

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Columbian Spars for Nova Scotia—Two Explorers Lost—Shrievally Appointments.

Financial Trouble in Surrey—New Canning Company to Operate on Lulu Island.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Oct. 27.—Sheriff Armstrong, of Westminster, has been appointed acting sheriff of the new Vancouver District, and Assistant Sheriff Patterson deputy sheriff. No trace has been found of a man named Clark and companion, who were exploring in the Chilootin country last June. An organized search is being made.

An Orphan's Home has been started by the W.C.T.U. at the corner of Homer street. Squamish will be incorporated as a municipality to-morrow.

Thomas J. Bentley, a leading lumber dealer of Halifax, has just purchased a cargo of spars for Nova Scotia, and has hitherto got his spars from Puget Sound through Boston dealers, but hereafter will purchase in British Columbia.

Mrs. Campbell, aged 42, living at the Montreal house, corner of Water and Cambie streets, was discovered to have smallpox this evening. A doctor had not been called in till to-night, when it was found a rash had broken out the day ago. The patient will be removed to the isolation hospital immediately, and other inmates to the Quarantine station.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 28.—The Imperial Theatre is to have a stock company. Morris will commence the season on the 14th and 15th.

The collections of the Street Car conductors for Thursday afternoon were stolen from the box last night. The amount, it is thought, was \$50.

Mrs. Campbell has smallpox of a confluent type and is very ill. It is thought her son brought it with him from Seattle, a week ago, in his clothing.

The fog was so dense last night that one's hand could not be outlined in front of the face.

McLean Brothers are to dyke six hundred acres of land in Langley.

The Finance committee meeting was adjourned till to-morrow. City Clerk McGowan was being examined all morning in connection with the application to have the \$300,000 bonus by law quashed.

The Catch had a narrow escape from running on Siwash Rock this morning in an epaque fog. The people on the opposite shore were beating in pain and they went too far away from the noise, stopping within a few feet of the land.

The Umattilla arrived in the inlet to-day, 43 hours from the application to have the Narrows, but it fell again.

Postmaster Miller is to build a large block on the corner of Westminster avenue and Harris street. It will be of brick and stone, with iron pillars.

Nina Conacher, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conacher, 315 Oppenheimer street, died at 10:40 p.m., on Thursday night, from burns received through her nightgown catching fire.

An action has been brought by E. Gold against the Bank of British Columbia to recover the sum of \$400, plaintiff claiming that a cheque for \$400, which his name signed to it, was a forgery. The case was adjourned until November 2.

A Chataqua circle is being organized in the city.

A large number of people are emigrating from Washington to Alberta. Last week the steamer Columbia had on board 20 families of these emigrants.

Mr. T. R. Morrow was the winner of the diamond ring raffia at Burton & Rod, on his cigar store last night, his three throws amounting to 44.

The special train conveying the sailors off the men-of-war covered the distance to Donald in 21 hours, including stoppages. The distance between Donald and Vancouver is 558 miles.

The Rev. Mr. Tait, who arrived on the Methodist Missionary steamer Glad Tidings, went up to Chilliwack to make arrangements for the erection of the new Coqualestia House.

John Welfoosh, of Welfoosh & Bewick, has drawn \$15,000 in the Mexican lottery.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 27.—All the canneries can now shut down but one, and it will wind up operations in a few days.

No success attended the dragging for the body of Whinnock Harry, yesterday, and work was continued to-day.

Farm produce continues coming in from up river ports in large quantities, by various steamers. The steamer Irving brought down 700 bales of hay from Chilliwack yesterday.

The Vancouver Railway bonus by-law came up again to-day before Justice McCreight. The sitting was taken up in the argument as to the admissibility of certain questions in cross-examination of the affidavit of City Clerk McGowan.

The fog was the principal subject of discussion along the water front to-day. The Irving went down the North Arm last night to load hay, and the fog closed round her, keeping her there until morning.

The Yosemite, from Victoria, had not put in an appearance till 4 o'clock to-day. The Delaware, owing to the fog, did not get round to Vancouver this morning. The Sunbury is overdue from Vancouver, and her whereabouts are unknown. Several steamers are tied up near the mouth of the river.

On November 11, the municipality of Surrey will be in the hands of the sheriff, unless the municipal council by that time levies a rate under the Surrey Dyking Act to satisfy the judgment for \$23,236.48, obtained by the Bank of Montreal, for interest on the Surrey debentures held by it. Acting Sheriff Armstrong says that he gave the municipality 30 days notice on October 1st, and at the expiration of that period he will have to levy a rate to satisfy the judgment and costs of collection, which will bring the amount to over \$25,000. A number of Surrey ratepayers will take legal proceedings to make the council levy a rate to pay the interest due.

The Canadian Pacific Canning company has been organized, and contracts for the erection of their canneries and the necessary buildings have been awarded. The promoters of the enterprise are D. S. Hennessy, George Alexander and R. V. Winch. Ample capital for conducting the business is at their command. The canneries building, which will be erected on a piece of land adjoining London's landing, Lulu Island, will have a frontage of 220 feet on the river and extend back 180 feet. Machinery has been ordered and the canneries will be ready for operations before the commencement of the season.

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NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Oct. 27.—The case of Oscar Katila, who was committed for trial on a charge of cutting and wounding Joe Jones, a Northfield saloon, on October 13, came before Judge Harrison to-day, but there being no interpreter the case was adjourned. Roderick McDonald, a miner, working in No. 5 Wellington shaft, was injured by being crushed between the boxes going down. The Government steamer Quadra is in harbor to-day. She has been placing buoys at the entrance to the Point Stuart channel. The case of the deserters from the ship Occidental was up in the Police Court to-day and dismissed.

