

RUTHVEN IN COURT.

He Appears Before Magistrate Macrae on a Charge of Selling Obscene Literature.

Preliminary Hearing Bids Fair to Be Long Owing to the Hard Fight.

There was an all-day sitting at the police court on Thursday at the preliminary hearing of the charge of publishing and selling obscene literature made against Victor Michael Ruthven...

Joseph Hall stated that he had purchased the pamphlet from Ruthven at room 63, Victoria hotel, on July 14, and at the same time had been given a couple of handbills...

When the witness was asked to point out what parts in the book were immoral, Mr. Martin objected on the ground that was a question of law...

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AND STILL THEY GO.

Every Available Steamer Crowded With Prospective Yukon Millionaires.

Victoria Enterprise Provides Transportation Facilities on the Northern River.

Philip Ferguson and Hugh Hargreaves are two residents of Seattle who have been to the Yukon gold fields, and are going back again. The former experience was neither pleasant nor profitable...

Nothing has ever been done—at all events no intimation has as yet been received by the deeply interested business men of Victoria of customs officers taking up duty on the northern boundary.

It was on Tuesday that the board of trade and merchants received information from Mr. Hewitt Boswell, M.P., Dr. Milne and Mr. Templeman endorsing it, and Senator McInnes supplementing it with the following resolution...

Most important that customs officers should be immediately stationed at White, Chilcot and Chilcat passes. Thousandy requests each steamer. Inspector Colville Milne sent three officers on next steamer, which leaves on 28th instant.

And yet no answer has come, while the board of trade and merchants are so many thousand dollars lost to Canadian business and the federal revenues.

Victoria merchants are at present in the best position to cater to the trade of those outfitting for the North. It is to be hoped that the government will realize the situation, and make the necessary arrangements before winter has set in.

Steamboat traffic to the distant North was never before so brisk as it is at present—not even in the brightest days of the Alaskan excursion boom.

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INSPECTOR EATON.

The Board of Trustees Select This New Official of the City Schools.

A Nova Scotia Educationalist of Creditable Attainments and Experience.

Out of sixty-seven candidates for the inspectorship of the city schools, the board of trustees last evening selected Mr. Frank H. Eaton, of Kentville, N.S., to fill the newly created office.

An entire week was devoted by the members of the board to the examination of the applications and accompanying references for a working road which will be some 25 miles in length.

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MINES OF KOOTENAY.

Mr. Grant Govan Speaks of Some of the Investments Made by His Syndicate.

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FISH TRAPS DESTROYED.

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NEWS OF THE ORIENT.

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