airall's brewery and stole two dozen ottles of beer, were this morning committed for trial by Magistrate Macrae. hree bicyclists were fined $3 each for ding on the sidewalk on Cadboro Bay ad.

—The net receipts from the lacrosse atch and band concert at the Caleonia Grounds on Saturday amount to 5, which sum has been turned over to e Protestant Orphans' Home. The aledonia Society made no charge for e grounds; the band gave their services ee and the players played for glory and weet charity.

—While assisting to load the steamer ristol on Saturday evening, David Dernia, of New Orleans, who is on his y to the mines, got tangled up in the ckle of a derrick. He received painl but not serious injuries. It is exected that he will be able to continue journey on the Danube. His outfit ent up on the Bristol.

—On Friday afternoon a little girl, ving the name of Miss Morrison, hired wheel from Mr. J. Mulholland's cyry on Government street. From that e until this afternoon Mr. Mulholhad had not seen his wheel, although he d heard of it from different parts of e city. This afternoon he found the heel at the Bank Exchange, it having n left outside the door of the saloon Friday night and taken by the barder on Saturday morning. Mr. Mulland is now looking for "Miss Morson."

—Bishop Cridge on Saturday evening formed the ceremony at the residence the bride on Quadra street, which de Mr. George D. Snider the well own lacrosse player, and Miss Amy Wolff husband and wife. The bride, o wore a beautiful gown of white silk, orned with orange blossoms, was atded by her sister, Miss Emma Wolff, d by Miss Tillie Snider, the sister of groom. The groom was supported Mr. Ernest A. Wolff and Mr. Heathell. Mr. and Mrs. Snider will take their residence in Victoria.

—A party of distinguished botanists e at present registered at the Driard. ey are C. S. Sargent, of Harvard iversity; Wm. M. Canby, of Wilington, Del.; and John Muir, of Marez, Cal., after whom the Muir Glacier s named. They came straight through m the East, stopping only at Banff. ey are at present picking up specins in the vicinity of the city, rering much assistance in this respect m Mr. James Anderson., deputy minie of agriculture. They will make a r in the vicinity of the city and next k leave for Alaska.

—The tin can has long been a cause uneasiness to the consumer of sala, and to overcome this Mr. Okell invented a tin lined with a porcejar. Salmon packed in these cans, ich are owned exclusively by the Clisle Packing Company, and protected by patent in Canada, the United tes, the United Kingdom, and in sev other European countries, does not e in contact with the metal at any e. The salmon packed in this manhas been examined by Drs. Ernest ll and R. L. Fraser, and both have tified strongly in favor of this method packing, which removes the possibilof metallic corrosion, and reduces the nces of contagion to a minimum.

EDAL FOR LAURIER

oden Club Honors Canadian Premier for His Attachment to Free Trade.

Wilfrid to Sail for Canada on Wednesday—The Visit to the Pope.

London Aug. 16.—A delegation of embers of the Cobden Club, headed by d Farrer, called this afternoon at Hotel Cecil and presented the Canian premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with special gold medal of the club struck presentation to the Canadian statesn as a formal recognition of his atchment to free trade.

The premier, in thanking the deletion, said the commercial supremacy Great Britain was assured until the ited States adopted free trade.

Sir Wilfrid said later he would sail Canada by the steamer Labrador on ednesday, and added:

I am glad to emphasize how I have n received everywhere in the most dial manner, particularly by the pope, o filled me with wonderment as to w so much keen and vigorous intellince could be housed in such an emaciid body. The pope is bent double and ared to be in the frailest health, ugh not troubled by any bodily ailnt; he is mentally brilliant and showa great knowledge of Canadian afrs. I was charmed with his exquisite rtleness and sympathy."

ALBERNI MINES.

od Reports Received at Nanaimo From the West Coast.

Nanaimo, Aug. 13.—A person just arred from Alberni brings the good news t the Alberni Consolidated is looking tter than ever. One tunnel now in ne fifty feet has been running with a ge (Simpson) fairly glittering with d. The yellow metal can be easily ked out with a pocket knife and must up into the thousands to the ton. other ledge running parallel to this of nine inches in width and of the me character as far as metal is conned has been prospected by a tun 35 feet in length. Some fifty tons now lying ready for shipment. Everyly in Alberni is in high glee over the od prospects in this mine, which in ery way is as good as any claim in the ondyke. The Missing Link, an adning claim, and containing an extenn of the Alberni lead, is also in simi ore. A shipment of fifteen tons of k will be made from this mine by the xt West Coast steamer.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Arrival of the Tees at Vancouver—Salmon Pack on the Skeena River.

