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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's Daily.

—A. W. Smith, M. P. P., of Lillooet, reports that the crops in that district are excellent.

—It is reported that Bishop Dart will shortly remove his residence from New Westminster to this city.

—J. C. Prevost, Victoria's defaulting Supreme Court registrar has elected to wait for the Assizes instead of taking a speedy trial.

—The archdeaconry of New Westminster, held by the late Ven. Archdeacon Woods, of Sapperton, is to be divided, and an archdeacon will be appointed for the upper country.

—Colonel Booth, provincial supervisor of assessment rolls, is in the city on public business. Mr. Booth is an old-timer, has been a member of the Legislature and is one of the best known pioneers in the country.

—Hon. Herman Stump, controller general of United States immigration, who is now in the city, was one of the original men sent out by the United States Congress to look into the Chinese question, and on whose report the Geary exclusion law was based.

—The jury empannelled by W. J. McGuigan, M. D., coroner, to enquire into the circumstances connected with the death of Robert J. McLeod, who succumbed as a result of being struck by a spinning crown by the edging saw at Hastings mill, brought in a verdict of accidental death, with no blame attachable to anyone.

From Saturday's Daily.

—Intelligence to Nanaimo Free Press said: James Smart leaves for Vancouver tomorrow accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Tarrant. He desires on behalf of his sister to thank the public for the practical sympathy they have shown, and in particular to thank Mr. and Mrs. Cobb for their kindness to Mrs. Tarrant. Mr. Cobb succeeded in collecting $80.

—Yesterday terminated the visit of a certain Kamloops young lady. If there are any more like the one referred to, and single, it is the wish of a coterie of Vancouver bachelors that they be sent right along, in which case they will guarantee a match every time. They now understand why Kamloops is called the Inland Capital.

—**G. A. Roedde, practical bookbinder, paper ruler and blank book manufacturer, Horne block, Cambie street, Vancouver. Orders from the country will be promptly attended to. Correspondence solicited.**

—In the Supreme Court at Victoria on Wednesday Mr. Justice Walkem made an order directing James Kaye, Elizabeth Kaye (his wife), and Edith Summerfield, to show cause why Beatrice Edith Mary Kaye Summerfield should not be handed over to the custody of their father. The parents of the children have separated, and they are at present living with their mother and their maternal grandparents; the father seeks to recover possession, and argument on his application to the courts will be heard on Monday next.

—The little Chinese girl Choy Wan, of Victoria, has got to the end of her worries as to who is her guardian, for the present at everything to the terms of the order by which she was restored to the possession of Lee Mong Kow, she appeared with him before Chief Justice Davie in his Lordship's chambers yesterday, and expressed herself as entirely satisfied with his treatment of her and anxious to remain in his care. The order was accordingly made absolute, there being nothing further for Miss Bowes or her legal representative to do in the case.

From Friday's Daily.

—The steamer Chilcat arrived at Victoria on Friday with 4,000 cases of Alaska salmon.

—The vein of the Alberni claim, Alberni, is now registered 30 inches, and prices for claims have gone up.

—A run of genuine mackerel is reported off the West Coast of Vancouver Island. This is the first ever heard of.

—A notnard, or inn, in this city, is in Kootenay and contemplates putting in a door and sash factory either there or at Trail.

—Charles W. Tolson, of Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, was married on Sunday last to Evelyn Grace Wilson, daughter of Rev. T. F. Wilson.

—The last issue of the Canadian Gazette contained a notice that Horace Harpur, of this city, had been granted a copyright for his Dream of the Sea waltz.

—Candidates for admission to practice as Provincial land surveyors will be examined at the Lands and Works department, Victoria, commencing on Tuesday, October 1st.

—Ladysmith can boast of more hotels than any other town of its size in British Columbia. There are no less than 15 in operation and three more in course of construction.

—The many friends of Col. Forrester, of Sicamous, will regret to learn that he was stricken early this morning with apoplexy, and that grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

—The lunatic, Robert Towers, was taken over to New Westminster to-day to be placed in the asylum. He was under the impression that he was going over to be fitted with a new police uniform.

—The Prince Frederic arrived at Royal Roads on Thursday. She is to load lumber at Hastings mill and is the third of the fleet of six Princes to reach here. She is a Norwegian ship and left Buenos Ayres on May 26th.

