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THE CITY.

A special train service is to be provided in connection with the North and South Saanich agricultural association's fall show, to be held on Friday and Saturday of this week at Saanichton.

Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, K. C. B., V. C., one of the most distinguished officers in the Royal Navy, is visiting Victoria and with Lady Salmon is staying at the Dallas. Admiral Salmon has been making a trip through the Dominion.

Wm. A. Gordon, who is held on a charge of robbing his missing prospecting partner, Isaac Jones, in the Omineca country, was again remanded yesterday, awaiting the return of his counsel, Mr. Gordon Hunter. He will appear again to-day at 2 o'clock.

John E. Corbett, for whom numerous inquiries have been made recently by lawyers resident in the East, and who was supposed to have gone from here to Montana, is still a British Columbian. He is at the present time working at Ladner's Landing, where anyone who wishes to may communicate with him.

Messrs. F. and H. Berridge, J. A. Whiteside, William Stewart, John Hensen and H. W. Graves acted as pallbearers yesterday afternoon at the funeral of the late Mrs. Turnbull of Vancouver street, the interment being in Ross Bay cemetery and the services at the graveside being conducted by the representative members of the Theosophical society.

W. Lorimer, who has just returned from San Juan, where he and J. Wilson are opening out a free-milling gold claim within 150 yards of the wharf, states that the shaft is down 36 feet, and by crosscutting the vein has been found sixteen feet wide. Assays have gone $20 a ton, and if tests from samples which Mr. Lorimer has brought down this trip are equally favorable, shipping will begin at once.

Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, and Mr. T. F. Patterson, of Guelph, who has come to the province to lecture to the farmers under government auspices, leave to-morrow for Hazlemere, where they will speak on the subject of Farmers' Institutes. On Saturday afternoon they have a meeting in the Surrey Centre town hall with the Surrey Farmers' Institute, the first to be formed under the new act.

Victoria is represented at the annual meeting of the I.O.G.T. Grand Lodge, convened on Monday morning last and now in session at Wellington, by Dr. Lewis Hall, P.C.T., and Mrs. Hall, Miss Huxtable, Mrs. M. Jenkins, R. C. Wilson, Frank Hatcher and Miss King, these seven ladies and gentlemen being the accredited delegates from Perseverance, Victoria West and Cedar Hill lodges. The session is expected to close to-morrow.

Impressive services were conducted at the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell, in connection with the funeral of Jessie Alice Dagmar, only daughter of Mr. Thomas Dearberg—a young lady enjoying in life the fullest esteem and affection of all her numerous acquaintance. She was a native of Victoria, where she had spent practically the sum of her young life. She was but 22 years of age at the time of her decease.

Dismissals were the order of the hour in the city police court yesterday. The magistrate did not consider the prosecution against Harry Keown, to prove his ownership of the horse accidentally strangled at Mr. Seabrook's residence and to compel him to pay cremation expenses, a correct matter for police court disposal. A discharge was accordingly entered, while "not proven" was the entry in connection with the case of Joe Grant, arrested for supplying liquor to a son of the forest.

On Thursday last Mr. Justice Walkem decided to dismiss the habeas corpus proceedings brought by Shing Kow for the recovery of little Tuai Shing from the Chinese Refuge Home. Shing Kow is not willing to let the matter rest there however, for in habeas corpus proceedings one judge after another may be applied to. Through Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken Shing Kow has therefore obtained another order nisi, and the argument will probably come up this week.

The Sitka Alaskan still further confirms the news of the failure of Professor David Starr Jordan's electrical seal branding apparatus to accomplish the purpose of its existence. It is not only an unworkable machine, according to the American paper, but it is infinitely slower than hand branding with the hot iron. "Mr. Murray branded 1,400 seals in one day with the hot irons," says the Alaskan, "while it takes three minutes at the least to brand a seal with Dr. Jordan's apparatus."

