EXTENDED USEFULNESS

The Esquimalt Marine Railway Changes Hands and Will Enlarge Its Operations.

Branches at Victoria and Vancouver—The Shipping Trade for Last Month.

The Esquimalt Marine Railwoy, Ltd., have sold out their entire plant and ship building business to a company which has been formed under the name of the British Columbia Marine Railway Co., Ltd. The new company, which has been incorporated with a capital of $200,000, have taken over the business as a going concern, the sale dating from July 27 and the intention is to carry on the business on an enlarged scale. This means a great deal as the Marine Railway has been not only a successful business venture since it was inaugurated five years ago but it is one of the most important local industries. Not only has it given facilities for repairing local and British vessels but it has been the means of bringing here many American vessels, five American ships last year being handled on the ways. The shipbuilding has been an important branch of the concern and the stern-wheeler Casca built by the company for the Stikine trade has proved one of the most successful on the river. In addition to the large plant at Esquimalt which is capable of handling ships up to 2,500 tons, the new company intend to put up a smaller plant in the inner harbor for handling smaller vessels and will extend their business too to Vancouver where they have already secured a site.

RITHET'S REPORT.

The California wheat yield promises to be so small this season that very little interest is taken in providing tonnage from San Francisco, and the rate is quite nominal at 26s 3d, says R. P. Rithet & Co's shipping review for July. The situation in the north is of a very different complexion, however, and it is reported that the prospects there are of the best on record. There is not much demand, though, for early loading, and some difference in ideas between owners and charterers, 32s 6d being bid, while 35s is asked. In the lumber market there has been rather more tonnage offering and rates are a trifle easier, but on the other hand the enquiry has lately been less active. The salmon run, so far as it has gone, has been pretty good on the northern rivers and inlets, but poor on the Fraser river, and altogether there seems strong likelihood of a short pack.

MUSIC IN VICTORIA.

An Eastern Visitor Writes a Complimentary Criticism of a Recent Performance.

The following letter from Mr. T. G. Mason, of the firm of Mason & Risch, who is at present in British Columbia, will be read with pleasure by all who feel an interest in the development of music in the most westerly portion of the Dominion:

Victoria, B.C., July 15, 1898.

Dear Moderato,—I am agreebaly surprised to find that in this fair island city, this city of climbing roses, honeysuckles, jessamins and lillies, they possess a Philharmonic socity with an orchestra that would do no discredit to cities of much larger proportions. Certainly, I was not looking for orchestral organization and development so far remote from our larger Eastern musical centres, and my unexpected enjoyment in listening to their performance last night may possibly have warped my judgment a little, but I scarcely think so. The tone qualities of their various instruments, their promptness of attack and crispness of their playing, from first to last, was especially noticeable and gratifying, and leaves me little to offer but words of praise. Possibly, to be hypercritical, in one or two of the numbers the tempo was a little too slow, and in the finales to these numbers a little more snap and vigor might have been introduced with advantage, but this remark relates only to one or two of the numbers.

The orchestra is composed of thirty-one pieces, namely, six first violins, six second violins, two violas, two violoncellos, two clarionets, two cornets, two horns, two trombones and one drum. Although small in number they put in good work and played well together, evidencing careful rehearsal and minute attention to their score and the conductor's baton.

The acoustic properties of the hall must not be passed unnoticed. They are excellent—so good, indeed, that little loss was experienced by reason of the limited number of the orchestra. I have rarely found a more perfectly resonant music hall. The tone of the various instruments was most clearly brought out. Certainly the hall is old-fashioned in style and appearance, but a little paint and decoration would brighten it up wonderfully. Should it ever be abandoned for a larger and more modern structure it is to be hoped that the musical citizens of Victoria will have some say in the matter and will demand that the architect (whoever he may be) perpetuate the fine acoustical qualities of the old Institute Hall in the new one. If he does so he'll stand a chance of immortalizing himself.

