor, 3,000; Lowe inlet, 3,000; Bayvouget, 3,100.

—John W. Finlayson, eldest son of Mrs. Sarah Finlayson and the late Roderick Finlayson, of Victoria, died on Wednesday at Beechridge, Chateauguay Co., P. Q., intimation received by the family was a brief telegram announcing his sudden illness and soon afterwards came word that he was dead. The deceased was born in Victoria, but for the last 11 years had lived in the Province of Quebec. The body will be brought to Victoria for burial.

G. A. Roedde, practical bookbinder, paper ruler and blank book manufacturer, Horne block, Cambie street, Vancouver. Orders from the country will be promptly attended to. Correspondence solicited.

—A World reporter had his attention called to a peculiar fact on Wednesday. The matter is one in which the Trades and Labor council might interest itself. The fact referred to is that the Chinese are complaining bitterly that the Japanese are undermining them by working for too low wages. With the howls about Chinese cheap labor as a back ground this new feature stands out with striking relevancy. A Chino-Japanese labor war would be interesting.

—Masters of steamers or other vessels going into the Victoria harbor are requested to keep a lookout so as to avoid running down the small buoys which have been placed to mark points for the survey of the harbor now being conducted under the officers of H. M. S. Nymphe. Some inconvenience has already been caused by a steamer carrying away one of them. It is expected that the survey will be completed in about a week. Soundings were begun on Monday, and the work is being very thoroughly carried out.

—Postmaster Miller has issued the following notice: I am desired by the Postmaster-General to suggest to persons renting boxes that they would not only greatly facilitate the operations of the post-office, but prevent mistakes, by instructing their correspondents to address their letters and papers, not to their offices or residences, but to the numbers of their boxes. Letters intended for delivery through the boxes, when addressed to a street and number, run a risk of being sorted to the letter carriers' branch and thus seriously delayed.

—Evangeloists Crossley and Hunter are by no means unknown in Vancouver and a recent experience of theirs may interest many. They and a sect known as the Hornerites have been holding meetings at Carlton Place with the usual result—rivalry has led to strained relations. The other day Mr. Crossley gave a long address, in which he denounced all who would turn worship into pantomime and yell, gesticulate and scream. He said that if they wished to do this kind of thing they should get into the bush alone, where others would not be bothered. At a subsequent meeting a Hornerite appeared, and harangued and questioned Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, and all others present, on "scantification," to such an extent that his forcible ejection was contemplated.

—H. Watson, curator of the Canadian section of the Imperial Institute, was recently in Ottawa in consultation with the heads of the Department of Agriculture, and it appeared that the courts of several Provinces in the Imperial Institute building are not yet as complete as they should be. The authorities desire to secure adequate exhibits of the resources of the several Provinces. At the outset a direct appeal was made to the Governments for exhibits. Some Governments, however, have practically ignored the Institute altogether. For the honor and dignity of the country something should be done at once towards making the exhibits thoroughly representative, and Mr. Watson hopes those Governments which have been remiss will attend to the matter without delay.

From Friday's Daily.

—Cyanide reduction works are to be established at Barkerville.

—The rate war to Alaska continues. It only costs $10 for a cabin passage to Juneau.

—Miss Newsom, of Vancouver, has been a guest at Senator and Mrs. Reid's camp at Bear Lake, Cariboo.

—H. P. Bell, C. E., is prosecuting surveys for the British Pacific, near Downie Pass, three miles northwest of Barkerville.

—R. D. Pitt has received the appointment of secretary of the Old Men's Home, Kamloops, and left for that place today.

—Says the Nanaimo Free Press: The steamer Cutch last evening brought over 50 Japanese from Vancouver, and this morning they proceeded on the steamer Joan for Union, where they expect to find employment.

—Mr. Faraday, who acted as manager of the Bank of British Columbia at Nanaimo during the visit of George Williams in England, left to-day to assume a position in the Victoria branch of the Bank of British Columbia.

—Low Tarrant, Nanaimo's crack baseball player and all-round athlete, has gone to San Francisco, leaving his wife in a dying condition, and his small children dependent upon the charity of friends. The police have been instructed at San Francisco to arrest Tarrant if possible on a charge of criminal desertion.

—Provincial appointments gazetted this week are those of Harrison P. Millard, M. D. C. M., to be resident physician at Comox; Ernest Crompton, M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P., to be a coroner for Victoria and Esquimalt; and Edward L. Kirkland, to act as assessor and collector for the county of Westminster.

