# HEADLEY CAMP AN IMPORTANT CENTRE

## DEVELOPMENT WILL FOLLOW THE RAILWAY

### Major Megraw Tells of the Latent Wealth Awaiting Advent of Great Northern.

In the opinion of Major Megraw Hedley is destined to become a most important mining centre. By a peculiar situation of affairs the camp has been kept back for years, and the development on the various promising properties has not been what was warranted.

Major Megraw, who is editor of the Hedley Gazette, has been spending a few days in Victoria as a representative at the Masonic grand lodge.

He says that he finds that outside of the town there is a decided misconception of the conditions in the camp. There is a prevailing impression that the only mine in the vicinity is the Nickel Plate, belonging to the great Daly corporation. This group of mines has been persistently developed, and the results have proved that the values in the camp's mines are such as to warrant the prediction that once railway communication is afforded Hedley it will become one of the greatest mining centres in the province.

While the work on the Nickel Plate overshadows that done on any other property in the camp, Major Megraw says it is a mistake to think that the rest of the district is all centred in that part of the camp. Sufficient, he says, has been done on other properties to prove the fallacy of this.

For a long time it has been realized that the railway would come through the camp. From year to year the work has been delayed from various reasons. The impression that the railway was coming shortly has, however, had the effect of deterring owners of promising prospects from carrying out their full development until the transportation facilities were provided, and the work could be done more cheaply and satisfactorily.

In spite of all the drawbacks caused by lack of railway connection there has been considerable activity evinced, warranted only by the exceedingly rich showings of the properties. As a business proposition the Daly syndicate has continued with a large force of men to extract the gold even in the absence of railway communication, which resulted in heavy charges for freight.

Major Megraw says that Hedley camp, from a geological and mineralogical standpoint, is peculiar. For that reason its deposits have to be studied by themselves. The ore body is a huge mineralized zone of sedimentaries crushed between bodies of andesite and cut by porphyry dykes. The gangue of the ore is sedimentaries, and the ore is a mispickel, carrying gold and a little copper, although in outlying claims of the Nickel Plate group greater quantities of copper are found than in the Nickel Plate or Sunnyside.

The company own a group of 20 claims, but of these only three have been opened, namely, Nickel Plate, Sunnyside and Bulldog. Extensive development work has been done on the Nickel Plate which has been worked throughout as a tunnel proposition; all expense for hoisting or pumping being obviated. On the Sunnyside the development has been solely that of open quarrying. The ore body on the Sunnyside was discovered only when the tramline to the Nickel Plate was being built. Making a grade cutting rich ore was discovered, and here a large glory hole has been quaried out, the entire contents of which have gone through the company's mills at Hedley. This fact in itself should be sufficient to disabuse in the minds of the public the idea that large expenditures of money are necessary before large returns are obtained, for here is a mine which is only a glory hole and has had paying ore from the grass roots.

The company has done the work at the mine purely as a business proposition. The development has been carried out in a systematic way and on a grand scale. But awaiting the advent of the railway which it was realized must come, and which has been expected from time to time, the fullest operations were not pertended to be under way.

But while the wealthy corporation has been busy it has not been the only active agent in the camp. Among the properties which have been developed, Major Megraw mentioned a number which in any camp would be regarded as most promising properties.

The Kingston group first belonged to Peter Scott, who still retains considerable stock. A company has been duly incorporated and promoted, the principle owners being Quebec men, among them Mr. Boswell. Considerable development work has been undertaken. Several hundred feet of tunnelling has been done, but the company awaits railway connection before carrying out the full scheme planned. The ore body is large. In general it is not high grade, but yet portions run up to values of $40 a ton.

As an indication of the faith which mining experts of high reputation have in the camp, Major Megraw points out that Paul Johnson, who has a continental reputation and who has recently been instrumental in the establishment of the Hedley smelter on Prince Rupert Island, has continued to hold his interests in Hedley for seven years past.