To give my impressions of the performance of each number of the programme would take up too much space in your musical column, but it would be almost ungracious in me to overlook the performances of the vocal and instrumental soloists. The contralto, Mrs. Janion, has a clear tone and distinct enunciation—two excellent qualities—and won the appreciation of her audience; more, however, in her encore number, Sullivan's Lost Chord, than in her first selection, The Toilers, by Piccolimini, which strikes me as a characterless, meaningless thing (I can scarcely call it a composition). Mrs. Janion, however, gave it a conscientious rendering, which is more than it deserves. Mrs. Green, of Nanaimo, I believe, possesses a broad, rich, mezzo-soprano voice that was quite refreshing. Her method is good, and her stage presence perfectly natural and free from mannerisms. Were she to infuse a little more animation, dramatic action, into her singing it would be all the better. With this exception her rendering of Clay's chaste little ballad, She Wandered Down the Mountain Side, followed by her encore number, Hate and Love, proved one of the features of the evening. Should Mrs. Green appear in Toronto I venture to say she will not go unrecognized. Mr. Moxon, basso, has a somewhat light quality of tone, not a bad voice, however, but his enunciation was unfortunately so indistinct that had I not known the words of his recitative and aria, Lord God of Abraham (Mendelssohn's Elijah), I could not have been certain whether he gave it in Chinese, Hindoo or Choctaw; he was simply unintelligible. A little study should correct this fault. Mr. Powell's violin number, Mendelssohn's delicious Andante from the violin concerto in E, (op. 64), was excellently played and merited a well-deserved encore, which he got. A laughable little joke was played upon him to the no small amusement of the audience. When the last delicate pianissimo note at the end was reached a boy rushed to the platform bearing a big basket of lovely roses and presented it to him. First he was nonplused, then he hesitated a minute and blushed almost to the color of the roses, then taking in the situation he manfully seized the precious burden and, bearing it aloft, amid the applause of the audience retired from the platform. The author of the joke certainly had a rare sense of the humorous in him.

I noticed several venerable Roman Catholic priests among the audience, who were no less appreciative and demonstrative than the laity. This is as it should be. Why is it that so few of our clergymen attend high-class concerts? This has always beena puzzle to me. Who should attend and show by their presence their sympathy and recognize their kindred art divine, the handmaid of religion, more than our clergyman of whatsoever denomination? I am pleased to notice, however, that most of the leading clergymen of the city, from the Lord Bishop of Columbia and Roman Catholic dignitaries to Methodist pastors, are among their list of patrons. But, save the worthy priests referred to, they were very conspicuous by their absence; perhaps immersed in polemical discussions or other ecclesiastical environments, and missing an appropriate opportunity of doing good. But I forget—it is summer time, the time for the singing of birds. Let me hope they are rusticating among the mountains, listening to the feathered songsters, drawing inspiration therefrom and drinking in the glorious flower-laden atmosphere of this beautiful island of the Western seas.

In Mr. Victor Austin the Victoria Philharmonic Society have evidently an able conductor. His method of wielding the baton strikes me as original, but withal graceful and intelligent. I should fancy the members delight to play under his evidently painstaking drill and management. If they don't they ought to. On the other had, he need not be ashamed of the forces he handles—they are worthy of their leader. So much for an enjoyable musical evening in the far West.

Yours very truly,
T. G. MASON.

TEMPLARS ENTERTAIN.

A Sale of Work and Capital Entertainment for the Hall Fund.

With the object of raising funds towards liquidating the debt standing on the Temperance hall, Fidelity Temple, I. O. G. T., gave a very successful sale of work and concert yesterday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Lewis Hall presided over the whole affair, but assisting her in the somewhat ambitious undertaking were a party of capital entertainers. The hall was very effectively ornamented, three large tables located centrally and a row of booths artistically arranged in a kind of a circle made the general effect very pleasing. There was an art gallery, presided over by Miss Ethel Grant, a booth in which strictly useful goods were sold, by Miss Okell and Miss Mary Williams; a fancy booth, presided over by Miss Ethel Jones and Miss Alva Graham; an ice cream stand, conducted by Miss Ethel Graham and Miss Lizzie Scowcroft; a flower booth, by Miss Eethel Wilson; a candy booth, by Miss Pearl Welch, and Miss Amy Wilson, and a spinning jennie, presided over by Miss Georgie Bird and Miss Rose Dennis. All the above are little girls, but though young in years they are skilled in business. The sale of work opened at 2.30 and at 6 o'clock supper was served to crowded tables several times. In the evening a first-class concert was provided towards the programme of which Messrs. Firth, Wilson, Nicholas Brown and Miss Isbister contributed selections.

