and Kennedy, whereby the titles the Waverley, Tangier and other ns, was disputed, was the disappear- of J. P. Kenedy, one of the own- who bonded the claims. Captain nt was ready to make the payment 50,000, due on July 31st, but could do so as Kennedy could not be d. As he was ready to carry out part of the contract, but was un- to do so, the assistance of the ts he to be invoked to protect him. ever, the dilemma came to an end n Captain Grant unearthed Ken- in Victoria and brought him back him Friday morning, when the mon- as duly paid over.

Saturday last there was great ex- ment in Windermere over a strike e on Toby creek by B. Moriseau. claim located by him shows a ledge feet in width, and the ores consist alena and copper. As a result there been a rush to Toby creek by pros- ors from Fort Steele district, and are informed that there are now nty-five men at work on Toby creek. ere is an excellent opening for an yer at Golden.

e M. & M. Company at Quesnelle shut down, owing to a shortage of r, for the season. The managers do give out the output for the season. mine has been worked at a disad- age, owing to a limited supply of r. The Sydney Gold Mining Com- have moved their scows up the a few miles, and will test their hinery pretty thoroughly before at- ting the difficult trip through to ky river, where they have a large of dredging ground. The dredger in operation on the Quesnelle , it is stated, will again try to work river bed by a suction pump. Re- so far have been encouraging t the results of a dipper used. There ich ground on the part of the nelle where the dredge now is, and rds of gravel enough can be moved work should be a success.

ports from the Horsefly, says the ng Journal, are most encouraging. tor Campbell has resumed work ng, and expects bedrock within the twenty or thirty feet. His shaft is down 250 feet. He is in a gravel a that carries some granite that in Horsefly gold mine just overlies the strata of gravel on bedrock. It is cted that when this layer is gone gh rich gravel will be found. The tz mill on the Horsefly Hydraulic pany' ground is crushing from 80 0 tons of cemented gravel every 24 s. It is expected even this large unt will be increased to 100 tons or after a few weeks. A large amount round in various sections of the efly country is being staked off, and e good results from operations now carried on are realized, there will great camp in Horsefly.

r the five weeks ending July 30th, 5 tons of ore were treated by the s Mines smelter. This amount ed 313 tons of matte, containing 144 of copper, 81,300 ounces of silver 84 ounces of gold.

low wil be found the date of de- re, teamster and destination of all ht shipped north by Ashcroft for- ing agents:

	Pounds.
30—W. Parker, Quesnelle Forks	5,600
30—D. McLeod, Golden Cache	10,000
2—Ah Chee, Keithly Creek	12,400
2—H. Martin, Lillooet	1,565
3—J. Gannon, Clinton	5,830
3—A. Jackson, Churn Creek	3,800
3—L. Dessault, Golden Cache	10,000
3—J. Dickey, Golden Cache	9,400
3—R. Cummings, Golden Cache	4,500
3—H. Rayson & Co, 108	6,300
3—M. Burns, 70	3,500
3—A. Martley, Golden Cache	3,700
5—R. Cummings, Lillooet	1,500
6—J. Douglas, Lillooet	4,500
Total	82,595

hree or four working men from nd Ashcroft have left for Clondyke. te a number will start from this sec- with pack animals in the early ing for an overland trip to the land gold.

n Indian living in Nicola leaves Ash- ft for the Bella Coola Swedish settle- nt on the coast. He will go through ow pass in the coast range with a k train and a lot of cayuses for the onists.

here will be an excelent crop of hay this section, and the reports from the road are to the effect that the and grain crops will be good except some few places where grasshoppers e done some damage.

Word was received from Barkerville Friday that Pat Howly had suicided re that morning. It appears that he ced a stick of giant powder on the of his head and ignited it.

eef cattle on the ranges are now in endid condition, and if good steaks not now provided by your butcher it his fault.

he Ashcroft Water Company is incor- ated, and it now looks as though the t few months would see a complete ter system and electric light plant in ration and a first-class hotel erected. are much needed improvements.

PACIFIC CABLE SURVEY.

H.M.S. Algeria, one of the survey ips of H. M. Navy, will arrive here thin a few months. It is presumed t she will take part in the survey for e Pacific cable. Late advices from onolulu are to the effect that H.M.S. enquin had completed the survey from stralia to Honolulu and it is likely ay the Algeria will make the survey om here to Honolulu.