Not only has Paul Johnson carefully kept possession of his interests, but also F. R. Hedley, after whom the camp was named, has held on to his possessions during the seven waiting years. About a month ago Mr. Hedley returned to the place after an absence of many years. He was so satisfied with conditions, including those at the Roloa, the first claim located in the camp by Peter Scott, that he took bonds on two others—the Toronto and the Selena.

The Golden Zone group, known as the quartz property, is owned by J. J. Marks, Paul Brodhagen and J. Murphy. Considerable development has been done on behalf of investors, cold-blooded sampling has been done and invariably good pay values were obtained. The ore taken from the dump extracted from the mine in development work is of good shipping quality. A wagon road is being constructed from an appropriation obtained last session by L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., and before this 15 miles of road is completed the Great Northern will be in Hedley, and afford the means for carrying the ore out.

Close to the town is Bradshaw's Florence group, where considerable has been done also. A good example has been set by the owner who has shown absolute faith in the camp.

The Humming Bird group is now being tested by the diamond drill. Work is being done by the Spokane Diamond Drill Company, which showed its faith in the property by agreeing with Mr. Marks to do several thousand feet of work and obtain a small interest in payment of the work. Up to date two bore holes have been put down, and in each ore bodies over 70 feet in width were encountered.

Claims owned by S. M. Johnson, Jas. Fraser Campbell and H. W. Yates have been bonded recently, through Oliver and Gladden, to an English company which will do extensive development work.

As showing that there is continuity in the deposits in the camp, it is mentioned that the Humming Bird group lies north of the Neckel Plate property, while this new ore to be developed is south of the Nickel Plate.

Geo. Cahill owns a number of promising claims adjoining the holdings of the Yale Mining Company, the name under which the Nickel Plate group is operated. Of the twenty claims owned by the Yale Mining Company, several were purchased from Mr. Cahill.

The Jumbo group on 16-Mile creek, about two miles south of the Nickel Plate group, is now being developed by Gilbert and Ewart, who are sinking a shaft to the depth of 300 feet.

The Oregon claim on 16-Mile creek lies between the Nickel Plate and the Jumbo. It is owned by J. L. Deardorf, L. W. Shatford and Frank H. French. While all these mentioned are in Hedley camp, there are other well known properties within a few miles of the town on Riordan mountain and Independence mountain.

The leading one on the former location is the Billy Goat, owned by J. Riordan. In the latter territory the Apex group, owned by W. D. McMillan and W. J. Forbes, has had a large amount of development work done on it, and particularly good values obtained.

In view of these facts it is evident that the incoming of the railway will mean very rapid development about the town of Hedley. The Great Northern, in spite of all obstacles placed in the way, is steadily building towards the town. Railway connection given Major Megraw looks for an era of important developments in the mining industry in the camp.

# IMPROVING LINE ON THE ISLAND

## E. AND N. TO BE PUT IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

### Superintendent Marpole Tells of C. P. R's. Plans—Large Sums Will Be Expended Yearly.

(From Monday's Daily.)

R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., has returned to Vancouver after a trip over the main line and its branches.

Interviewed in Vancouver, Mr. Marpole confirmed the report published in the Times a little while ago to the effect that $60,000 or $70,000 was to be expended by the C. P. R. on the E. & N. in general repair and reconstruction work. He says this is in pursuance of a plan which has been formulated, whereby from $60,000 to $100,000 is to be spent annually on this work until the road is brought up to the standard of the company's other lines. Large shipments of culvert pipes and other materials have been sent to the Island recently.

This work is beginning, it is learned from the local offices of the E. & N. To-day a small force of men are commencing the preliminary duty connected with it, and are establishing a camp at the Summit.

Two carloads of cement tile are on hand for the work. These will be used to do away with tressels now in use. Some of the tile is 36 inches in diamter, and by the use of these the water which comes down in the spring can easily be taken off. The ravines will then be filled, doing away with the expense and the trouble of keeping tressels in repair.

There are quite a number of these ravines between the summit and Nanaimo, to which attention will be given this summer, and which will materially improve the road bed.