Interesting Chapter from Steveston—Death of Andrew Smith at Chilliwack.

Thousands of Vancouverites View the Mysterious Aerial Luminous Body Last Evening

Resolution Urging the C. P. N. Co. to Have their Alaskan Steamers Visit the Terminal City.

Nelson, B.C., Aug. 12.—To-night the city council voted Mayor Houston a yearly salary of $2,000, to date from the day he assumed the responsibilities of office. When the matter first came up for discussion the mayor opposed the amount specified in the resolution, as he though $1,500 sufficient salary, but the aldermen were in favor of it and passed the resolution without a single dissenting vote. The question of voting the aldermen a nominal salary came up for consideration, but as the aldermen were united in the opinion that the glory of office was an all sufficient compensation, no action was taken. An adjournment was taken until Tuesday afternoon, when bids for the water system will be opened.

Nelson, Aug. 14.—At 10:45 o'clock on Thursday night pedestrians in the vicinity of Baker street were startled by five pistol shots. It was soon ascertained that the sounds came from a house of ill-fame kept by Alice Willis, whose proper name is Carrie Wilson. The shots were fired by Harry V. Swyny. Of the first four fired at Alice Willis but one took effect. Although aimed at the abdomen, it was deflected by a corset steel, the bullet only inflicting a flesh wound and lodging in the back, near the lower vertebrae. The other three shots lodged in the ceiling. Having completed the deadly work to his own satisfaction, Swyny placed the revolver to his own head, sending a bullet crashing through his brain, the effect being instant death.

The immediate cause of the shooting is a mystery. Swyny is supposed to have fallen in love with his victim. His attentions being rejected, it is believed that he premeditated a deed that should carry them both into eternity. Swyny was an ex-soldier, a Scotchman, 43 years of age, and over 6 feet high. He was the son of a surgeon in the Scots Guards. Swyny enlisted in the Scots Grays in July, 1871, but was discharged for indifferent conduct, etc. He was a married man, the latest address of his wife being Butte, Montana. Alice Willis came here from Port Townsend about four years ago, opening the house which she was still keeping. She was removed by the doctor to the hospital and every hope for her recovery is entertained. The body of Swyny after the tragedy was removed to an undertaking establishment, from which it was buried this morning. An inquest was held yesterday, but was continued until Monday next, to take the testimony of the victim, who now lies in a critical condition.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Aug. 12.—The steamer Tees arrived from Dyea to-day. Captain Goss reports passing the steamers Edith, Rosalie, Elder, Danube, Alki, Starr, Rapid Transit, Pioneer with two barges in tow, Eliza Anderson, Coquitlam, Wilamette, and the tug Holyoke with schooner in tow, bound for Dyea. They report all well. There were about 1,000 people at Dyea, who will try to get through the White Pass, as it is said there are only 2,700 feet rise in 18 miles, against 3,700 feet rise in the first four miles of Chilcoot Pass, which horses cannot stand.

The following is the pack on the Skeena as reported by the Tees. Standard cannery, 5,700; Claxton's, 5,700; Carlisle, 5,500; Cunningham's, 7,600; British American, 8,100; Inverness, 8,800; Northern Pacific, 8,000; Aberdeen, 8,100; Balmoral, 7,000.

Mr. Dawson, a wealthy contractor of St. Catharines, Ont., Mrs. Dawson and two sons, have arrived en route for Dyea.

The Vancouver market building is now being altered into city buildings by day labor, Mr. Rockett being foreman.

The city council are considering a proposition to buy out the gas company. The price that has been named is said to be something between $250,000 and $275,000.

A special meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After the usual devotional exercises Mrs. S. H. Brown handed in her resignation, having previously accepted the office under protest, and Mrs. Eldridge was elected to the presidency. Mrs. S. H. Brown was elected corresponding secretary, as Mrs. Johnson declined the office. The annual report of the corresponding secretary was read and adopted. On motion $5 was voted towards the World Mission Fund and $3 for Dominion convention delegates' expenses.