—In the Supreme court before Hon. Chief Justice Davie, R. W. Harris, ex-parti, made application in re the assignment of W. H. Steves to Geo. Rawding, for the removal of the assignee, under Creditors Trust act, 1890. Sheriff Armstrong was appointed interim receiver pending the hearing of the petition.

—The charge against Mrs. Gowland of supplying Indians with liquor was dismissed this afternoon on the strength of the argument advanced by W. W. B. McInnes, prisoner's counsel, that the prosecution had not proved that Mary and Jim are Indians. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Gowland will be more circumspect in the future.—Nanaimo Free Press. It is many moons since E. A. Magee sprung that on a Vancouver police court. It does not go here now. One of the first things the magistrate does in an Indian case is to find out if the Indian involved is a 'delait siwash.'

—Theodore Bryant, the postmaster at Wellington, was married in Victoria to Miss Matthews, formerly school mistress at Wellington. Rev. C. Bryant, father of the groom, officiated. He will also take charge of the postoffice at Wellington until Mr. and Mrs. Bryant return from their honeymoon trip to San Francisco.

—The police are on the look-out for two boys who have strayed away from New Westminster. One, Alex. Johns, is 14 years of age, is fair and has blue eyes and brown hair; he wore a large cloth overcoat and a straw hat. The other, Eddie Jervis, is 15, tall, has fair skin but dark hair; he wore a gray suit, with long pants and has a tooth out in front.

—The Victoria Board of Trade's commercial missionaries were well received at Nelson and Rossland. On the steamer Nakusp en route to Robson they were so well treated that they presented a congratulatory address to the officers. At Rossland a ball was given in their honor at the Hotel Montana, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Allen, formerly of Vancouver.

—J. E. Phillips has purchased the balance of the stock of J. W. Peck & Co., but he has not taken over the business, as might be inferred from an item recently published under the heading "What Some People Say." J. W. Peck & Co., will continue to be represented here by John W. Gatter, who will, as in the past, be pleased to meet the firm's customers.

—The British Columbia marksmen at the Ottawa matches did fairly well, securing $175 in prizes. The only cup which comes to the Province was secured by Gunner H. C. Chamberlin, of New Westminster, who scored 96 points out of a possible 105. It was the Walker cup, and worth having. In the British Challenge shield contest, the British Columbia team took fifth place and won $22.

From Saturday's Daily.

—No less than 80 car-loads of cattle are ready for shipment to the east in the vicinity of Minnedosa, Man., the value of which is in the neighborhood of $45,000.

—The shipments of ore and bullion from West Kootenay from Jan., 1, to Sept., 7, 1895, are estimated by the Nelson Miner at 17,403 1-2 tons, valued at $1,519,846.

—Dairying is to be one of the leading features of the New Westminster Exhibition this year, while the mineral display will no doubt attract considerable attention.

—Cranstown and Mueller, the two men sent from Honolulu to this city have been granted permission to return so as to be present at the examinations in connection with their suits against the Canadian-Australian Steamship Co.

—The Notch Hill Indian murder case comes up for preliminary hearing at Kamloops on Tuesday, and the evidence obtained by the authorities seems to point strongly against some of the prisoners who were shipped down.

—It is estimated that 150 tons of blueberries arrived in Winnipeg, per the C. P. R., express from Rat Portage and district this summer for shipment to firms in the city, in the Province and to several of the States south of the line.

—A quiet wedding in the presence of the immediate relatives of the principals occurred at Victoria on Thursday evening. The groom was Frank E. Gregg, of the firm of A. Gregg & Son, and the bride Miss Laura E. Bird, of St. Stephen, N. B. Rev. Alfred Betts performed the ceremony.

—The Hudson's Bay Co., will have a large exhibit at the New Westminster Fair next month, and intend making the finest display ever seen in British Columbia. Tea will be served to all who desire it, free of charge, which should prove a boon to tired ladies.

—In New York, men who adulterate milk with water or other ingredients, who sell skimmed milk for the fully skimmed article, are not only fined but sent to jail. It is said that no one offends twice. Were this law enforced elsewhere than in New York good results no doubt would follow.