It is also said that the admiralty are out to make a survey of Clayoquot und and issue a new chart of that har- r. The information derived from that rvey will be of benefit in determining e landing place for the cable.

FULL COURT.

Some time ago James Bain was sen- nced by Magistrate Russell to two ars in the common jail. Under section 5 of the code all prisoners sentenced to o years and over should go to the pen- entiary, and the crown applied to the ll court to-day to amend the sentence substituting the penitentiary for the mon jail. The order was made as sked and James Bain will now be legal held.

The cross-appeal in Nelson & Fort heppard Ry. Co. v. Parker will be heard n Wednesday.

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

At the close of the preliminary trial in the Orphan Boy case Capt. Mellon, one of the sitting magistrates, summed up as follows: "As far as the evidence has been given, it appears that Mr. Haskins owned a certain claim, and that, for purposes of his own, he decided to develop the claim, and a joint stock association was formed. The evidence showed that certain appropriations were made to another party. He had a right to sell his stock, but not, of course, to forge Haskins' name. The evidence showed this stock was made good, so it could not affect the financial standing of the company, though possibly it may have caused some injury outside. The stock was put on the market, and sold in Canada and the United States in good faith, and parties purchased it. At a certain date a meeting was called, and though it was shown that the company was not solvent, a resolution granting a monthly salary of $150 to the manager and $100 to the secretary was passed. There was nothing to show that funds were available to pay the men. Despite the deplorable condition of the company, and the evident signs of its breaking up, and the fact that funds did not warrant the workmen being kept, they were still kept as before. The men had to be paid, and a certain assignment was made to Haskins, and when he took this assignment it was clearly his duty to call a meeting. He told the secretary to close the books. We have come to the conclusion that Haskins was wrongly advised, if he was advised, in taking this step, which was wrong, legally speaking, and we have decided that the case is one in which a higher court can inquire." He did not think a prohibitory bail should be demanded, and the accused were committed to appear at the next court of competent jurisdiction. Mr. Williams asked the decision concerning Brown. Capt. Mellon said that he was also committed. He didn't think that Brown as a man of business had done what was right. He was well paid for his services. He admitted that he transferred 130,000 shares, and there was nothing in the books to show it. Bail was fixed for Brown at $1,000 personal recognisance and $500 for another surety. These were entered into and Brown left the court room. Haskins' bail was fixed at $2,000 personal and $1,000 each from two sureties.

T. O. Townley was elected alderman for Ward 1 in place of Mr. Shaw, resigned.

Charles Williams and John McQuillan, two crooks with long black records, are in jail at Vancouver. They were arrested at Steveston by Constable Wiley, and were heavily armed. The police have worked up very good cases against them, and it is believed they are the burglars who entered Mr. Abbott's house and tried to get into Wulffsohn's vault.

Vancouver, Aug. 6.—Word has been received of the suicide of George Edwards on his ranch in Pemberton Meadows. Edwards was evidently insane, and had about a year ago been confined in the asylum.

Prof. Prince, commissioner of fisheries, yesterday morning met several gentlemen at the Leland Hotel, who are interested in the halibut fisheries. Those present were: Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., and Messrs. C. C. Ebbridge, Capt. Logan, Capt. McLeod, S. J. Brown, W. McCraney and Wm. Lipsett. It was pointed out that a large benefit accrued to Vancouver from the halibut fishing industry, which had been carried on by the New England Fish Company. They wished to be allowed to land fish here from American boats. The company, it was mentioned, employed about 100 bona fide fishermen, bought their supplies here, sent their fish over the C. P. R., and during last season employed Canadian vessels. The company every year distributed $130,000 here, of which $50,000 was for supplies and steamer charters. Prof. Prince in reply said the department had received petitions asking that the halibut fisheries be protected from United States fishermen. However, he did not feel that he could take special restrictive measures, and would not place anything in the way of meeting the company's wishes. The matter of the intended use by the company of United States vessels would require careful consideration.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mr. Gordon E. Corbould, Q.C., was on Tuesday sworn in as police magistrate.

The salmon run was a very good one on Tuesday evening. If it keeps on at this rate, several of the canneries will have completed their packs in about a week's time.

James Mack, alias James McCann, was brought up before Mr. Justice Bole in the speedy trials court and was found guilty of bringing stolen property into Canada. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. He denied on oath that he had stolen the bicycle, and also that he had ever been in the penitentiary. His previous conviction was proved by Warden Armstrong. He was in the penitentiary in 1893.