A lady who was staying at one of the down-town hotels, left a purse containing $350 in $20 notes in the bath room the other day, and when, after missing it, she returned to look for it, it could not be found. After thorough search revealed nothing, the police were informed of the disappearance of the money, and visited the hotel at the dinner hour. On the first inquiry a lady said she had found the money and was waiting for someone to ask for it, and she immediately handed the purse over to its owner.

Vancouver, Aug. 13.—Thousands of Vancouver citizens to-night viewed with the greatest interest and curiosity a mysterious luminous body, believed to be that which has been seen in many parts of British Columbia during the past month. At 9 o'clock it was travelling with tremendous rapidity in the same direction as the earth, and at a speed which would circle the globe in twenty-four hours. It is low down in the horizon, just skimming the mountain tops in the southern sky. It is travelling with a slightly rising and falling motion. It is extremely brilliant, red in the centre and surrounded by a luminous diaphanous mist. As seen to-night it would appear to belong to the stellar system, perhaps a mighty meteor, running amuck, a strayed star erratically jolting across the heavens. It is strange that the observatories have reported nothing of the mysterious skylarking of this nondescript luminosity.

Before to-night this stranger had been seen by many Vancouver folk, including Reeve Schou, who was on the steamer Rithet on Monday last, and one of the many passengers who watched the object for hours. Mr. Schou gives the most exact description yet published. It moved parallel to the sea far below the star line. It looked like a very bright red star surrounded by a luminous halo, cigar-shaped. It travelled slowly, as appeared from that distance, and occasionally there seemed to drop from the bright red star a shower of sparks like the spluttering of an arc light.

This has been passed by the council of the board of trade: "That whereas the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company has departed from its promise to the public that all their steamers leaving Victoria for Dyea should call at Vancouver to embark passengers and freight, and now advertises the Islander to sail on the 15th inst., from Victoria direct; and, whereas such action is highly prejudicial to the interests of merchants and business men of this city, and calculated to divert trade which would otherwise be done here in supplies and outfits for miners; therefore it is desired to record this board of trade's strongest protest and condemnation of the breach of faith entailed in this charge referred to; and desires that all possible pressure be brought to bear upon the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company to adhere to the promise before mentioned: Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the management of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company and to the local papers for publication."

The special committee on transportation to the Yukon reported as follows: "Your committee held a meeting on the 6th inst., and beg to report that they have communicated with the Union SS. Co., Ltd., Vancouver, and the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. and the Northern Pacific SS. Co., of Seattle, with a view to obtaining transportation facilities from these companies. Your committee have also corresponded with the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. with the same object, but owing to the short time since they were appointed they were unable as yet to give any further particulars."

The following motion was also carried:

"Whereas there is a considerable and rapidly increasing trade to the Yukon, and it is desirable to afford facilities for commerce to reach it in order to compete successfully with foreign competition; therefore be it resolved, that the desirability of opening up a route entirely through undisputed British territory be strongly urged upon both the Dominion and provincial governments, and further, that they be asked to assist the immediate construction of the same."

As the result of a clean-up of 1,192 tons of low grade cemented gravel of the Horsefly claim 94½ ounces of gold was realized after a run of 426 hours.

At a meeting of the Vancouver city council on Friday evening a proposition to purchase the gas works was considered and rejected. Mr. Gideon Robertson, who appeared for the company, explained its position. The company, he said, owned 12 city lots. There were 15 miles of mains, and there were 600 meters in use, besides more in stock. With regard to the financial part of the business, Mr. Robertson said there were two issues of debentures. The first issue was of $50,000, at 6 per cent., payable half yearly, in August and February; $1,000 had already been paid on this, so that $49,000 was now owed. All the interest had been paid and the principal was due in February, 1898. The second issue was for $150,000, at 6 per cent., for 5 years, of which $96,500 was outstanding. The principal was due on the 1st of November next year. The total indebtedness of the company was thus $145,500. A Mr. Nickson, with whom most were acquainted, had valued the plant and business at $218,000. The speaker had submitted an offer to London, where he believed the value of such plants could be figured almost to the dollar by experts, and he had an offer, which was now good, for $125,000 in cash, the London people to assume the $145,500 indebtedness, making a total of $270,500. If the works were sold to the London people a commission would have to be paid, and the offer to the city was at $265,000, or $5,500 less than the offer from London. The aldermen discussed the proposal and finally decided by resolution that they could not recommend the purchase under the conditions named. The council seemed to be unanimously opposed to the proposition.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Dr. W. A. DeWolfe Smith will leave to-day for a six weeks' visit to the east, being one of the delegates from this province to the meeting in Montreal of the British Medical Association. During his absence the doctor will also take part, as an individual competitor, in the Dominion Rifle Association matches at Ottawa.