"Work will be commenced at once on the extension of the Nicola branch from Coutlee, the present terminus, to Nicola lake, a distance of some six miles," says Mr. Marpole. While away Mr. Marpole visited all the hotels and summer resorts of the company on the main line and states that all improvements for the summer rush are complete, and the company ready for a larger volume of business than ever before. The tourists are already well started on their western pilgrimage, and the hotels along the line are rapidly filling up. While the weather has not been any too good, it has improved within the last few days, and present indications are that the volume of tourist travel will be greater than ever. At Lake Louise, which by the way, Mr. Marpole says is receiving a great deal of attention because of its many attractions, preparations have been made for a very large number of visitors.

Mr. Marpole was accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Marpole, and a flying visit was paid to Banff.

# Local News.

—The proceeds of the entertainment to take place on July 10th will be given by the Ladies' Emergency Club for the benefit of Mrs. Redford, of Alberni.

—The charge of assault made by E. Levenson against C. S. Batter was called in the police court on Friday and again remanded by Magistrate Hall. A drunk was convicted and dealt with in the usual way.

—Lieut. H. T. Hughes, R. C. E., formerly stationed at Halifax, arrived in the city on Friday He has been transferred from the Halifax station to the corps at Work Point, taking up his quarters at the barracks Saturday.

—Abigail Emma, wife of E. J. Talbot, farmer at South Saanich, died at the Jubilee hospital on Thursday after a brief illness. The deceased, who left no family, was 33 years of age and a native of Reading, Berkshire, England.

—Capt. Andrew Hamilton, a retired army officer now resident at Agassiz, B. C., has written an appreciative article that appears in the London Canadian Gazette of June 7th, upon the departure of British troops from Canada.

—The Dominion Forestry convention is to be held in Vancouver on September 25th, 26th and 27th. It is announced that Earl Grey, the Governor-General, may be the chief guest at the convention and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will accompany him if he can possibly do so.

—Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir have consented to act as patrons of the concert to be given on Tuesday next for the benefit of the widow and family of the late J. Redford of Alberni. Tickets will be on sale to-morrow morning and everyone is requested to support this extremely worthy object.

—Miss Della Spray, who has appeared at numerous concerts in this city, is reaping a large measure of success in the east. She has been recently engaged by the Shuberts to appear in "The Social Whirl," and will, at the conclusion of the New York run, make her bow to English audiences in musical comedy.

—There is on exhibition at St. Ann's academy, Humboldt, street, a fine display of china painting, water colors and oil paintings, also fancy needlework, the product of the pupils' labor during the past six months. Visitors are welcome at any hour till 8 p.m. The exhibition will continue till Wednesday, June 27th.

—There will be a social tea next Tuesday evening, June 26th, at the Victoria West Methodist church. The Ladies' Aid is sparing no pains to make this as successful as usual and promise everyone who attends a happy and profitable time. After the tea there will be a short programme of music, etc., and time will be given for social chat and good fellowship.

—The ninth drawing for an appropriation by Victoria No. 2 Building Society, was held on Thursday at the office of the secretary, A. St. G. Flint, Trounce avenue. J. E. Church occupied the chair and the committee present included Robt. Erskine, W. H. Pennock and James Woolcock. The drawing resulted in favor of Arthur Brenchley of F. R. Stewart & Co., holding No. 161, shares A B C and D.

—Ties are being laid along that section of the Saanich road where it is intended to add to the present line of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. As previously announced this extension is to be made immediately, and co-incident with the work the electric light wires will be extended to take in a number of the northern suburbs, the residents promising to connect with the system in event the car tracks were laid to Tolmie avenue or beyond.

—"The Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company has commenced suit against the B. C. Packers' Association for an injunction to compel them to remove their fish traps from certain parts of the foreshore of the west coast of Vancouver Island," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "The B. C. Packers have had traps out for a long time some distance out from the foreshore named, and the question at issue seems to be as to how far out from the shore the jurisdiction of the provincial government extends."

