CANNED SALMON WAS ALL GOOD

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S PRODUCT STANDS TEST

Remarkable Showing Made on Anaylsis of Output From Province.

A late bulletin (No. 150), issued from the labratory of the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa, contains the result of the examination of A. McGill, the chief analyst of samples of canned salmon. Practically all the brands examined are from B. C. canneries. Six samples were taken from each inspectoral district in the whole of Canada and an analysis made.

That B. C. salmon is put up in the very best of condition is proved by the fact that all the samples taken promiscuously were found to be in good condition and true to name.

The names of the packers and the brands examined were as follows:

B. C. Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., sold as Eagle Brand.

West Coast Packing Co., Newfoundland, labeled Solid Red Brand Newfoundland Salmon.

B. C. Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., sold as Nansen Brand.

B. C. Canning Co., Victoria, B. C., sold as Mounted Police Brand.

Capital City Canning & Packing Co., Victoria, B. C., sold as Icicle Brand.

Pacific Coast Packing Co., Vancouver, B. C., sold as Emblem Brand.

British Columbia Packing Association, Vancouver, B. C., Peacock Brand, Skeena river salmon.

British Columbia Packing Association, Vancouver, B. C., C Brand British Columbia Skeena fresh river salmon, Skeena Packing Co.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., Tulip Brand Fresh B. C. Pink Salmon.

Columbia Packing Co., J. H. Todd & Sons, agents, Vancouver, B. C., Columbia Brand Fresh Salmon.

W. A. Anderson, Vancouver, B. C., other brand choice B. C. red spring salmon.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., Red Clover Brand Red Salmon, Spring Packed.

Anglo-British Packing Co., Vancouver, B. C., Red Clover Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labelled Red Salmon, Red Poppy Brand Salmon.

Packed for Baird & Peters, St. John, N. B., labeled best Skeena River Salmon, Red Brand Choice Cutlet Salmon.

Federation Canning Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C., labeled B. C. Salmon Morningtide Salmon, Federation Brand Salmon Canning Co., Ltd., trade mark hands clasped.

Whitehead & Turner, Quebec city, P. Q., labeled Fraser River Rock Tye Salmon, Clover Leaf Salmon, packed at Lulu Island, B. C., Pacific Selling Co., New York.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labeled Snowshoe Brand Choice Salmon, Fresh Salmon Registered.

Whitehead & Turner, Quebec.

Turcott & Frere & Cie, Quebec.

Honore Bloun, Quebec.

Langlois & Paradis, Quebec.

Vancouver Packing Co., Vancouver, B. C., other brands, Saumon Frais, 1 lb.

J. H. Todd & Sons, agents, Victoria, B. C., fresh British Columbia Salmon. Sunflower Brand.

The British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., Eagle Brand.

Excelsior Packing Co., Ladner's Landing, B. C., Red Poppy Brand, Red Salmon Choice Pack.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., London and British Columbia, Lynx Brand.

Vance cannery, Robert Draney, labeled British Columbia Salmon packed at Cannery by Robt. Draney. Trade mark, P.P.P. in circle with wording, Packer of Prime Pinks.

Skeena Packing Co., labeled British Columbia Salmon, Skeena Packing Co. Trade mark, C in diamond.

Richmond Canning Co., J. H. Todd & Sons, owners, Victoria, B. C. Horse Shoe Brand.

Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, B. C., Autumn Leaf Brand.

The British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C. Dominion Brand British Columbia Salmon.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., Tulip Brand, British Columbia, Salmon Pink.

Major & Co., Ottawa, labeled B. C. Salmon, Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, B. C. Autumn Leaf Brand.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., London and B. C., labeled Cove Flower Brand Fresh Salmon, with words Bachelor's Button.

J. H. Todd & Sons, agents, Victoria, B. C., tins labeled Tiger Brand Salmon, Tiger Brand registered trade mark.

H. N. Bate & Sons, Ottawa, labeled Fraser River Sockeye, packed at Lulu Island, B. C., Clover Leaf Salmon Pacific Selling Co., N. Y.

F. J. Castle & Co., Ottawa, Victoria Cross Brand, only choicest Red Sockeye Salmon. Vancouver Packing Co., Vancouver, B. C.

Not known, Shamrock Brand Salmon, Red Sockeye, Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, B. C., sole agents. Guaranteed the finest Red Sockeye salmon.

Lulu Island, B. C.

B. C. Packers Association.

Corby, New York, Target Brand.

Clover Leaf Brand.

Sailor Boy Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., Clover Leaf Brand, Maple Leaf Brand, Golden Net Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labeled Mermaid Brand, Lucas Steel and Bristol.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labeled B. C. Salmon, Arbutus Brand.