On Wednesday night the salmon run in this neighborhood was very small. One or two boats made a fairly good haul, but the majority only got small numbers. The reports from the mouth of the river are that the fish were as thick as ever, and no doubt on Sunday night the run here will be a big one. Owing to the scarcity of fish, several of the fishermen have struck for an increase in price.

The following have been elected officers of the W.C.T.U. for the year: President, Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, re-elected; vice-president, Mrs. T. Scoular, re-elected; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Cunningham, re-elected; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Heaton, of Sapperton; treasurer, Miss A. J. McDougall, re-elected. The secretary's report was well written, and showed some very good work done during the year. The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance of $20.75. The Provincial W.C.T.U. convention will be held in Victoria, August 31st.

The steamer Courser arrived here yesterday from Harrison Lake, and brought down 3,000 pounds of ore from the Fire Mountain Mining Company's claims, to be shipped to the reduction works at Victoria. This is the first shipment that the Fire Mountain Mining Company have made. Captain Cooper, of the Courser, reports that Harrison Lake is in a very dirty condition, the reason for which cannot be accounted for. He states that he has visited this lake for several years past, at all seasons of the year, and has never known the water in the lake to be in such a state as it is now in. There is no doubt but that this is caused by some volcanic action.

Mr. Alex. Charleson, of this city, has been appointed general agent for the Pacific coast for and during the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. A part of Mr. Charleson's duties will be the inspection of all timber used in construction work on the line. Mr. Charleson has been connected with the largest logging camps in this province, and well deserves the position he has now secured.

The temperature was 82 degrees in the shade ysterday. The weather was very sultry and hot.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian Home Missions, will preach in the Westminster Presbyterian church to-day at 3 p.m.

Gunners Wilson and Cunningham will leave to-day for Ottawa, to take part in the rifle matches. Gunner Huston will leave some time during the week.

The run of salmon was small on Friday night, but as there are large numbers of fish in the Gulf, a big run is expected on Sunday night.

It is reported that the body of a man has been found floating in a slough at Ladner. It is thought to be that of Thompson, who was drowned some days ago.

STEVESTON.

Steveston, Aug. 11.—Sockeyes still run in great abundance and the canneries are barely able to handle all that are being brought in. The pressure is not quite so great as last week, as little is doing at the traps. Some are paying eight cents per fish, while others still hold at six cents. One cannery pays eight cenats for one hundred and five cents for all above that. The pack contemplated is now almost completed at all the canneries, but the can factory is filling many orders for large additions. It is estimated that the total pack on the river will be about 750,000 cases. If all the fish caught had been packed the total number of cases would not have been short of 800,000.

The rotting fish and fish offal around us is causing no little perplexity. A large number of carcases are afloat on the river, and a south wind drives them inshore to this place. They get in among the piles, and of course do not readily go out with the receding tide. The health officer has called on all the canners to clean up their lots, but this is a very difficult and expensive business, particularly if each canner has to clean his own doorstep. Under the circumstances it seems desirable that the fisheries department have two or three men at work in a systematic way to clean the places up and keep them clean. Each of the canners would doubtless contribute a small moiety towards the expense of the operation.

The police court here has been a very busy scene this week. Magistrate Pierson has put through no fewer than 30 cases since Monday morning. Of these 19 Chinamen were in a group charged with gambling. The Chinamen were defended by Mr. McBride and Mr. Shoebottom acted for the prosecution. Two of them were convicted of being players at the game of fan tan and sentenced to pay $50 each and costs. The others were found guilty of being onlookers and were each fined $20 and costs. The fines were all paid. The other most serious cases were for selling liquor to Indians and selling opium without a license.

Last Sabbath again the fishermen were in too great a hurry putting out their nets, and the fisheries guardian is now loaded with summonses for their delectation.

A fine young seal was caught near the Pacific Coast cannery some time ago. It has been kept in suitable quarters and is growing very fast. It is very tame and a great favorite at the cannery.

Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., is expected to address the electors here on the evening of Wednesday, the 25th inst., in the opera house. He is sure of a large audience and a hearty welcome.

Aug. 12.—The run of fish is not so large this morning and the canners are now able to handle all that are brought in comfortably. The packing is to continue as long as the fish run.

ROSSLAND.

A luminous ball of fire that glowed strangely and shed about itself a halo of variegated colors, hovered over Rossland for a time last evening and was seen by several well known citizens, among whom were: Maj. Cooper, J. Wilson, Magistrate Jordan, Andy Revsbeck, Alderman Fraser, Inspector Barr and others. When first observed it was hull down on the horizon, but approached with the swiftness of light, and after hovering about for over a quarter of an hour poised in mid air, surrounding itself the while with flashes of colors, it streaked off in a southerly direction and soon faded from sight. At first it was supposed to be a shooting star, but as it approached nearer it gleamed like a great ball of fire and poised itself directly above Red mountain. Although the moon shone quite brightly it did not seem to dull the lustre of the stranger. Those who were watching saw a weird sight. Little particles of fire seemed to shoot out from the main ball and then a flash of red followed. It looked for all the world like a light-house with a revolving flash-light of colors. No doubt if it had been dark enough the thing could have been observed more closely, but as it was it was a sight never to be forgotten. After showing its respects to Rossland the wonder made several wide circles, like a bird undecided what course to persue, and then struck an air line and passed rapidly away towards the south.—Rossland Record.

The construction of the telephone line between Rossland and Nelson is making fair progress, and the line is now constructed for a distance of five miles this side of Nelson. The line will cross the Columbia river at the point where the Kootenay river empties into it, on an overhead cable, and will be built over Trail and up the Columbia & Western railroad to Rossland. It is thought the work will be completed in about six weeks.

Since the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company completed its line between Rossland and Spokane the business has only been fair. When the line is completed between Rossland and Nelson there will be a chain of telephone lines reaching from Nelson to Vancouver, B C., via Spokane, Portland and Tacoma. Under the most favorable conditions Rossland could talk to Portland, but beyond that the message would have to be repeated.

J. B. McArthur, secretary of the West Kootenay Light & Power Company, returned yesterday afternoon from Nelson and Kaslo. He says work is progressing most favorably on the big electric plant on the Kootenay river. The rock excavation will be completed in two more weeks, if no accident happens, and everything will then be ready for the machinery. About 75 men are engaged on the excavation work. The right of way party are down as far as Waterloo landing on Columbia river, and by September 1 will be in the neighborhood of Rossland. The poles are being got out at the same time the clearing is done. Sir Charles Ross says he now expects to be able to deliver power in Rossland by November 1.—Rossland Miner.

REVELSTOKE.

The railway yard at Donald was the scene of a horrible accident the day before yesterday. Some repairs have been going on in the yard and a frog had been left at a portion of the track unblocked. Yardmaster Smith was engaged in coupling at this point when his foot was caught in the open frog. The advancing car struck him down and threw him across the metals, cutting off one leg. Mr. Smith struggled to throw himself between the rails, but without avail, and the wheels took off the second leg, and immediately afterwards one hand, with which he had clutched the rail to steady himself. As he sank down he was again struck by the relentless wheels and disembowelled, dying almost immediately. Mr. Smith was from Toronto and the remains were sent there to his family for burial. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death due to negligence of the C.P.R. in not blocking their frogs.—Revelstoke Herald.

CHILLIWACK.

Councillor Andrew Smith, whose illness during the past week has excited widespread sympathy, passed peacefully away last Saturday evening about seven o'clock. Mr. Smith had several relapses during his illness, but strong hopes were entertained for his recovery until within the last few days, when it became apparent that he was sinking. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Knox Wright, B. D., at his late residence and at the Oddfellows' cemetery.

A severe electrical storm passed over this vicinity on Saturday evening. A number of trees were struck by lightning. Another storm of less severity passed over on Sunday evening.

Haying is now well advanced, a heavy crop being secured. Many are at present securing their grain crops.

The Union Cheese Factory is turning out about 450 pounds of Chedder cheese daily, which commands the highest price of any cheese in the British Columbia market. The cheese made in May and June sold for 12½ cents per pound.—Chilliwack Progress.

NANAIMO.