—Friday afternoon the remains of Mrs. McKeon were laid at rest at Ross Bay cemetery. The cortege left the family residence, Frederick street, at 2.15 o'clock, and proceeded to the St. Barnabas church. The auditorium of that edifice was crowded with sympathizing friends, and impressive services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller. Appropriate music was rendered by the full surpliced choir. The respect and esteem in which the memory of deceased is held by her many acquaintances was shown by the large number and beauty of the floral tributes presented. The following acted as pall-bearers: S. A. Spencer, David Spencer, sr., H. D. Helmcken, J. L. Crimp, F. Appleton and G. Porter.

—On Wednesday afternoon the fisheries commission appointed by the Dominion government to look into the conditions surrounding the industry in this province, resumed its sittings in Vancouver. The sitting was a private one, but it is understood that the commissioners considered the evidence given at the public sittings held here last year. At this session J. C. Brown of New Westminster presented to the commission petitions from the Fraser river fishermen and from the Fraser River Canners' Association, which are understood to practically embody the complaints made by both these bodies at the public sittings of the commission. The commission will remain in Vancouver for about a week, and a sub-committee will then go north to make a personal inspection of the fishing grounds while the season is on. They will visit the salmon fisheries of the Skeena and Naas rivers, and will probably also investigate conditions in the halibut fisheries.

—The announcement is made that F. E. P. McMain, manager of the Royal Bank here, will shortly retire to enter into business for himself. Mr. Whitely, who is at present manager of the Chilliwack branch, will be his successor.

—At the last meeting of the Mothers' Club it was decided to hold a picnic for all mothers and their families. A meeting will be held at the home of the president, 23 Spring road, on Tuesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, to make the necessary arrangements for the outing. All mothers are cordially invited.

—The bathing pavilion at the tramway company's park was well patronized Friday. It was the first day of the school holidays, and the children were out in large numbers to enjoy the delights of a dip in the waters of the Arm. For those who could not swim the beach proved a veritable boom.

—The annual flower service will be held at the Royal Jubilee hospital, under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity, on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p. m. A special musical programme will be rendered, with solos by Mrs. J. D. Helmcken, Mrs. Duncan Campbell and Mrs. Gideon Hicks, while a choir of girls will lead the singing.

—Johnnie Hill, alias Tackum, was committed for trial in the higher court at Vancouver on Thursday morning by Magistrate Alexander. He did not altogether deny the accusations brought against him, but said he would have more to say in the higher court. Tackum is the Indian accused of killing a half-breed named Newell at Marquette's camp, near Heriot Bay, about a week ago.

—Geo. Wilson, driver for J. Heaney, had his leg broken on Friday. He was bringing a big load of strawberries to the city from Saanich when he fell off the seat in front of one of the wheels of the truck. Before the horses could be stopped this wheel passed over him. On arrival in the city Wilson was taken to the Jubilee hospital, where it was found that his right leg had been badly broken above the knee.

—A dispatch from Tacoma says: "With considerable interest shipping men are watching a transpacific race between three Oriental liners representing as many fleets. The vessels now en route to Yokohama from the Sound are the American steamer Shawmut, British steamer Teucer, and Japanese steamer Kanagawa Maru. They sailed from the Sound within thirty-six hours of each other."

—"According to advices received from the North, there will be a clean-up at the White Horse warehouses, so far as moving the freight is concerned, in a few days," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "On the 15th of June, 500 tons of freight left the docks there for points on the Lower Yukon river, most of which was going to Fairbanks. On the same date the Columbia sailed for Dawson and the Victoria and the Selkirk followed on the 16th."

—"The fishermen's strike is settled and all boats are again fishing on the Fraser river," says the New Westminster News. "The canners decided early in the week that they could not afford to remain idle at this season of the year, and, as a result, they acceded to the men's wishes and are paying 5 cents a pound for the fish. It is supposed that the action of the Unique cannery in buying up all the available fish was the means of hastening the decision of the packers."