A treat was provided yesterday for the little folks of the Roman Catholic schools in this city, the pupils of St. Louis college, St. Ann's convent, the Central Catholic school and the Kindergarten being marched by their instructors to the New York hall on Yates street, and there permitted to enjoy the wonderful "pictures alive" that are drawing large and enthusiastic crowds thither nightly. Needless to say they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A party of prominent Hawaiians are at present visiting Victoria, and during their stay here are guests at the Driard. They are W. G. Irwin, Mrs. and Miss Irwin and W. H. Cornwall, of Honolulu. They are travelling for pleasure and after leaving here go East over the C.P.R. Mr. Irwin is head of the great sugar and banking firm of W. G. Irwin & Co., Honolulu. A native of Great Britain, he has lived many years in Hawaii, and at one time was prominent in politics as he is now in commerce. He is associated with Claus Spreckels, the sugar king, and like him is a millionaire. Mr. W. H. Cornwall is a large sugar factor in the islands and also is of British descent.

In a letter just received from William Heaney, of this city—who is one of the many on the way to the wonderful gold land of the distant North—bearing date of the 12th September, at Fort Selkirk, the information is given that his party has plenty of beef but little flour, and that there is a prospect of other provisions running somewhat short, although the outlook is not as yet alarming. There are, according to Mr. Heaney, about five thousand people at present on the way to the Yukon, and for the purpose of keeping track of these pilgrims, a register has been faithfully kept at Selkirk, which all who pass that point are required to sign, so that should occasion arise they may be traced. At the date of Mr. Heaney's writing it was raining a torrent, and he was celebrating his birthday under auspices the reverse of cheering.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Savage are receiving the congratulations of their friends in consequence of a pleasing ceremony performed a few evenings ago at 223 Yates street. Until that occasion Mrs. Savage was Miss Elizabeth Maude Smith, daughter of Mr. W. H. Smith, of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The picturesque new provincial government buildings were a blaze of light last evening, the thousand or more electric lamps in the rotunda and other parts of the interior being turned on for the first time, and the effect from both within and without being a splendid one. There are in all about 1,600 lights distributed throughout the buildings, although not more than 1,000 will be required to be brought into use for a time at least.

A letter just received from constable Fred. Bevan, dated at Lake Bennett on the 21st ultimo, says that heavy collections are being made by the customs officers stationed there, and that no real difficulty has yet developed for the police to dispose of. Constables Bevan and McGraw had a narrow escape from drowning while running the Bennett lake rapids. Both would undoubtedly have perished had it not been for Mr. Bevan. They did escape, however, and that is the main thing.

Mr. F. J. Hall entertained acceptably a most intelligent audience assembled in James Hall last evening, to hear his review of the "History of Chemistry." In his remarks, Mr. Hall traced the progress of the science from the time of the Egyptians to the present day, and gave incidentally an interesting description of Dalton's atomic theory. He also dwelt upon the practicable adaptability of chemistry to the ordinary avocations of life, and its great use not only in industrial pursuits, but in scientific research.

Among the passengers by the Islander this morning, en route East over the Canadian Pacific, are Mrs. Gordon Grant and Mrs. J. F. Betts, who will represent British Columbia at the great temperance gatherings in Toronto toward the close of this month. Both ladies are delegates to the Dominion convention of the W.C.T.U., which opens on the 20th instant. Mrs. Grant will also represent this province at the world's convention, commencing on the 23rd and continuing until the 26th, at which Miss Frances Willard, Lady Somerset and all the representative women workers of America and Australasia will be present.

More than two hundred dogs of all sorts, kinds and conditions of servitude have been entered for the bench show opening at the Assembly hall to-morrow and continuing the remainder of the week. These include the San Francisco cracks brought north by Mr. Sinclair, the manager of the great San Francisco bench exhibitions, and who is now rendering valued assistance to the managers of the local show in the placing of their guests. The arrangement of the kennels this year will be on the same principle that prevails in New York, Chicago and the other great cities, while the decorated kennels and the keen competition among the pets of the ladies of society will render the present show something altogether out of the ordinary, in this province at all events. Every exhibit will be scored by the judge, and the complete score card handed the owner after the judging will be of considerable value to him or her as showing just how far and where the pet is "off" the standard of perfection for its breed.