—During Wednesday night's blow the ship Wythan, loading salmon at Steveston, broke loose, carrying a large section of the wharf with her. She was anchored in midstream where she rode out the storm without damage.

—Most of the miners who went up to Alaska this season have not only discovered that far away mines seem richest, just as far away fields seem greenest, but they have also found that mining is a business and that to be successful at it one must understand it.

—The Ottawa Citizen says: The English are pouring out hundreds of millions in South Africa and West Australian mines. If they are in search of that kind of investment why do they not come over to British Columbia, one of the richest mining countries of the world?

—The World some time ago mentioned that two lads named Johns and Ferris had run away from New Westminster. On Thursday Chief of Police Ward located the boys in this city and to-day Johns was taken home. He is the son of the late Isaac Johns, the first customs collector of Vancouver, and is under the guardianship of J. J. Cambridge, of New Westminster. The other lad has a note purporting to be signed by his mother giving him permission to be away from the domestic firesides.

—A new ledge has been found in a hill about 20 miles from Alberni, running northeast and southwest. The ore is almost coal black and carries free gold, which is visible to the naked eye, and assays $600 to the ton in gold. Four of the claims have been bonded for $16,000. Another ledge has been discovered six miles from town which assays $22.

—J. Gaudaur, champion professional oarsman of America, states that owing to the lateness of the season and prior engagements, he cannot at present accept Harding's challenge to race in England. He will, on the other hand, be willing to row the English champion in Texas one week after the regatta at Austin for $2,500 a side and will allow him $500 for expenses.

—It is not generally known that the C. P. R. for years past has refused to sell its lands immediately adjoining the stations except upon conditions which preclude the sale of liquors thereon. A clause in each deed provides that the title shall become invalid and the property revert to the company in the event of its being used as a place of the sale of liquors.

From Saturday's Daily.

—Another attempt is to be made in Manitoba to cultivate crab apples. This time it will be in the vicinity of Headingly. The experiment will be watched with interest.

—The handsome residence of John J. Kerr, contractor, Chilliwack, was destroyed by fire on Friday; loss $1,400, insurance $800 in the Phoenix. The contents were saved.

—R. J. McIntosh is about to remove from Agassiz to Chilliwack and will reopen in his old stand with a full line of ready-made boots and shoes; also repairing and custom work done on the premises.

—The new freight tariff to the interior, referred to recently in our Rossland letter, is now in force. Under it Victoria gets the same rate as all interior points as Vancouver, a saving to Capital shippers of about 10c. a cwt.

—Seattle Times: Every one in the State will rejoice that the Great Creek mines are pouring substantial dividends into the pockets of Spokane. It is a good deal better to have the profits remain here than to be shipped to foreign mine owners.

—The heaviest run of sockeyes that ever was known on the Fraser at this time of the year and of excellent quality are now being bought by the canners for 10 cents. What few canners are buying them are having a bonanza, the boats averaging this week from 200 to 500 each per day.

—A petition is being circulated and largely signed in Chilliwack addressed to Gen. Supt. Abbott asking the C. P. R. Co. to remove the Harrison which comes from its present site to one at or near the Harrison river bridge. Such a move would be a matter of great convenience to Chilliwack and the traveling public generally.

—On Westminster avenue, near the Market hall, on Friday morning the retriever dog of Clayton Leonard, which was considered one of the best sporting dogs in the Province, was run over by a tram car. It was dragged 40 feet before its body dropped clear of the wheels. The car was immediately stopped. Mr. Leonard contemplates bringing an action for damages against the company.

—By the next out-going Empress for the Orient Rev. Geo. L. Mackay, D. D., ex-moderator of the Canadian Presbyterian church, will sail from Vancouver on his return to Formosa. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Mackay and family, and Rev. Koa Kow, his Formosan assistant, while on the same steamer will go Dr. Menzies, Miss Dr. Dow and Miss McIntosh, who are bound for Corea.

—The missionary steamer Glad Tidings came down from Port Simpson on Friday. Her captain reports trouble in the vicinity of Cape Mudge, caused by whites supplying Indians with liquor. On the 10th inst., a klootch was drowned out of a canoe while intoxicated. Eleven unopened bottles were found in the canoe. The Indian agent at Alert Bay is endeavoring to secure the arrest of the guilty parties.

