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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—Stephen Foster, aged 57, died at Nanaimo on Tuesday.

—The Union Brewery Co., of Nanaimo, will erect a brewery at Union.

—The Victoria Board of Trade's commercial tourist party will leave for the Kootenay country on Saturday.

—It is thought that Prevost's boat was seized by the American authorities because it was not supplied with clearance papers.

—Owing to the accident the Warrimoo will miss one trip and consequently there will be no ship leaving here for Australia on Oct. 16th.

—F. C. Davidge, agent of the New Puget Sound and South American line expects that the vessels will commence running in about a month.

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

—The Indians who assaulted the Hudson's Bay agent at Fort George were fined $300. The Chinaman who supplied them with the whisky that made them belligerent was fined $50.

—New Westminster had 17 births, 3 marriages and 17 deaths during August. The value of exports from that port was $152,278. The imports amounted to $116,774. The duty collected was $27,565.46.

—Candidates Drs. Robinson and McLaren passed their examination for leave to practice medicine, which was held yesterday before the Medical council. At a meeting of the council it was decided to vigorously enforce the law against illegal practitioners.

—Only one tender has been received by the Burnaby council for the building of the Burnaby road. The proposed highway runs from near the end of section 3 on the Boundary road, through alder bottom in the direction of Westminster. The time for the reception of tenders has been extended.

—At a meeting on Monday afternoon in Government House, Victoria, Lady Aberdeen spoke of the Society of the Treasury of Goodness. A large number of ladies and gentlemen are already interested and, acting on this plan, will shortly be organized into a society, of which Lady Aberdeen has consented to be president.

—His Honor Lieut.-Governor Chapleau, of Quebec, who is on his way to the coast, is traveling in the private car Earnscliffe. He is accompanied by Mrs. Chapleau, Hon. M. Kleczkowski, consul-general for France in Canada, and Hon. Joseph Royal, ex-Lieut.-Governor of the Northwest Territories. They will spend a day here.

—Robert Blythe, accused of seducing Belle Rockwood, was set at liberty at Victoria on Wednesday. When the case was called in the Provincial police court Superintendent Hussey for the prosecution stated that the Crown could not go on as the principal witnesses had neither answered his letters nor come to give evidence. The prisoner was therefore discharged.

—Speaking of his stay in England, Bishop Perrin remarked that he was greatly struck with the strong religious activity there. The feeling in support of the church seemed growing and he looked upon it as a most hopeful sign. Little Lordship cared on the schools. He had always taken great interest in educational matters, and his observations strengthened his belief that, in the absence of all religious teaching, the British Columbia public schools lacked something somehow the English schools seemed to have.

From Friday's daily.

—Bush fires ignited the residence of J. C. Tait at Cowichan, with the result that it was burned to the ground with all its contents.

—James Donaldson, purser of the ss. Tacoma, has been sent to prison for six months at Hongkong for embezzling $145 of the ship's funds.

—Before he left Victoria the Governor-General handed to Dr. Geo. H. Duncan, the city health officer, a sum of money to be spent on delicacies for the unfortunate lepers at the Darcey island lazaretto.

—R. A. Anderson and E. J. McFeely left to-day for Lillooet in connection with their mining interests in that vicinity. They may possibly go as far as Cariboo before they return, which will be in about three weeks' time.

—The writ for the election of a representative to the Legislative Assembly for Cowichan-Alberni district is published in the British Columbia Gazette. Nomination day is not fixed, but the returns have to be certified before October 31st.

—At a meeting of the members of the legal fraternity of Victoria on Wednesday it was resolved to urge upon the Government the advisability of filling such offices as Supreme Court Registrar with members of the legal profession.

—The Countess of Aberdeen and Lady Marjorie Gordon are mourning the loss of their saddle horses. On the way up the line on Wednesday steam was turned on to warm the parlor car. The connection in the section of the baggage car in which the horses were, being faulty, the steam escaped and both animals were smothered.

—The Tyee brings word from Alaska of three attempts made by Yakutat Indians to put an end to persons suspected of sorcery. In one case a man and woman were tied to a tree in the woods and left to die of starvation. Fortunately they were found by white men and released, though the woman was very nearly dead from exhaustion.