LORD HERSCHELL.

The Distinguished Statesman and Jurist the Guest of the Law Society at a Memorable Banquet.

Lord Herschell, the Imperial representative upon the Quebec commission, returned to the Mainland on his way East this morning, well pleased with his short stay in Victoria and the cordial reception given him here. Yesterday was with him a busy day, for the morning was devoted to the receiving of callers—among whom were Sir Charles H. Tupper, Hon. Fred Peters, Hon. E. G. Prior, His Worship the Mayor and others; in the afternoon a visit was paid to Government House, and the visitor to Victoria enjoyed a pleasant drive; and in the evening he was the honored guest of the Law Society of British Columbia at a banquet given at the Mount Baker hotel, and quite up to the standard set by Mr. Virtue on previous important occasions of a similar nature.

Presiding as chairman over the temptingly arranged tables was Hon. C. E. Pooley, the treasurer of the Law Society; Hon. D. M. Eberts, Q.C., A.-G. acted as vice-chairman, and the guests were Lord Herschell, Hon. Justices Walkem and Irving, Sir C. H. Tupper, K. C. M. G.; Sir Henry P. P. Crease, Mr. W. Cartwright, Hon. R. Herschell, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, His Worship Mayor Redfern and Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.O.C. The representative members of the bar present included Messrs. Charles Wilson, Q.C.; E. V. Bodwell and F. B. Gregory (benchers), Sir C. H. Tupper, S. Perry Mills, A. E. McPhillips, L. P. Duff, Frank Higgins, Lindley and A. D. Crease, Archer Martin, W. H. Langley, P. S. Lampman, A. S. Potts, G. E. Powell, G. H. Cowan (Vancouver), A. Mainwaring-Johnson (Nelson), Gordon Hunter, A. P. Luxton, G. H. Barnard, A. G. Smith, D.A.G.; J. A. Aikman, H. S. Mason, Hon. Fred Peters, Q.C.; B. H. T Drake, Harold Robertson, H. A. Stewart, A. S. Innes, C. Dubois Mason, S. D. Schultz, E. E. Wootton, William Duck, H. M. Hills, Frank Hutcheson, A. J. O'Reilly and J. M. Bradburn.

Regrets were read from Lieut.-Governor McInnes, Rear Admiral Palliser, the Bishop of Columbia, the Bishop of Vancouver, Hon. Mr. Justice McColl and Lieut.-Col. Muirhead.

REMEDY FOR WHOOPING COUGH.

At this season of the year whooping cough is very prevalent among some of the children in most families. It is not advisable to stop the coughing entirely, but relief should undoubtedly be sought. Griffith's Magic Liniment affords more prompt relief than any other remedy, and should be kept in every home. In cases of croup it affords almost instant relief.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Dominion Rifle Association Prize List Curtailed—Command of Militia—Lord Aberdeen's Departure.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—It has been decided that the matches of the D. R. A. this year shall be shot in four days in place of five as heretofore. The number of matches has been cut down and the prize list somewhat reduced.

A militia general order issued to-day says that the appointment of Col. Lake as quartermaster general having terminated, the command of the militia devolves upon Col. Hon. Matthew Aylmer, senior officer in permanent employment, from this date.

Collectors of customs are instructed that bona fide catalogues and price lists of goods for wholesale in any country beyond the limits of Canada not exceeding three to one address may be admitted through the mails free of customs duty.

Through a telegraphic error Lord Aberdeen was reported as leaving Canada on the 12th inst., whereas November 12 is the date.

DYSPEPSIA'S CLUTCH.—Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are nature's most wonderful remedy for all disorders of the stomach. The digestive powers of pineapple can be tested by mixing equal parts of pineapple and beef and agitating at a temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit, when the meat will be entirely digested. Pineapple Tablets relieve in one day. 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

Steamer City of Topeka Reports but $19,000 in Dust and Nuggets.

Despondency Causes Self Destruction—New Plans for the Amur.

