NEW YORKERS BUYING UP CLAIMS IN ALASKA

Ten Placer Mines in Klahena River Near Boundary Change Hands

Vancouver, Nov. 4.—Ten placer claims on the Klahena river in Alaska adjacent to the international boundary have been sold to a syndicate of New York capitalists headed by E. E. Harvey, of Seattle. The purchase price was $126,000. One cash payment has already been made and others, if the option is exercised, will be made at different dates between now and next August.

Details of the deal were furnished by Mr. J. F. Maloney, an attorney of Juneau, who is a guest at the hotel Vancouver.

"The claims we sold are located on the Klahena river about 125 miles from Juneau," said he. "The ground is very rich as with ordinary methods we cleaned up $160,000 in three years. Ownership is now vested in the Porcupine Gold Mining company, which has already secured good results since taking charge. The new owners have installed a system of hydraulic lifts and now have a fine bedrock flume."

The operations of the Alaska Perseverance Mining company, owning a big free milling group four miles from Juneau, Alaska, promises in time to rival those of the famous Alaska-Treadwell mine. One hundred stamps inaugurated the work of reducing the ore last July. The clean-up from the plates as well as the concentrates proved so satisfactory that the capacity is now being doubled. The company also intends to install two hundred additional stamps next year and anticipate a further increase in the stamping capacity each succeeding year. The management expect that the payroll next summer, now represented by ninety names, will reach five hundred.

Prominent shareholders in the Enterprise returned last night from a trip of inspection and are guests at the Hotel Vancouver. They include Col. W. J. Sutherland, F. H. D. Berridge, M.P., A. L. Pearse, London, Eng., and P. C. Stoess, of Seattle. All the members of the party are delighted with the success of the new stamp mill. The mine has been developed to a depth of seven hundred feet.

Deputy Warden Bourke Retires.

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—Deputy Warden Bourke of the British Columbia penitentiary, who was transferred to the superannuation list on November 1, was presented with a handsome gold chain on Saturday afternoon by the staff.

The presentation took place in the guard-room and was made by Rev. Father Lambot, Catholic chaplain, on behalf of the men. Father Lambot touched on the pleasant relations that had always existed between the retiring officer and those under him, and expressed the hope that he would now enjoy many years of retired life.

LOSES HER LIFE BY USE OF BENZINE

Little Girl Pours Liquid in Fire and is Burned to Death

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 4.—The explosion of a can of benzine, which she mistook for a can of coal oil, cost little Marjorie Musson, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Charles Musson, of North Vancouver, her life on Saturday afternoon. The little girl was alone in the family residence and in making preparations for the evening meal she picked up what she thought was a can of coal oil to pour over the wet kindling in the kitchen stove. The can contained benzine, and the liquid had no sooner been poured over the charred and still sparking wood than a terrific explosion occurred.

The stove was completely wrecked and a burst of flame set fire to the child's clothes. Several strieks emitted by the little girl before she lost consciousness—which was almost immediately—brought neighbors to the scene. They wrapped blankets about the child's form and extinguished the flames, but not before she had been horribly burned about the body. As quickly as possible the child was brought across the inlet and placed in the Vancouver General hospital. Suffering terrible agony, she died at 1:45 o'clock yesterday morning.

Show an Increase.

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—The land registery returns for New Westminster for the past month have just been issued and show a considerable increase over the same month of last year and also over the preceding month.

The receipts for the month of October were $1916, while the revenue collected in October, 1906, amounted to $1880. The fees collected in September of this year were $1862.

Have Not Sold Out.

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—The Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company of Delta has not been absorbed by the British Columbia Telephone company, as was reported some time ago, but, according to a statement given out by the officers, arrangements have merely been made with the big corporation for switching connections.

The Farmers' Mutual already has many miles of lines erected throughout the district, and it is expected that the system will be in working order in a few weeks.

Will Discuss Church Union.

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—Prominent Presbyterian divines of this city and district will shortly consider the question of church union and a special session of the Presbytery of Westminster will be held in the near future for the purpose of taking up the matter.

When this session is held it is expected that a large number of the ministers of this city and Vancouver, as well as from the district, will participate in the discussion and some important resolutions dealing with the matter will likely be passed.