—M. J. Henry, the Westminster road florist, nurseryman and gardener, has called The World's attention to an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Washington, which makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by both fine and imprisonment, to misrepresent any tree, vine, plant or bulb offered for sale. Mr. Henry thinks a similar act should be passed in British Columbia.

—The following new post-offices were opened in August: Cottonwood, Cariboo district, John Boyd, postmaster; East Wellington, Vancouver district, G. Hank; Glenemma, Yale, K. Sweet; Keefer's, Yale, Jas. Hannah; Port Renfrew, Vancouver, W. McDonald; Sandon, Yale, R. R. Atherton; White Lake, Yale, H. Ingles. The name of Kootenay post-office, Yale district, has been changed to Wild Horse.

—On the morning of September 5th, a horse attached to a buggy, in which were George Kennedy, hotel proprietor of Wellington, and Provincial constable George Stephenson, took fright on the road to Nanooose bay. Kennedy jumped out to catch the horse's head, but the animal jumped aside and with the buggy and Stephenson went over a 15-foot embankment. The buggy was smashed, and Stephenson seriously, perhaps fatally, injured internally through the horse falling on him. The latter was not hurt.

—It is reported that a movement has been started at Spokane to organize a Northwest Miners' Association, to include the State of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, and the Province of British Columbia. It is intended to serve the purpose of more widely diffusing the knowledge of proper methods and means for more successful mining. The first meeting for organization will be held at Spokane on October 2nd and 3rd, and no credentials are required for this meeting, everyone interested in mining being invited to attend and share in the work of organization.

—A recent letter from Unalaska gives the schedule of seal catches as appended: August 8th, schooner Enterprise 86 skins; August 9th, Triumph 231, Sapphire 242; August 11th, Fancy Lass 140, J. Eppinger 129, Minnie 142, Catharina 203, Florence W. Smith 216, Penelope 161, San Jose 86; August 14th, Oscar & Hattie 236, Agnes McDonald 224, Deashkaa 214, Herman 20, Victoria 93, James G. Swan 231, Annie Moore 423; August 15th, Wanderer 88. The letter further states that the entire fleet, with the exception of the cutters Rush and Bear, will leave Unalaska on the way home on the 15th inst. The Rush, as flagship will remain some time later, and the Bear will not finish her special detail in the Arctic until some weeks later.

—Notice is given in the Canada Gazette of intention to apply for the incorporation of John Stevens & Son, Ltd., for the purpose of carrying on the business of manufacturers and importers of and dealers in surgical instruments and druggists' sundries and the acquisition of the real estate necessary for same. The capital stock is $50,000 in 500 shares and the principal place of business is Toronto. The names in full, addresses and calling of the applicants are as follows: Daniel Benjamin Stevens, manufacturer; Frederick William Christie, accountant; and William John Stevens, traveler, all of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario; and Georgina Stevens, married woman, and Eleanor Stevens, spinster, both of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia—the first three of whom are to be the first or provisional directors of the said company. The firm has now a branch house in this city.

—A Kodiak, Alaska, letter states that the hull of the sealing schooner Walter A. Earle, of Victoria, was towed to Wood island by the Norman Commercial Company's steamer Francis Cutting, on July 31st, as salvage. Lying on its starboard side, the hull was almost completely submerged. It required two days to right the vessel and expose its hold, which contained 11 corpses. Only one man was identified, and that was from the name, John White, in India ink, on the left arm. He had the appearance of a half-breed Indian, while the others, judging from their distorted features, were Southeastern or Vancouver Indians. A week later, as the tanks and ballast were removed, four more bodies, making 15 in all, were taken out and buried. The vessel's log book gives the business of the last day, April 13th, consequently the Earle must have been capsized that night or next morning. As near as can be judged the wrecked vessel was stranded in the within sight of Mount St. Ellas, when the storm of April 13th struck her.

From Saturday's Daily.

—The Barbara Boscowitz arrived from the North to-day with 5,000 cases of salmon for shipment overland. She brought no news of interest.

—It is in the air that a young and popular business man of Union, who arrived this morning from that growing and flourishing town, will take back with him as a help-mate for life one of the fairest and most popular young ladies on the shores of Burrard Inlet.