—Rev. J. DeSoyres, of St. John, N. B., is in the city on a short visit to the coast. The rev. gentleman is well known throughout England and Canada, as a distinguished Cambridge scholar, an eloquent preacher and the rector of one of the largest churches in the Maritime Province. During his brief stay in the west he will preach in Christ church on Sunday morning.

—The Ministerial Association met on Thursday. Rev. E. Ebbett, in the chackhouse and G. C. King were ridden on the association goat and received as members. After considering the matter it was decided to have evangelist Meikle come here in the early part of next year instead of this fall as was at first proposed. Much regret was expressed because of the prospective departure of Rev. J. W. Pedley, of the First Congregational church, and it was decided to tender him a ministerial banquet before he goes away.

—Of the fruit shipments going to Winnipeg the Free Press says: "Apart from from defective packing, the effects of which became evident after a few days in ware houses British Columbia fruit possesses all the qualities in demand on Manitoba markets. Improved methods of packing will be adopted, when several experimental shipments have shown the necessity. There is no reason, however, why fruits well canned in British Columbia should not supply the market of western Canada; and there are indications that an active trade will develop between British Columbia and other Provinces. Five car-loads of preserves will shortly be shipped to Winnipeg by a preserving company of Victoria."

From Monday's Daily.

—His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dewdney went up the line on Sunday by the Sapphire, Abbott's private car, en route to the Okanagan country, where he will enjoy a few days' shooting.

—A Japanese has been arrested on a warrant charging him with embezzlement. His name is Chio Kuno. His accusers are named Noodleman and Grossman. They allege that they gave him a stock to sell at Steveston. He was to give them 90 per cent, but as a matter of fact gave them nothing. He was arraigned before F. Schofield, J. P., on Saturday and remanded until to-morrow.

—C. D. Rand left by Sunday's express for Montreal, Boston and New York on important business. It is possible that he may extend his trip to London, as he has a large transaction, involving a heavy amount of money, to close with British capitalists, which, however, has no connection with the New Westminster bridge scheme or the construction of a line of railway from the south, or south-east, into Vancouver. He is quite sanguine of success and this means a great deal for the Province.

—J. A. Laverey has bought out his partner's (W. Latremouille) interest in the Colonial hotel, Kamloops. Mr. Laverey will continue the business and intends to thoroughly overhaul and renovate this old, well-known and popular hostelry.

—The man Moody arrested in Victoria was wanted in Calgary for the alleged theft of a gold pin, three diamonds and a watch, valued at $75, the property of customers who, it is said, left the valuables at his store. He has been taken back.

—A Chinaman arrested for breaking into Veith & Borland's store at the 150, broke jail at the Queensed Forks, and Constable Bain's revolver. Bain gave chase in the darkness, when the Chinaman fired at him twice, but missed. In the morning Bain, assisted by Mr. Stevenson, captured him near Beaver Lake, but not until the Chinaman again shot at Bain. The officer discharged his Winchester over the Chinaman's head, but the latter fired again. Bain then shot for the legs, the bullet piercing the Chinaman's thigh. The wound is not serious, and the prisoner will be tried at the Clinton assizes.

—Relatives of Michael Haney, formerly of New Westminster, would like to hear of his whereabouts.

—It is complained that the Government snagboat Samson is manned by Scandinavians, with a Chinese cook, the officers alone being British subjects.

—L. Norman, F. Master and J. H. Clemes, Englishmen with capital at their back, are in Ottawa en route to this Province to investigate mining prospects.

—At Helena last week, All Smoke, the Calgary horse, which did well on the coast last year, was victorious over Cracker Jack, in the mile and a half run.

—In Coughlan & Mayo vs. the Corporation of the City of Victoria, the Chief Justice has made an order allowing the plaintiffs to enter judgment against the city for $5,494.10 and the costs of the second trial.

—On the way up from Australia the Miowera met with a slight accident to her machinery. It was temporarily repaired, and the vessel proceeded on her voyage after a short delay. Permanent repairs are now being made here.

—American ship Louisiana arrived at Victoria from Philadelphia on Saturday. She has a cargo of coal for Vancouver and Tacoma. This coal is to be sold at a cut rate in competition with the Vancouver Island product.

—A Washington, D. C., despatch says that the Secretary of the Treasury has sent a telegram to the Collector of Customs at Ogdensburg, N. Y., directing him not to admit any of the 200 Chinese recently landed at Vancouver en route to the Atlanta Exposition.

