

## PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

South Vancouver has organized a Board of Trade.

The Kermecis Chronicle has suspended publication.

Four are now in the running for the Nelson mayoralty, George Hale being the latest candidate.

Kamloops is being investigated by a Mr. Bellingham, who contemplates the establishment of a large jam factory.

More than ten per cent of the deaths occurring last year in Vancouver are ascribed to tuberculosis.

Upwards of 20,000 fruit trees were set out last season in the district tributary to Kitchener.

Nanaimo expects to win in the contest for the annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Development League.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Nanaimo, have just completed their silver wedding anniversary.

The promiscuous slaughter of seals is reported from Nanaimo and several other points on the eastern island coast.

A fencing club is in formation in connection with the Nanaimo Rifle association.

The wedding took place at East Burreby on Tuesday, when Miss Hunt and Miss Jennie Ferguson.

The new steel bridge of the C. P. R. over the Kooey river at Kalspel is now virtually completed.

Rev. T. W. Avarche has assumed the pastoral charge of the Baptist church at Penikese.

The engagement is announced of Miss Daisy Macleay, of Vancouver, and J. P. McKinnon.

C. S. Douglas, the city's mayor in 1909, and L. D. Taylor, editor and publisher of the Daily World, are Vancouver's mayoralty candidates.

There is a marked activity in the Kitchener district in consequence of the energetic prosecution of work at the several logging camps.

The yesterday threatened the destruction of the Kooey river bridge at Kalspel. Prompt action restricted the damage to about \$350.

C. L. Cole is now lessee and manager of the Nanaimo Opera House, to which he will devote his attention exclusively.

G. B. Wright, of Nelson, is expected to be appointed deputy in the government of the Kooey river, where Fisher promoted to be gold commissioner.

The Great Northern railway is shortly to inaugurate a daily service to Port Guelph.

Edward Murphy, a laborer 30 years of age, is a patient at the Vancouver General Hospital, as a result of an attempt to commit suicide by the car-bolt route.

The Western Canada Envelope and Stationery Co. has taken an option on three and a half acres at Arrowhead, upon which it is proposed to establish a large manufacturing.

Investigation has been ordered of the Cape Horn fire at Fernie a few evenings ago, when serious damage threatened the destruction of the new Mines' Opera House.

Jonas Bergman, messenger for the Northern Crown Bank at Vancouver, is under treatment for injuries received in a being struck by a C. E. R. Co. car. He is not seriously hurt.

George Compton, one of the pioneers of the Alberni district, died of heart failure, alone in his cabin a few days ago. He was 72 years of age. Compton left considerable property in both money and land.

Coasting in the central parts of New Westminster has been strictly interpreted by the police, after the occurrence of several serious accidents in the last of which Miss Nellie Thomas, operator of the B. C. Telephone Co., had her leg broken.

At Garret Watson, of Spokane, 110 ft. to kill a mountain goat near Cranbrook, because he had neglected to take out the requisite non-resident's free miner's license and hoped to evade the game law thereby.

The Kamloops Conservative Association has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. P. Shaw, M.P.E., honorary president, J. W. Bonnie, first vice president, J. A. Gill, second vice president, W. K. Johnston, third vice president, F. D. Cornwall, secretary, S. C. Burton, treasurer.

Phil Oberlander, the alleged Bohemian millionaire, recently fined in East Kootenay for violation of the game act, declares at Vancouver that he and his friends will never again be subjected to the action of the authorities in enforcing the game laws, he asserts that he will withhold the investment of \$100,000 in Victoria property which he had in contemplation.

Investigation is being made into all circumstances attending the death of Murdoch McDonald, an employee of the B. C. R. Co., at Lake Kettle, who was killed by a logging train while working on the new tunnel, fell into the tunnel being driven some distance into the tunnel before the gates could be closed and the water shut off.

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All the designs submitted in the architectural competition for the tramway company's new block in Vancouver, have been rejected as unsuitable. Three Vancouver members of the profession were, however, awarded consolation prizes.

South Vancouver's Selections.