The Jubilee fountain, erected by the city of New Westminster to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, was formally opened by His Worship Mayor Shiles on Tuesday evening, in the presence of a large number of citizens.

At the congregational meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Thursday evening, for moderating in a call to a pastor, there was a large attendance, Moderator McLaren occupying the chair. Mr. R. T. Granger asked permission to make a statement before the regular business of the meeting began, which statement proved to be an account of the steps which had been taken by himself and other members of the congregation with a view of persuading Rev. A. B. Winchester, in charge of the Chinese work in the province, to allow his name to be placed in nomination for a call. The statement further dealt with certain alleged rumors prejudicial to Mr. Winchester, and at the conclusion Mr. Granger asked that Rev. Mr. Winchester, who was present, might be allowed to address the meeting briefly in refutation of these rumors. Permission was granted, and Mr. Winchester addressed the meeting accordingly. Upon resuming the business of the meeting, the moderator asked for a vote on the question whether the congregation were ready to proceed to a call, which being decided in the affirmative, a secret nominating ballot was taken. This resulted in Rev. A. E. Vert being placed in nomination by a majority of all the votes cast. On behalf of the session, it was then moved that the nomination be made unanimous, which was carried practically unanimously by a standing vote, and the call was duly made out and signed by those present.

J. C. Henderson, of Chilliwack, gives a glowing account of the crop prospects in his part of the district. Mr. Henderson says that, taken all around, the crops this year promises to be larger and better than any since 1883. The fruit crop is, perhaps, the only exception to the general rule, and this is likely to be considerably short this year. The rather moist summer has, however, been very favorable to the roots, which are giving very large returns. As for hay and grains, the Chilliwack Valley is a sight to be seen. The roots are a splendid crop, and many a field will thrash out over 100 bushels per acre. The hay crop is immense. In many cases this crop will go four tons to the acre, and is uniformly of excellent quality. If the ranchers only have one more season without a flood and with anything like as good crops, they will be on their feet again financially.

A full length portrait of the late Chief Justice, Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, in full court dress, has been secured by Mr. E. A. Jenns on behalf of the bar association of New Westminster. It is the intention to hang the portrait in the barristers' room in the court house as soon as it is framed.

NANAIMO.

Mr. Bothwell, law clerk of the Dominion Indian department, will leave Ottawa on the 15th inst., for the purpose of holding a commission in this city or vicinity, to "inquire into the claims of certain settlers to mineral rights within the E. & N. Railway belt." In connection with this commission a public meeting will be held in Cedar district, some time next week, for the purpose of deciding on the action to be taken by those interested, the engaging of counsel, etc.

The eldest son of Mr. A. R. Heyland, a lad of 10 or 11 years of age, while playing on the boom of logs in the Millstream near the bridge, slipped into the water, and being unable to swim or to pull himself out, was on the point of going down for the last time when a Chinaman who had witnessed the accident managed to make his way to where the boy had fallen and grasped him just in time. With assistance, which quickly arrived, he was taken to the shore, and after some work was revived sufficiently to be past all danger. Credit is due the Chinaman, to whose presence of mind the saving of the life of the boy is due.

GOLDEN.

The party of Alpine climbers accompanying Professor Fay, of Boston, succeeded on Tuesday in reaching the summit of Mount Lefroy. This is the same mountain on which Mr. Abbott, of New York, lost his life last August in attempting to scale.

FAIRVIEW.

Fairview, Aug. 3.—The Smuggler company intends to keep the stamp mill running from this date, day and night. Since they started up with the new machinery the mill has been running almost continuously without stoppage. They had a clean-up yesterday, and the result was highly satisfactory, though the exact returns are not yet known. The rock, however, averaged over $10 per ton off the plates, and the concentrates run high. Some very rich ore is being prepared for shipment to the smelter, this ore being from the naystreak, as it is called, in the shaft. This ore runs as high as $1,800 per ton. The balance of the ore is milled here.

Messrs. Dier, Davidson & Russell's new 20-stamp mill is being rushed forward with all possible speed, and Mr. Joshua Hendy, the superintendent of construction, fully expects to have the mill running by September 10th next.

The Tin Horn mine still continues to show up well, and is improving as work proceeds in the upper tunnel. The ledge is fully twelve feet wide, with solid ore between clean, straight walls, and two shifts of men are now employed.