Brandon Times: Rev. H. C. Mason, having resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church of this city, leaves in a few days for Vancouver, where he goes to take charge of the First Congregational church of that city on the 1st of October. Mr. Mason has been in charge of the Brandon church for over five years, and during that time has endeared himself to the hearts of a very large circle of friends, not only of his own congregation, but of others as well.

—The many friends of genial Chas. S. Hyman, of London, Ont., in this portion of Her Majesty's domains will regret to learn of the death of his only son, a bright lad 16 years of age, which took place last week. The boy was never strong and had been quite sick at times for two months past. Within the last few days the illness became especially severe, and Mr. Hyman was summoned home from New Brunswick, arriving just in time. Young Charlie, like his father, was a general favorite, and was the idol of his parents.

—A happy party gathered at the residence of A. Smith, Alexander Street, last night, to celebrate the 21st birthday of P. Healy. Games, singing and dancing were indulged in until a late hour, and many thanks were tendered the host and hostess for their kindly efforts to make the evening an enjoyable one. Among those present were, Mrs. and Miss Covines, Mrs. Knof, Mrs. and Mr. Greenway, Mr. W. and Miss Russell, Mrs. and Mr. Branaska, Miss Troup, Mr. Descantes, J. Gildes, W. Winsdale, H. Hunt, J. Dees, D. Galeta, Miss Lilly Mordaunt and others.

—On Friday E. A. Morris, of Victoria, received an interesting letter from Wood Island, Alaska. It states that one of the men engaged in overhauling the hulk of the schooner Walter A. Earle, of Victoria, happened to find in the debris a souvenir which presented by Mr. Morris to one of the members of the crew of the ill-fated vessel. "This fact in itself," the letter continues, "is not very remarkable, but it is curious that the little souvenir should be found in the wreck after the rough treatment it has received." The inscription on the watch with Mr. Morris' name, is just as plain as it was on the day it was placed there.

From Monday's Daily.

—Montreal is now talking of getting up a Colonial Exhibition for next year.

—The bathing sheds and boat house at English bay have closed for the season.

—J. J. McKay and family have returned to reside at Ashcroft from New Brunswick.

—Three more carloads of pipe have arrived at Ashcroft for the Whittier Gold Fields Concessions.

—N. F. McKay, who was formerly principal of the Regina public schools, has opened a law office in Golden.

—A motion to pay aldermen $300 and chairmen of committees $400 has been defeated in the Ottawa Council.

—At Clinton on Sept. 18th the Rev Mr. Turner united in marriage Wm. Clark and Mrs. Gillespie, of Lac La Hache.

—At Kelowna a few days ago S. Somerville was married to Miss Mary Kape, at the residence of E. Weddell, Rev. G. A. Wilson officiating.

—Do you like your water hot in summer? If so, you will be satisfied if the Water committee's idea of carrying the pipe on piles across Coal Harbor is carried out.

—A. Q. St. George has given notice of his intention to appeal against the decision of the Police Magistrate in the case he recently brought against a teacher on Mount Pleasant, whom he accused of assaulting his daughter. The question involved is whether or not a teacher has a right to punish a child, and if so what is a reasonable punishment.

—The corporation has sent to Marquette, Mich., Mrs. Johnson, whose husband died in the civic employ.

—A public school is to be established at Okanagan Landing. A building has been secured and is being put into thorough repair. A meeting is to be held to elect trustees.

—The nominations for the Provincial Legislature at Duncan's on Saturday resulted as follows: Richmond Beauchamp Halbed and George Albert Huff, both Government supporters.

—John Pateil and Petries, Indians, have been committed for trial at Kamloops charged with the murder of Felix, a Siwash, whose remains were found on the C. P. R. track with a bullet in his skull.

—An eastern exchange notes that the Queen's Own, of Toronto, will shortly lose an efficient and popular officer in the person of Capt. "Charley" Bennett, who leaves to take up his residence in British Columbia.

—In reply to a deputation of the Board of Trade Hon. Clarke Wallace, Controller of Customs, said that the matter of a duty on steel pipes for mining purposes and nets for fishing would be considered.

—The Spokane Chronicle says: Leo Norman, Fred. Masters and J. H. Clemes are representatives of an English syndicate who are here on their way to the Pacific coast to look over the mining lands in British Columbia, with a view of investing in the same.