—Kia-ku-glass, chief of all the Nimkish and the most conspicuous figure in the Indian ranks about Alert bay, is making a vigorous kick against the "potlatch law," which the Government are about to put in force. The Chief thinks it hard lines to have to give up the potlatch and public feasts which his ancestors have been accustomed to enjoy since time immemorial, and which he and his tillicums wish to perpetuate.

—Can anyone give a solution of the following problem: Three men—John, Henry and Sam—and their wives—Mary, Fanny and Susan—go shopping—to buy sugar. Each person, i. e., each man and each woman, buys as many pounds of sugar as he or she spends cents per lb. Each man spends 63 cents more than his wife. Also John buys 31 lbs more than Fanny, and Sam buys one lb. less than Susan. Which is each man's wife?

From Tuesday's Daily.

—They had frost and snow in Philadelphia on Sept., 15th. What a nice place to be away from.

—The Sayward Mill Co., of British Columbia, is a debtor to the National Bank of Tacoma to the tune of $12,000.

—Tacoma is to have a new and more warkable charter. It costs too much to run the city under the present one.

—Rev. Mark Jukes, M. A., rector of St. Paul's, New Whatcom, Wash., is expected to visit Vancouver this week.

—The Mission City Agricultural Society will hold its second annual exhibition in Mission City on Friday, Sept. 27th, inst.

—Active work has been started on the smelter at Trail. Many think that it will be a more important point than Rossland.

—It is very evident from the tone of the Spokane papers that a determined effort is to be made by the merchants of that enterprising city, to retain the trade of southern Kootenay.

—There is a good deal of typhoid fever in Rossland at present. A mass meeting of citizens has been called to discuss the possibility of putting in a waterworks and sewerage plant.

—W. J. Sutton, of Victoria, left this morning for Houghton, Mich., having recently received the appointment of assistant professor in mining geology in the Michigan State school of mines.

—On account of cholera raging in Honolulu, the U. S. Government has appointed special quarantine inspectors for Puget Sound. Every precautionary measure is being taken to stop the introduction of the deadly disease.

—Moments must use their brains in writing their ads. as well as in every other portion of their work. There's no place where a little thinking will add more to profit than when it is applied to designing a good advertisement.

—Dr. Thomas was told the other evening that there was a leprous Chinaman in a shack on Carrall street, near the Dupont street. A close search in all the shacks in the vicinity failed to discover anything in substantiation of the report.

—G. Clark, of Blaine, has made a contract with the Hastings mill of this city, says the Blaine Journal, for 3,000,000 of fir logs, and has purchased three sections of timber on Campbell Creek, and proposes to operate two camps in felling it out. A force of 25 men will go to work this week.

—An Enderby despatch of the 11th., states that G. L. Breeden, William Hutchinson and S. C. Thompson, of that place, are shipping a car load of ore from their mine, the Comstock and Stemwinder, Camp Hewet, Okanagan lake, to the Tacoma smelter. They have recently discovered a rich lead within three miles of Enderby.

—Winnipeg papers are responsible for the statement that E. P. Davis, Q. C., before taking up the defence of the cases brought by Cranston and Muller against the Canadian-Australian SS. Co. and Capt. Bird, was given a retainer of $2,000 and had the expenses of a trip for himself and family to Honolulu guaranteed.

—About 110 Japanese from this city and some 20 from Victoria left for Japan by the Empress of China anticipating, from their last years' severe experience, a poor winter. They thought it rather prudent to leave the country—according to the Japanese idea "while the sun shines." For the last three months no Japanese laborers have arrived but large numbers have left for their native places. Thus there will be in the whole Province less than 400, who may remain through the winter.

—The Spokane Chronicle remarks that the people of the Slocan country are not making much fuss this year, but by all reports they are doing more work and their mines are looking better now than they ever did before. There's some complaint—perhaps with justice—that Spokane papers are not giving so much attention to that district as they should; but really there are so many good districts tributary to that city that it is impossible to do justice to more than half of them at one time.

—Jim Wardner was a disguised man a few days ago because of his getting lost in the woods of Kootenay, of which, he thought he had more knowledge than any other person, having been one of the first to explore them. It appears that he started for a friend's cabin late in the afternoon. It got dark and he lost the trail and had to stay in the woods all night. In the morning he did find his cabin but it was locked securely and his friend was away, so he had to start back for the railroad, tired and hungry. When he got to Spokane he had been 24 hours without food.