—The annual excursion and picnic of the Sunday school and friends of the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, will take place on Saturday next, June 30th. The place selected for the outing is Goldstream. There will be the usual features of such an excursion, including sports for the children with prizes. The Ladies' Aid of the church will provide tea and ice cream at moderate charges. The train starts at 9 a. m., and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit this well-known beauty spot.

—The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, Royal Jubilee hospital, will take place on June 26th, at 2.30 p. m., at the Board of Trade rooms, Bastion Square. All members are urged to attend, and new members are specially asked to kindly accept this notice, as by reason of the canvassers' books not yet being turned in to the secretary, there will be little time to mail notices. All dues still unpaid should be sent to the treasurer (Mrs. Hasell, Royal Jubilee hospital) by Tuesday next, or paid in at the meeting, and all friends not yet associated with the society are cordially invited to attend and hear something of its aims and objects. Invitations have been issued to the clergy, hospital directors and other old friends, and there will be some interesting reports on past, and discussion of future, work.

—The Rathbone Sisters showed their ability as entertainers Frigay night in K. of P. hall. An excellent programme was provided, and strawberries, cream and cake served. The object of this social was to raise funds for officers' jewels for their new temple. The Knights of Pythias and their friends knowing this responded liberally, and success was their reward. Home-made candy sold rapidly, and the string pulling box was the feature of the evening, Miss Muriel Hall and P. Dempster being the winners. The following programme, every number of which was encored, was greatly enjoyed: Piano solo, Master James Watson; song, F. LeRoy; selection by orchestra, Watson family; piano solo, Miss Muriel Hall; piano duet, Miss Majorie and James Watson; piano solo, Miss Nora Sears.

—In reference to the new sub-High school course to be inaugurated after the holidays, there seems to be some apprehension that the work will be too difficult for pupils just passing into the principal's entrance classes. The chief purpose of the class is to do away with necessity for so much review work, as is necessary in the present overlapping course. This review work is invariably taken up as home work, and is a great strain upon the vital energy of the pupils. There will be no break in the continuity of the ordinary English studies, and therefore no loss to the pupils in that line—so crowding or craming, as there will be no occasion for it. The examination will be on just the work they are able to do, and on the whole should be easier for the pupil than the regular course.

—Mr. John Heath, of Alberni, and Mrs. Sarah Ellen Owens, who recently arrived from England, were married at St. Paul's manse, Victoria West, on Friday, by Rev. D. MacRae.

—A movement is being made by the retail clerks of the city to obtain a weekly half holiday during the summer months. They will hold a meeting on Wednesday morning to discuss the matter. It is understood the employers will be interviewed in regard to the matter at an early date.

—Commissioner T. B. Coombs, of the Salvation Army, has appointed Captain Travis to the command of the Victoria corps. The captain has had a great deal of experience in Army work, among other places in which he has served being the Kootenay country. The welcome meeting will be held on Thursday, the 28th inst.

—A slight accident occurred on the Spring Ridge line of the B. C. Electric railway this morning. The victim was F. Dancey, a motoneer. He was sitting on one of the seats recently provided for the comfort of the men when the chair broke. Mr. Dancey was badly shaken up, but apart from a few bruises he escaped injury.

—The customs authorities in San Francisco have requested that the sum of $8.20 be paid by the C. P. R. as customs dues on the Amur that went to the Golden Gate with relief supplies. While the powers that be at Washington recognize the fact that it was only for the succor of American citizens the steamer made the trip in question there is no legal provision for refund under such circumstances.

—In Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Irving disposed of the following applications: McCawley vs. Puffner, an application to dismiss the action was allowed to stand over. An application made by C. D. Mason for probate of will in the estate of James Butters was granted. Coombs vs. Dickson, a motion for judgment by ocnsent was decided for $500, each party ordered to pay his own costs.

—At the monthly meeting of the Typographical Union, held yesterday, J. Chrow was elected president, W. E. Ditchburn, vice-president; A. Watt, secretary, and T. Booz, treasurer. Messrs. Myers and Minnach were appointed executive committee; J. A. Pottinger, R. Butler and W. H. Cullin auditing committee, and J. D. McNiven and Mr. Neats, delegates to the trades and labor council.