The foundation for the new hotel being built by Messrs. Dier, Davidson & Russell, on the new townsite, is now laid, and the work is being pushed forward with the usual energy of this firm. The lumber and material are being brought from Vernon, and the firm has now twenty-six four and six-horse teams on the road from Penticton, hauling in material and machinery for the hotel and mill, as well as mining supplies. This is only the beginning of a series of new buildings on the new townsite, as four or five new stores will shortly be started.

The Shamrock, owned by the same company, is showing up well. On the Winchester work is proceeding night and day. The Mammoth's tunnel is now in 250 feet. Mr. John Douglas has arrived in the camp from Midway, and has started work on several of his properties here. Mr. Fleming Robertson is calling for tenders for development work on four claims belonging to the Kimberley Company, of Hamilton, Ont. Messrs. Margot & McEachern have taken the water out of the shaft of the Morning Star, and are awaiting the arrival of a mining expert, who is expected daily to inspect the claim. This camp is thus a very busy one, and a good round sum is being spent on development work.

In industrial circles things are equally busy. Mr. William Dalrymple has reopened his blacksmith shop, and is doing a good business already. Messrs. Sproule Bros. have had decidedly more work than they could attend to for some time back, and it has been almost impossible to get a horse shod without a long wait.

Messrs. John Stevens, Charles Winkler and William James, all old residents of the camp, leave to-morrow on a prospecting trip.

Mr. M. P. Thomson, of Messrs. Thomson Bros., Vancouver, is paying the camp a flying visit, and will leave for the south to-morrow, on a trip through the various camps, going out by way of Rossland.

Numerous prospecting parties, with their trains of pack and saddle horses, are coming and going, and together with the numerous freight teams, one would almost think this camp was on the route to the Clondyke.

Necessary steps are being taken to have a school built and opened here, as families are gradually coming in, and the bachelors are growing beautifully less.

NELSON.

Nelson, Aug. 4.—H. W. Kent, superintendent of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, with headquarters at Vancouver, has commenced the construction of a metallic circuit long-distance telephone line between Nelson and Trail. It will connect with the Spokane line, and is to be completed in two months.

FERGUSON.

Ferguson, Aug 1.—The town has been excited the last day or two over the discovery of a rich lead up the North Fork, a little past Horne ledge, 9 miles from Ferguson. The properties were located by Jack Cummings and others, of Sandon, and were named the Blue Silver and Copper Queen. The assay returns give $392 in gold and 171 ounces in silver.

Another discovery of beautiful grey copper, which assays high, has been made an Pass creek, nine miles from Ferguson, by Messrs. Conright, Dancer and others. There are five claims staked on the lead, which is sixteen inches wide.

NICOLA.

A meeting of all Liberals within the district will be held at Nicola Lake on Friday, 27th inst., at 3 p.m., for the purpose of forming a Liberal association.

On Wednesday last Bartlett Newman, an old-time resident of British Columbia, died at Wm. Buse's ranch, Campbell creek, aged 69 years. Bartlett Newman was born at Hilltown, Westmead, Ireland. He emigrated to the United States somewhere about '44, and was in California shortly after the excitement of '49. He came to British Columbia in '62, and, like most old-timers, spent several years in Cariboo. About 1870 he settled in Nicola Valley and lived in the neighborhood ever since.

NELSON.

Nelson, Aug. 5.—The blast furnace which blew in here last Saturday is a monument to the engineering ability of the constructor, Superintendent Paul Johnson, and has met, if not exceeded, all expectations. It is known and classed as a 200-ton furnace, but a twenty-four-hour run ending last evening gave the following results: Ore, 215 tons; lime rock, 23 tons; refining slags, 25 tons; black slags, 16 tons; coke, 51 tons, total, 310 tons.

This run produced twenty-two tons of matte, carrying about 320 ounces of silver per ton and 48 per cent. copper. One feature of the new furnace is that there is a saving of over 10 per cent. of the fuel, as against the old furnace, which in itself is a considerable item. During its construction this furnace has been the subject of much speculation to all who have seen it, and Superintendent Johnson has not been inclined to talk much about it, but its successful operation has in every detail confirmed his judgment and is the subject of general congratulation. There is a sufficient quantity of ore on hand for a long run, and in addition to the 20 tons daily output from the mines a large amount of custom ore is being received.