—The Chinese prisoner, charged with burglary, who broke jail at Quesnelle Forks, on Aug. 30th has been recaptured. He had a revolver and fired at constable Bain, who was pursuing him. The latter fired a shot over the Chinaman's head so scare him but the Celestial only made ready to shoot again. The constable then shot him in the hip.

—It is said that a lady of this town, getting up hurriedly one morning to take a ride on her bicycle in bloomers, before anybody was about, made the mistake of jumping into her husband's trousers instead, and did not discover what she had done until she returned home to find that he was in bed wondering what sneak-thief had purloined his pants and cash.

—There will be a birthday celebration in aid of the Alexandra Orphanage and Children's Home, in the Dunn hall, on September 26th. Mrs. Salsbury, at, will receive from 3 to 6 and begs to invite her old friends, and all who are interested in the Children's Home. There will be a sale of work, flowers and candy stall. A conversazione will be held in the evening. Admission 25 cents.

—Thomas Williams and W. A. Rountree, of Victoria, went out to shoot deer, near Prospect lake, Tuesday morning and shortly after Rountree shot at a deer and struck Williams, who was separated from him by a clump of bushes, in the side of the neck. Williams died shortly after. He was 55 years of age, and a carpenter by trade. He leaves a widow and three daughters. Rountree has been arrested pending the result of the inquest.

—A party of bicyclists from Whatcom arrived in the city this morning by way of New Westminster, consisting of J. B. Baldy, cashier of the Bennett National Bank and Mrs. Baldy, and R. C. Higginson and Mrs. Higginson. On their arrival here they were taken in charge by Geo. E. Tronsy and J. W. Prescott, on behalf of the Vancouver Bicycle Club, and taken around Stanley Park and the city. They leave for home in the evening, greatly pleased with their run across the country to the Terminal City. They encountered some rain on the way but felt none the worse of the pour-down. They are in excellent spirits.

—When the abduction case was called this morning the magistrate asked that the court be cleared. Everyone went out but George Chase, who said that he was a ratepayer and insisted on remaining. He was allowed to stay. This is the first case on record in the history of the court. As a rule, when a young girl figures in this way, and on account of her feelings and the feelings of her friends, the magistrate asks that the court be cleared, everyone goes out without a murmur.

From Mondays Daily.

—Provincial Constable Stephenson, of Nanaimo, is recovering from his recent severe accident.

—The Nanaimo Y. M. C. A.'s annual statement, just issued, shows a balance of 12 cents to the good. The receipts were $1,706.37 and the expenditure $1,706.25.

—W. McIntosh has succeeded E. Patten as station agent and telegraph operator at Wellington. Mr. Patten, who filled the position for several years, is leaving the country.

—The writ for the Cowichan-Alberni by-election having been issued, H. A. Wellburn, returning officer, has fixed the nomination day for the 21st instant, polling taking place on the 5th of October.

—H. Mahrer, of Nanaimo, is trying to arrange a scheme so that when the Vancouver Opera House is closed excursions will be run to Nanaimo when there are performances to be given there.

—Prof. Saunders, general superintendent of the experimental farm at Ottawa, upon passing through Winnipeg, spoke in the highest terms of prospects of what he beheld in the Okanagan valley during his recent visit.

—Mining men are once more showing interest in the Fort Steele country on the Upper Kootenay—possibly because of the prospects that the Canadian Pacific may actually build west from Crow's Nest Pass next year.

—The numerous friends in this city of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's, Toronto, will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his recent dangerous illness. He is in Fergus with his father-in-law, Rev. Dr. Smellie, where he was visiting when his illness came on.

—H. M. Stanley, M. P., says he is coming to British Columbia to see the country. When the news of his trip reached the lobbies of the Commons it was surmised that he was in all probability, concerned in behalf of the King of the Belgians, to whom he recently paid a visit, in the promotion of a big immigration project to Canada.

—An application by the Yorkshire Guarantee Co., in the matter of the B. C. Pottery Co., was made in Chambers before Mr. Justice Walkem at Victoria on Saturday for an order that the liquidator pay off the chattel mortgage and tax on property purchased by the Yorkshire Guarantee Co. from the liquidator. The application was dismissed with costs.

