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Spring Salmon Running.—Passenger just down from the North report the spring salmon were running well in the Naas river. A good pack of spring salmon is being secured by the Petific Northern cannery. The spring were not running so well on the Skeen but the catches there were expect to be heavier this week.

Edna's New Role.—Miss Edna Wal Edna's New Role.—Miss Edna Walace-Hopper, who spent many weeks Victoria during the progress of the Hopper-Dunsmuir trial, has reft the legitamate to fill an engagement vaudeville in a sketch entitled "Tarch of Time," by Cosmo Gord Stewart. Lewis Morrison intends refire from the stage for a year, aff which he will produce a new play. A Morrison's "Faust" has brought him fortune.

Fall Fair Prizes.—The Victoria Farmers' Institute has voted \$35 for special prizes for the forthcoming fall fair. The Whitman Agricultural Co., through their agents for British Columbia, Messus. E. C. Prior & Co., Limited, have advised Secretary Swinerton that they will give as a special prize one of their "Senior Cider Mills," valued at \$25. The special purpose for which this will be awarded will be decided by the prize committee.

been in circulation on both sides of the line. The authorities on the Sound are positive that the counterfeiting plant is operated in China, and will not relax their efforts in the sightest degree until they have located it. The manner in which the spurious coins may be de-tected was fully explained in the Col-onist some days ago.

Relic of Disaster.—A gold watch, with charm and chain attached, the property of the late A. K. Prince, one of the victims of the Clallam disaster, was found by Samuel May, sergeant of Marines, in the crevice of a rock below high water mark at the dockyard. The body of Prince it will be remembered, was found near this spot. Sergeant amarray, of the provincial police department, in whose custody the valuables were placed, turned the same over to the Eagles of this city, who have forwarded the same to relatives of the deceased in Kansas City.

Strike on Richard III.—Another rich strike is reported to have been made within the past few days on the Richard III. mine at Mount Sicker. A lead of high-grade ore has been uncovered about 450 feet below the surface. It is five feet wide and appears to widen the more it is followed up. Very little shipping is now being done by the company operating the property on account of the snow. It is expected, however, that as soon as the weather clears this work will commence and between 50 and 75 tons will be sent to the smelter every day.

Fatality at Extension.—A shocking accident occurred on the new line which is being laid from Extension to Ladysmith harbor, whereby a Chinaman met with a terrible death. The unfortunate man had been in the employment of the company for some years, and had always shown himself to be a careful worker. He was preparing to blast some rock. The hole had been drilled, and, having put in the charge of dynamite, he was busy tamping it. While

The Coal Market. Harrison's rep The Coal Market.—Harrison's report Don the coal market of San Francisco, under date of April 14th, says: "Freight rates on coal from Newcastle are reported much firmer, caused presumably by the freight rates on grain to Europe from the colonial ports. There is but little demand here for all grades of doreign fuel, which are only suitable for steam purposes, as the prices demanded here for British Columbia and Washington coal makes it impossible for outside coals to compete. An accurate report of the California output of crude oil for 1903 has just been issued, showing 23,000,000 barrels have been sent to the surface. This, in round figures, signifies the displacement of fully 6,000,000 tons of coal fuel."

Substantial Dividend.—W. Gardner, the secretary of the Tyee Copper Co., of Mount Sicker, has issued the following circular to shareholders: "I have pleasure in enclosing herewith interimidividend warrant payable on or after 30th inst, being one shilling per share on shares standing in your name in the company's books on 23rd March, 1904. It will interest you to know that the results of the company's operations since the end of hast financial year have been sufficiently profitable to enable the board to place the sum of £22.125 to a cash deposit, as a reserve with our bankers in London, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual general meeting. Over and above this amount there has also been spent out of earnings, on capital account, a sum amounting to over £15,000.

Northern Mining Activity.—Tecent advices from Port Simpson state that parties coming down from the upper Skeena report that the outlook for much activity in placer mining was never better in that locality. At present interest centres around Lorne creek, where there are a number of properties located. It is said that the gold found there is course, and with proper methods it is thought that much of the yellow metal will be taken out. It is further said that very little work has been done so far in the district, but with the opening of spring more extensive work will be undertaken. The owners of the properties on this creek have every confidence in the district, for the showing so far has been of the most promising kind.

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Okanagan Apples.—Messrs. F. R.
Stewart & Co., the importers, Yates
street, received an interesting shipment
yesterday in the form of a carload of
prime Coldstream Ranch apples, fresh
from the Okanagan valley. The shipment consists of Ben Davis, Spies and
other choice varieties, and all are in
first rate condition.

First U. S. Fish Trap.—Major Millis has received the first of the permits for fish traps issued by the United States engineer department for this season under the federal laws relative to structures in navigable waters, says the seattle Post-Inteligencer of yesterday.

I. is, in the form of a revocable license cranted to Frank P. Dow, for a fish up on the west shore of Whadby land. A number of applications have been forwarded with the recommendations of the local engineer.