During the progress of assessment work on the Westside claim on Morning mountain, a seven-foot lead was opened, which appears to be very rich in peacock copper and free gold. It is said to be one of the strongest ledges in the mountain, and considerable money is to be spent in development work.

REVELSTOKE.

Revelstoke Herald.

The steamer Lytton, in command of Captain J. W. Troop, returned Saturday afternoon from a successful trip to La Porta, a distance of some 45 miles north of Revelstoke, on the Columbia river. They met with very little difficulty. She left Revelstoke on Thursday morning, and took some freight in the shape of mining machinery for the French Creek Mining Company. It is to be hoped the communication can be kept up with the Big Bend country by boat, now that a start has been made. The steamer Lytton is the first steamer that has plied north of Revelstoke for the past 30 years.

Dr. R. G. Brett, from the Halcyon Hot Springs, on the Upper Arrow Lake, went east to Banff this week. He has some wonderful analyses of the water, which carries more lithium than any known spring in the world. The doctor seems to thrive on it anyway. This same lithium is a great thing. If a man starts business by loading himself up with lithium he can face a gallon or two of whiskey with ease and indifference, and it is even a matter of record that a man who all his life (84 years) had been accustomed to take two of whiskey to one of water, was able to hold his own successfully against a demi-john of jackass brandy by combining it with lithria water.

Options have been granted to E. Grant-Govan on the Burlington by Ole Sandberg, $9,500; on the Truro by T. E. Marshall, $4,750, and on the Nelson and Revelstoke by J. D. Graham and Louise Graham for $9,500 to be paid by October 24th. There is a proviso in the agreements that any of the claims can be purchased before that date for $5,000.

G. Goldsmith and Angus McKinnon have made a big strike on the northwest side of Lexington creek. The ledge is well defined and shows 16 inches of clear galena, carrying copper and gold. The claim adjoins the Bluebird and Robin on Fish creek.

A pack train consisting of 21 mules and horses belonging to the French Creek Co. pulled out for Big Bend on Tuesday morning.

Yesterday about noon as some men were returning home to dinner they noticed a clothes box, which had evidently been washed down the river, floating in the water near the bank opposite the Presbyterian church. On examining the box it was found to contain a varied assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's garments, some bills, an account book, etc., etc. But owing to the suggestion being made that the clothes might have belonged to parties who had been suffering with diphtheria, investigations were pursued no further, so they left everything on the bank for further inquiry. It is stated that another box was seen by a traveller on the other side of the river yesterday. It looks as if something out of the way had happened up the river.

STEVESTON.

Steveston, Aug. 7.—Though the hay harvest is hardly finished owing to the abundance of the crop to be gathered in, the grain harvest is fairly with us and the reapers are hard at work. The grain crop appears to be a very profitable one; not too heavy as regards straw, but carrying a good ear of grain. This is particularly true of the oats.

The root crops are also looking remarkably well and the potatoes make as good a showing as to quality on the table as they do as to quantity on the field.

The run of salmon still continues to be remarkably good, though not quite so large as it was. Some of the canners are now able to take the limits off their boats and to take all the fishermen bring in, but others are still working under the limit of from 150 to 250 per day.

The humpbacks are now making their appearance, and the fear is that they proclaim the approach of the end of the big run. Their presence increases the fishermen's difficulties, certainly, as they count for a good deal in work, but there is no return in pay. Most of the canners have their packs fully two-thirds up now, and if there is a fair run during next week they will practicaly make it complete, but some are evidently prepared to go on as long as fish can be got.

Steveston, Aug. 5.—Last evening two men named McQuillan and Williams were arrested by the constables here. Both had for some time been objects of suspicion, and yserday Constables Wylie and Sullivan proceeded to arrest McQuillan as being wanted elsewhere. Immediately McQuillan made to draw a revolver, which was afterwards found to be a six-shooter fully loaded, but Wylie was too sharp for him and in a moment he was on his back and overpowered. Intimation of his arrest was at once made to Vancouver and a constable came out from there, who took McQuillan in charge. The other man was then located and run in, and he also proved to be a "wanted" man. Both were at once sent on to Vancouver jail, and evidently Steveston is will rid of them.

This was small debts court day at the court here, and a variety of cases were dealt with. One feature of this court is the readiness of some men to have the court decide the differences that seem continually to arise between the partners in boats, differences that could certainly at less expense be settled between themselves. In one case there was a civil suit and after it was disposed of there came an information for a charge of assault.