Calgary Street Railway

Calgary, Nov. 4.—There are twelve tenders in for the street railway here, four from New York.

Pedestrian Ahead of Time

Torrington, Conn., Nov. 4.—Covering miles from and over to Torrington by way of Waterbury and thereby completing today one of the biggest walks in point of mileage since he left Portland, Me., to walk to Chicago, Ed. Payson Weston, is resting here tonight having arrived here from Waterbury at 3:40 p. m. Tomorrow he will leave at six o'clock for Great Barrington, Mass. He is now between 25 and 30 miles ahead of his former schedule.

Stringency in Oregon

Portland, Ore., Nov. 4.—Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamatoin designating today as a legal holiday in Oregon, and announcing that he will declare each succeeding day a holiday until after the present money stringency has ended.

TAKES RECORD CARGO

Lumber Loaded to 97 Per Cent. of Capacity of German Ship From Chemainus For Antofagasta

The German ship Eliza Lihn, Capt. Pundt, which left Chemainus yesterday afternoon and after shipping some seamen from Esquimalt in Royal Roads today will proceed to Antofagasta, will take a record cargo. The lumber shipped from the Victoria Mill Company's mills at Chemainus by the Eliza Lihn, is by no means the greatest cargo shipped, but it marks the largest cargo placed in a vessel of the size of the Eliza Lihn. The Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company placed 2,037,000 feet of lumber in the ship, which is 97 per cent. of her capacity. The vessel is a ship of 2,197 tons. After taking the vessel to sea the Lorne will return to tow the British bark Socotra, Capt. Witt, to sea, loaded with lumber from Chemainus for Antwerp.

REV. LE ROY DAKIN RESIGNS HIS CHARGE

He Announces His Retirement From Pastorate of Emmanuel Church

Rev. E. Leroy Dakin resigned Sunday from the Emmanuel Baptist Church, of which he has been pastor for the past four years. Rev. Mr. Dakin goes to take a master of arts course at the University of Chicago, and expects to take up his university residence next fall. His resignation takes effect January 1, when he will commence his studies preparatory to the course.

The pastor read the following letter of resignation at the morning service of his church on Sunday, which was received with great regret, as he is much beloved by the members of his church:

"To the Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria, B. C.

"My Dear Brethren:—In the providence of God the time has come when there devolves upon me the exceedingly painful duty of placing in your hands my resignation of the pastorate of this church, to take effect with your approval two months from this date.

"When I came to you nearly four ago, I had no expectation of remaining with you so long, but the longer I have stayed the dearer has the work become, until this task has become more painful to me than I had ever thought it would be. My increasing interest in and connection with and responsibility for our denominational work, the moral reform work of our city and especially the work of Emmanuel church, makes this matter a great burden to me.

"My heart is buried well down in the work of Emmanuel. I have never before been so closely wedded to any work. The spiritual welfare of the people that worship here is the passion of my heart.

"Your unfailing loyalty and constant appreciation have been very dear to me. I have been with you long enough to know you, and this has been to form ties of friendship and sympathy which have made my life richer for all time to come, and labor with you a joy and a pleasure. The splendid spirit of love and loyalty that now prevails, stronger than ever, together with our present prosperity, the greatest in the history of Emmanuel, and the bright outlook for the future of our work in this community, combine to make it almost impossible for me to take this step. I feel, however, that I owe it to myself and the Master I serve to take further university training, the times demand the utmost efficiency for the work of the ministry, and so for myself I desire to give my Master my best at its best.

"It is my plan to enter the University of Chicago in 1908. There is a considerable amount of preparatory work which I wish to do beforehand, the which I could not well do in connection with pastoral work here, hence the necessity for this step, being so conscious of my need of the move I purpose. I am persuaded that my action is in line with His will whom I desire to serve faithfully all the days of my life. Her commending you to the love and care of our common Lord, I am your brother in Christ Jesus the Lord.

"E. LEROY DAKIN."