—Miss Louise Martin sang Gounod's Ave Maria at the Church of our Lady of the Rosary yesterday morning during the offertory. Lieut.-Governor Chapleau and family were present. Among others Hon. Joseph Royal and the French Consul-General, attended Mass, enquired the name of the singer, and, being introduced, congratulated Miss Martin heartily, as did the other members of the party. They said they were charmed and had been afforded a real treat.

—The Kaslo & Slocan railway, says the Spokane Chronicle, is now reported to be about 15 miles out from the Kootenay Lake town, and still rushing. The force is kept busy night and day, and in all kinds of weather, and if it does not reach Sandon by Oct. 1st, it will not be many days after that date. All night long one force of men is kept busy distributing ties along the route, and all hands of weather, and if it does not reach Sandon by Oct. 1st, it will not be many days after that date. All night long one force of men is kept busy distributing ties along the route, and all insular war. She also recollects the rejoicings in the country after the victory of Waterloo, and recounts with pride the fact that she has lived to see the jubilee of two British monarchs—namely, George III. and Queen Victoria.

—G. D. Scott has received most encouraging reports from the Stephanie claim in the Lardeau country. The work on it so far has been only preliminary. He has also got a splendid report from the claim of the Kootenay Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Company. There is now ore enough in sight to keep a concentrator of 50 tons capacity running steadily. These claims are both controlled by Vancouverites and it is pleasing to hear of their success.

—E. Wragge and J. W. Leonard, representing the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway companies, Toronto, are advertising for tenders for the privilege of transferring the baggage of passengers to and from the trains of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways at Toronto, and for permission to board on the trains of the two companies. Tenders must state the amount offered each company for the privilege of canvassing on the trains of that company, separately and the successful tendered will be charged, in addition a rental of $500 a year for the privilege.

From Wednesday's daily.

—The beaver sent down from Hope the other day has been given a place in the zoo. It is a very young animal.

—The Winnipeg Free Press says: J. G. Brown, choirmaster of the First Presbyterian church, Victoria, B. C., is desirous of returning to Winnipeg. Musical matters are very quiet on the Pacific coast.

—An injunction is being sought in Victoria to restrain Rev. W. G. H. Ellison from removing a sidewalk on a portion of Craigflower road. The rev. gentleman claims that the street is really a portion of his property sold to him by one Jeremiah Nagle. The city claims that Nagle never had the right to sell that portion of the property on which the street is.

—George Babbington, who piloted Prevost, the British Columbia embezzler, across the Straits, writes to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Port Townsend saying that he informed the Provincial officers that Prevost was at Roche Harbor, and continues: "I have not seen an officer from British Columbia since landing here. And therefore could not inform them, nor did I inform any one whatever where Mr. Prevost was."

—Miss Rachel Frank, of San Francisco, the young woman who is to preach in Temple Emanu-el, Victoria, has accepted the invitation tendered by the Hebrew congregation to here to conduct the Jewish New Year's services. She is expected to arrive by steamer on the 18th inst., and will, therefore, be in plenty of time for the important exercises on the 18th. Her stay in Victoria will be for at least 10 days, according to the invitation she has consented to conduct daily services until after the day of atonement—on the 28th inst.

—It is reported from Victoria this afternoon that explanations have been made that are likely to lead to the releasing of the Beatrice from custody. It is no secret that the story is true, because Mr. Doering, the chief owner of the schooner, has pluckily and persistently endeavored to secure a share of the legitimate sealing trade. Any breach of the law that may have been made was a distinct breach of his orders to the crew and captain, each of whom were most carefully instructed by Customs Collector Milne and Captain Pelhemus Pitt.

—The Colonist this morning said: Collector Milne will shortly make a sale of the 200 odd sealskins belonging to the sloop of the late Beatrice, which returned from Bering Sea on Sunday evening. The schooner lies at anchor in James' Bay, continually under the surveillance of a customs officer, there being no change made in her crew since the. The sale of her skins will be in the interest of all concerned, for being a perishable stock it would be injudicious to keep them in the vessel's hold until the case has been settled. It will be some time yet before what turn the case will take is known.