The inevitable drunk and incapable is always in evidence, and has his dues duly meted out to him after a night's repose.

The minds of our leading citizens are now fully bent towards incorporation of Steveston as a city. It is found that by the speedy incorporation of towns act a petition may go in before the end of this month. A petition is now being signed, and the Richmond council will be asked on Saturday to consult with the citizens' representatives as to the fair division of the municipal liability and other matters. It s expected that all will go smoothly in this and that ere the year is out matters will be ripe for the election of the first council at the usual election time. The advantages that will flow from city incorporation are many, and certainly none of the coast cities started life on a better footing or with better prospects. It is true it is meantime regarded as only fishing quarters, and that idea has been allowed to prevail too long, owing to practical civic neglect. The avenues of communication along the dykehead for example are in poor shape. Of drainage there is practically none, nor is any attention given to the ditches. There is no night-lighting either, and the question of a water supply needs to be handled by a strong representative corporation. It is believed that a civic corporation might also do something to secure better arrangements for disposal of offal from the local canneries and to preserve the purity of the foreshores. In any event the corporation as a board of health would have to see that good sanitary arrangements prevailed. We have not got well over the idea that the place is a swamp, and every man who knows about agriculture will readily testify that no city could wish for a better quality of land in its environment than is to be found right here. Every acre of it can easily be made very productive and the city can rely on agricultural produce of all different kinds and in abundance from areas close at hand.

Our fishing is now a fourteen days' wonder. The abundance is still as great as ever, and unfortunately so is the waste of good human food. The river may be said to be strewn with dead fish, for which we have no market. The canneries are doing their utmost, but the supply from the traps is large, of good quality, and at a very small price, and hence nearly all have a share of them. Our own fishermen are catching about double the number that can be taken from them. Some are salting and trying in that way to rescue from waste, but there is nothing of this on a really comprehensive scale.

The extraordinary thing is that in the circumstances such a large body of our fishermen were keen to break the law of close time last Sabbath evening. As early as 5:20 some of the nets were in the water and the fisheries guardian was taking notes. The result is the guardian's re-appearance with a big bundle of summonses, and Saturday is likely to be a busy day for Capt. Pittendrigh. If the licenses of the boats and the nets all pass from some of the fishermen's hands the fishermen will have only themselves to blame.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner.

A new seven-drill compressor, hoist and 80 horse-power boiler were ordered yesterday for the Sunset No. 2.

It was reported from what seemed to be a trustworthy source yesterday, that the California had been sold in Quebec. The property was purchased in the spring of 1896 by Rufus H. Pope, M.P., and others, and a company organized with $3,000,000 capital. A limited amount of work was done when there was a shut down, and the shut down has continued ever since, much to the surprise of Mr. Pope's friends. It will be agreeable to know that the property has passed into good hands. The purchase price is said to be $50,000, the same figure paid by Mr. Pope when he bought the property.

Things are wearing a rosy hue at the Iron Mask mine. Pay ore has been struck in both the east and west drifts being run from the Centre Star gulch. It is only 200 feet from this shaft to the west end line of the Iron Mask, and the west end line of the Virginia and the deep Centre Star gulch runs across this 200 feet, the bottom of the gulch being little above the level of the east drift being run out from the Iron Mask shaft. Consequently this drift will be extended simply far enough to demonstrate the permanency of the ore body, when the shaft will be continued to a greater depth of another 100 feet, when a new east drift will be started.

Rossland is to have increased school accommodation at once. The following telegram was received yesterday and explains the government action in response to a letter written some days ago by C. O. Lalonde, in which he urged the necessity of providing more room for the school children:

Victoria, Aug. 4.

C. A. Lalonde, Chairman School Board, Rossland:

Pending construction of school building, rent a suitable room. Two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) have been granted for furnishing the room. If necessary, appoint a fifth assistant.

S. D. POPE.

CHILLIWACK.

Chilliwack Progress.