The steamship City of Topeka which arrived from the North at an early hour yesterday morning, brought no details of the burning of Skagway, reported by the Farallon the previous day, for the reason that the larger and faster steamer had been an earlier departure from Skagway than the little gold-carrier. The Topeka had continued her trip to Juneau and Sitka, and in order to make these connections, had pulled out from Skagway a full day in advance of the Farallon, and therefore received her first news of the blig blaze on arrival at the outer docks here. Her voyage was comparatively uneventful, and somewhat delayed through a day of dense fog and smoke. On the homeward run the cabin accommodation of the ship was taxed to the utmost, the majority of the passengers being employees on the C. P. R. river steamers which have now been laid up at Wrangel until trade improves, or a greater depth of water is obtainable. The service on the river is now maintained exclusively by the Casca, Monte Cristo and Strathcona, which it is said are abundantly capable of handling all the trade offered. A majority of the in-bound miners by the Stikine route have now reached Teslin lake, whence the steamer Anglican will transport them down the river, together with the military contingent. The completion of work on the trail between Teslin and Glenora is not far distant, two hundred men being employed, and their work being employed, and their work being said to be done in an eminently satisfactory manner. In the opinion of many the completion of this splendid trail will make the Stikine route unquestionably the easiest avenue of ingress to the Klondike country. The only incident of dramatic character reported by the Topeka's passengers is the suicide by hanging of Fritz Labuhn, a watchman employed by the Klondike M. T. Corporation, in his tent below Glenora. The body of the unfortunate man was discovered by young Mr. Hickey, a friend, hanging to the tent pole, the suicide having stood upon a bale of hay to adjust the fatal noose, and kicked the hay to one side. A letter addressed to his wife, explains that having been swindled by his partner, Labuhn no longer saw any brightness in life. The small amount of money on his person he directed should be sent to Mrs. Labuhn—which of course was done. The Topeka, unlike the other northern arrivals of recent weeks, is credited with but about $19,000 in gold the property of Jack Zimmons, of Juneau, and six other returning Klondikers.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Under date of July 27, the Deputy Minister of Marine for Canada has bulletined the following: "With further reference to notice to mariners, No. 26, of 1898, regarding change in Yellow island light, information has been received that the new range lights were put in operation on the 16th instant. The back range tower is situated near the eastern extremity of the island, lat. N. 49 degrees, 28 minutes, 16 seconds; long. W. 120 degrees, 42 minutes, 10 seconds. It is a white wooden building, surmounted by a wooden lantern, and is 25 feet high from base to vane. The light is fixed white, elevated 90 feet above high water mark, and should be visible all around the horizon a distance of 13 miles. The front tower is distant 290 feet S. 74 degrees W. from the back one: it is of similar construction to the main tower, and is 17 feet high from base to vane. The light is fixed white, visible only to the westward and in the direction of the fairway. The two lights in one mark the fairway between Maple Spit beacon and Reef point in a direction S. 74 degrees W. and N. 74 degrees E. (true N. 81 degrees 56½ W.—S. 81 degrees, 56¼ E.), favoring the Denman island or Reef buoy side of the channel in not less than 10 fathoms of water. This notice affects Admiralty charts Nos. 580 and 1917, and British Columbia Pilot, 1888, pages 156 and 157, and the substance of it should be entered in Canadian list of lights and fog signals under the Nos. 1192 and 1198."

THE AMUR RESUMES SERVICE.

The steamer Amur, which hereafter is to be operated in connection with the Klondike and Lake Bennett Co.'s upper river fleet, resumed service yesterday, still under command of Captain Mears. She is to continue to run north as long as the season of navigation holds, leaving Victoria in alternate weeks, and calling at Vancouver, Nanaimo, Wrangel, Skagway, Dyea and Juneau. Her passengers from Victoria yesterday numbered about ten, the majority of them prospectors who will explore the Omineca and Stewart river districts, including F. G. Hildige, J. A. McKinnon, W. Barr, and J. H. McLean. Others are waiting to take passage at Vancouver and Nanaimo, while the freight holds will be "full up," to use the wharfinger's expression. Between 130 and 150 tons of liquor, groceries, etc., were consigned from Victoria, while a similar amount of cargo of the same character is booked from Vancouver. All this merchandise is going through by Bennett Lake, which now appears to be the favorite route of all leading into Dawson. The announcement is made informally that in addition to taking over the operation of the Amur, Mr. Rattenbury's company will very shortly absorb the entire business of the Klondike M. & T. corporation, at the same time taking possession of the offices on Government street, at present occupied by that firm.