A picture at the top of the letter sent in by J. K. Mulkey to the city council on Monday evening last, gives a hint as to the style of ice locomotive which that Los Angeles inventor claims to have perfected. This locomotive is intended, he states, for taking passengers and provisions up the Yukon river to Dawson. At first sight the picture appears to be that of a railway train on runners. The locomotive, instead of a smokestack in front in the usual way, has a funnel raking aft in the centre of the car, as in a steamship. It has a headlight, too, and a cowcatcher, but the front of the engine is rounded in, and the engineer appears in a conning tower above. The engine wheels, roughed on the tire edge, seem to be intended to catch in the ice and snow and so furnish the motive power for the train, the engine and cars each resting on what apparently are ordinary sleigh runners. The inventor claims that by means of his locomotive he will be able to make the trip from the mouth of the Yukon to Dawson City in from three to five days.

The Fifth Regiment on Saturday will for the first time have a route marching competition. This is quite a novelty here, though in the East and in Great Britain such contests have been in favor for a number of years past. Teams to take part will consist of one officer, one non-commissioned officer and twelve men, and no doubt there will be plenty of teams eager for a chance at a record. The course will be from the drill hall, by Belleville street and the Dallas road; thence passing the cemetery to Oak Bay; along Cadboro Bay road to Yates street; down Yates and back to the drill hall by way of Government street, Belleville street and Menzies street. All teams will be in field day order and the winning team will be the one which reaches the drill hall in the shortest time. Fifteen minutes will be added to any team for each man who drops out on the way. The teams must march in the road and not use the sidewalks, nor will short cuts be allowed. The first team leaves at 2:15, with fifteen minutes interval before the starting of the next team.

Wise Men Know

It is folly to build upon a poor foundation, either in architecture or in health. A foundation of sand is insecure, and to deaden symptoms by narcotics or nerve compounds is equally dangerous and deceptive. The true way to build up health is to make your blood pure, rich and nourishing by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels. Cure sick headache.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, billiousness or constipation you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The New Horseshoe Bay Light Will Be in Operation This Week.

More Sealers Home From Behring Sea—Notes Along the Water Front.

Captain James Gaudin, agent of marine, leaves for Chemainus to-day to instal as keeper, James Crozier, who has been appointed to take charge of the new lighthouse on Bear Point. The light will be put in operation to-morrow night for the first time. It is intended as an aid to vessels in finding the entrance to Horse Shoe bay, where the Victoria Lumber Company's mills are situated. The lighthouse building which is a square structure building painted white, of the usual lighthouse type, stands on the extreme point, twenty-four feet above the water. The lantern is thirty-six feet above the water and the fixed light is expected to be visible for thirteen miles from all points of approach by water.

A TALE OF THREE SEALERS.

The Arietis, Captain Martin; the Zillah May, Captain Balcom; and the Penelope, Captain Macaulay—are three of the sealing fleet that put in an appearance last evening, none of them with any particular news to relate. They should have been here some days ago had it not been for vexatious calms experienced along the west coast of Vancouver island, where they put in to land their Indian hunters on the way down. The catches of the trio are as follows: Arietis, Behring sea, 897; coast, 167—or a total of 1,064; Zillah May, Behring sea, 663; coast, 164—827; and Penelope, Beh ring sea, 703; coast, 200—903. The Favorite and the Otto are reported by these late arrivals to be following close behind them, and it is expected that they too will be home by daybreak this morning.

RETURNING SEALERS.

Another of the sealing fleet reached port safely at an early hour yesterday morning. This was the Beatrice, Captain Heater, his vessel's catch for the season being 738, of which 579 skins were captured in Behring sea and 159 on the coast. Captain Heater reports his cruise as quite uneventful. He would have reached port several hours earlier, but for a strong ebb tide, which held the schooner almost stationary for a couple of hours off Race Rocks, even with an eight-knot favorable breeze blowing.

THE "GARLAND" LOADED.

The American bark Garland, chartered by Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd., has finished loading lumber at North Saanich, and will leave for sea on Friday in tow of the tug Lorne. She carries 172,118 lineal feet of mining props for Santa Rosalia.

SYSTEM IN CHURCH WORK.

An Interesting Convention Arranged for This Week by the Methodist Pastors.