The steamer Rosalie arrived in port on the way north to Juneau and Dyea about half-past six last evening. She was almost black with men and had on board almost as mixed a crowd as left on the last trip of the Islander. All the first-class accommodation was taken up, there being about 45 saloon passengers, and the rows of temporary bunks built along both sides of the vessel on the main deck were filled with prospective Yukoners, the total number of passengers being about 130. The steamer was packed in every available part with freight. Among the passengers was a party representing the Chicago Times-Herald under the leadership of Dr. Hornby, and a couple of men representing New York newspapers. A considerable addition was made to the contingent of gold-seekers here by the departure of Thos. Jenkins, Gibson Williams, Israel Keast, David Galloway, Hector McLennan, Thos. Teerllin, William McDonald, James Rice, John Miles, Chris Jacobsen, Chris Steves and G. Lallis, for Juneau on the way to the Yukon. By the time the Rosalie was ready to leave, shortly after half-past seven, a big crowd had assembled at the wharf to watch its departure. On leaving the wharf the Rosalie gave the three whistles of the salute, which was answered by the City of Nanaimo and Joan and a cheer from the watchers on the wharf.

The financial district meeting of the Methodist church continued its session until late last night, and completed the business to be disposed of at this meeting. The afternoon was spent in dealing with the estimates for the year for working the various domestic missions in the district, and considering the naancial aspect of each field generally. Some of these missions have made an advance on last year, but, owing to the stringency of the times, some of the fields are at a standstill financially. The general board of missions will meet in October, when the recommendations from the other districts will be considered, and grants made to the British Columbia conference as the funds will permit. The evening session opened at 7:45 o'clock, and most of the time was spent in making arrangements for the yearly missionary meetings throughout the district and educational meetings. The president of the conference was requested to name a day for "concert of prayer," to be observed throughout the conference at a single date in October. It was resolved that the members of the district meet at a time to be fixed by a committee consisting of Revs. Speer, Hicks and Betts, to spend one day or more in considering the best methods of church work, so as to meet the exigencies of the times in which we now live. The meeting closed at 11 p.m.

Mr. J. McKinnon, foreman of the Alberni consolidated, who has just come down, reports that the mine has improved most remarkably within the last fortnight of work. The tunnel on the Simpson lead has been run in some 50 feet and visible free gold is said to be plentifully sprinkled through it. The parallel ledge, on which the prospecting tunnel is now in 35 feet, also shows magnificent free gold, though only nine inches in width. The mine is preparing to make a 15 ton shipment by the next boat. The next claim to the Alberni, the Missing Link, has a similar showing in the Simpson lead, of which it is an extension.

The West Wellington (Jordan) Company have stopped their bore at Nanoose Bay, and but very little work is being done with this property at present, owing to a reorganization of the company.

ASHCROFT.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Murphy, of late of Kaslo, went up the Cariboo road on a trip. Mr. Murphy, whose old home is in Cariboo, combining business with pleasure. Mr. Murphy informs us that he has about decided to open an office in Ashcroft for the practice of his profession. He is well qualified and will do well if he decides to locate with us, is the general opinion.

We are in receipt of a letter from Allison Wood, so well known in Ashcroft, and a sample of mineral water which Mr. Wood has discovered near the 81 mile post on the Cariboo road. The water is, we should judge by the sample sent, fuly equal to the famous Hunyadi water of Germany, life-giving and pure. Mr. Wood writes the sick and afflicted to bring their blankets and provisions along and camp by the spring, where hunting and fishing are good and a welcome for all.—B. C. Mining Journal.

SCOTTISH GAMES.

Programme for the Sports at Caledonia Park on Saturday.

On Saturday next the united Scottish societies will hold their anual sports at the Caledonia grounds. All the preliminary arrangements have been completed and the committee are now at work perfecting them. The committees are composed as follows: Reception, President J. G. Brown, of the St. Andrew's and Caledonia Society; Chief A. Hay, of the Sir William Wallace Society; President J. C. McLagan, of the Vancouver Sons of Scotland, H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M. P.P., John R. Mackie, J. T. Bethune and Chief of Police H. W. Sheppard; J. G. Brown, J. Hay, P. AE. Irving, J. R. Carmichael, A. B. Fraser and E. B. McKay, judges of dancing and piping, Messrs A. Robertson, Findlay McLennan, J. B. Smith and J. G. Brown; clerk of the course, R. H. Jameson; starters, Messrs. J. R. McKenzie, E. B. McKay, John Earsman, George Brown and John McLennan; gate committee, Messrs. A. B. Fraser, George Webb, A. Cameron, J. R. Carmichael, W. Kerr, H. S. T. Henderson, James Hogarth, John Jardine and Colin Cameron: The secretary, Mr. E. C. Smith, is now ready to receive entries.