The "Ratepayers' Association" of South Vancouver has accepted the following municipal ticket: For mayor, J. B. Tupper; councilors, Ward 1, J. B. Tupper; Ward 2, W. J. Dickinson; Ward 3, J. B. MacDonald; Ward 4, John Thirld; Ward 5, George Baker; Ward 6, Robert Barker; Ward 7, E. Elliott and C. M. Whistler.

The exception of the last named all old members of the council and board of school trustees. The program of the association for 1910 is: (1) To install electric lights. (2) To make provision for sewerage system. (3) To make provision for public parks. Polling takes place on Saturday, the 16th instant.

Fraser Mills Are Busy.

That the operations of the Fraser river sawmills are of large proportions is shown by the statistics of the company for 1909. The total output was 94,000,000 feet of logs, 105,000,000 feet of lumber, and 15,000,000 feet of shingles. The Fraser River mill required to transport the shipment of 94,000,000 feet of logs to eastern Canada, loaded 40,000,000 feet of lumber at the mills for Australian, South American, and other foreign markets. The record cut for any saw mill in the world for a ten-hour day was made at the Fraser River mill last year, the cut amounting to 48,000,000 feet of lumber. The mill employs 730 men, 250 of whom are employed in the sawmills and 480 at the plant. Large as the output of the mill is for last year, the prospects are even brighter for this year.

His Curious Delusion.

After serving about two days of a six months sentence, an employee of the B. C. Telephone company at Vancouver named James, was given his liberty on appeal before Judge Charles Collins is a hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Winter on the Arrow Lakes.

A special despatch from Nelson to "The Arrow Lakes" states that the winter has been a very hard one, and that the ice has been very thick. The ice has been very thick, and the winter has been a very hard one. The ice has been very thick, and the winter has been a very hard one. The ice has been very thick, and the winter has been a very hard one.

General Diaz Drowned.

ELIZABETH, Jan. 7.—General Pedro Diaz, who was drowned in the B. C. Electric Railway Company's boat, the "Columbia" on Tuesday, was a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Peculiarly Bad Death.

BROOKVILLE, Jan. 7.—The town was shocked this afternoon when an announcement was made of the death of a young man, who was a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Stock Exchange Prescriptions.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—To prevent any attempt at "matching orders" or "cornering" the market, the government has issued a prescription for the stock exchange. The prescription is a very hard one, and the winter has been a very hard one. The ice has been very thick, and the winter has been a very hard one. The ice has been very thick, and the winter has been a very hard one.

Trainmen Killed.

NORTH EAST, Pa., Jan. 7.—Two men were killed and two others injured on the Pennsylvania Railroad train No. 33, the western passenger train, which was derailed here today. The train was derailed here today, and the winter has been a very hard one. The ice has been very thick, and the winter has been a very hard one. The ice has been very thick, and the winter has been a very hard one.

Switchmen's Strike.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Falling to effect a settlement of the strike of the switchmen on the northwestern railroad, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and labor committee, Neil Perham, head of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, left today for Chicago. Mr. Perham is still hopeful that a settlement of the strike will be effected through mediation. He believes the switchmen are being misled by the railroad shops, which he declared would seriously cripple the roads, and will return here in a few days.

Religious Mania.

NEWBURN, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Confident that he could restore his ailing daughter, Edwin Powell, an aged man, known here for his peculiar religious beliefs, delayed the burial of his daughter, who died last Monday, until the authorities caused his arrest for violation of the health laws. In the meantime, the girl succumbed to tuberculosis, that she had not been able to restore the powers to life. He declined to call the girl a delirious woman, and when announced that she was dead, he refused to be taken to the home of his sister-in-law, Amelia, where she was buried. He turned out to be a girl.

Dykes, whose Christian name the applicant does not know, having for the American side. He had visited several cities in Washington state in vain in his search for the man. The applicant states that he was married at Dunsmuir in 1892, his wife being then Miss Ellen Bundy. Of the three children, Florence is now aged 15, Donald 13 and Malcolm 11. Dykes appears to be a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Starved to Death.

Sad Fate of Aged Vancouver Man During Christmas Week.