—The Colonist says that Spring Ridge is excited over a sensation which culminated on Friday night in an elopement that is now the talk of the neighborhood. The principals in the affair are both married, the man leaving behind him a wife and child, and the woman deserting her husband, but taking her little four-year-old girl with her. It was the deserted husband who last evening reported the matter to the police, whose assistance he sought to regain his child. The wife and the mother, he says, can go her own course. On the other hand the deserted wife is receiving the sympathy and assistance of friends, her husband before his departure having closed up his business and converted his Victoria property into cash, which he took with him. Nothing definite is known of the whereabouts of the pair, but it is thought they took steamer on Saturday for Seattle.

—George Van Gulpin, a "labor leader" and municipal office seeker of San Francisco, recently skipped out from there with $1,600 that had been entrusted to his care. He is supposed to have come this way.

—Town property in Roseland is now sold on the instalment plan and as a consequence many houses are being built. The Roman Catholics of Rossland have purchased for cash two lots on Columbia avenue, west of the custom house, and will build a church 30x60 at once. The Wesleyans and Presbyterians have each built a church north of the town limits and will endeavor to hold the land by squatter's right or by courtesy of the owner. This ground is in litigation and it is expected that the successful litigant will cheerfully donate a church site. The Presbyterian church has been temporarily rented by the Government for a school.

—Our readers in the country will be pleased to learn that W. B. Townsend of New Westminster, a pioneer of the pioneers—one of the few Sixers now left, has recovered from his recent illness and will be glad to hear goods of all kinds consigned to him. Mr. Townsend is a first-class business man and any order, or business, committed to his trust will be carefully and judiciously looked after. He is well-known to almost every settler in the Fraser valley district and to many outside of it, as an honest, upright conscientious gentleman. Farmers cannot do better than send consignments to Mr. Townsend who assures promptness in making sales and remittances.

—The Victoria Board of Trade commercial missionaries arrived at Seventeen-mile House, Slocan district, at noon on Sept., 16th., having made the first trip over the Kaslo & Slocan railway from Kaslo to that point, President Muir and Contractor Guthrie having placed a special train at the disposal of the party, which enjoyed the distinction of being the first to pass over the road. The party divided into two sections, half taking the stage to Three Forks and the others taking horses and riding over the divide into the mines. Previous to their departure a vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Munn and Guthrie for their courtesy in carrying the party over the road, to which Mr. Munn responded, and amid the singing of topical songs the party moved off.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—J. W. Gatter, representing Peck & Co., Montreal, has taken the store in the Y. M. C. A. block and is moving into the premises.

—The funeral of the late R. J. McLeod will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Samuel Keith's residence, 327 Blanshard street.

—The Yanariva has been detained at Port Townsend because she did not get a bill of health from Departure Bay, where she coaled after leaving here.

—Dividends to the amount of $8,000 have been declared by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. P. R. stocks were quoted at 53 3-4. At Liverpool Pacific Coast hops sold at £1-15s.; No. 1, hard, Manitoba wheat at 5s.; Canadian peas at 4s. 10d.

—A largely attended and successful concert was given at the Y. M. I. hall on Tuesday evening. The contributors to the programme were Misses May Collins, Hyacinth Jolan and L. Martin, Dr. Crickmay, F. Austin and F. Dyke. A social chat and refreshments concluded a pleasant evening.

—Someone stole a pair of pigeons from an East End coop the other night, taking the female from a nest in which she had two young ones. As a result the baby pigeons were chilled and starved to death. The thief should be twice prosecuted, once for larceny and once for cruelty to birds.

—In the transcription of the notes of the council meeting published yesterday a mistake accidently occurred in regard to School Trustee Murray's remarks. He was made to state that the city treasurer was not working in harmony with the form of keeping the school accounts, whereas he said the city accountant.

—Yesterday's despatches from Winnipeg stated that wheat buying had become general in Manitoba, and the price paid was 60c per bushel. In this city, since, a letter from a friend in Nebraska saying the price there was 25 cents for wheat, and 12 cents for oats, was received. He is a banker and in a position to know.