GREAT CYCLING EVENT.

Those who had the good fortune to witness the races in connection with the opening of the Oak Bay cinder track at Victoria, on the 29th of June last, are looking forward to a treat long to be remembered on Saturday, of this week, when all the crack riders of British Columbia and the Northwest will be in Victoria for the Provincial championship meeting. It is the aim of the Victoria Wheelmen's club, under whose direction the meet will be, to keep right up with the procession, and to this they have decided to introduce pacing in all the more important events, so that there may be fast contests from the start, and therefore specially exciting. For those uninitiated in the mysteries of cycle racing it may be explained that better time can always be made by a rider if he does not have to set his own pace—if he has someone to go just ahead of him and set the pace, leaving him to do the hard-racing at the finish. In consequence pacing has come into general use on all the great Eastern and California tracks, and all records have been made with the assistance of the indispensible but little credited pace-maker. For Saturday's race a fast train of tandem riders are expected to come from Portland, under special arrangement with the V. W. C. for them to do the pacing in the class B events, and possibly in the one and five mile championships. All the championships promise to be well contested this year, and though the Deemings have been training for months to defend their honors, hard work will beset them by McGregor of Nanaimo, Barker of Vancouver, and perhaps a certain young Victorian who shall be nameless for a day or so. The championship programme contains twelve races, all of which are filling well, and in addition Fred. T. Merrill, of Portland, will probably give an exhibition of trick and fancy riding—in which he is without a rival in this part of the country.

HUNTER-ELSON.

There was a pretty, quiet wedding this morning at the statutory hour, at Port Moody, and quite a flurry of excitement was occasioned thereby. The contracting parties were D. M. Hunter, of the firm of Williams & Hunter, of Union, and Miss E. J., eldest daughter of William Elson, an old and respected resident of Port Moody. The event has been on the tapis for some time, and the young people, as they left on their honeymoon trip, were escorted to the station by a large number of well-wishers, who covered the bride and gridegroom, with a bountiful supply of rice, whilst the traditional old shoe was not forgotten. The young couple will take up their home at Union after the honeymoon is spent on the mainland. The World extends its felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, and wish them every happiness on life's voyage, which we trust will be a long one.

HAMILL-CREAMER.

Charles Hammill, of the firm of Dyeon, Gibson & Co., was married yesterday morning to Miss Mary Creamer, formerly of Peterboro, Ont., says the Winnipeg Free Press of the 4th inst. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Hazelwood, 386 Pacific avenue, by Rev. J. J. Roy, rector of St. George's church. The groomsman was Thomas McQuillan, and the bridesmaid Miss Sarah Nevin. The honeymoon will be spent in eastern cities.

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HANDED BACK.

The Girl Choy Wan Returned to the Care of Mong Kow.

On Friday the little Chinese girl Choy Wan, to whose case previous reference has been made, was handed over to the care of Mong Kow. The appeal against the order constituting Mong Kow her guardian, was argued before the Chief Justice. Mr. Fell, on behalf of the Refuge Home, held that the child was really a slave to the Chinaman, while Mr. Aikman, for the guardian, denied that the girl had been bought, and held that there was simply an agreement between the mother and Mong Kow that Choy Wan should be taken care of by Mong Kow till she was 16 years of age, and in return was working for him as a nurse girl.

Mr. Fell read two affidavits in support of his contention. The first was that of the girl herself. It stated that she was the youngest of a family of seven. She had no recollection of her father or mother, both her parents dying before she was four years of age. Her uncle who was a very poor man sold her when she was five years old to some people at Fat San, near Canton. Then in the fifth month of last year, she was sold by her Hong Kong, and thence brought her to Victoria, where she has since been a slave in Mong Kow's family. Her name had been Ah May in China, but Mong Kow had changed it to Choy Wan. She had gone to the Refuge Home of her own free will because Mong Kow's mother had beaten her.