MAKING ANOTHER START.

Capt. W. E. Holmes, formerly first officer on the river steamer Victorian, returned from Wrangel yesterday by the City of Topeka. The Victorian started from Wrangel for St. Michael a couple of months ago, but met with an accident while taking water and had to return to the Stikine for repairs. These repairs are now about completed and the Victorian will make another start for the mouth of the Yukon early next week, this time in tow of the Alpha, which is waiting at Wrangel for her. Captain Holmes says that the only thing needed to make the Stikine the best route to the Yukon is a good wagon road from Glenora to Teslin Lake.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

The fine, calm weather of the past few weeks has greatly facilitated the work of the steamer Mischief in the construction of the Brotchie Ledge beacon and light, this undertaking being now advanced to two thirds completion, and Captain Gaudin,, the agent of marine, anticipating that an additional ten days will see the new aid to navigation ready for use. The rock, gravel and other filling material is being brought by the Mischief from South Saanich, and the work is being very carefully done under the direction of Captain Buckholz, and the supervision of Captain Gaudin.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

The steamer City of Seattle, which has been laid up for a couple of weeks undergoing repairs in her engine room and receiving a general overhauling, will re-enter the northern trade to-day, starting from the outer wharf at 9 a.m. on the regular Alaska excursion run. She will take a number of passengers and considerable freight from Victoria.

SHE'S ALL RIGHT.

Steamer Signal, for whose safety grave fears had been expressed, has arrived comparatively uninjured, at San Francisco. Her delay was occasioned by a mishap to the crank pin on the 2nd instant, off the Cape. Thence she continued her voyage under sail until picked up and towed to her port by the tug Seaking.

A QUEEN OF TOWBOATS.

The Puget Sound Towing Co., of which Captain J. B. Libby is manager, have given a contract for a new tug of 13 knots speed capacity and dimensions of 150 x 27 x 16.6 feet; 400 tons gross and 280 net. She is promised to be the best towboat on the Coast.

VICTORIA-PORT ANGELES ROUTE

Owing to the satisfactory growth of the Port Angeles-Victoria trade, the little steamer Evangel has been replaced by the larger and better appointed Garland, which continues to make twice-a-week trips. Yesterday was her mid-week day of call.

THE WISER WAY.

"How fresh and rosy you look, Nora," esclaimed Isabel, who had just returned from the beach, and was greeting her friend.

"Yes, dear," replied Nora, "I am feeling splendidly, and mamma says I have an alarming appetite."

"Where in the world have you been since I saw you?"

"I have remained at home," replied Nora, "and have worked hard every day. But I have been taking that wonderful medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it has done me, oh, so much good. You see I always like to feel well when I go away, and I leave for the mountains next week."

VICTIMS OF ABSINTHE.

Two Local Cases of Insanity so Caused H. S. Bell Under Arrest in Seattle

H. S. Bell, a man of 36, who for some time past has made Victoria his place of residence, is at present locked in a padded cell in the Seattle police station. Over in Victoria West another young man, not yet in his 23rd year is under close confinement, and carefully watched continually by his friends and their medical counsellor. Both are violently insane, and in both sad cases the alleged cause is the same—absinthe.

The case of Bell is a peculiarly sad one, for it would appear to illustrate the utter ruin of a man of promise. He came here from San Francisco about one year ago, leaving a wife and small family in the Bay City. His native province is Prince Edward Island, and he preferred coming back to Canada, he said, rather than join his brother, who is a prosperous resident of Helena, Mont. Since his arrival here he has been continuously in the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., as canvasser, and giving every satisfaction to his employers. Until very recently he at no time showed any symptoms of failing mental vigor.

In his case absinthe-drinking has produced its natural result with greater suddenness than generally noted. According to his friends' reports his mental faculties in reality collapsed on Friday last, after a protracted indulgence in absinthe at his room, where the empty bottles are found to tell their own story. He had not heard from his wife in San Francisco for some time, and this is said to have so affected him as to induce the resignation of his position, in order that he might rejoin her.

When the City of Kingston was receiving on board the excursionists who enjoyed the outing of the battalion band, Bell also took passage for Seattle, his intention being to proceed from there to San Francisco by rail. The previous night had been spent on the streets in an absinthe delirium, the unhappy young man alternately singing snatches of song, then weeping, and then extolling to all who would listen the merits of an imaginary catarrh cure in which he believed he had discovered an easy road to wealth.