HE WILL INTRODUCE DIABOLO IN VICTORIA

Dr. Gibb Returns From Europe Set of Game Which Has Taken Firm Hold There

Dr. and Mrs. Gibb have returned to the city after a five months' absence in Great Britain and the continent. The most of the time was spent in Vienna, where Dr. Gibb took post-graduate work for some time, specialising in one or two departments of surgery. Returning they came by way of the Cunard line steamship Lusitania on the occasion of her second voyage to New York when she broke all Atlantic records. The trip was a memorable one. The day the record for the day's run held by the North German Lloyd was beaten, the result was announced while the passengers were at dinner. At once, Dr. Gibb states, someone rushed to a piano and commenced "Rule Britannia," and everyone, English, Americans and all joined in the refrain.

Dr. Gibb brought back a set with which "diabolo," the game which captured Europe by storm is played. It is astonishing to see what a hold it has gained upon the public of France and Great Britain. The name is indicative of the ease with which the game may be acquired.

Stave Mill Burned

Forest, Ont., Nov. 4.—The stave mill and heading mill owned by Greenlees & Kennedy, Forest, and Messrs. Sutherland & Innes, Chatham, was destroyed yesterday. Loss $6,000, insurance $3,000.

CLAIM OWNERS ARE AT GUGGENHEIMS' MERCY

Miner Tells of Result of Government's Granting a Monopoly

Vancouver, Nov. 4.—"Five thousand more men would be employed in the Klondike than have been during the last year if the government and not the Guggenheims had installed the big water system now being completed by the New Yorkers in that district."

This statement was made today by John Maddon, a large claim-owner on Bunker creek, who sold out to the Guggenheims.

"I have no particular complaint to make against the Guggenheims," said he, "for they are handling their affairs strictly on business principles. They have employed thousands of men during the past season and will do more next year. Their machinery is the finest for special mining work in the history of the world. But the arrangement they made with the government, gaining the right to carry water placed all the small miners at their mercy. The placer mines of the hills are useless without water. The small owners simply had to sell out. They had to sell at what they could get, half or a quarter or a fifth of what the property would otherwise have been worth. Why, one day the Guggenheim agent went through and bought a million dollars worth of claims. When a man would not sell at a low enough figure he simply was given nothing at all. There is here and there a claim not bought by the big American firm, but eventually these owners must all come in to sell, for they have no way of carrying on mining."

Coming up the Yukon the steamer Casca met great quantities of floating ice. The vessel was hung up for ten days at Hellgate canyon, and it was only by the use of block and tackle that the vessel was got over at all.

Approximately two hundred thousand dollars in gold was brought on the steamer. The largest single amount was $30,000 brought from Dawson by J. W. Kelly, of Dominion creek.

Mr. Maddon says that the Guggenheims are making large purchases of copper properties at the head of White river.

HAY MAY BE VERY HIGH

Severe Winter Would Run Prices to Record Figure on the Mainland

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—Agriculturists of this district believe that should the coming winter be as severe as the last one there will be a serious shortage of hay and that prices will reach a record mark.

The crop this year was as large as usual, but the prolonged cold spell last winter was the means of using up almost entirely the reserve supply in the district and now there is only the present season's crop to depend upon and those who claim to know state that it will not be sufficient to last through a long winter.

The price of hay is already much higher than it has been for several years at this time of the year and new hay is now quoted on the retail market as high as $28 a ton, while $18 was the ruling price two months ago. It is known that many farmers are holding back their supply. It is not thought that prices will lower any, but on the contrary, will increase even should the winter not be severe.

INJURED MAN GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGES

Case of Hanbury vs. B. C. Electric Co. Settled by Payment of $300

The suit for damages against the B. C. Electric company, arising out of personal injury received during a head-on collision on the line Aug. 18 last, was settled out of court yesterday. The action was for $500, and was settled in consideration of the payment of $300.

It appears that Patrick Hanbury, a laborer, well advanced in years, was riding on a car going to Esquimalt on the day mentioned, when they passed another car in a switch. This second car forgot to announce that it was followed by the observation car with the result that there was a collision shortly afterwards, the cars running into one another while rounding a curve. Hanbury was thrown from the car and received injuries which necessitated his being taken to the hospital. Frank Higgins was solicitor for Hanbury.

'VARSITY CREWS STRONG.