The community was startled yesterday afternoon by the report that John Drummond had committed suicide. The tragedy took place in a shack just beyond Hulbert's hop yards, which had been occupied during the winter by Mr. Lester Frost. Mr. Frost went down to the canneries about a month ago, and since then Drummond has lived alone except when employed among the neighbors. The deceased had been mentally unsettled for several months, and during the past few days had shown signs of excitement. Yesterday morning as Mr. T. Watson was passing Drummond was seen cutting wood and cleaning up about the door of the house. About 11 o'clock he was at Mr. Peter Crankshaw's, leaving shortly afterwards, and was not again seen alive. About 1 o'clock Mr. Alex. Dewar was passing, and going in found the body not yet cold. The unfortunate man had taken a shot gun, and, placing the muzzle directly under the left nipple, leaned forward and pressed the trigger, the charge passing almost entirely through the body. On the table was a short unsigned note: "I wish myself good luck; good luck to myself individually." Coroner Pettendreigh was immediately notified, and an inquest is being held to-day.

Genuine harvest weather has come at last, and by the end of the week very little hay will remain out. Notwithstanding the catchy weather during July the crop has been saved in good condition. Grain is rapidly turning, and the reapers will be at work in a few days.

L. W. Paisley, president of the Agricultural Society, returned from a canvassing trip in the interests of the exhibition last Saturday. He reports a special prize list and subscriptions amounting to $600.

Mr. R. Ryder came down from Hope on Saturday, and gave the Progress reporter a sample of ore which assays $300 in silver and nearly $100 in gold. The claim this ore is taken from is situated about 25 miles from Hope, on the summit of the mountain, between the Coquahalla and Tulameen rivers, and is considered a very valuable property. A sample of the ore is on exhibition at this office.

KAMLOOPS.

Mr. James Russell has a dollar button of gold extracted from one pound of black sand that had passed over the quicksilver at Tranquille. Black sand at $2,000 a ton is good enough without going to the Clondyke.

Ground was broken last Friday morning for the new jail, and already a large amount of dirt has been excavated. Accommodation in the form of sheds has also been provided for the men at work.

A pleasant reception was held at the Methodist parsonage on Monday evening, when the Rev. John Robson was presented with a handsome gold watch and an address.

Johnny Ducks, the Indian who shot young Logan near Bridge creek about two weeks ago, was caught by Constable Mitchell and his party and lodged in jail. His preliminary trial, which began on Friday, 23rd ult., was postponed until the 30th in order to secure evidence from Messrs. Wm. Boyd, R. Brown, Wm. Allan, M. W. Houston and Constable Mitchell. The evidence secured led to the remanding of the accused, but not sufficient to warrant a conviction. The accused, in his statement, acknowledged the crime, and told a long story about being drunk at the time the shot was fired. He was, however, sent up for trial, and will be taken to the Kamloops jail, there to remain until the fall assizes, to be held at Clinton on the 23rd of September. Johnny belongs to the tribe living around Camin lake, and appears to be perfectly unconcerned regarding the whole affair. He owns up to receiving the liquor from some other Indian, whom Constable Mitchell is seeking, but no arrest has yet been effected.

VERNON.

Work on the tunnel on the Densy claim, which was stopped last week, has been resumed. The tunnel is now in about forty feet, and it is the intention of the owners to run about 120 further, when they expect to reach the main ledge.

We were shown yesterday some very fine specimens of ore brought in by E. J. Wilson from a claim called the Clondyke, which he has recently located near White Man's creek on Okanagan lake. The ore is heavily impregnated with copper, and very closely resembles some of the products of Rossland mines.

The committee appointed at the meeting of the directors of the agricultural society to engage a secretary for that organization have secured the services of Mr. Robert Bell, Jr., and he will devote the time intervening until the exhibition in giving his whole attention to the affairs of the society.

After sinking a shaft about 45 feet in the Blue Jay, Mr. A. H. Craven was compelled some time ago to discontinue work owing to the water coming in so rapidly as to compel him to shut down. He has now let a contract to Mr. F. W. Latimer, from whom the mine was bonded, to run in a tunnel about 160 feet which will strike the ledge at the depth of 100 feet. Mr. Latimer has started work and will run a day and a night shift until the work is completed. He expects that it will take about three weeks to finish the tunnel.

THOMSON'S LANDING.

Revelstoke Herald.

Thomson's Landing, July 29.—George Goldsmith and Angus McKinnon, while prospecting about nine miles up Fish creek, discovered a strong lead twelve feet wide, carrying three feet of fine looking carbonates and grey copper. Samples are to be sent away for assay. From the appearance of the ore this is considered to be one of the best strikes ever made on Fish creek.