—The World some days ago mentioned that the police had been asked to look out for Edward Ferris, aged 15, and Alex Johns, aged 14, who had wandered away from New Westminster. Since then the lads have not been located. Ferris is the son of W. D. Ferris, of Victoria, and grandson of the late W. D. Ferris, of New Westminster. He had been staying with relatives in New Westminster. Johns is the son of the late Isaac Johns, who, as was noted in a recent article, managed the first customs office in Vancouver. He had been under the guardianship of J. J. Cambridge, deputy supreme court registrar, New Westminster. It is a week to-day since the boys vamoosed.

—The bulk of this morning's session of the police court was taken up with Ald. Gallagher's examination of Plumbing Inspector Scoullar in the case of the City vs. Gallagher. The whole fact of the matter is that Ald. Gallagher's premises are not connected with the sewers as they should be. He was notified six months ago to put matters right. He defied the law and he is now taking up the line of official asking questions about plans that he should have brought down when first notified. He is also trying to show that the by-law is wrong. Other people have been fined under it, and if they wanted redress had to seek it in a court of appeal. Sauce for ordinary citizens should be sauce for aldermen.

PROF. ROBERTSON.

This gentleman left for Victoria to-day where he will deliver one or more addresses in connection with dairying. He spent a day in Toronto at the Industrial show now being held there. He reports it to be a grand exhibition, but the attendance so far not up to that of last year. The weather was fine and the exhibits were exceptionally good. He addressed a meeting at Moose Jaw at 8 o'clock last Monday morning at the Government dairy station there, which even at that early hour was well attended. He will spend some days in Victoria and on the island where the traveling dairy will remain until the New Westminster show begins. Prof. Robertson may possibly visit Okanagan and His Excellency the Governor-General's farm, but will be back in time to be present for one or more days at the New Westminster fair. If possible he will take in the Ashcroft and the Kamloops shows. Yesterday afternoon and this morning he spent in inspecting the cold storages in the city and on board the Miowera. During his hurried run through these he made several practical suggestions which are likely to be acted upon. It is now four years since he last visited Vancouver and in the interum the changes and improvements made have been a pleasing surprise to him. He says that Vancouver as a city has vast possibilities before it, an opinion, he states, which is shared in by everyone who has any personal knowledge of the city.

A CHOICE MADE.

Rev. H. C. Mason, of Brandon, Man., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Congregational church in this city, as successor to the Rev. J. W. Pedley, who goes to London, Ont. Mr. Mason is expected to occupy the pulpit on the second Sunday in October. He is an able scholar and a powerful preacher. The Congregationalists have lost no time in securing a successor to their worthy pastor, who has seen fit to accept work in another and a wider field of usefulness.

OUR EL DORADO.

The Resources of the Province Discussed by a Prominent Gentleman.