When the echoes of the boisterous welcome to the glad New Year had faded, the people of Vancouver were still finding in their pockets the proceeds of one of the most successful years in the city's history. James Pearson, aged 83 years, died in the Terminal City's general hospital, the result of being starved to death. He had been in the hospital for six days, almost the entire of those six days without a morsel of food passed his lips. On the Monday the old man, weak and tottering, was taken to the hospital, and asked for some nourishment, saying that he had had nothing to eat for several days. His condition was so serious that the police were summoned and Dr. McTavish had him taken to the hospital. Utterly worn out with exhaustion, the old man had been called upon to bear more during the night in spite of all that could be done by the tender care of nurses and modern medical skill. James Pearson died in the general hospital of Vancouver of starvation. The death certificate cites the stereotyped cardiac failure, the cause of death. Nothing in the dead man's few possessions indicates aught concerning his antecedents.

Importing Coal From Japan.

So great is the demand that one of the largest mining companies on Vancouver Island has purchased thirty thousand tons of coal from Japan to supply the island's needs. This coal is to be supplied to the customers in San Francisco on account of contracts recently made for Vancouver Island coal. The company has offered no less a sum than ten thousand dollars for the cancellation of the contract which they have to supply coal to the island. The company is starting in the extreme, and the only hope of the island is to develop the coal fields. If properly developed, are capable of supplying the island's needs. The company is starting in the extreme, and the only hope of the island is to develop the coal fields. If properly developed, are capable of supplying the island's needs.

Sheep Creek.

Mr. Thomas Bennett, the well-known prospector of the Sheep Creek camp, is spending the winter in Victoria and speaks in the most glowing terms of the future of that district. He is one of the original owners of the Sheep Creek mine, and he has been very successful in his work. He has been very successful in his work, and he has been very successful in his work. He has been very successful in his work, and he has been very successful in his work.

Poplar Claims.

A mining deal of interest was put through recently whereby W. J. Milne, a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Lardeau Looking Up.

Very little has been heard lately of the Lardeau, in fact for several years it has almost ceased to figure in the mining columns of the Kootenai. The Lardeau is a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Killed While Coasting.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Miss Mary Ballard, 19 years old, of Niagara Falls, was instantly killed by a White Star liner, the "Albatross," while coasting near Poplar, when she was driven three or four times at different levels. The ore in the Ethel is the highest grade of the Lardeau. The mine is turning out so well the bondholders are shipping fifty sacks a day of high-grade ore and it is believed the mine will be at big a shipper as the Silver Cup mine. Spokane company has been incorporated to develop the mine, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000.

Increased Mineral Production.

The product for the province for 1909 is: Placer gold, 30,000 ounces, value \$1,500,000; lode gold, 350,000 ounces, value \$1,750,000; silver, 3,000,000 ounces, value \$1,500,000; lead, 40,000 tons, value \$1,600,000; copper, 100,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; zinc, 100,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; iron, 100,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; coal, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; oil, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; gas, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; timber, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; stone, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; brick, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; cement, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; glass, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; paper, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; food, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; clothing, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; furniture, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000; other goods, 1,000,000 tons, value \$1,000,000.

Whisper Creek.

Charley Day, of Day and Knight, returned to Princeton from Whipsaw camp, where he and his partner have been working for the past six months on the Lucky Fair. The mine is a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Canada's Wheat Crop.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—The wheat crop of Canada in 1909 is officially estimated at 106,444,000 bushels, an increase of 6,510,000 bushels over 1908. The average yield per acre is placed at 21.6 bushels, against 17 bushels in 1908. The yield is a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Manchurian Railways.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Great Britain has not returned to the pro-Canada position of the United States for the promotion of the Manchurian railroads, though it has not been received un-enthusiastically. It had been felt here for some time that the railroad situation in Manchuria was one of the most dangerous elements of far eastern politics, and in common with the United States, Great Britain would be glad to see the question settled.

Stock Illegally Issued.

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Mr. Justice Clute has given judgment in favor of Mrs. J. W. Lindsay and other shareholders of the Imperial Steel and Wire Company of Collingwood, who brought action against the company and against John A. Currie and George McBean. Mr. Justice Clute holds that the company and issue of fifty thousand shares to the defendant McBean was ultra vires of the company. His lordship ordered that script certificates be delivered up to be cancelled.