An interesting convention of the Methodist churches of Victoria district is to be held in the Metropolitan church here on Thursday and Friday of this week, for the consideration of "better methods of church work." Rev. J. F. Betts, chairman of the district board, will preside, and Rev. J. P. Hicks is to act as secretary of the convention.

Among the practical papers arranged for Thursday, the opening day, are: "How to develop the connexional spirit of our church," by Rev. J. P. Bowell, secretary of the British Columbia conference; "The importance of good literature," by Rev. J. W. Winslow; and "The needs of city mission work," by the president of the conference, Rev. Thomas Crosby.

On Friday the sessions for the transaction of business will continue from nine in the morning until evening, the convention closing with a mass meeting "for the deepening of spiritual life." The Friday series of papers includes the following:

"How to develop and direct our forces as a church," by Rev. Geo. F. Swinnerton; "How to reach neglected communities," Rev. T. W. Hall; "The responsibility of the church for the social conditions of the day," Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland; "The employment of evangelists in our work," Rev. J. F. Betts; "The church as a municipal factor," Rev. J. C. Speer; and "The prayer meeting," Rev. J. P. D. Knox.

An intensely appreciative audience assembled at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last evening for the first recital of the season, by Mr. J. G. Burnett, the organist. On this occasion he was assisted by his pupil, Mr. Bantly, by Miss Jameson and by Mr. Pilling, the thoroughly artistic and pleasingly diversified programme being as below:

Organ—Grand Chorus in D.....Guilmant
Organ—"The Village Harvest Home" (descriptive).....Spinney
Mr. Burnett.
Vocal—"The Chorister"...Arthur Sullivan
Mr. J. Pilling.
Organ—Grand Offertoire in D.....Batiste
Mr. B. Bantly.
Organ—Allegretto in B minor....Guilmant
Mr. Burnett.
Vocal—"In Verdure Clad".....Haydn
Miss Jameson.
Organ—"On the Coast".....Buck
Mr. B. Bantly.
Organ—"Home, Sweet Home".....Buck
Mr. Burnett.
Vocal—"The New Kingdom".....
.....Berthold Tours
Mr. J. Pilling.
Organ—Two popular French selections
(a) .....Ambrose Thomas
(b) .....Batiste
Organ—March in E flat.....L. Wely
Mr. Burnett.
God Save the Queen.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Little Arthur had been to church. "How did you like the sermon?" asked his sister. "Pretty well," responded the youthful critic. "The beginning was very good, and so was the end, but it had too much middle."—Tit-Bits.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

A Liberal Platform Not Included in the New Westminster Platform.

An Australian Miner on the Yukon Regulations—The Worst in the World.

To the Editor.—I was surprised by the statement in your issue of the 4th instant, that "Liberalism has no meaning in connection with Canadian politics," for, if that is true, I have been will-a-wisping for the past quarter of a century.

It is an historical fact that the idea of the equality of the Dominion and Provincial governments respectively, is dominant in the Liberal theory of our constitution—as it ostensibly was in the minds of the authors of the Confederation Act of 1867—and that the contrary idea of at least some degree of provincial subordination became prevalent among the Conservatives and was expanded and formulated again and again by the Conservative government, before the courts in well known cases. Perhaps, a similarity, instead of an equality of powers, would be a fitter expression—each government remaining supreme within its own sphere. I need not go into details, because the course of events and successive judgments of the highest Imperial Court, indirectly interpreting the Confederation Act in a sense different from a series of judgments by the Supreme Court of Canada, have so favored the above theory of the Liberals, that many Conservatives now agree with them on this point, and are no longer enamoured of the centralising policy of their great leader Sir John A. Macdonald, in his later years, with its menace of an ultimate legislative union.

The non-interference of Dominion Liberals as a party with provincial elections is a necessary part of the above Liberal policy, for the reason that such interference proposes, practically, to create a single directive political organization or authority over two separate powers—namely the Dominion and the Province, whose vigilant and jealous opposition, in a constitutional sense, is vital to the proper working of our institutions, both federal and provincial.