The other affidavit was by Miss Sarah Bowes, matron of the Chinese Refuge Home, telling of the girl's going to the home and stating that she was there of her own free will and was free to leave whenever she wished. The Refuge Home was not a home simply for fallen women, but for all Chinese girls and women requiring aid. Of the seven inmates all but one had been rescued from slavery. The exception was a girl who came in on examination as a witness. He gave practically the same story as has already been published of how he got the girl. Witness had a conversation together with the widowed mother, who was very poor, to look after the girl until she was 16. He had known the girl's father in Chinatown for years. As a girl he had formerly had before Choy Wan came from China, he would not say whether he had bought her or had not bought her. He had paid money to her father and mother. The girl was to be married, the latter giving him $240 to buy a trousseau. He did not expect to get any money for Choy Wan if she was married when she was 16. He (Mr. Aikman) told the story of his visit to the Home and the refusal of the people there to allow him to take Choy Wan away.

Mr. Fell said that all slave girls in China were made to call their owners mother, so that the term was misapplied very often. Read between the lines the evidence of Mong Kow himself showed that the girl had been sold as a slave. He cited the habeas corpus case of the girl Ah Quay in 1886 before Chief Justice Begbie, it was an almost similar case, and the court then refused to take the girl away from the Home, deciding that it was not right to take her from one unauthorized custody where she wanted to remain, and handed over to another unauthorized custody where she did not wish to remain. The ex parte proceeding by which Mong Kow was appointed guardian in the present case was a step to forestall one of the objections in the case he quoted.

Mr. Aikman argued that as the girl had been under the care of the Home for the last two years, it was the influence there that made her wish to remain. It was a novelty to the child, and no doubt, things had been made as pleasant as possible so as to induce her to remain there. As had been allowed in a former case, he asked that the girl be handed over to Mong Kow, her guardian, for a few days, and then she could be brought before the court again to see whether she would prefer to stay with him or go back to the Home.

Chief Justice Davie wished to know if the child showed any signs of ill-treatment, physically, and if she was well clad and well nourished when she arrived at the Home.

Mr. Fell said there was nothing to complain of in that respect as far as the girl's appearance showed.

The Chief Justice in deciding the case said that the facts showed that Mong Kow had adopted the child after she had come from China. The Chinese were entitled to the same protection in their domestic relations as white people. Supposing a white child in Chinatown was torn away from its proper guardian and goes to a refuge conducted by Chinese. What would white people say if some Chinese tribunal gave it over to the Chinese institution instead of delivering it to its white custodians? The proceeding would be denounced as an outrage. So in the present case, it would be a most monstrous thing that, because the child had got a whipping and had consequently run away to a refuge kept by white people, a British court should deny the Chinese custodian the possession of her. The Refuge Home was a most worthy institution, but it was better for the Chinese to remain among people of her own nationality, than to force her to be brought up by aliens to her people. The court confirmed the order constituting Mong Kow guardian of Choy Wan, and directing she be produced before the court one week from date. At the request of Mr. Fell, His Lordship promised to give a written judgment.

OUR FRUIT ABROAD.

It is estimated that 100 tons of plums and many tons of pears, apples and other fruits will be shipped from British Columbia to the western districts of Manitoba this fall, says the Winnipeg Free Press of the 4th inst., and the fruit growers of the Pacific province are congratulating themselves on getting a foothold in such an extensive market for its products of their orchards. The plums that have already reached the Winnipeg market were of a good quality, as regards flavor and size, the dealers say, but their keeping quality was poor, and before they had been in the warehouse 24 hours it was necessary to sacrifice a large number of them at prices that would scarcely pay the cost of picking and handling. This is a fault that dealers will find with all Canadian packed fruits. It appears that proper care is not taken in packing plums, grapes, etc., for long distance shipment, and as a consequence the fruit turns bad rapidly. The same kinds of fruits shipped from California, Washington and Oregon reach here in first-class condition, and will stand warehousing for a week. A prominent dealer said to a reporter that both the British Columbia and Ontario packers would have to improve their methods if they hoped to do a profitable business with this country. The American fruit that is imported is all hand picked and packed as carefully as though the fruit were made of glass. The Americans also do not allow their fruit to get over-ripe before shipping.

BACK FROM ROSSLAND.