—John Little, the man whose "neck was broken" by a fall from a stone wagon in the C. P. R. yards, some time ago, at Winnipeg, and whose case was watched by the surgical fraternity with intense interest, has recovered almost entirely and will be out in a few days.

—The Battleford, N. W. T., Herald of Sept. 13th, says: Ten degrees of frost on Saturday night and 12 on Monday put the finishing touches on tender garden vegetables in low lying places. There was no local that many farmers' gardens in the neighborhood escaped altogether.

—Bridge matters were discussed at a public meeting held in New Westminster on Saturday evening when a resolution was passed which supported the Mayor and favored the Hamilton Bridge Co.'s scheme against the Bullen plans, which were approved by the Council when a number of aldermen were absent. The outcome will be interesting.

—Dick Willoughby, who was here a few days ago on his way to Seattle, had never seen a locomotive till he got here. He had been in Alaska for about 30 years. He came to Puget Sound in 1859. He at at one time owned a steamer on the Fraser river. Before he went to Alaska he deposited $16,000 in the Bank of British Columbia at Victoria and he has never touched it since.

—A petition was forwarded to the Post-office department, Ottawa, asking for the establishment of an office on the west side of Okanagan lake, to be known as Port Morien. A reply was received asking for further information regarding the number of residents, when the request might be granted. This settlement is a rich fruit-growing centre.

—S. M. Winston, of Rossland, has a queer find which he picked up near the Cliff tunnel—a gold medal presented to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bowen who, the medal says, celebrated their golden wedding in 1857. As a couple married in 1807 could have hardly lived to see Rossland, there is no clue to the owner of the strange old relic which doubtless has a story behind it if one only knew it.

—Sound shipments of shingles in August were 1,442 cars, or 216,300,000, as follows: Great Northern, 590 cars; Canadian Pacific via Seattle, 24; Shore & Western, 43; Northern Pacific, 809. Lumber shipments were 546 cars, or 8,676,000 feet; total shipments, 1,291 cars. For the past six months the cut and shipments approximate to 10,935, of which the Great Northern made 2,192, the Canadian Pacific 587 and the Northern Pacific 7,156.

—The transcontinental lines have given notice that thereafter the charge of 50 cents per 100 lbs. will be made on feed of any kind, in any quantity, in cattle cars loaded with live stock. The order applies to Canada Cattle Co., and their manager says whether the feed is carried on top or on shelves or decks inside the cars, excepting such feed as may be in the hay racks when accompanying single cars of trainload shipments of live stock from points on lines mentioned to Chicago, Missouri river, St. Paul and points west.

—The returns from the first car of vegetables and fruit shipped by the Kelowna Shippers' union were of an entirely encouraging nature. S. Rae, who had charge of the shipment, found no difficulty in disposing of the contents of the car, along the line of the C. P. R., and met with a ready market at Calgary of what was left when that point was reached. Good prices were realized in every instance. Another car was shipped a week ago last Saturday to Calgary, while a third will be despatched to Kootenay in charge of H. Dell.

—In the operating and composing room of The World office there is one happy young man. Five years ago to-day Ernest Whitworth, then a small youth of tender years, entered this office as an apprentice. The establishment is proud upon Union lines and these the youthful apprentice has complied with. To-day he is a full-fledged journeyman and from this henceforth receives regular journeyman's wages, viz., $21.50 per week, he being possibly the best paid young man in the city. This is a forcible illustration of what a well-disposed persevering young man can make of himself. He is a clever operator on the Mergenthaler type-setting machine and gives promise of being a swift manipulator of the keyboard.

—A week ago Sunday the riffles of one of the sluice boxes of the Thompson River Hydraulic Co., at Tranquille, were taken out and the gravel collected in it washed. Three ounces were obtained as the result of the week's work, equal to 12 days of one man. The amount of capital invested at this place is comparatively small. At bedrock richer pay is expected, and as the work done so far is in the line of exploiting the ground back the result may be considered satisfactory. Further up the stream J. B. Latreouille has four men working. Here the bedrock is the bottom of the creek is being washed. This gold is of a bright yellow color, different from that found only a few yards away, and of a larger size, nuggets of 50 cents and $1 being quite common. It is thought that quite a large proportion of the finer gold has been carried over, so that changes will be necessary yet, but a fair cleanup was got. From the different nature of the ground worked at the different places one would imagine that gold may be found anywhere along the creek either on the benches or in the bed of the stream.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—The Brunette saw mills, Sapperton, are to be rebuilt immediately.