—It is reported that Cecil Ward has interested capital to the extent of $2,500,000 in a land scheme near Edmonton. The company has purchased 500,000 acres from the C. P. R. and intend to colonize it at once. Mr. Ward has gone to England in connection with the proposition. He is prominently identified with the Fruitlands Company near Kamloops, which brought a large area under cultivation there by an irrigation scheme.

—Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, will hold its regular review to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock sharp in the A. O. U. W. hall. A full attendance of officers and members is requested as business of importance, including initiation of candidates, will be attended to. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of other local hives as well as to all visiting Ladies of the Maccabees.

—The Hamilton Powder Company has purchased from the Western Fuel Company at Nanaimo a tract of 90 acres of land in the vicinity of the company's works at Departure Bay. The works will, it is expected, be extended, and there is talk of increasing the scope of the operations in the near future. The deal for the land was put through by Lindley Crease, solicitor for the company, and Mr. Burnham, the local manager at Nanaimo.

—The canneries on the Skeena river are now in operation again. The run of fish is reported to be a very good one. The policy of the Dominion government in keeping the streams clear of obstructions has had the effect of letting the fish get up to the spawning grounds. There is said to be some little scarcity of labor in consequence of a number of Indians being employed in connection with the exploratory and survey work in the north.

—The Dominion Day celebration at Vancouver next Monday, while not on such a large scale as in former years, promises to afford an enjoyable day's holiday. Arrangements have been made with the C. P. R. for a cheap excursion rate, while in addition to the usual trips of the Princess Victoria leaving here at 7.30 a. m., the steamer Charmer will make a special trip, leaving the Belleville street wharf at 11 p. m. on Sunday night, and returning, leaving Vancouver at 11 p. m. on Monday night, which will give the excursionists the entire day in the Terminal City.

—It is reported from Vancouver, where the fisheries commission is holding sessions, that the joint sitting of the commissions representing British Columbia and Washington state will have to be postponed until September or October. Many of the gentlemen sitting on the commission in Washington are engaged in the salmon fishing industry and cannot leave during the season. The Canadian commissioners also hope to devote a considerable part of the season to personal inspection of the fishing grounds, so that in all probability the international conference will be deferred.

## COAL MINE CLOSED.

Superintendent Stockett, of the Western Fuel Company at Nanaimo has stated that the time the Brechin mines would be closed down was uncertain, depending entirely on the coal markets, that from 900 to 1,000 men would be regularly employed in No. 1 mine, and the company anticipated regular work during the summer season for this number. During the slack times owing to the unsettled San Francisco markets the company would do the best it could to continue regular shipments. Mr. Stockett stated that conditions regarding the Ladysmith shipments would continue the same as heretofore.

The increase in the number of men at No. 1 mine will mean that only about 200 men will really be thrown out of employment.

Most of the men look forward to getting employment temporarily on railway construction in the province, for which there is a demand.

# THE TIMBER TREE.

I wandered slowly down the logging-trail,
Where at the chute-head lay a mighty tree.
A logger in the shadow of the swale
Filled him his pipe, while thus addressing me—

"Three hundred blessed times this stick, to judge him by his rings,
Has watched the maples turn to gold upon the mountain side,
Stood up against the fire and wind, and by the Law of Things,
Of all the giant forest trees has grow to be the pride.

"Way back, when Queen Elizabeth was giving Dagos fits,
He stood, a limber sapling, on that self-same spot of ground;
And if, instead of logs, the Mill would take certificates,
He'd likely still be standing there to hear the trumpet sound.

"He climbs and climbs, and bar mishaps in rock-slides or in gales,
He'll lift himself from first to last a foot or more a year.
He's reaching after heaven, up above the alder-swales,
And jest when he's a-reconing he's mighty nearly there.

"Along there comes some Pigmies with a double-bitted axe,
A falling-wedge, a hammer, and a purring eight-foot saw.
In a hundred rasping minutes he is lying in his tracks;
For 'Survival of the Fittest,' isn't part of Loggers' Law.