Other political doctrines, most of which are peculiarly Liberal, such as a tariff based on the requirements of the public service, the amendment of the incongruous Senate, the creation of all voters by the provinces, the veto power as an act of executive not legislative authority, an honest, thrifty government for an honest, thrifty people, the accordance of political action and sanctions with social conditions, appear to me to be not unremotely "connected with Canadian politics." They are, from my point of view, the main constituents of a policy not one-third accomplished, and to be pursued by the Liberal party along the line of what is considered the straightest to secure required adjustments in the Canadian political experiment. You may object to the word "experiment," but it expresses a fact. The principle of government in the slow-moving, aristocratic republic immediately south of us is that rulers, though popularly elected, require vigilant control, and can be trusted with powers only under effective checks and for a short period. The whole framework of the state is interposed between the local community and the general government. There is no such person as a United States voter; the voter is created by the state. A similar bulwark against centralizing tendencies is raised in England, under a different and more democratic government, mainly by historic and social influences and by publicity among a compact population, with free means of intercourse and, comparatively regarded, common interests. But with respect to Canada, it is not easy to classify, or appreciate, its singular constitution, working within a loose federal framework, which itself exists under a limited monarchy, and presenting, superficially, curious incongruities in certain old-country formalities and apings that are not in consonance with the social conditions, and therefore may be expected to disappear. Briefly, the Conservatives accept, and are prepared to defend, things as they are; the Liberals, though not always consistent, are resolved to make the constitution of their country presentable among the historic confederations. This is not the work of years, but decades. The Tanneries affair took place in 1874. It has taken the Liberals over twenty years to obtain a recognition of the rightful status of the provinces—a certain definite something in the formative growth of a constitution, the ultimate character of which none of us can as yet foresee. Even as to this, the point of vantage cannot be left unguarded, safely, because, apart from party theories, the political forces of the federal government will always tend to manifest themselves along the line of centralisation.

I am not concerned with provincial politics or with the circumstances of the moment.

Gilbert Malcolm Sproat.

YUKON MINING REGULATIONS.

To the Editor:—I am very sorry to trouble you, but I cannot help it, on this important occasion. I was looking through your mining regulations, framed by the Ottawa government, for the Yukon. I have read most of the mining regulations of the world, but this one takes the cake. I must say they are the worst and most one-sided that have ever come before my notice, and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying the gentlemen who framed them did not understand their business. If they were ignorant of framing mining laws they ought to have taken example from their sister colony, West Australia. When the government of that colony found the mining laws did not suit the community at large they were wise enough to send to their sister colonies and procure the services of three gentlemen who had great experience in mining in the other colonies, namely, W. O. Hodginson of North Queensland, Mr. De Courcy Brown, and Mr. Gill, late warden of the Parmer gold field, North Queensland. There was never one complaint of the laws they framed. I am quite sure, Mr. Editor, that the mining regulations of the present government will never act, and the voice of the country must be heard. If the government were to try some scheme to get provisions into Klondyke to the hungry miners instead of taking from them what they so dearly earn, it would be more to their credit.

W. J. Partridge.

A SMELTER OF THEIR OWN.

Mining Men of Thurlow Island Demonstrate Their Enterprise.

Something less than 150 miles from Victoria, in the centre of the mineral claims of Thurlow island, quite a promising little city is growing amazingly under the fostering care of the British Columbia Goldfields Co. Shoal Bay is the name borne by this candidate for civic honors of the future, and already it boasts a wharf, and a variety of more or less pretentious buildings. A gang of fifty men is at work clearing and grading streets, a large store and hotel is in process of erection for the company, and fully a dozen or more dwellings are building for the use of the miners or their employes.

The mines of the island, according to Mr. Alfred Raynes, who has just returned from Thurlow and its capital, Shoal Bay, are a dozen or more in number, and all promise well. They have, too, what the majority of the coast mines of British Columbia lack—a smelter close at hand. In an unpretentious and altogether business-like way, Mr. Forsythe, a Chicago gentleman resident on Frederick Arm, and himself largely interested in the mines of that vicinity, has built and equipped a smelter on his property there, which is chiefly designed to treat the ores received from his own properties, but which may also handle until other facilities are provided the output of other adjacent mines. What the capacity of this smelter is, Mr. Raynes cannot say. It is, however, an altogether modern and up-to-date institution.