J. W. McLaren, L. D. S., returned on Sunday from a trip as far as Rossland. He reports the Vancouver contingent to be all in a hopeful mood. He made a trip as far as Boundary City, with Geo. Turner. Mr. Turner is superintending the development work on the Londonderry and Electric claims for a Vancouver syndicate. The work is going ahead rapidly, and the prospects are excellent. W. C. Archer came id from his claim while Mr. McLaren was at Rossland, and some fine samples of ore. T. R. Morrow is doing nicely with his shoe store, and besides has an interest in some very promising claims. T. McMannus and R. McPherson, M. P. P., are jointly in the building business, and have literally been as busy as nailers all summer. They are just completing a big hotel for McLaren & Armstrong. Mr. and Mrs. Allen, formerly of Vancouver, have their hotel, the Montana, running in full blast, with every room occupied. Things are quieting down now and it is thought that for the present the rush is over, but a big stampede is looked for in the spring. The thing that strikes all old miners is the good order that prevails throughout the city. The roughs have a wholesome fear of burly officer Kirkup, and the great majority of the people are ready to stand firmly by him in case his authority is questioned. There is no lock up in the place. Evil-doers are simply walked out of town.

HE IS WELL SATISFIED.

Amongst the arrivals from the east yesterday were Ald. T. P. Coffee, of Guelph, and J. Macquillan. The former is vice-president of the Dominion Building and Loan Association of Toronto, but is a resident of Guelph, where he was born, and is recognized as one of the most promising of the many clever young fellows that one has given to the profession. Ald. Coffee is a lawyer and with whom he has had to combat the most brilliant men at the Ontario bar, and he has always managed his cases so successfully that he has formed for himself an enviable reputation. His family is one of the oldest and most respected in that section. Mr. Macquillan is treasurer and field manager for the same company, which transacts a large business in British Columbia, and Mr. Coffee, who is inspecting their loans, is well satisfied with the securities. It is the intention of the company to introduce some new features in connection with their plan of loaning, extending the business throughout the Province where safe investments can be obtained, and for this purpose Mr. Macquillan will take up his residence in Vancouver. The association was the first to make loans here, and under the direction of their local board, which consists of J. Miller, president, C. H. Wood, vice-president; J. T. Carroll, M. D, F. J. Johston, E. R. Seymour, John Lefevre, M. D., Geo. H. Cowan, and J. J. Banfield, as local agent and provincial treasurer, the company's business has rapidly increased, and till now it is doing the largest loaning business of any company in the different cities of the Province. The company seeks to make equitable arrangements with borrowers, and will hereafter make loans on terms extending from 4 to 15 years. All particulars can be obtained from Mr. Banfield. The World is glad to welcome Mr. Macquillan as a citizen, for he is a gentleman in every sense of the word.

A PROMINENT FINANCIER.

J. K. Macdonald, managing director of the Confederation Life Association, of Toronto, is in the city, and is a guest at Hotel Vancouver. He is accompanied by his brother, W. D. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, inspector of the company for Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, who is no stranger to this section of the Dominion. J. K. Macdonald's son and his secretary, Mr. Parke, accompany him. While in the city the general manager visited this city, and, being largely interested here, as well as throughout the Province generally, he is able to note the substantial progress which is being made. He is greatly pleased with Vancouver, and the evidences noticeable on every side of the onward strides being made. He has the most abiding faith in the future of the Terminal City, believing that it will be one of the most important cities in the west. He will visit other sections of the Province before returning east. Mr. Macdonald is a leading citizen in Toronto, and takes a prominent part in all public affairs, his views being regarded as of great value on all topics whether of a social, religious, political or financial character. He has the courage to state his views on the platform as well as through the press. He is hopeful of an early return of a period of financial ease, and general prosperity, but time will be required to accomplish all this, and the community will have to practice the strictest economy and prudence in business and economy in every way possible. He is personally known to a great many in Vancouver, who are pleased to see him looking so hale and hearty.

KAMLOOPS PRESBYTERY MEETING.

