

Seals Driven From Rookeries

Now Almost Anxious as to Appearing.

One of the Reasons Why the Islands Are Being Deserted.

Belated Vessels at Sea—Another Inquiry Into Tartar's Troubles.

Collector Milne has about completed his annual report to the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa on the sealing industry of the past year.

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The Board of Arbitration

Proceedings to Assess E. & N. Right of Way Through Reserve.

Provincial Government Protest That They Should Have Been Consulted.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A Damaged Dam.—Owing to a mishap to the dam at the Goldstream station of the Victoria and Nanaimo Railway, the Company's power plant, which has been the entire system has for the past few days been taken from the Store street station.

An Aerial Tramway.—It is reported that arrangements will shortly be completed for the installation of an aerial tramway from the Lennox mine at Mount Sicker to the railway. This step is being taken owing to the bad condition of the road leading to the mine.

The Australian Salesman.—The slick "salesman" who made a clean-up among the unfortunates in Victoria and who has been in the Nelson papers, it would appear the residents of the interior are quite as glib as those at the Coast.

Labor Legislation.—A petition is being circulated throughout the province, to be presented to the provincial parliament as soon as the house meets, for the repeal of the present Labor Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894, and the passing of a new act, to be known as the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act and Amendments of New Zealand.

This afternoon at 2 p.m.—It is unfortunate that auctioneers cannot obtain reliable information a few days ahead of time as to what sort of weather will prevail on certain days.

Rocky Mountain Rifles.—While on a tour of inspection of the rifle corps at Esquimalt, Col. G. H. Patterson, C.O., declared to Rossland that it was his intention to form a regiment, the Rocky Mountain Rifles, of which the various Kootenay companies would form part. It was proposed to let these scattered bodies of men meet once a year in camp for 12 days for regimental drill.

Northern Cable.—A number of Victorians are endeavoring to interest English capitalists in a project for a cable connecting Juneau with Skagway. The distance is 90 miles. It is claimed that a saving of twelve hours on a telegraphic communication with Dawson would be effected and that this warrants the laying of the cable.

HURRAH FOR DEAR OLD ENGLAND. The stirring battle chant from which these verses are selected called forth flattering compliments from the then premier, Lord Palmerston, who congratulated Capern as any other subject of Great Britain and other like spirited songs, to stir up patriotism in the breast of the British nation.

Police Court.—Three drunks occupied the attention of the police court officials yesterday morning, two of whom were released on the payment of £2.50. The third was none other than the incorrigible John Lewelliser, who was imprisoned a few days ago for disturbing the peace.

Island Mines.—The advantage of a mild climate on Vancouver Island is being pointed out by the Vancouver Island West Coast instead of shutting down at the approach of winter, are being urged more energetically than ever. The Hayes' Camp on Alberni Canal a full force of men is at work and the same is the case with the Golden Eagle at the head of China creek.

Grand Popular Promenade Concert on Saturday Evening Next. The local committee of the Mansion House had at a meeting last evening discussed the arrangements for the concert of December 2, which promises to be an even greater success than the last.

NINE THOUSAND CAPTIVES. Taken at Raut of Khalifa's Forces—Usman Digna Still At Large. Cairo, Nov. 26.—Sir Francis Wingate in the battle with the Khalifa's force near Geddi captured 9,000 men, women and children, Osman Digna, the principal general of the Khalifa, is still at large.

THE ROAD TO KIMBERLEY. London, Nov. 26.—A despatch from Durban dated Nov. 24, says "The Times" of Natal has received news by way of Delagoa Bay that both Mafeking and Kimberley have been relieved. This is not only improbable, but is discredited by a special despatch received at Cape Town from Kimberley.

TITLES TO PLACER GROUND. Sir J. referring to the article taken from the Ashcroft Journal, published in the Colonist of the 23rd of November, on the "Titles to Placer Ground," I was much pleased that the matter was brought forward. This question was opened up at a meeting of the Association of Mining Engineers two years ago and a report was issued.

LOOKS RATHER FISHY. The present government is in a very dilapidated condition and the repair of roads and the large expenditure of money on construct roads, as proposed, looks rather fishy when chances are that a provincial election will take place in a few months. The people of Yale, East Lillooet and Cariboo may develop such bait as being bona fide, but West Lillooet never.—The Prospector.

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