A. J. McMillan, who represented the Manitoba Government in Great Britain for some years and who paid a visit of three months to this Province lately, to a Winnipeg Tribune reporter, whilst passing through that city, stated that residents in the Pacific Province complain a good deal of hard times and scarcity of money, but that they look forward to very extensive developments in the mining industry in the near future, and returning prosperity. What I saw in British Columbia impressed me very much. As an agricultural country it cannot be compared to Manitoba. Land is held at high prices, usually from $50 to $150 per acre, and then, as a rule, there is a good deal of heavy timber on the land, which makes the clearing a heavy undertaking. In one or two districts I found companies engaged in ditching and reclaiming land. Mr. Alexander, of Calgary, who represents an English company, is busy reclaiming some 40,000 acres of land on the Kootenay river. They propose to sell it in 40-acre blocks at about $50 per acre, one-third cash and the balance in annual payments, and I will be good markets. But, speaking generally, the available agricultural land in British Columbia is very limited, and unless a man has lots of capital his progress will be very slow. I went through the Kootenay country, and it was a revelation to me, as it appears to be to most Canadians who go there. Leaving Revelstoke, on the C. P. R., we went some 200 miles down the Columbia river, amid enchanting scenery to Trail, and thence walked seven miles over the mountains to the new town of Roseland, in the centre of the Trail Creek mining camp. There is both gold and silver there, but it is essentially a gold mining camp, and American mining experts, of whom there are many there, say it is one of, if not absolutely the richest gold mining camps on the continent, and they prophesy that within three or four years it will equal the South African gold fields. Some 2,000 people live in Rossland. It has two newspapers, lots of hotels, no church, no school, and travelers are put up in batches of from three to a dozen in a bedroom; but this will soon be altered. Hotels and stores are going up on every hand, streets are being graded and arrangements made for the early introduction of churches and schools. Many of the men there are prospectors and speculators, not a few of them being old Winnipeggers. The boom in the town may flatten out a little, but there can be a good deal of place there. I also went to the famous War Eagle mine, situated within a mile of Rossland, a mine chiefly owned by Spokane men, which, in the shape of dividends at the rate of $300,000 per annum are being paid and the money invested is only about $35,000. During the week I was there 100 tons of gold ore was shipped from the mines near Roseland. It goes chiefly to Helena and Tacoma to be smelted, but it is hoped soon to have a smelter built in Canadian soil. From June, 1894, when work may be said to have opened up, to the present time, over 23,000 tons of ore, gold and silver has been shipped out of the Kootenay country. I regret to state that it nearly all goes out of Canada to be treated, and as it is nearly all owned by Americans, the proceeds go into American coffers. Canadians know little or nothing about that country, and are losing valuable business as the result. Much of the trade transacted there now is by Americans, but I am pleased to notice that Winnipeg is doing something there too. If Winnipeg merchants will look after the trade there now, which is in its infancy, I am confident they can capture it. Provisions, groceries, hardware and dry goods are the chief requirements. If Canadians owned some of the valuable mines there, it would help Canadian trade very much. Some of the mines employ 50 to 100 men, and there is a tendency for business to go to the district where the owners live. In Cariboo and other districts placer mining is being carried on, but in Kootenay it is chiefly quartz mining. I believe that although British Columbia is very depressed at present yet times will improve. The treaties and improvements made have been a pleasing surprise to him. He says that Vancouver as a city has vast possibilities before it, an opinion, he states, which is shared in by everyone who has any personal knowledge of the city.

A SUCCESSFUL FAIR.

The Initial One of the Season—Some of the Exhibitors.

The Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society's exhibition held at Steveston on the 12th and 13th inst., was in many respects very successful. That it could have been a decided success is certain, were it not for the fact that there was a conflict between the dates of one of the two societies is entitled to the Government grant. It is to be regretted that such difficulties exist, as they invariably result in injuring neighbors and militate greatly against the advancement of such associations. There are two sides to every story, and, that being so, it is not our purpose to criticise the action of those who did not patronize the show of last week, or help to make it the success it proved to be. When the other fair, which is to be held in the municipal hall Eburne, on the 5th of October, takes place, it is to be hoped the misunderstanding will be smoothed and good-will all round prevail, and that the display made will be such as to do ample justice to the progressive and wealthy municipality of Richmond.

Those who were most prominent in getting up the exhibition of last week were: D. S. Milligan, president; W. Carscallen, vice-president; R. S. Sherman, secretary; John Buxton, treasurer. The directors were J. N. Sexsmith, Chas. S. Windsor, Alex. McLeod, W. H. Steves, Jas. Whitside, James Mellis, Chas. G. Sexsmith, J. T. Errington, J. Wells, A. J. Alcock, M. Cortelle, Alex. Mitchell, J. M. Steves, James Gilmore and James Falkner. The lady directorate were Mesdames A. W. N. Sexsmith, W. Carscallen, James Mellis, W. H. Steves and Miss McLeod.

The prize list was a comprehensive one, embracing a large number of valuable specials, contributed by well-wishers of the society and the progress of agriculture in this Province, Vancouver dealers and citizens leading on the list. The live stock division embraced prizes for Durhams, Holsteins, Jerseys, Ayrshires, Devons, Herefords, Gallaways, Polled Angus, Guernseys, Alderneys, grades and fat cattle. In horses there were prizes for roadsters, draught and general purpose horses. Leicester, Southdown, Cotswold, Hampshire and Oxford Downs and Merinos. In hogs the Berkshires, Poland China, Essex, white Chesters, Suffolks and Yorkshires predominated. The poultry department embraced all the popular breeds. The dairy and miscellaneous departments were fully represented as was also the vegetable division. Field produce and fruits were not overlooked; neither were Provincial manufactures. The fine arts were not omitted, neither were the floral and cut flowers divisions. Domestic manufactures were well looked after. Upon the whole the prize list was a comprehensive one, nothing evidently having been omitted by those drawing up its preparation and publication.