The Presbytery of Kamloops met last Tuesday in Vernon, Rev. A. Lee, B. A., moderator, presiding. During the morning session, and until 3 o'clock of the afternoon the license trials of A. McVicar, missionary at Nelson, were conducted, and being sustained in a satisfactory manner, Mr. McVicar was ordained in due form. Mr. Paton was elected moderator for the next 12 months, and the remainder of the afternoon session was taken up in receiving the report on church property, presented by Rev. J. K. Wright, and in the consideration of the home mission grants. On a motion of the ladies of the congregation the members of presbytery proceeded after adjournment to the home of T. E. Crowell, where tea was served by the ladies, and a very enjoyable hour was passed. In the evening a public service was held in the church, at which A. McVicar was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery. After the usual questions had been put to the candidate by the moderator, and answered satisfactorily, a sermon was preached by Rev. T. S. Glassford; the charge to the newly ordained minister being given by Dr. Robertson, and that to the people by Rev. A. Lee. The presbytery resumed its work on the following morning.

ACCIDENT ON THE C. P. R.

There was an accident on the C. P. R., near Spatsum, last Wednesday. As a freight train was going east, when rounding a curve, a small land-slide was run into. The engine was derailed, the depression in track at the curve throwing it toward the bank and not the river. Arthur Randall, the engineer, was caught by the falling engine and had his left leg broken below the knee, and was badly scalded. James Meldrum, the fireman, escaped with a shaking up, from which he will soon recover. The others of the train crew escaped injury. The forward cars of the train were derailed and some of them broken, and a small quantity of freight damaged.

McDONALD-BOWES.

An early morning wedding took place this morning at the residence of ex-Chief of Police McLaren, Richards street. The contracting parties were Hugh McDonald, of the Burnette Saw Mills, New Westminster, and Miss Sophie Bowes, niece of Mr. McLaren. Rev. E. D. McLaren performed the ceremony. The groomsman was D. J. McLachlan, also of New Westminster, and the bridesmaid Miss Agnes Allen, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald left on the Whatcom express on their wedding trip.

GOOD SELECTIONS.

The appointment of two delegates to represent British Columbia on the executive committee of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has given general satisfaction in this Province. There is no doubt the outcome of the stand the unions of the Province have taken regarding the Chinese question and immigration. Much valuable information can be furnished from here. It will also be the duty of the representatives to watch and report upon legislative action having regard to labor questions.

FOR THE ZOO.

The World's Hope correspondent sent down to-day a domesticated mountain or rock beaver for the Zoo. It was presented to the donor by Mr. Ryder, of Ryder's pony express. The animal was consigned to Mayor Collins' who made immediate arrangements for its removal to Stanley Park.

Nearly everyone needs a good tonic at this season. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true tonic and blood purifier.

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

ANOTHER PROFITABLE INDUSTRY.

The Growth of Flax to be Inaugurated in the Fraser Valley and Vigorously Prosecuted.

To obtain the facts which would prove the rumor that a linseed oil mill was to be started at once near by a World representative visited the office of P. S. Timberlake who is one of the original promoters of the townsite of Mission City where it is learned these mills are to be erected. The reporter caught Mr. Timberlake in the midst of his office elegance, where he was busy getting together statistics and facts showing the capacity of farm lands in the Fraser river valley, which he intends to publish and distribute in booklet form.

"Mr. Timberlake, The World wishes to learn a few facts in regard to the proposed linseed oil mills. Is it true that the company have selected Mission City as a site for their mills?"

"Yes, we have just closed arrangements with the company to place a mill of 20 tons daily capacity on our property, and have the mill manufacturing linseed oil and oil cake by the time of the year. Of course the full capacity cannot be run from the start, as the company will have to canvass the country and see to it that the balance of them will be put in during the next season."

"By the way, some people are curious to know just why a mill of such capacity would locate at Mission City instead of Vancouver. Was it the big bonus you offered?"

Mr. Timberlake hesitated a moment and said: "The company purchased their site at Mission City. I suppose the reason they selected that point was because the special advantages they saw in it."

"Will you explain to the readers of The World why Mission City has special advantages as a manufacturing site over Vancouver and other points."

"Well, now you misunderstand my meaning. We do not claim any special advantage over Vancouver, but you readily see on going into this matter why a linseed oil and cake mill should locate in such a place. The location for such a mill is the best possible. We have direct communication with all parts of the country. Our taxes are low, living cheap and labor plentiful. Besides we are in the first ag