"My Guard! but what a grain he shews! Fair-grown, and straight and clean,
And not a wind-shake on his face. He peeled a foot of bark.
His slabs would make the gang-planks for a mercantile marine,
And he and one more half as big would build a Noah's Ark.

"You bet yer life, when he was young and none-so-fisty-Kate,
He never saw a steamer, and he never heard a train;
But in his age he's watched the ships a-towing up the Strait,
And heard the locomotives toot upon the E. & N.

"And maybe never saw a face that wasn't dirty brown—
A squirming Injun hunting for a panther or a bear.
Until the greedy White Man came and cut the forest down;
And less he used than wasted, and the Devil he may care.

"Like as not he saw the Spaniards and their Padres, sailing in
To convert the pagan Injuns to his Holiness the Pope
With what they called a Hark, we bust, and Demme culverin;
Or dangling up to Heaven on a necktie made of rope.

"When they dog him on the carriage for his last eternal ride,
And a brace of six-foot circulars go screaming through his core,
Maybe they'll bust their eye-teeth on the ball that carried wide,
When the galleon potted stragglers from the village on the shore.

"So long; old stick, with Tongue and Groove, Bead and double-dressed.
You'll figger in some stuffy city mansion by and by,
And you'll wish to God us loggers had vamoosed and let you rest
With the grouse a-chewing needles off your branches in the sky.

"Stand by! bully boys! Let him rip and roll!
Start him off a-singing down the way!
Turn him loose!
Hissing on the greasy skids, bumping on the guides
Smoking, squealing, ripping off their hides
Till he splits the startled waters of the Bay!"

ISLANDER.

## COWICHAN NOTES.

### Closing Examination at South Cowichan School—Presentation to Teacher.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Cowichan Station, June 25.—The closing examination at the South Cowichan school was held in the school house and was attended by the parents and others interested, who expressed themselves well pleased with the progress the pupils had made during the last term. The roll of honor is as follows: Regular attendance, John McPherson; good conduct, Jessie Mearns; general proficiency, Magnus Colvir. Those first in their classes were:

Reading, fourth class, Jane McPherson and Evelyn May, equal; third class, Thorne Forrest; second class, Louisa Percy; first class, Mary Ordano.

Poetry—Fourth class, Jane McPherson; third class, Robt. Colvin; second class, Edith Colvin; first class, Victoria Ordano.

Spelling—Fourth class, Jane and John McPherson, equal; third class, John Frumento and Lilly Frumento; second class, Louisa Percy; first class, Mary Ordano.

Arithmetic—Fourth class, Magnus Colvin; senior third, Hattie Colvin; junior third, Thorne Forrest; second class, Edith Colvin; first class, Mary Ordano.

At the close of the exercises J. Paterson, on behalf of the pupils, presented their teacher, N. B. Souper with a handsome dressing case as a mark of their esteem. An adjournment was then made to a beautiful spot by the banks of the Koksilah, where the remainder of the day was spent with refreshments and sports.

A regatta is to be held on the bay on Monday next, the 2nd July, and the committee are sparing no pains to make the sports interesting. Among the items on the programme are a motor boat race, walking the greasy pole, and a canoe upset race.

A carload of ore was shipped from here to the smelter at Ladysmith last week. This is the first car consigned by the Vancouver Island Mining & Development Co.

The beautiful weather of the last few days has enabled the farmers to begin the hay harvest, and the sound of the mower is heard once more in the land. The hay crop is an abundant one, and a few weeks of good weather will mean much to the rancher. One great difficulty, however, he has to contend with is the scarcity of labor. It is almost impossible to get either a white man or Chinaman to do farm work in this district, and other places throughout the Island have the same cry.