At the present time there are two steamers, the Rainbow and the Comox, plying to Thurlow island weekly from Vancouver, and as a result securing the very considerable trade of that and the adjacent islands for the Terminal City. It is a matter of considerable surprise to the residents that Victoria has not as yet made an effort to secure a share of their business, particularly as a profitable weekly run could with little or no difficulty be arranged, taking in Texada, Valdez, Thurlow and possibly one or two other islands of the gulf.

A KLONDYKE OF THEIR OWN.

How Kootenay Is Quietly But Steadily Going Ahead—Placer Mining at Lemon Creek.

Although the Klondyke fever and the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, combined with the depression in the price of silver, has made it a trifle quiet in and about Slocan City during the past few months, Mr. D. R. Young, editor of the News of that thriving up-country town, is quite satisfied with its prospects for the future. More ore is being shipped and more development work done at the present time than at any past period in the history of the country, while a little Klondyke excitement of their own is furnishing the resident miners with plenty to talk about.

"The recent strikes on the Lemon creek," says Mr. Young, "have proved beyond a doubt that there is an abundance of gold right at home, and four hundred men or more are now working on the Lemon properties, with results that are not only encouraging but quite satisfying to them. The Gold Bow, the Howard Fraction, the Maple Leaf, the Lucky George and two or three other quartz properties are turning out wonderfully well, while on Lemon creek placer mining, too, is being actively prosecuted, washing the bed gravel returning from $4 to $8 a day.

"Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Mackenzie Bowell, with Hon. George E. Foster and several other prominent Easterners have visited us during the last month, and have not only expressed themselves as highly pleased with the prospects of the district, but have proved the sincerity of their good opinion by making extensive purchases.

"Six properties are making bona fide shipments every day, and this naturally convinces everyone of the stability of our mineral resources. The C.P.R. road will be completed into Slocan City within fifteen days, and with this impetus the place is certain to advance at a pace that will satisfy its best friends and the most sanguine admirers of its natural resources.

"The railway company has just completed wharves and docks at a cost of $15,000, which may be said to be the very best facilities of the kind in all Kootenay. In fact the entire Kootenay, including Sandon, Trail, Rossland and Nelson, never looked better from the mining standpoint than to-day. The output of the Kootenay ore thus far for the year has totalled $6,000,000, while the total for the year will reach between $7,000,000 and $8,000,000. We are not bothering our heads with the Klondyke—we have as good a thing as we want right at home."

B. C. SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Election of Officers at the Company's Annual Meeting.

At a special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Southern Railway Company, held at Montreal, the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Sir W. C. Van Horne, T. G. Shaughnessy, R. B. Angus and William Hanson, all of Montreal; Sir George Kirkpatrick and E. B. Osler, Toronto; J. A. Gemmill, Ottawa; Harry Abbott, Vancouver, and William Whyte, Winnipeg. It is on the charter of this company that the Canadian Pacific Railway is now building the Crow's Nest Pass line between Lethbridge and Nelson. Nearly one hundred miles have been built since the company began work in July and it is expected that the remaining two hundred miles will be completed by Sept. 1 next.

ONE HONEST MAN.

Dear Editor.—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially, I will mail, in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest, home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. I promise you perfect secrecy. Address with stamp, WM. T. MULFORD, Agents' Supplies, P.O. Box 29, St. Henri, Que.

"ANNIE C. MOORE" LOST.

Burned to the Water's Edge While Sailing Up Lynn Canal—The Crew Barely Escape.

The fine schooner Annie C. Moore, which left Victoria a month ago laden with hay and provisions for Skagway will never see Victoria again, for she was burned to the water's edge when almost within sight of her northern destination. Captain Fred Hackett, Second Mate Stafford and one of the crew named John Curren returned on the Topeka yesterday and brought the news of the mishap.