When the Kingston sailed he appeared to have recovered, but soon after the ship was out he resumed his performance of the night before, to the annoyance of the excursionists. The suggestion was made that he be put in irons, but friends intervened and took him in their charge until Seattle was reached. There a hack was procured and he was conveyed to the home of one of his wife's relatives, from which, however, he subsequently escaped, to be arrested and placed in irons in the insanity ward. His brother in Helena and his wife in San Francisco have been communicated with, and he will be taken charge of by them until his condition is improved.

The Victoria West case referred to is not of so advanced a character, and as the family of the absinthe user hope to cure him of the habit and desire to escape publicity, names need not be mentioned. The medical man who has this patient in his charge says that it is the third case of the kind encountered in his Victoria practice within a year and a half.

In regard to the decision of Mr. Justice Walkem upon the assessment of Mrs. Dunsmuir's property, Mr. C. Dubois Mason yesterday applied to Mr. Justice Walkem to fix a special sitting of the Full court to hear an appeal or in the alternative to adjourn the hearing of the appeal to the next sitting of the Full court. The statute requires that the time for hearing the appeal terminates two months after the final revision of the assessment and therefore Mr. Justice Walkem held that he had no power to grant an adjournment to the next Full court, the two months being up in a few days. Any special sitting is impossible in any case within the time limit, there not being judges available. Mr. Bradburn, of Messrs. Bradburn, Dumbleton and Innes, appeared against the application, which was dismissed.

At Winnipeg yesterday Mr. James D. Irving, of the Bank of Montreal, eldest son of the late J. C. Irving, of Regina, and Miss Winnifred Boddington, youngest daughter of G. F. Boddington, M.D., F.R.C.S., England, of New Westminster, B.C., were married, Archdeacon Fortin

A THREAT BY RUSSIA.

Well Organized for Military Action in India If Provoked by British Ill-Will.

Preparations in China on the Contrary Have Regard to Far Distant Future.

Marquis of Salisbury Eulogized for Keeping in Check Russophobe Outbursts.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Following in the footsteps of the Novosti the Novoe Vremya eulogizes the Marquis of Salisbury for the wisdom with which he keeps in check the Russophobe outburst of members of his party and the prudence with which he endeavors to obviate all pretext for misunderstanding between Great Britain and Russia.

The paper says that it observes that unfortunately more than half the British public shares Mr. Chamberlain's views but cannot understand why the Russophobes are apprehensive of the Russians at Port Arthur.

The Novoe Vremya says the results of the cession of Port Arthur and Talienwan will not show themselves for some time to come and a considerable period must elapse before they can sevre the purpose for which they were intended by the Russian policy, that of providing a permanent outlet on the Pacific ocean.

Quite otherwise is Russia's position on the Indian frontier, where everything has been long organized for military operations if some extreme excess of ill-will upon the part of Great Britain should drive Russia to such action.

THE LOWER MAINLAND.

Exhibit of Rich Ore From Queen Charlotte Islands—Grievance of Bricklayers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, Aug. 11.—A man named McMillan claims to have struck free milling ore running $300 to the ton on Queen Charlotte islands. Specimens shown are exceedingly rich.

Local bricklayers are agitating against the alleged employment of aliens as bricklayers on numerous buildings in the city.

The steamer Amur left for Wrangel to-day.

The Sons of the British Empire lodge held a business and social meeting last night, and many new members were elected. New lodges will shortly be instituted in Victoria and New Westminster. The Vancouver lodge are have a picnic on August 20.

The school holidays will be extended for one week should the hot weather continue. Matriculation examinations for McGill College will be held in the High School September 15.

Word has ben received of the death of Mr. Wm. Clarke at Nelson yesterday at the age of 65. Mr. Clarke was the father of Mrs. H. L. De Beck, of Westminster.

Mr. Walter Blood died in the Westminster asylum yesterday after a year's confinement.

The salmon run is still very light, but there are indications of a big spurt shortly.

The Commercial hotel, Vancouver, is in the hands of the sheriff, acting at the instance of Messrs. Costello and McMorrin, who say that they furnished the hotel at a cost of $8,000 for which they have not received a cent. Mr. Thomas has been acting as manager since the hotel was built. He has a lease of the premises. Mr. Thomas says that the hotel will be run for a few days under Mr. McMorrin's direction until some arrangement is made.