The opening day was fixed for Friday, and everything being in readiness for the event, A. Williams, M. P. P. for Vancouver, was selected to perform that function, which he did in a graceful and appropriate manner. The exhibitors in live stock were Messrs. Dan Woodward, J. McMynn, Thos. Simpson, S. Brighouse, Alex. Mitchell, M. and J. Steves, Mason is expected to occupy the pulpit on the second Sunday in October. He is an able scholar and a powerful preacher. The Congregationalists have lost no time in securing a successor to their worthy pastor, who has seen fit to accept work in another and a wider field of usefulness.

tle on the ground. In sheep Mr. Woodward was the principal exhibitor, whilst in hogs Messrs. Mitchell and Steves had things pretty much their own way. Already there is some fine stock in Richmond, and in quality as well as in quantity it is increasing yearly. The number who congregated about the judges when awarding their decisions evidenced the interest taken in the outside department.

The inside display was an exceedingly creditable one and reflected great credit upon those making it. The Opera House was utilized for the showing of fruit, vegetables, grains, roots, domestic manufactures, the product of the dairy, fine arts, etc. Notwithstanding the size of the building it was well filled and its capacity fully taxed. The ladies who were the principal exhibitors and contestants were: Mesdames Tully, Steves, Burton, Calbick, Morrison, Carscallen, J. W. and C. S. Sexsmith, M. J. Henry, M. Steves, Mellis, Plumbain, Smittiorn, Miss Annie Sexsmith, and others. Their handiwork was exhibited on the walls of the stage and made a fine showing. The judges in this department were Mesdames Williams and Breeze, of Vancouver, and the ability of these ladies to decide the merits of such exhibit was very fully tested. Yet their decisions gave general satisfaction.

In the fine arts there were a few exceptionally good pictures. The works exhibited by Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Sexsmith, Mrs. Charles Sexsmith, Mrs. Carscallen, Mrs. Tully and others were much admired and well deserving of all the praise bestowed on them.

Five long tables were occupied with the other exhibits, one on each side of the building and three in the centre of the hall. In point, especially, the exhibit was a good one, so much so that Mr. J. Henry, of Mount Pleasant, declared that whilst not as large as he had witnessed in the Province, it was certainly equal to the best. Hungarian prunes were exhibited by Walker Bros., the weight of many of which was 5 to 6 ozs. Apples, pears, plums, prunes currants, etc., were exhibited in great profusion, by Messrs Metchill, Burton, F. C. Twigg (who was a highly successful prize winner) J. M. Steves, James Mellis, J. Tamboline, T. Simpson and others, whose names we did not learn as they were not on the tickets. The exhibit in grain was not as extensive as it should have been. This, however, was fully made up for in the exhibit of roots, vegetables and other field produce in the respective classes, of which those already mentioned were heavy prize takers. It need hardly be stated that Richmond always holds its own with competitors from other sections of the Province in potatoes, mangolds, carrots, beets, squashes, cabbage, onions, turnips, kohl, etc., and this year's products in these classes are such as to warrant the growers to test the capabilities of the Richmond soil with that of municipalities in the Fraser valley or elsewhere. The cabbages, squashes, etc., shown this year were simply prodigious in size and as firm as could be desired.

In the bread, butter canned and preserved fruit departments there was a keen competition and the successful contributors have not much reason to boast of as they were very closely pressed for the coveted tickets. Mesdames, Burton, Mellis, Martin, Burns, Steves, Tamboline, W. H. Steves, Simpson, McKay, Walters Brs., Tamboline and Mitchell were exhibitors and prize takers in these divisions.

In the floral display was made, occupying one whole table. Amongst the exhibitors' names were observable those of Burton Bros., Steves, P. G. Twigg, M. Henry and Jas. Mellis.

The work of the ladies in canned fruit, preserves and jellies was a conspicuous feature and deservedly received much attention. The principal exhibitor in this division was Mrs. Carscallen. The other exhibits were all creditable ones and would compare favorably anywhere.

The attendance was not as large as it should have been, and doubtless would be were it not for the friction which exists between the two societies as already stated. Yet those who did attend appeared to take a lively interest in the exhibits.

So far as accommodation was concerned Steveston's capacity was not even tested. Harry Lee, of the Sockeye Club, had made complete arrangements for a large number of visitors who dined at his hotel were sumptuously supplied with the good things of this life. Harry still maintains his reputation as a caterer par excellence and knows how to make life pleasant.