Both Oxford and Cambridge Will Be Formidable Next Season.

London, Nov. 4.—Both Oxford and Cambridge universities look like turning out fine crews for the rowing season of 1908, each having a capital array of "Wet Bob" talent. At Oxford most of this year's representatives are available and in residence again, and there is plenty of new blood to choose from. Old blues are already at work and include the president, A. G. Kirby; A. C. Gladstone, E. H. L. Southwell, J. A. Gillan and G. E. Hope, of last year's trial eights, and the senior men, R. W. Somers-Smith, the Kingston R. C. stroke; E. V. Culme-Seymour, H. R. Barker, H. G. Pilling, A. McCulloch, runner up for this year's Diamond sculls; C. R. Cudmoore and numerous others afford a fine reserve nucleus.

The best freshmen are C. A. Gladstone and E. Majolier, of the 1907 Eton eight, and several old Radleians and Saloplans. The dark blue's prospects have rarely been brighter.

Nothwithstanding that only four old blues are likely to assist Cambridge again and the fact that the light blues were less successful at Henley than usual last July, the outlook is very good. Such seniors as M. C. Albright, the Hon. J. H. Parker, C. S. Thompson, C. P Fairbairn, G B. Lloyd, S. C. C Belfield, who has been specially coached for the Coquhoun Schulls this year, and H. L. Laidlaw should all develop into sound oarsmen. The freshmen, too, include many public school men of promise. E. G. Williams, captain of boats at Eton last season, will prove a decided acquisition to the university eight. The old blues available at present are E. W. Powell, D. C. R. Stuart, who was the winning stroke in the Cambridge-Harvard race; J. S. Burn and H. M. Goldsmith, but the last named is doubtful after Christmas.

OBITUARY NOTICES

On Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral of the late David Hart, a pioneer resident of Victoria, who died on Thursday last at the Jubilee hospital, took place from Oddfellows' hall, Douglas street. The funeral service of the order was conducted by James Bell, president of the relief committee, assisted by F. Nelson, acting chaplin of the order. At the conclusion of the I. O. O. F. service the funreal cortege proceeded to the Jewish cemetery, followed by a large number of the friends of the deceased. Dr. Hartman conducted the Jewish service at the grave. There was a large attendance of members of the I. O. O. F. local lodge, and many beautiful floral tributes were sent by sympathizing friends. The pall-bearers were: F. Davey, W. J. Wrigleswort and W. J. Clark, representing the I. O. O. F., and S. Leiser, F. Landsberg and J. Lancaster.

Exploring Far North

Edmonton, Alb., Nov. 4.—Ernest Thompson-Seton, who returned last night from the Far North, told his experience of the barren lands east of the Great Slave Lake, where there is no human habitation for thousands of miles. He is the fifth white man to enter that country since 1771. He made an extensive trip to inspect the animals and plants while in the north. He is accompanied by Edward Preble, of the United States department of agriculture. They will reach Winnipeg on Wednesday.

CONSERVATIVES WILL MEET IN CONVENTION

Object of Gathering Will Be to Form Provincial Association

A convention of the Conservative party of British Columbia will be held in Vancouver on November 22 and 23. The object of the convention is to form a provincial association and the decision to call it was taken on the occasion of R. L. Borden's visit to the province.

At that time Mr. Borden met representatives of the executives of the Conservative associations of the coast, delegates from Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, North Vancouver and Nanaimo assembling in the terminal city for that purpose. A committee composed of Premier McBride, G. H. Barnard, president of the Victoria Conservative association; C. M. Woodward, president of the Conservative association of Vancouver, and J. D. Lee, president of the Conservative association of New Westminster, was appointed to arrange the details of the convention.

Accordingly the committee met and sent out a circular letter to the various Conservative organizations throughout the province, informing them of the steps that had been taken, and requesting them to appoint delegates to the convention. The basis of representation in the convention is as follows:

Every Conservative member of the legislature is entitled to attend, and each provincial constituency is entitled to send ten delegates in respect of each member elected by it to the local legislature.

The delegates are to be elected by the organized Conservative clubs or associations in each constituency, or where no club or association is in existence, to be elected at a public meeting convened by the Conservative party.