Steamer Cutch has gone into the Tacoma Dry Dock to be repaired.

Clay is being got out of No. 1 Wellington shaft and shipped to Victoria. It is of excellent quality.

Matters are brightening up, people are in better spirits, and the prospects are that there will be renewed activity without any great delay. Miners and mine managers anticipate, if not a rush, a material increase in the demand for coal, which will materially add to the prosperity of the town.

The mail steamer Joan, Capt. Butler, this week coming along down the coast, will take the inside course, calling at Burgoyne and Vancouver Bay. In future, the trips will be on alternate weeks inside and outside of Salt Spring Island.

The men who have the contract for extracting the oil from Messrs. Sabiston's and Nightingale's wharves have commenced trying down.

Sailed, s.s. Romulus for San Francisco.

NANAIMO, Oct. 28.—About 6 o'clock this morning, while the miners were going to work in No. 1 shaft, six or eight of them were riding behind the electric motor. The lid of one of the powder cans fell off and the powder poured out upon a lamp, causing the explosion, resulting in three men, Paul, Speck and Melver, seriously injured, others being burned more or less about the hands and face. Speck was found to be the most seriously injured, about the face, neck and hands. His eyes are so badly swollen that it is feared he will lose his sight. Medical aid was promptly on hand and every attention given the injured men.

Wm. Tree and G. Tibbet were robbed at the Elk Hotel, Comox, last evening, of their watches and all the money they had, which was considerable. A young man is suspected of the crime.

George G. Boine, convicted of having liquor in his possession for the purpose of selling to Indians, paid a fine of \$50.

The Nanaimo Electric Light Works will be sold at public auction to-morrow afternoon.

Mrs. Brown, convicted of the manslaughter of her husband, and sentenced to five years imprisonment at last Assizes, will be taken to Kingston Penitentiary.

DUNCAN'S.

DUNCAN, Oct. 26.—The Cowichan river has fallen two feet at Fraser's hotel since the freshet, and no logs can be driven until the water rises. Hughitt & McIntyre have a large gang of men camped on the bank of the river near Cowichan lake, waiting for rain, to commence the drive.

The Railway Company are putting in large quantities of rock rubble to protect the Kokilah bank of the Cowichan river at the south approach to the railway bridge.

Nat. Yerter shot a fine she bear near Cowichan lake on Thursday last.

Frank Craig has sold his farm at Cowichan lake; price paid to be \$1,400.

The construction of the Cowichan lake and Albert river has been abandoned for this year on account of the continuous heavy rain. J. McPherson, the contractor for the road, hopes to have the unfinished part—some 14 miles—completed early next spring.

Mrs. Drake left for Victoria on Wednesday.

George Cooper and W. H. Routledge came up on Tuesday.

Captain A. Motefale is at Fraser's hotel.

W. P. Jaynes is carrying round with him the marks of a speedy descent to mother earth from a runaway wagon.

The smallpox scare is abating, and the solitary case is reported to be recovering.

CHEMINUS.

CHEMINUS, Oct. 27.—Owing to the proclamation of the Lieut. Governor prohibiting all public meetings in Cowichan district there was no service here last Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Holmes, pastor of the English Reformed church, intends holding a Harvest Home service on Sunday morning.

The sailing vessel Colorado, commanded by Captain Gibson, has laid up for the winter in the inlet. She was towed in on Tuesday by the tug Lorne, having discharged her crew at Vancouver.

A very enjoyable birthday party was given on Friday, the 21st, by Mr. George Thomas. Numerous friends were present, and they agreed they had spent a thoroughly enjoyable and pleasant evening.

Another wedding took place in Cheminus on Wednesday 26th. Mr. George Thomas, son of Nanaimo, was the happy man, and the bride was Miss Kerley, of this place.

Miss Kerley came to this place, from England, a little over a year ago, but since that time has made many warm friends here. The young couple and their friends drove to Maple Bay, where the knot was tied by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, and then returned here to dinner. Their friends greeted them on their return with a serenade of a very high order. Mr. Thompson invited all and treated them handsomely, and all left after giving their best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left for their home in Nanaimo this morning.

Mr. Peter Pearson, of Cheminus, has been prospecting at Oyster Bay with the intention, it is believed, of taking up a claim.

ALBERNI.

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Mr. Heatte has opened a furniture shop and is doing a good business.

Rev. Mr. Adamson has taken up his abode in the house of the late Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. Robinson has his office over Huff's general store.

Miss Lister, late of Perth, Ont., and Miss M. Minnes, of Tacoma, have come to take charge of an Indian mission school. Miss McDonald, the late teacher, has gone to Tacoma for the winter months on account of poor health.

The musical committee of the Presbyterian church, will give a concert on November 4th in aid of the organ fund.

MONTREAL, Oct. 27.—Walter Wylie, of the Grand Trunk Railway, died this morning.

DESERTED BY HIS SHIP.

A Seaman of the "Ordovik" Who Will Make It Lively for His Captain.

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Mr. Alexander, British Vice-Consul at Tacoma, saying that it would be well to refuse the ship Bankrun clearance in that port. The reason of such a proceeding is the claim of the lately imprisoned sailors, who say that they have some \$2,000 coming to them from the captain. The provincial authorities also have a bill of nearly \$300 against the captain, so that the experiment of bringing the sailors to time is liable to prove an expensive one should the vessel be held to answer their claims.

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