—It is understood that Prof. Robertson will visit Comox and deliver a lecture there.

—H. D. Chantrell, of H. M. Customs, stationed at Blaine, seized last week a horse, the property of James Varett, for violation of the Customs laws.

—The application for bail for J. C. Prevost did not come up before the Chief Justice at Victoria yesterday, the defence having dropped the matter for the present.

—J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., has resigned the presidency of the Revelstoke Board of Trade. J. D. Silbald has been elected in his place, and H. N. Coursier appointed vice-president.

—Chief Justice Davie granted an application at Victoria yesterday allowing Chace Bowering, of this city, owner of the seized schooner Beatrice, to enter pleadings in the Admiralty court.

—W. H. Keary, of New Westminster, was elected to the office of Grand Director of the Grand Council, Young Men's Institute, at the annual session of the Grand Council, which was in session at San Francisco last week.

—The death took place on Sunday of Loftus Browne, son of Rev. M. C. Browne, of Victoria, at Nicola. Deceased was a member of the Victoria Customs staff. His sister died only a few weeks ago.

—It is stated that the smelter at Golden is to be dismantled, the machinery and such other portions of the plant as are of utility to be removed to Midway, where a syndicate will erect a 50-ton plant.

—J. Boscowitz & Sons, Victoria, in a circular letter to vessel owners interested, make an offer of $10.35 per seal skin for the majority of the Victoria fleet catch. This is an advance of 25 cents over a recent offer, but it will probably not be accepted on a rising market with a short catch.

—At Victoria Chief Justice Davie made an order that the children of Peter and Edith Summerfield be left in the charge of their mother. A writ nisi had been obtained by the husband against their mother and grandparents to show cause why the children should not be handed over to him.

—Saturday's Nanaimo Free Press said: Arrangements have been completed with a Vancouver syndicate, of whom Thos. Dunn is the leading spirit, for supplying the necessary machinery and practically developing the properties of the Mineral Creek Mining Company at Alberni. The syndicate, previous to entering into the agreement, obtained a legal opinion in regard to the disputed title to four out of the seven claims, and are quite satisfied to enter into the agreement and develop the property.

—Says the Revelstoke Mail: The Siwashes of Colville, who each fall make a rendezvous of the islands opposite the town, undertook to assert imaginary rights this week and were promptly squelched by Commissioner Graham. Some townspeople visited the locality one day and were engaged in the very peaceful pastime of angling when they were set upon by the Siwashes, who stoned them and their boat. The Indians were ended before the commissioner and were told they had either to behave themselves or get out.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—It is proposed to establish a co-operative cannery on the Fraser river.

—A. R. Langley left Victoria to-day to reside in Guatemala, his health necessitating the change.

—The report that the Bank of Montreal was about to open an agency in Nanaimo has been contradicted.

—Turner, Beeton & Co., of Victoria, it is reported, have decided not to open a branch establishment in Nanaimo.

—J. H. Falconer, of Victoria, has been notified that his exhibit of fruit at the Regina exhibition gained the highest award.

—According to the Japan Mail there were 40,791 cases of cholera, and 27,175 deaths when the Empress of India sailed.

—S. H. Webb, for many years gunsmith at New Westminster, but more recently of Nanaimo, has sold out his business.

—E. J. Casleman, of Toronto, intends establishing a bicycle factory in this city, provided he meets with sufficient encouragement to do so.

—Chas. W. Riley, the well-known poultry fancier, of South Vancouver, is in financial straits. He is not to be found in his former premises.

—John Hunter, of Collingwood, has acquired the ownership of the Occidental hotel, Quesnelle, Cariboo. It will be run under the style of Boyd Brothers.

—It is reported that Alex. Sharp has resigned his position as manager of the Wellington Colliery Co., and that he intends embarking in the mercantile business.

—Frank Richards, Jr., a well known British Columbian, has leased the Palmer House rooms in the Brimsmead block, Cordova street, and purposes opening a first-class restaurant at an early date.

—All the liners of the C. P. SS. Co. are recruiting their required complement of naval reserve men. Th Empress of China took on 10 of them and 10 more were signed on the Empress of India to-day.

—A sale is reported of the Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Co.'s establishment at Port Moody and all the timber limits belonging thereto to Messrs. Walter Martin & Co., of Seattle. It is proposed to operate the establishment to its utmost capacity.