The adjustment of the representation of the different portions of any riding is to be settled by the party within that riding. Delegates may not be represented by proxy, and all must be duly accredited in writing under the hand of the president or chairman of the club, association or meeting appointing them.

The enthusiasm with which the proposition was received by the coast associations is the best augury of the success which is bound to attend the convention. The replies to the circular letter all express great satisfaction at the proposal, and the convention promises to be of great interest.

WILL ENDEAVOR TO STOP SALE OF GIRLS

Ottawa Government Takes Action to Prevent Further Occurrences of Kind at Alert Bay

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 4.—In consequence of reports presented to the Dominion government of alleged sales of slave girls at Indian potlaches at Alert bay, a large school for Indian children, especially girls, is to be established there. Plans are now being prepared at Ottawa and the big boarding-school will be erected this winter. Fifty girls will easily be accommodated in the building.

The government has also decided to give increased powers to Indian Agent Halliday, in order that he may deal immediately with cases arising out of the potlaches frequently held at Alert bay. Mr. Halliday will specially be given charge of the administration of the school.

WILL MEET FORMER COMPANIONS IN ARMS

Hon. Maurice Gifford Sets Friday Evening Apart For Reception of Veterans

On Friday evening next, Hon. Maurice Gifford has arranged to receive the veterans of the Egyptian war, 1882; Northwest rebellion, 1885; Matabele war, 1893; Matabele war, 1896, and South African war, 1899-1902.

Since arriving in British Columbia, the Hon. Mr. Gifford has met a great many old comrades of these wars, and others who served in the same. As many of them have asked for an evening when they could meet and talk over old times, it is in response to this general desire on the part of the veterans that Hon. Mr. Gifford has fixed Friday evening for the occasion.

All veterans of these campaigns who would like to be present are requested to send their names and addresses to A. T. Goward, B. C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd., city.

This is necessary, as it is hard to tell just how many will have to be provided for.

The committee in charge of arrangements is providing a little programme and other entertainment.

WINNIPEG WHEAT TAKES SHARP DROP

No. 1 Northern Goes Below Dollar Mark—One Company Stops Buying

Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—For the first time in almost two months No. 1 northern wheat in Winnipeg is below the dollar mark. Ever since the first week in September dollar wheat has ruled in the Canadian west, and today for the first time the price of No. 1 northern in Winnipeg has dropped below that figure. The option market here suffered a very sharp break, prices dropping steadily downward with no support or recovery at all. Cables were twopence lower at the opening and were responsible for the early break of over a cent. That was not all, as very heavy receipts and consequent flooding of the market with cash offerings caused a further depression. The nearby options were the heavy sufferers, values declining 3½c in November and December, while May closed 1½c lower than Saturday's close.

In the American markets, Minneapolis and Chicago, particularly the former, were very weak at the opening, and later suffered slightly further declines, but both markets showed a great rallying power, which was entirely lacking in Winnipeg and on heavy buying had a sharp upturn, eventually closing a cent above Saturday's close.

Brandon, Nov. 4.—The Western Canada Flour Mills company has ceased for the present to buy wheat. This is the official statement of W. J. Lindsay the manager. When asked regarding the cause Mr. Lindsay said:

"It is true that we have ceased for the present to buy wheat. Our reason is that we have about $1,000,000 tied up in wheat at present, and we do not care to get in deeper on a falling market, particularly in view of the general financial situation. The farmers are themselves partly to blame, for the new grain act is hard on the elevators, giving the farmers the cars and privileges to an extent that hampers our smaller elevators. Some firms have stopped buying the inferior grain, taking the higher, but we do not make any discrimination, and so, for the present, we will refuse all."

AN INSURANCE CASE

Mr. Justice Riddell Severely Criticises Companies for Attempt to Evade Payment

Toronto, Nov. 4.—"These cases arose out of what, if we were to disregard current euphemisms of the day, might be characterized as an attempt on the part of insurance companies, which I presume consider themselves respectable, to defraud the plaintiff by refusing to pay the part of his loss covered by their policies, and that on a pretext of the most flimsy character."

This paragraph is a preface attached by Justice Riddell to a judgment delivered this morning in the case of Thompson vs. the Equity Insurance company and the Standard Mutual Fire Insurance company.