Ed. Ferguson made a big strike this week. While prospecting on Lexington creek he made two locations on a big lead, with over three feet of fine looking ore. He has had no assay yet, but from appearances we expect it to run high.

A gang of men are doing development work on the Silver Bow group, which belongs to Poole and Kincaide. They struck a large body of solid, fine looking ore. They report the whole surface of the tunnel sparkling like diamonds. As this ore assays very high, Fish creek bids fair to eclipse Trout Lake before winter.

George Whitson, who resides at Gumboot ranch, wasn't afraid of bears. Oh, no! he would as soon meet a bear as a sheep, but he thinks differently now. The other day while he and John Ferris were prospecting on the mountain, one mile south of Thomson's, they stirred up three silver tips. The largest one promptly took after Whitson, who tried to climb up a tree, but before he could get up high enough the bear hit him with his foot and knocked him out of the tree head long down the hill. Before the bear could catch him he managed to get up another tree and warn his partner. The other two bears sat and watched the big one trying to catch George, but after three-quarters of an hour they left. Bears seem to be plentiful and vicious in the hills south of Thomson's. A silver tip the other day attacked Harry Pulkman about half a mile from the Landing. Harry set off at full speed for town, and came in badly winded. Harry doesn't know how badly he beat the bear, but is sure he made the best time ever made at the Landing.

NO HOPE FOR ANDREE.

General Greely Believes the Journey to the Pole Will Result in Death.

New York, Aug. 9.—General A. W. Greely, the hero of past Arctic expeditions, has given up hope of ever hearing from Andree, the brave Arctic balloonist.

General Greely was found by a World reporter at his picturesque home among the Blue Ridge mountains near Linden, Va., where he is spending the summer and gaining strength from a recent serious illness and surgical operation.

"I have not seen a complete description of what Andree intended to carry with him in the way of provisions, and the means of escape," said he, "but if his balloon is lost his chance of escape the best I understand he was to take with him is almost nil. The chances of a balloon going any long distance in any definite direction depends upon it sustaining itself above the earth at a considerable height. As Andree's idea was not to go higher than 70 feet, he would be moved by surface winds.

"Now, if you take a weather map of the United States at any time, you will see that a balloon would seldom travel in any direction 60 miles. If he started out with southerly winds, the chances are that the wind would change to a westerly one as he approached the pole.

"As he started in latitude 81, within about 700 miles of the pole, and as there seems to be little doubt that he could go 300 or 400 miles of that distance north and east, that would leave him such a great distance from the Siberian coast that the chances of his escape would be remote.

"If he had his boats and three or four months' provisions we know now, from the experiences of the De Long party and from Nansen's drift in the Fram, that Andree and the boats would drift to the northwest, or west-northwest, which would be a very slow drift. I do not think Nansen's drift averaged much over one mile per day. Andree's chances of escape, with a very small supply of provisions and a much smaller supply of fuel for cooking, would be almost nothing."

SLIGHT ALTERATIONS.

Bizzly has his hands full in leasing houses and collecting rents. He is a bachelor given to sarcasm and not averse to taking a whirl at the gentler sex when opportunity presents itself. A woman who called upon him in a business way the other afternoon made the mistake of asking him if he did not find the most satisfactory patrons to be women.

"As a matter of course," he answered with a suspicious glint in his eye, "it is a delight to do business with them. They are so considerate in their requests and so reasonable in their ideas. I am still enjoying the pleasant memories of an experience I had to-day. I have a very handsome house on a principal avenue. This lady came in her carriage to look at it. I could see that she liked the location, the surroundings and the stylish appearance of the residence. She admitted this much, but I was too considerate to urge her to rent. Finally she made the first advance by saying that with a few alterations she would take the place. I acknowledged my anxiety to please her and asked her to suggest the changes she had in mind.

"'Well, to begin with,' she said, 'the parlor is a little small; I think you had better tear down the wall and throw the two parlors together. At the same time it would be an easy matter to raise the ceilings a couple of feet, for that is what they need. I would also like a servant's stairway and an elevator, for mamma is not able to go up and down stairs. I would like it better if you would substitute steam heat for hot water, and put in natural gas.' If I would make these slight changes and additions, move the house twenty feet further back from the street and reduce the rent from $150 to $80 per month she would take the place for a quarter on trial. I told her that I might conclude to tear the house down and build in accordance with her improved plans and specifications. If I did, I would let her know."