It was at midnight on October 1 that Captain Hackett was awakened by a rush of smoke into his cabin. He at once jumped up and alarmed the crew, but it was seen in a few minutes that it was hopeless to try to save the vessel, as the whole interior seemed ablaze. The schooner was then some 40 miles from Skagway and a mile and a half from shore. There were ten men aboard, and the captain, when he saw the dangerous condition of his vessel, sent the crew ashore. He and the first mate remained until the boat came back for them, and the condition of things became decidedly serious for awhile for those two men, as it seemed every moment that the lower part of the mast would be burned through and the whole of the spars and rigging would crash down on the deck. However everyone was got safely away, and as Captain Hackett said yesterday, he was a very sad man as he stood on the shore watching his vessel burn to the water's edge.

"She was too good a boat to go that way," he observed regretfully.

Captain Hackett cannot account in any way for the fire. It seemed to start in the midst of the cargo and had evidently been smouldering for a few days before discovered. The captain's dog first scented the danger, for it was noticed for a couple of days before the fire that he was restless and did not care to stop in the cabin, although usually only too glad to snooze there.

Captain Hackett, after the accident, sent a boat towards Juneau to get assistance and the little steamer Rustler, running between Skagway and Juneau, came to the rescue. The most of the crew and first mate remained at Juneau, as they found employment readily owing to the scarcity of men there, due to the rush to the Klondyke.

The Annie C. Moore belonged chiefly to Capt. Charles Hackett and was worth at least $10,000. She carried insurance of about $7,500 on the vessel and $2,500 on the cargo. This will not cover the loss by many means. The hay and supplies which formed the cargo were shipped by the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., of this city.

The Annie C. Moore was one of the best known Victoria sealing schooners. She was built in Nova Scotia and joined the Victoria sealing fleet in 1888, Capt. Charles Hackett bringing her round from the Eastern coast.

PROVINCIAL MINERALOGIST.

Mr. W. A. Carlyle Gives Some Idea of His Summer's Visit to the Kootenay.

Mr. W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, in his visit to the Mainland from which he has just returned, has covered a very large amount of mining territory. During the five months he has been away he has visited the Boundary Creek country, Trout Lake and Lardeau districts, taken a short trip to St. Mary's, in East Kootenay, spent a short time in the Rossland and Slocan districts, besides seeing the Cariboo mines as far north as Quesnelle and Bakerville.

While conservative in his views and not easily led away by the flash and glitter of a mining excitement, Mr. Carlyle expresses himself as highly pleased with the mining development he has seen in the Slocan and Rossland districts. The froth and bubble has gone now, he says, and with it the extravagant values that men were at first inclined to place on mere prospects. In its place has come steady, legitimate mining districts, that will be worth far more to the province than any Klondyke. Mr. Carlyle does not attempt to conceal his admiration and praise for the great mines of the Rossland and Slocan districts with their great ore bodies that steady mining have brought to light.

Of the Boundary Creek country, Mr. Carlyle bears out the already expressed view that without transportation mining development cannot be accomplished.

The Trout Lake and Lardeau districts are as yet what might be called prospectors' districts, too new to have any great development done to show up the ore, but there are many people now going into those sections and as a result the mines will get their proper share of attention.

People do not seem to realize what a great deal is being done in Cariboo, Mr. Carlyle remarks. Large sums of money are being expended on bold schemes both in hydraulic and deep diggings, and the skill and intelligence being shown in some of these is worthy of much praise. The Cariboo mine especially delighted Mr. Carlyle, and he looks upon it as a marvellously rich property as proved by the last clean up, not that $65,000 is such an enormous sum, but when compared with the amount of dirt from which it was taken, it shows how rich the ground is.

A great deal is being done in properly exploring the creeks of Cariboo by deep diggings, and knowing how some of these paid in the old days, the results will be looked forward to with interest.

Mr. Carlyle noted incidentally the growth of trade between the Coast and the Kootenay country, and advises the Coast merchants not to forget in the Klondyke excitement the great and increasing openings that the Kootenay offers in that direction. Having completed his summer investigations, Mr. Carlyle, before coming on to Victoria, went to Winnipeg to meet Mrs. Carlyle on her way from her visit to the East.

A Great Wheat Crop.

London, Oct. 12.—A despatch to the Times from Buenos Ayres says that there has been great rains in the south and a slight rainfall in the north, so that the harvest is now secure. It is estimated that 1,000,000 tons of wheat will be exported.

Providence Thanked.