—Before Chief Justice Davie this morning Alfred Atkinson, colored, got a speedy trial on the charge of "rolling" a man on Abbott street and stealing a sum of money from him. The case was clearly made out and Atkinson was sent over for nine months.

—H. F. W. Behnsen, of Victoria, has wired friends from St. Louis that his brother-in-law died there yesterday. Mr. Behnsen will abandon his trip to Europe, which he was about to take to place his brother-in-law at a health resort in Germany.

—F. A. Boehlofsky, after recuperating his health in the interior, is again to the fore, having taken over the Boulder restaurant. Mr. Boehlofsky's ability as a caterer needs no bush, and doubtless he will soon again have all his old patrons, as well as many new ones, back at his tables.

—H. M. Johnson, brother of C. Gardiner Johnson, J. P., has joined the staff of the Empress of India. He was formerly with the Empress of China, and left her upon the completion of her last trip to India. Several changes had to be made in the staff of the India, because of Captain Marshall's trip to England.

—The Y. M. I. delegates have returned. Instead of forming a new district to include British Columbia, Oregon, Washington and Montana, it was decided to give that territory three grand directors and the first grand vice-president, Ald. W. J. Keary, of New Westminster, was elected one of the grand directors. Delegate Wm. Murphy, of this city, reports a most successful gathering.

RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS.

The head master of the Collegiate school, Victoria, has just sent in his report for the year ending midsummer to the Lord Bishop of Columbia. Among other things it says: "The general behavior has been excellent, and we are glad to report that there is an exceedingly good moral tone among the boys. This is largely due to the fact that religious instruction, if rightly given, does induce healthy morality, and as a Church of England school, religious instruction is an important part of our curriculum." Rt. Rev. Dr. Perrin replying says: "You know how thoroughly I endorse every word you say about the importance of religious education. A reaction must come in its favor before very long, and it behooves all who are sound and well themselves Christians to be instant in season and out of season in pressing the matter forward in connection with our Provincial schools."

ANXIOUS ABOUT THEM.

On Sept. 18th a party of Vancouver young men, including A. E. Buckling, Seymour Richardson, A. Holmes and J. Craig, left in a small boat for Pender harbor. They were to have been back on the following Tuesday, Sept. 17th, but they have not yet returned. Their friends are becoming quite anxious about them, especially in view of the fact that the weather has been so stormy since they left.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

WADDINGTON HARBOR

At the Head of Bute Inlet and What is Being Done There by an Enterprising People.

M. J. Blanchfield, a former resident of the township of Eramosa, near Guelph, Ont., and who for some years lived in Vancouver prior to going north, is at present in the city, but intends leaving for his home, Waddington Harbor, at the head of Bute Inlet, next Friday morning, by the Comox. Mr. Blanchfield is possessed of any amount of energy and enterprise. He carries on the business of a general trader, logger, etc., and is regarded by his neighbors as a very worthy young promising business man.

To a World representative Mr. Blanchfield gave a few interesting particulars concerning a section of country, about which of late but little has been heard. Some 32 years ago Bute Inlet and Waddington, as well as the Homatcho river, obtained a great deal of notoriety, owing to the brutality of the Indians in that locality and the massacre of 16 white men, in one evening, by a band of natives, whilst the whites were preparing to leave the country. Of the whole party but one person escaped and he had his left arm cut in two between the wrist and the elbow, but escaped by means of the river, floating down the stream to a point where there was a rope ferry. He managed by the use of his feet and right arm to cross the stream, only to find that the ferryman and others in the village, who were principally Siwashes, were also butchered in the most horrible manner. He managed to reach Waddington and then New Westminster in a canoe and gave the alarm, when a number of stalwart men volunteered to proceed to the scene and avenge the murder of their white fellow beings. The scene was reached; but not a vestige of a human being could be discovered. The only trace which could be found were the clothes, etc., belonging to the men and signs of where they had been dragged to the river's bank and their bodies thrown over a very steep precipice overhanging the river below. The entire party of 16 only one body was recovered. What became of the others no one has ever been able to tell. Five of the perpetrators of the massacre were arrested in the Chilcotin country and were executed, but the others escaped.