Home Life Menaced.

Rev. Mr. Robertson, who is at address at Nanaimo Methodist church, Wednesday laid special stress upon three points in his sermon, "The Home Life Menaced." One was, he said, the solid block of ten thousand Mormons in Alberta, who were a menace to the home life of the province. The speaker invited anyone to read Ralph Waldo Emerson's "The Foreigner," to get a glimpse of the life of a heathen, of which race there are a hundred thousand in Canada.

N. Lauder, who first arrived in this city in the year 1867, is a guest at the Dominion hotel for a few days from Ashcroft.

## Nanaimo Department

There are some good zinc deposits in the Nicola Valley as a poor mining being strikingly pure.

Nicola Coalfield.

It is only a few years since one of the largest coal operators turned down the Nicola Valley as a poor mining being strikingly pure. The record of a strikingly pure coal field was made in the Nicola Valley in the year 1909. The average yield per acre is placed at 21.6 bushels, against 17 bushels in 1908. The yield is a very hard working man, but during the festive season he stimulated himself to the extent of believing that he was a beggar and asked people on the street for money. His cups and demands for alms resulted in his being committed to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months. He was released next morning, when he had nothing to say in his defense, but believing that he was a common vagrant, he was sent back to the B. C. Penitentiary for six months.

Coal at the Coast.

The subject of the scarcity of coal on the Pacific Coast is one which is attracting considerable attention, and which in the near future will no doubt probably lead to important action on the part of the government. The position of high-grade bituminous coal, suitable for all the purposes for which it is used, there is a scarcity in every department. Nothing but the comparative mildness of the weather during the last few weeks has prevented a coal famine locally. Merchants have only been able to supply the domestic trade because the remainder of the coal has been more than used in driving hoists and coal cutting machines. Already three of the coal cutters are at work and the results so far have been satisfactory. Fourteen hundred tons of coal have been produced in 14 days by two coal cutters, and the company will have six cutters at work within the next two months. The company expects in the spring to erect a large new tipple and clean-plant to drive the machinery and an electric pump for hauling and an electric fan at No. 2 mine and a large fan at No. 1 mine, also to be driven by electricity.

Another more extensive development will be done at the mines than ever before, which will place them amongst the largest coal producers in British Columbia.

How Strikes Are Made.

The big strike on Oyster Creek, tributary of the Itford River in Alaska, was started by three miners who ran up the creek in a little condemned tunnel, and sought to escape the official inspection boat, which was coming down the Inchoke River. Whilst "laying low" one of the prospectors saw signs of rich ground. He struck a streak of the richest grain shots of pure gold at 12 feet, the boom was caught Napping.

An outsider, named R. C. Brown, representing the Canadian Development Co. of Vancouver, went into Princeton and stole a march on the mining enthusiasts of that burg, who had not quite up to date on the coal situation. His way was to stake those of the B. C. Colliery Co., which the general public had failed to keep up the requirements for holding all the claims that had been staked out by those of the B. C. Colliery Co., which the general public had failed to keep up the requirements for holding all the claims that had been staked out by those of the B. C. Colliery Co.

No Evidence Against Haik.

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Jaaska Haikola, who was held in suspicion of having implicated in the theft of ore from the Cobalt mines, was discharged today. Attorney Corley said there was no evidence against him.

Building Society Dissolved.

HAMILTON, Jan. 7.—The Hamilton Mutual Building Society, capitalized at \$120,000, has been dissolved and an order of the court has been made for the liquidation of the society. The society was founded in 1880, and had a membership of 1,000. The society was founded in 1880, and had a membership of 1,000. The society was founded in 1880, and had a membership of 1,000.

Five Years for Forgery.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 7.—R. E. Acton, a forger, who had been operating successfully in western Canada, and who was captured in the act of forging a \$100 bill, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Grand Trunk Officers.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—At a meeting today of the directors of the Grand Trunk Railway company of Canada, Charles M. Hays was elected president. The directors were also elected, and the board of directors, and Sir Henry N. Mather Jackson, vice-chairman.