Thompson kept a drug and furniture store at New Liskeard, and took out policies in the two companies named. The gas stove of an employee set fire to the place and owing to a breakdown in the municipal fire apparatus the building was destroyed. The defendants endeavored to show that the plaintiff was not active in attempting to cope with the blaze and hinted at incendiarism. "Such pleadings," said the judge, "in my view are a disgrace to the party pleading, unless there is something justifying the plea. There is, however, no evidence in support of this. I acquit the plaintiff of all charges or imputations of wrong doing. Judgment is given for the plaintiff."

ASK ASSISTANCE FOR MISSION BRIDGE

Deputation From Constituency of Dewdney Wait Upon the Provincial Government

A deputation yesterday interviewed Premier McBride and the members of the provincial executive with a view to obtaining government assistance for a bridge across the Fraser river at Mission, B. C.

At the present time the C. P. R. is preparing to construct a railway bridge at this point and the residents of the district would like to have the government co-operate with the railway and to add a roadway on either side of the railway bridge for foot and vehicle traffic. The deputation consisted of W. J. Manson, M.P.P. for Dewdney, J. B. Cade and H. Windebank, and they were promised that they would obtain the answer of the government by Nov. 15.

The residents of the district would be greatly benefited by the construction of the bridge and it is regarded as an especially favorable opportunity to construct it. In constructing the girders for the bridge brackets could be attached at either side to support the roadway. The saving in cost to the government would be great.

TO GUARD FISHERIES

Protection Cruisers Will Spend Winter in the North

A Vancouver special to the Colonist says the Dominion fishery cruisers Kestrel and Falcon have been ordered to spend most of the winter on the northern halibut grounds to insist that Puget Sound fishing craft fully carry out the laws. Heretofore American boats have been in the habit of using Canadian ports at nights and as headquarters from which to operate.

STRATHEARN DELAYED

United States Customs Refuse to Allow Her to Discharge Coal

The steamer Strathearn, which went to the Sound after discharging her initial cargo here to land 1,200 tons of coal brought for the United States customs officials, who have been earning notoriety by many unavailing attempts to enforce regulations against the British steamers chartered to carry coal for the United States navy.

The case of the Strathearn involves points not previously brought out in South America. The cargo was originally destined for west coast ports, where it was expected the voyaging squadron would call. Later arrangements in Washington reduced the quantity needed, and, proceeding to Puget Sound to fill a loading charter, the coal is now here. Landing is refused by customs officers. Against the decision, the master of the Strathearn has appealed to Washington for permission to land his cargo in the manner that has been granted other British vessels.

Colchester Bye-Election

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—An election takes place in Colchester, N. S., on November 28, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Hon. F. A. Laurence to the bench. Nominations take place a week earlier.

VENTURA LIMPS BACK

Wheat Laden British Bark Has Cargo Shifted, Sails and Rigging Carried Away

The British bark Ventura, outward bound from Tacoma, with a cargo of grain for the United Kingdom, was caught in the heavy gale, which blew at the rate of 44 miles an hour off the entrance of the straits and returned to Port Townsend yesterday morning in distress. The bark's cargo shifted when she was heeled over almost on her beam by the storm and heavy seas, and several of her sails were carried away, and others ribboned. Some of the rigging was also carried away and the vessel put back into the straits, being towed to Port Townsend. She sailed from Tacoma on October 29, with a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom.

NEW STEAMERS FOR NEW ZEALAND LINE

Indravelli, Due This Week, Will Run With the Steamer Den of Ruthven

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The steamers Indravelli and Den of Ruthven are to replace the steamers of the Bucknall Bros.' fleet, the Kazembe, now due from Auckland, via ports, and the Pondo, in the Canadian-Australian line in consequence of an arrangement recently consummated by F. A. Alley, who holds the subsidy from the Dominion government for a bi-monthly service between British Columbia ports and New Zealand. It was recently reported that the Indravelli and Den of Ruthven would bring Japanese from Honolulu to Vancouver, but it was understood that the arrangement made was for a unmber of Japanese to be taken from the islands on each trip northward similarly to the arrangement made with the Canadian-Australian line whereby forty Japanese are to be brought from Honolulu on each trip of the steamers in that service.