Bute Inlet, as is well known to many, is the terminus of the proposed British Pacific Railway which Mr. Blanchfield hopes to see in operation some day, but when surpasses his knowledge and comprehension. It was surveyed many years ago by Canadian engineers hunting for a route for the Canadian Pacific Railway, and was one of the lines which Sandford Fleming specially referred to in his report to Hon. Alex. Mackenzie in 1876, as feasible. It is the outlet for the great Chilcotin country, and the belief is quite general that it will be important place is certain to spring into existence near where Mr. Blanchfield resides. At the head of the Inlet there is a Provincial reserve, which embraces a large area of land, said to be of the very best quality. The inlet is navigable to its head for large ocean going craft and the timber for some distance inland for small steamers, river boats and canoes. A settlement has been established there; the school-going children exceed the number required by law, the families number a full dozen, amongst the number being several Americans, who have become British subjects, and excellent settlers they have proved themselves to be. A post-office is shortly to be established and then the settlers will have a regular mail service. At present it is an indifferent monthly one; but the hope is strong that shortly it will be placed on a better institutted, to be followed by a weekly one in the near future. Mr. Blanchfield's stock is one of the most extensive on the Coast, he being the business transacted by him is considerable.

He reports that the surveyors sent out to explore the Homatcho river valley and the Chilcotin districts report favorably of a route for a railroad and which they believe to be the only feasible one to be found south of the Skeena. The grade is an easy one and the highest altitude 2,800 feet in a distance of 80 miles. The climate is a desirable one; the land principally alder bottom and not very heavily timbered. In the settlement there are no less than three pianos. Large clearances are being made by the settlers; but the great drawback there as elsewhere in the Province, is the lack of roads. Trails have been constructed by the settlers themselves, but they expect the Government to expend in road-making a few hundred dollars, as much more than would be done when the estimates were being prepared for last session. Crops grow well; wheat, from the Agassiz Experimental Farm, having ripened nicely this year. They have no summer frosts. The purest of water exists in abundance and the country abounds with all kinds of game, whilst the streams are full of fish. The place can be reached in from 17 to 20 hours from Vancouver by the SS. Comox, which sails for there next Friday. Mr. Blanchfield asserts that the country is a most desirable one, the only difficulty at present being its remoteness from Vancouver and Victoria, and the great cost it is to the settlers to get their produce marketed. The big Government reserve is also an injury to the place, as there are no settlers on these lands or roads thereon. The people are all in good spirits and enjoy themselves thoroughly. Social gatherings and dances in the public hall erected at Waddington are of frequent occurrence. The country behind is rich in agricultural, grazing, mining and timbering resources, concerning all of which Mr. Blanchfield will be pleased to impart whatever information he is possessed of to those calling on him at 413 Hastings street previous to Thursday evening and thereafter by addressing him at Bute Inlet.

A VANCOUVERITE ABROAD.

Frank S. Barnard, M. P., Speaks of his Visit to England.

F. S. Barnard, M. P., returned from England on the last voyage of the Majestic, says the Montreal Gazette. He was found at the Windsor hotel and was evidently well pleased with his trip, which, he said, had not only been an enjoyable, but also, from a business point of view, a successful one. In England and on the continent, said Mr. Barnard, such a remark as general depression and hard times, is heard everywhere, and he is tumbling over one another to buy South Africa and Westralian mining, land and exploration companies. British South African chartered shares went from £2 to £9 a share during my visit, and many mining companies saw a like rise in their shares.

Did you try to do anything in the mining line?

Yes; fortunately for me the attention which mining is attracting in the old world was of material assistance, for although the object of my visit to the monetary centres of Europe was to obtain funds for the improvement of our street railways in Vancouver and New Westminster, which have been consolidated, I have in addition succeeded, through Sperling & Co., of London, one firm of brokers largely interested in Canada and anxious for its development—in forming probably the strongest combination of European capital ever gathered for the purpose of exploiting the mineral wealth of British Columbia. The syndicate comprises leading bankers and financiers of London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Manchester and Glasgow, men who command vast capital, and who have been prevailed upon to give the mineral resources of British Columbia some attention.

Do you think much money will be brought into British Columbia by this means?

Yes; it now only requires the profitable working of a few mines to assure to our Pacific Province the introduction through this powerful channel of unlimited capital.

What is the name and capital of your company?

The name of the company backed by this syndicate is the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields, Ltd., with a subscribed capital of £232,000, of which £175,000 is available now for investment in British Columbia mines.