—Mr. Cain, of Galiano Island, had quite an exciting experience with some deer on Friday last. While out in his boat for a row he noticed three deer swimming across Whaler's Bay. He gave chase and headed them up a narrow inlet, at the head of which was a steep bluff of rocks with a flat mud beach at the base. The deer made several attempts to jump onto the top of the bluff, but were unable to do so. Mr. Cain watched his chance, and when the laggest buck made a jump and fell back and roled over he seized him by the hind leg and tried to hold him on his back until he could kill him with a pocket knife, which was the only weapon he had. He was not able, however, to open his knife, as it was a desperate struggle, which finally ended in the deer regaining his feet, when the whole three bolted off and scampered down the beach. Mr. Cain was lft lying prostrate on the beach.

## COURTENAY SCHOOL.

### Closing Exercises on Thursday—Enjoyable Entertainment in Town Hall.

The Courtenay public school held its closing exercises on Thursday in order that the teacher might attend the convention in Victoria.

Lesson in several subjects were taught the different classes, and work done by the pupils during the term in writing, map drawing, freehand drawing, composition, etc., was placed on exhibition.

The visitors present expressed pleasure at the work done by the pupils.

Honor rolls were given to Alex. Urquhart for proficiency, Ida Carroll, for punctuality; John Duncan, for deportment.

In the evening an entertainment was given in the town hall by the pupils and friends of the school. The hall was well filled, and the receipts amounted to $45. The programme follows:

Chorus—Maple Leaf Forever..The Pupils
Recitation—Landing of the Pilgrims .. ..... ..... Merle McKenzie
Song ..... ..... Mr. Burnett
Harmonica Solo ..... Harold Carter
Song—Hello, Central ..... Jean McKenzie
Chorus—The Little Gray Bird..The Pupils
Recitation—The Drowning Singer .... ..... ..... Flora Hodgson
Song ..... Mr. Andrews
Barbell Drill ..... The Boys
Song ..... ..... Miss Carter
Chorus—The Forest Song .... Miss Carter
Viblin Solo ..... T. J. Barron
Song ..... Mr. Burnett
Piano Duet ..... ..... ... Miss Willemar and Mrs. Andrews
Indian Club Drill ..... The Girls
Song ..... Mr. Andrews
Skating Glee ..... The Boys and Girls
Scene in a Barber Shop ..... Boys
Chorus—Land of the Maple ..... Pupils
God Save the King.

—R. M. S. Miowera sailed for Australia on Friday with 1,500 tons of general cargo and a good passenger list.

**BORN.**

M'PHAIL—At Nelson, on June 19th, the wife of J. McPhail, of a son.

**MARRIED.**

MORRISON-INCHES—At Rossland, on June 20th, by Rev. J. A. Cleland, Ernest Morrison and Miss Nellie Finley Inches.

ETHERINGTON-HARDMAN—At New Westminster, on June 20th, by Rev. A. J. Brace, assisted by Principal Sipprell, D. D., Prof. A. E. Etherington and Miss Elsie Hardman.

DALY-FALLOWFIELD—At Kensington Prairie, on June 20th, by Rev. A. De B. Owen, H. Daly and Miss Jane Fallowfield.

ROBINSON-M'VETY—At Vancouver, on June 20th, by Rev. C. C. Owen, Hugh Gilmour Robinson and Miss Nellie McVety.

MACLEAN-KEITH—At Vancouver, on June 19th, by Rev. Mr. Burton, Donald MacLean and Miss Violet Keith.

WOODROW-M'LEAN—At Vancouver, on June 20th, by Rev. Dr. H. W. Fraser, J. C. Woodrow and Miss Jessie McLean.

WILLOUGHBY-FOWLER—At Vancouver, on June 20th, by Rev. C. H. Wilson, Frank Willoughby and Miss Ethel Fowler.

**DIED.**

CORBIN—At the family residence, No. 199 Fort street, on the 21st instant, Mary, the beloved wife of David W. Corbin, a native of Surrey, England, aged 75 years.


## NOTICE

Tenders are required for cutting and removing hay from the Dominion Government land at Rodd Hill—about 6 acres. Forms of tender may be obtained at the office of the Officer Commanding Royal Canadian Engineers, Work Point Barracks, to whom tenders should be sent by 12 noon on the 2nd July, 1906.