It is with pleasure that I recommend B. B. B. for the cure of indigestion and impure blood. I had tried many medicines but received no benefit until, I thank providence, I was advised to use B. B. B., and it was with perfect success.

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Notice is hereby given that si[illegible] the date hereof, I, John Irvi[illegible]g, i[illegible] application to the Chief Commis[illegible] and Works for permission to purchase the following described land at the head of Tofino Inlet, in the Clayoquot district. Commencing at a post marked John Irving's N.W. corner, being the south-westerly corner of O-ned-silth reserve No. 9; thence East along the south boundary of the reserve, 40 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence West 40 chains, more or less, to the beach; thence following the Easterly shore of Tofino Inlet to p ace of commencement containing 160 acres, more or less.

Dated this 15th of July, 1897.

au15 JOHN IRVING

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date we will make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land:—Commencing at a stake at the head of Portland Inlet on the left hand bank proper near Lion point and marked W. E. C's. N. W. corner; thence East forty chains; thence South forty chains; thence West to the bank of the Inlet; thence following the shore line to the point of commencement and containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less.

Fort Simpson, Sept. 10th, 1897.

se25 W. E. COLLISON,
A. C. MURRAY.

BIRTH.

McPhee—Oct. 8th, at 138 Blanchard street, the wife of Donald McPhee of a daughter.

MARRIED.

Smith-Savage—In this city on Thursday, Oct. 7th, by the Rev. J. C. Speer, at residence of the bride, No. 223 Yates street, Elizabeth Maude, second daughter of W. H. Smith, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., to Henry Richard, second son of R. W. Savage of this city.

DIED.

Ball—Entered into rest on Oct. 4th, 1897, Judge H. M. Ball, of Cariboo, B. C., a native of England, aged 72 years, 2 months and 15 days.

Cullin—In this city on the 7th inst., at St. Joseph's hospital, Sara, the beloved wife of Chas. L. Cullin.

Erb—In this city on the 8th inst., Ludwig Emil Erb, a native of Germany; aged 62 years.

Tite—In this city on the 9th instant, Ethel Gladys, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tite, aged 2 months and 9 days.

Dearberg—In this city on the 9th inst. Jessie Alice Dagmar, only daughter of Thos. J. Dearberg, aged 22 years.

Turnbull—At 124 Vancouver street on the 11th inst., Mrs. Mary Wild Turnbull, aged 77 years, a native of Berwick on Tweed, Scotland.

Canon Chance Dead.

London, Oct. 12.—Rev. Canon Chance died this morning at Paisley, aged 68. He was missionary to the Ojibway Indians from 1857 to 1871.

Napanee's Bank Robbery.

Napanee, Oct. 12.—Much excitement exists over the Ponton case. The trial will be continued to-morrow. The detectives say they are on the track of the bank robber.

Fire Relief.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—The civic board of control has voted $500 each for the relief of the Manitoba and the Russell county fire sufferers.

A Bad Old Man.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Bonchett Anderson, for forty-four years a clerk in the custom house, was suspended this morning. It is alleged he went to a United States bonding officer here and tried to effect an arrangement for sending through the goods of a local tailoring firm without paying customs dues.

Fighting for Offices.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Liberal politicians are fighting for the judgeship of Perth county, which will be made vacant by the resignation of Judge Woods. J. A. Barron, Q.C., and Frank Anglin, of Toronto, are mentioned favorably.

Want More Pay.

Owen Sound, Oct. 12.—Firemen and deckhands on the C.P.R. steamers demand more pay. The former want a raise from $24 and board to $30 per month; the latter from $16 and board to $20 and board.

Montreal Does Handsomely.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—The city council has subscribed the handsome sum of $5,000 to the Russell county, Ont., bush fire sufferers.

Fire Relief.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—The Ontario government this afternoon appropriated $5,000 for the relief of sufferers from bush fires in Eastern Ontario. The Globe newspaper sent forward $500 as the first instalment of the fund contributed by its subscribers.

Confusion as to the choice of a blood-purifier is unnecessary. There is but one *best* Sarsaparilla, and that is Ayer's. This important fact was recognized at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893, being the only blood-purifier admitted to be placed on exhibition