Are your company doing any work?

Yes; we are already developing three of four very promising properties and intend to acquire all that offer and, upon examination, prove to possess merit. In future no British Columbia mine owner can complain that it is impossible to find capital to work his claim, for if it looks well and reasonable, terms can be made our company will develop it.

You have your mining engineers, I suppose?

We keep a staff of mining engineers ready to investigate anything offering. I return to British Columbia at once to vigorously prosecute work for the company as managing director.

Are the shares of your company quoted on the London Stock Exchange?

Yes, also on the Bourse in Paris.

HAPPENINGS AT LADNER.

Ladner, Sept. 24.—A quotation from my last week's items read, synoptically speaking, look out for a change in the weather; the change came all right, a storm on Wednesday night doing great damage, and a 48 hours' rain set in on Saturday night. If any superstitious man has any desire to act personally as a barometer, all he has to do is to imagine he can ride a broncho, part company with him, make two or three somersaults, alighting with a shoulder dislocated and a few ribs broken. This, mixed with a brace of corns carefully cultivated, will entitle him to live 48 hours ahead of his time. —Our crack anglers have returned from the Nicomekiu. They go there often for a day, but about this period from time immemorial nothing less than a week fills the bill. They returned yesterday, and being interviewed by your correspondent, after diluting about 200 per cent, I find some of the party have done extraordinarily well and there are few around the Landing who have not tasted the result of their angling. The storm on Wednesday night would have brought destruction to a party only that first officer McLaren was on deck, he having both watches, at the same time ordering the topsail to be club reefed. This was done with a presumably large water jug. The party was composed of J. Leary, Sr., commodore; H. Hutcherson, captain; J. McLaren, first mate; Joe. Jordan, in charge of supplies, and Thos. Hume, secretary and treasurer. —A week ago last Saturday Mr. Ruddick made a flying visit here but did not bring his family out with him. He was driven out to the creamery by the president, Mr. Benson. In answer to a question from W. H. Ladner he said that it appeared strange, but was understood to be a fact, that extra feed and care does not add not increase the percentage of butter fat. This is a subject that a good many farmers would like to see thrashed out satisfactorily. A ball game, by the orchestra on Friday night, the 27th, and the Methodist harvest home on Monday, the 30th, are the only events to be chronicled in the near future. DELTA.

TWO MEN MISSING.

Two men are missing from Lake district, near Victoria. Samuel Ricketts is one of them. He is a pioneer resident of the Prospect Lake road, and has not been since Sept. 11th, when he had supper at the house of Robt. Porter, Sr. He left about 8 o'clock, for a distance of two miles, and was expected back next morning for breakfast, but did not put in an appearance. Business worries had been troubling him and it is feared that he may have committed suicide. Mr. Rickett is described as a man of medium size, about 65 years of age, crippled and bent, and seldom walked about without the assistance of his stick. Though a man of considerable wealth he dressed miserably and gave the impression to all with whom he came in contact that he was on the brink of beggary.

The other missing man is William A. Rountree, who owns a farm in the Lake district. His unfortunate carelessness cost him his life on Sept. 8th. It will be recalled that the two men went out shooting in the bush when Rountree mistook Williams for a deer and sent a bullet crashing through his skull, killing him instantly. The younger man was held by the police until after the inquest, and then discharged from custody, there being not the shadow of a suggestion that the shooting was other than accidental. Since that time, according to the statement of one of his most intimate acquaintances, nothing has been seen of him, either at any of his usual haunts or at his ranch in Lake. His friends fear that he is dead, either by accident or his own hand, though they cannot give clear and satisfactory reasons for their opinion. Others incline to the belief that he has left the country, teeming as it does with so sad memories, and will acquaint his friends with his whereabouts in good time.

KNOWN IN WINNIPEG.

The following is from the Winnipeg Tribune of Sept. 18th: On Tuesday evening Albert Dykes, grocer, received a telegram from Vancouver from S. Keith, his father-in-law, who was formerly a farmer in Millbrook, Springfield, which stated that his son-in-law, Robert McLeod, who was also a farmer of Millbrook and who left here four months ago with his wife and family for Vancouver, had been killed yesterday morning by a log at a mill in Hastings saw-mill. No further information. The deceased was known in the city and the county district in which he lived. He was a native of Kildonan, where the rest of his people live. Having received such glowing accounts of the coast from his father