Here is the programme of sports.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS, DANCING, ETC.

One-fourth mile foot race—Medal presented by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Victoria.

Putting the stone—1, clock presented by Mayor Redfern; 2, $2.50.

Race for boys under twelve—1, fishing reel presented by M. & H. A. Fox; 2, boys' belt by S. Reid; 3, two ties by W. G. Cameron; 4, one tie by G. W. Cameron.

Race for girls under twelve—1, brooch presented by A. P. Blyth; 2, cut glass bottle perfume by J. Cochrane; 2, 50 cents.

Dancing Highland Fling—Gentlemen's medal presented by T. W. Patterson.

Sack race—1, $3; 2, $2; 3, $1.

Highland bagpipe competition (for gentlemen in costume)—1, medal presented by H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P.; 2, medal by John R. Mackie.

Three-legged race—1, $4; 2, $2.

Throwing the hammer—1, medal presented by Senator McInnes; 2, medal by A. J. C. Galletly.

Drill by Gordon Highlanders Boy's Brigade of Vancouver, B.C.

One mile relay race—Four prizes, hat by S. Reid, hat by B. Williams & Co., walking cane by J. Barnsley & Co., and walking cane.

Sword Dance (gentlemen)—Medal presented by J. T. Bethune.

Race for army and navy—1, $3; 2, $2.

Sailors' hornpipe (in costume)—Medal presented by D. R. Ker.

One hundred yard foot race—Medal presented by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Victoria.

Highland fling for girls—Medal presented by W. J. Hanna.

Obstacle race (open to those going to the Klondyke)—1, $3; 2, $2.

Highland fling for boys—Medal presented by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Victoria.

Race for local Boys' Brigades in uniform—1, medal presented by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Victoria; 2, knife by E. G. Prior & Co. Ltd.; 3 and 4, each a knife.

Tossing the caber—Cup presented by Hewitt Bostock, M.P.

Race for Gordon Highlanders—1, medal presented by the Sir William Wallace Society, Victoria; 2, volume Leisure Hour, by R. Jamieson; 3, a picture, by Joseph Somers; 4, 5 and 6, each a tie, by W. G. Cameron.

Tug-of-war—Victoria Scots vs. all comers—$10, presented by Henry Harris.

Best dressed boy in Highland costume—Medal presented by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Race for Highlanders in costume—1, medal presented by Dr. G. L. Milne; 2, toilet set by D. E. Campbell.

Married ladies' race—1, lamp presented by Weller Bros.; 2, hand-bag, by T. N. Hibben & Co.

Single-sticks for Navy—Medal presented by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Victoria.

One mile amateur race—1, medal presented by Dr. R. L. Fraser; 2, medal of Scottish societies.

Dancing in the evening on the spacious platform, splendidly illuminated. The best of music will be provided. Scotchmen are requested to wear their kilts.

CONDITION OF GAMES.

Competitors in dancing to wear costume; three to start in each event or no second prize; five a side in the tug-of-war; entrance fee of twenty-five cents in all races and games except army and navy, boys', girls', and married ladies' races; "tossing the caber," the cup to be contested for yearly, and to be the absolute property of the party who wins it three times. "Amateur" as defined by the rules of the "Canadian Amateur Athletic Association."

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Assassin of Premier Canovas to Die for His Crime.

Madrid, Aug. 16.—Michael Agiallilli, the assassin of Premier Canovas del Castillo, was tried by court-martial yesterday at Vergara, found guilty, and sentenced to death.

Upon hearing the sentence Agiollilo turned deathly pale and had to be assisted from the court room. He will be garroted within the prison.

BLUE BLOOD SPILLED

The Count of Turin and Prince Henri of Orleans Fight a Duel With Swords.

Both Men Wounded—The Circumstances Leading Up to the Encounter.

London, Aug. 16.—A dispatch from Rome to-day says it is reported that the pope will excommunicate Prince Henri of Orleans and Count Turin, as duelling is forbidden by the Roman Catholic church.