The Indravelli, which was some years ago used in the Oregon Railway and Navigation company's line to Hongkong from Portland, calling here on her inland trip to land cargo and steerage passengers, left Shimoseki, Japan, October 22 for this port and is due about Tuesday next. The Den of Ruthven, which is a new steamer recently added to the Den line of C. Barrie & Son, was last reported at Freemantle, where she took a cargo of general freight from New York. The steamer Kazembe, which is now due is a new steamer of the Bucknall line, which was sent to British Columbia in the place of the steamer Bucentaur, which was placed in the dry dock at Auckland to have ten plates renewed on her starboard side in consequence of a stranding at Suva, where she hit the main reef when entering the Fijian port. The Pondo is following the Kazembe.

Whether these steamers will be withdrawn from the trade is not known. It is said that a disagreement has arisen between the holders of the subsidy and the Bucknall company, in consequence of which Amey and his associates have made arrangements with Barrie & Son for two steamers for the service. According to a report current, however, it is probable that the Bucknall steamers may be maintained in the trade independently. There is a growing business between British Columbia and the Antipodes, the situation also being enhanced by the great demand on the North Pacific coast for Australian coal and the brisk market for lumber from this province in New Zealand and Australia.

The steamer Indravelli, which has been carrying cargo from New York to North China, taking a large supply of machinery, locomotives, etc. to Dainy for the South Manchurian railway, will load a shipment of lumber at Chemainus on arrival. She will probably sail for Auckland via ports on her initial trip in the new service, about the beginning of December. The steamer Den of Airlie was to have been used with the Den of Ruthven, but that steamer was fixed to carry a cargo of grain from Portland instead.

The Indravelli is a much larger steamer than either of those now engaged in the New Zealand service. She is a steel screw steamer of 4899 tons gross, 3152 net, with two steel steel decks and deep framing, built by C. Connell & Co., at Glasgow in 1897 for the Indra line. She is 400 feet long, 49.2 feet beam and 28.3 feet deep. The Den of Ruthven is also a larger vessel, being of 3,116 tons net tonnage.

ARTHUR SEWALL SIGHTED

Vessel Long Overdue, and Reported Lost, Seen By Ship Combermere Off Cape Flattery.

The long overdue American ship Arthur Sewall, whose crew, according to certain sensational newspapers were killed and eaten by cannibals supposed to still exist in Terra del Fuego, has been spoken near Cape Flattery by the British ship Combermere, which reached the sound from Callao Sunday. The Arthur Sewall is 112 days out from Philadelphia and is up for reinsurance at 65 per cent. The recent arrival of a Norwegian sealer at Punta Arenas reporting sighting a wreck near the Horn was taken as a practical confirmation of the loss of the Sewall.

The fact that the American ship Erskine M. Phelps, owned by the same company as the Sewall and about the same size, has arrived in the straits, tended to the belief that Capt. Balfour, of the Combermere, might have been mistaken and that the Phelps was the vessel sighted instead of the Sewall. Both the captain and the first mate, however, declared last evening that it was the Arthur Sewall they had sighted. Officers of the ship are said to have reported that the name of the Arthur Sewall was also discerned on the American ship.

The Merchants' Exchange of Seattle yesterday reported the speaking of the Sewall off Flattery island.

GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN THE ATLIN COUNTRY

Alfred Carmichael Tells of Progress in the Mining Industry

Alfred Carmichael, of Atlin, B.C., has arrived in Victoria from the north and reports satisfactory returns from the hydraulic and placer mines of the Atlin district. Having been in Atlin every season since its discovery Mr. Carmichael can speak with authority, and he says that with few exceptions every company and every individual placer miner was satisfied with the results of the past season's work.

From available information it is safe to assert that the gold output for this year will fully equal if not exceed that of former years.

Of the larger operators the Guggenheim steam shovel and electric haulage plant on Pine Creek worked continuously throughout the season, handling some 2,000 cubic yards of gravel per twenty-four hours. "It is wonderful to watch this shovel working," said Mr. Carmichael, "the dipper of the shovel digging into the bank and loading the cars with wonderful rapidity and clock-like regularity.