The Vancouver militia were out on cycles last night in uniform, 80 strong. They paraded the principal streets to the park and return.

The cycle club riders are enthusiastic over the new racing circuit being formed, to include Victoria, Nanaimo, Wellington, Vancouver and New Westminster.

The Manauense has taken the place of the Tartar and Athenian on the northern run, and will make fortnightly trips from here in connection with the C.P.R., commencing August 23.

Jos. Goss, said to have been killed in Seattle, in a despatch received here yesterday is alive and well and at present in Vancouver.

The Labor Day Committee met last night and made arrangements for their coming celebration. The sports will be held at Brockton Point, and a prize will be given for the best float in the procession which will parade the principal streets.

The Provincial W.C.T.U. convention held its first meeting yesterday. Mrs. Lamb, provincial president, occupied the chair. The report of the Purity Committed was read and considered. Rev. J. Reid preached the convention sermon from the text, "She hath done what she could." The Refuge Home and Flower Mission reported. In the evening addresses of welcome were read by Mrs. S. H. Brown; greetings from kindred societies were read. Replies to addresses of welcome were made by Mrs. Spain. An address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Harris of Victoria. At to-day's convention reports on literature and the Woman's Journal branch showed a creditable state of affairs. Reports on the Refuge Home, of the secretary and treasurer, and scientific temperance schools, followed. In the afternoon reports on work among sailors, lumbermen and miners were read, also reports on unfermented wine, evangelistic work and noontide prayer.

RAILWAY BICYCLE COLLISION.

A Smash-Up With a Hand Car Results In Two Men Being Injured.

Last night Mr. K. G. Dunn and a companion named Wilson were hurt though fortunately not very seriously in a collision between a railway bicycle and a hand car on the way in from Goldstream. Mr. Dunn, who is looking after the placing of the poles and stringing of wires on the new power line of the tramway, started out with Wilson to return to town last night on their railway bicycle. In the darkness the machine came into collision with a hand car going in the opposite direction. The bicycle being the lighter of the two vehicles was smashed, Wilson was temporarily stunned and Dunn was so cut about the head and face that he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital for treatment.

THE POLITICAL SURPRISE.

To the Editor: That the lieutenant-governor acted hastily in calling on the Turner government to resign office, his best friends must freely admit. His Honor, not being officially informed of the final result of the election, could not therefore be in possession of information sufficiently accurate to enable him to reach the conclusion—that the Turner government had lost the confidence of the country.

It is only surmise, that as the parties now stand the opposition has a majority of one or two. No one can say with authority at this moment whether the Turner administration will be sustained or defeated until the House meets. In all countries, and in all parliaments men change their opinions. Why therefore should not some of the "independents" recently elected support the Turner administration? The presumption is that His Honor would not knowingly or willingly take any steps antagonistic to the wishes of the people, or cause a deadlock in the political machine—and I hope he may consider that he has been a little too hasty—a fault which will readily be overlooked in an early reconsideration. I claim the right of an interested and free citizen to suggest that the Turner government be asked to continue in office until all election returns are in, and all contested cases settled, then and not till then will His Honor's advisors be in a position to place before him reliable official information as to the result of the elections. After which and not before, can His Honor act in a dignified and comprehensive manner. These questions being finally settled His Honor could with propriety proclaim the meeting of the new House at an early day when the strength of the two parties would be ascertained without doubt, or uncertainty. This seems to me to be the constitutional as well as the common sense way of dealing with the question. At the same time I do not deny the constitutional power exercised by the governor, but I deny its necessity or justification under the present circumstances, whilst the chief issue is still pending.

ELECTOR.

The only case of any importance heard yesterday before Mr. Justice Irving at the adjourned sitting of the county court was that of Schultz vs. Spikeman, wherein the plaintiffs sued for board and lodging. This occupied the greater part of the day, quite a number of witnesses being examined, particularly on the part of the defendant. The plaintiffs succeeded in proving their case and got judgment for the full amount of their claim and costs. Mr. W. H. Langley (of Martin & Langley) for plaintiffs, Mr. S. D. Schultz for defendant.