Paris, Aug. 16.—1:30 p.m.—Prince Henri of Orleans passed a quiet night. His condition is now considered by his physicians to be satisfactory. General Albertin, the Italian officer, has withdrawn his challange.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The Count of Turin and Prince Henri of Orleans fought a duel with swords at 5 o'clock yesterday morning in the Bois de Marechaux. Vancresson M. Leontiff acted as umpire. The fighting was most determined, and lasted 26 minutes. There were five engagements, of which two were at close quarters. Prince Henri received two serious wounds in the right shoulder and the right side of the abdomen. The Count of Turin was wounded in the right hand. Prince Henri was taken to the residence of the Duc de Chatres and received medical attention.

The official account as furnished by the seconds recites fully the circumstances leading up to the encounter. The Count of Turin, considering the letters of Prince Henri of Orleans to Figaro offensive to the Italian army, wrote him on July 8th, demanding a retraction. This letter could not be answered until August 11th, the day of the arrival of Prince Henri in France. The prince replied to the count's demand by a telegram maintaining the right of a traveller to record his experiences.

Rome, Aug. 16.—The population of Rome, who followed the various phases of the great duel with much enthusiasm, welcomed the result with delicious enthusiasm. Many of the leading houses displayed flags, while the papers flooded the streets with special editions, which were eagerly bought up.

The duel grew out of certain criticisms made by Prince Henri of Orleans upon the conduct of the Italian officers and soldiers while prisoners of Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia. These criticisms were published early in July last in the New York Herald and Paris Figaro, newspapers for which Prince Henri had been writing about his travels in Abyssinia, which began last February.

The particular statements to which the Italian press and public, as well as Italian officers, took exception were published on July 4th last. The words used by the prince were as follows: "Naturally, the subject which was most often discussed was the war (between the Italians and Negus), and the captivity of Italians. I am bound to say I am no longer indignant, but simply disgusted at what I hear each day about them. Out of respect for a nation with whom we are friendly, I should have been silent if the Italians had not shown disregard for ourselves and most reprehensible conduct. Have they not confessed that had they entered Addis Ababa victoriously they would have given no quarter to any Frenchman, not even to small tradesmen? They added, however, with an ironical air, that they would not have inflicted the death penalty on French women. Events did not permit them to accomplish their wishes. Although they came to the capital as prisoners they did not seem to realize it. Some of their officers were not ashamed to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Adowa. It was Albertin, who, in drinking a toast to the health of the emperor, turned toward one of our fellow countrymen and said: 'Are we not courteous? To which the Frenchman replied: 'Mon, Dieu, sir, I never saw a Frenchman drinking to the health of Emperor William.'"

Count Turin is a prince of the Italian blood royal, and therefore of Prince Henri's rank. He is a member of the house of Savoy-Aosta, and was born in Turin in 1870. He is a son of the late Duke of Aosta, and a nephew of King Humbert. He holds the rank of Major in the Italian cavalry. His challenge created rather an anomalous situation; for the count, being a brother of the present Duke of Aosta, is a brother-in-law of Prince Henri's cousin, Princess Helene, whom the Duke of Aosta married in 1895.

Prince Henri of Orleans was born on Oct. 16, 1867, and is the eldest son of Prince Robert Philippe D'Orleans, Duc de Chateres.

SIFTON SAYS NO.

He Has No Connection With the "Sifton Clondyke Co."

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Hon. Mr. Sifton authorizes the statement that he or any one connected with him has no connection with the "Sifton Clondyke Co." At the same time he contradicts the report which has been circulated that his father was to be made Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest. His father, he says, would not take the position if offered to him. As to the report that his brother was going to replace Justice McGuire at Calgary, he said that it was not true, and that McGuire was only transferred temporarily to the Yukon.

THE SITUATION IN INDIA.

Ameer of Afghanistan Forbids His Subjects Joining the Rebels.

Simla, Aug. 16.—The Ameer of Afghanistan has issued a firman forbidding his subjects to join the rebels now in arms against the Indian government, and the Afghan governor at Khost has been ordered to punish the Afghans who have been raiding camels belonging to the Tochi punitive expedition. European and native reinforcements have been ordered to Kohatim in order to overawe the Afridis. It is rumored that the Orak Sealse have risen in arms.