"The Pine Creek Power company and the North Columbia Hydraulic company were still piping when I left Atlin. The latter company has a steam ditching dredge at work enlarging their supply ditch to mammoth proportions. The ditch cannot be completed this season. This company have a magnificant reservoir in Surprise lake, a body of water some 16 miles long and nearly a mile in width. A dam constructed at the outlet impounds the water from the melting snows and ensures the company a constant head of some 12,000 miners' inches for the season.

"On the McKee creek the Amalgamated McKee Creek Hydraulic company piped throughout the season. On Birch creek Messrs. Pearce and Co. are reported to have done well. Shortage of water hampers work on this creek, but the present operators have proved that with capable and economical management the gravels are worth washing. The same holds good for Boulder and the other small creeks of the district. At the latter creek the French company and the individual miners are all reported to have done well.

Ruby creek, which was staked in the early days in 100 foot claims, abandoned, restaked in hydraulic leases, abandoned again, and restaked again in individual claims, control of which was got by an Altin local syndicate is likely to prove a bonanza. The present owners grouped their claims and sunk to bedrock crossing, cutting the pay by drifting across stream on both sides of the shaft. Two hundred ounces of gold has been taken out of the shaft and drift. When this creek is equipped with a hydraulic plant it should be a large producer. On the south side of Pine creek, Weight creek has done well again. This creek was mined with great success in the early days, but in later years it has produced little. After years of unrewarded endeavor, one group of our individuals took out over $6,000 this season.

"The same may be said of Otter creek, which has only begun to figure in the gold commissioner's reports as a producing creek. The Otter Creek Development company, in which I am interested, owns the whole of the upper creek. We are crosscutting the pay gravel at the lower end of our property by means of the hydraulic stream. The result of the past season's work is satisfactory, and that there is a heavy run of gold on the property is now beyond dispute. The fine nugget in the window of Challoner & Mitchell is one I picked up on bedrock in one of our pits. This nugget contains over $300 in gold.

"On the lower half of Otter creek a new company have installed a hydraulic plant and will open up as soon as the water runs next spring. Spruce creek is a steady producer and will be for years to come. This creek is perhaps the richest known creek in the district, the width of the pay being still undetermined. Large tracts of the creek are held by companies which, with the exception of one, are doing no development work. What the Atlin country wants most is the prospector. There is hardly a man out in the hills seeking new diggings. As an illustration of the reward which would come to systematic prospecting let me mention the name of Wilson creek. That creek was staked in the early rush of 1898, abandoned and restaked in hydraulic leases, which were eventually cancelled. Andrew Grier and partner prospected during the winter of 1905-1906, and struck pay, and have done very well. The success of these discoverers should encourage new men to come into the district, as there is any quantity of ground awaiting them."

In reference to quartz mining, Mr. Carmichael says that C. E. Wynne Johnson has let a contract to John Dunham for quite extensive development work which has already begun, on the Beavis mine. A free gold quartz proposition situated on the north shore of Atlin lake and within a mile of the town. If the result of this work is satisfactory it will mean a great deal to lode mining in the Atlin district.

NEW WATER SUPPLY

Vancouver Intends to Secure Another Source in Seymour Creek

With a view of improving its water supply Vancouver intends to seek an auxiliary supply on Seymour creek, a stream located some few miles from the Capilano river when the city's present supply is obtained.

G. F. Baldwin, city treasurer, and S. Madison, superintendent of the waterworks, are at present in the city and will seek permission from the government for the laying of the water pipes through the townsite of Hastings.

The pipes for the new system are now being distributed along the river's course and will be laid across the river at the Narrows, close to the south of Seymour creek. This water supply will be an alternative one to that at present obtained from Capilano river.

Lethbridge, Alb., Nov. 4.—Cash is plentiful in Lethbridge, and tonight $42,000 of the $46,000 taxes payable by the last day of discount was paid. The council will submit a by-law to the people authorizing the expenditure of $25,000 for the boring a new well, the purchase of the electric company's well and completing it. The by-law defeated last week will be re-submitted with the gas-boring by-law on November 27.