DISABILITIES

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(Sgd.) A. CAMPBELL.
Per J. H. McGregor.

June 27, 1898.

COMPANIES ACT, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Frederick Peters, of Board of Trade Building, Victoria, B. C., Queen's Counsel, has been appointed the attorney for "The Klondike Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Limited," and "The New Gold Fields of British Columbia, Limited," in place of Caldwell Ashworth.

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Commencing at a post 20 chains west of the west shore of Windy Arm of Tagish lake and about 20 chains north of the south end thereof, thence south 80 chains thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west to the shore line of Windy Arm, thence following the shore line in a westerly direction to a point 20 chains east of the starting point, thence west 20 chains to the place of commencement and comprising 640 acres, more or less.

D. E. CAMPBELL.

June 3, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for leave to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of unoccupied Crown lands according to the law of the Province of British Columbia, situate on the shores of Lake Bennett, District of Cassiar, and better known as follows:

Commencing at a point situate 92 feet west from E. M. Sullivan's northeast corner of lot 30 in Cassiar district, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, more or less, to the fore shore of Lake Bennett, thence following the said fore shore in a southwesterly direction 40 chains more or less to the place of commencement.

E. M. SULLIVAN.

Lake Bennett, B. C., 3rd June, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following tract of unsurveyed land in Cassiar district:

Commencing at a post planted at the junction of Stikeen river and Shakes creek, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, more or less, to the river bank, thence along bank to point of commencement and containing 320 acres.

June 3, 1898. F. W. TOWNSEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of lands Lands and Works to purchase the following described tract of land situate in Cassiar district:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the land surveyed for H. A. Munn, near Lake Linderman, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains along the south boundary of H. A. Munn's surveyed land to the place of beginning and comprising 160 acres, more or less.

M. KING.

June 3, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District more particularly described as follows. Commencing at a post about two miles northwest of the log cabin, and about 20 chains west of the trail leading from Shallow lake to Bennett; thence north 100 chains; thence west 100 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence east 100 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

T. R. ELLA.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post about one mile northwest of the log cabin, and about 20 chains west of the trail leading from Shallow lake to Bennett; thence north 100 chains; thence west 100 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence east 100 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

JOSEPH WEILER.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post about 120 chains southwesterly from the log cabin, and about 100 chains west of the trail leading from Shallow lake to Bennett; thence north 125 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 125 chains; thence west 80 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

J. SAVANNAH.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post about three quarters of a mile northeasterly from the log cabin, and on the east side of the trail from Shallow lake to Bennett; thence north 100 chains; thence east 100 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence west 100 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

CHAS. E. CLARKE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post about 1½ miles northeasterly from the log cabin, on the east side of the trail from Shallow lake to Bennett, and about three-quarters of a mile therefrom; thence north 100 chains; thence east 100 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence west 100 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

ROBT. JAMIESON.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post about two miles northwesterly from the log cabin, on the west side of the trail from Shallow lake to Bennett, and about 20 chains distant therefrom; thence north 100 chains; thence east 100 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence west 100 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

ROBERT SANGSTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post about 20 chains west of the trail from Shallow lake to Bennett, and about one mile northwest of the log cabin; thence north 100 chains; thence east 100 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence west 100 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

J. M. FISHER.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber and trees from off a tract of land situate in Cassiar District, more particularly described as follows. Commencing at a post on the west side of the trail from Shallow lake to Bennett, and about 20 chains in a westerly direction from the log cabin; thence north 100 chains; thence east 100 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence west 100 chains to the place of commencement, comprising one thousand acres, more or less.

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July 14, 1898. J. M. ASHTON.

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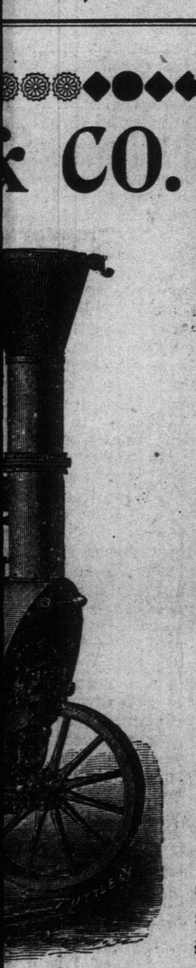

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