Clayoquot Sound Canning Co., Ltd, labeled B. C. Salmon, Ocean Brand.

Elliot Mar & Co., London, Ont.

Anglo-British American Co., Vancouver, B. C., branded Pink Salmon.

Windsor Canning Co., (Geo. Watts & Co), Brantford, marked Skeena River Salmon.

Edward Adams & Co., London, B. C. Packing Co.

Elliot Mar & Co., London, Ont., Cascald Brand.

A. M. Smith & Co., London.

Pacific Coast Packing Co.

British Columbia Packing Association.

Jobin Marrin & Co., Winnipeg, Man., Tiger Brand.

Federation Brand Salmon Cannery Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C., Federation Brand.

Pacific Selling Co., N. Y., packed at Princess Royal Island, B. C., Arrow Brand.

Campbell Bros., Wilson, Winnipeg, Man., Royal Shield Brand, packed expressly for Campbell Bros. Wilson, vendor, said he did not think the article was pure.

R. Draney, Namee Cannery, B. C., Fitzhugh Sound, King Edward Brand.

J. H. Todd & Sons, Victoria, B. C., Royal Crown Brand.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., B. C.

W. H. Malkin Co., Vancouver, B. C.

Caledonia Packing Co., Fraser river, B. C.

J. H. Todd & Son., Victoria, B. C.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C.

W. H. Malkin Co., Vancouver, B. C.

Wallace Bros., Claxton, B. C.

Nuwichy Canning Co., Heron Brand.

B. C. Packers Association, Red Poppy Brand.

Evans, Coleman & Evans, Carnation Brand.

Vancouver Packing Co., Victoria Brand.

Federation Canning Co., Victoria, B. C., Unity Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C.

Ward, Anderson & Co., Victoria & Vancouver, B. C.

J. H. Todd & Sons, Victoria, B. C.

Nuwichy Canning Co. of B. C.

Wilson Bros., Victoria, B. C.

W. H. Malkin & Co., Vancouver, B. C.

TO DEVELOP MORE CORDIAL RELATIONS

American Citizens Born in Canada Send Memorial to Roosevelt.

The following is a copy of a communication, signed by American citizens born in Canada, which was recently sent to President Roosevelt and the senate of the United States:

"The undersigned, on behalf of several hundred thousand American citizens both in Canada, and in other parts of the British Empire, residing in New England, and far outnumbering all other citizens of foreign birth within this part of the United States—tender respectful and hearty thanks to His Excellency the President and to the Honorable the Senate, for the ratification of the arbitration treaty with Great Britain.

"This action is to the signers an additional proof of the development of that cordial good feeling and that desire to promote the real interests of humanity which have of late years marked the relations between the two great countries which lead the world in the practical application of the principles of true democracy to the solution of national and of international problems alike.

"It is almost superfluous, therefore, to do more than allude to the statement lately made by some of our Irish-American fellow-citizens that the government and people of the British Empire are unfriendly to this country. On the contrary, there exists among all Britons, in every part of the world, a warm and true friendship and admiration for the government and people of the United States, and this to an extent unmatched in any other nation. Abundant proof of this fact is furnished by the history of the relations between the United States and the British Empire within recent years, and the eager desire of Britons in every part of the world to welcome and salute the United States fleet on its present historical cruise is sufficient to establish beyond the peradventure of a doubt the existence of this admirable state of feeling.

"The signers of this memorial venture further to express the hope that His Excellency the President and the Honorable the Senate will ratify the treaties now pending between this country on the one hand and the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland on the other, convinced as the signers are that such ratification would be for the best interests of the countries concerned, and will tend greatly to cement and perpetuate the existing relations of amity and commerce between the United States and all other English-speaking communities throughout the civilized world."

Here follow the names of those who signed the memorial.

From the census of 1900 the following statistics as to residents of New England born in Canada and the United Kingdom is taken:

Six New England States.

Persons born in Canada	540,000
Persons born in England and Wales	139,000
Persons born in Scotland	42,000
Total	685,000
Persons born in Ireland	375,000

For Massachusetts.

Persons born in Canada	292,000
Persons born in England and Wales	84,000
Persons born in Scotland	24,000
Total	400,000

For Boston.

Persons born in Canada	50,000
Person born in England, Scotland and Wales	18,000
Total	68,000
Persons born in Ireland	70,000

DEATH OF POPULAR GIRL.

New Westminster, May 12.—The many friends in this city of Miss Alice Macnamara learned with regret to-day of her demise in Vancouver last evening. The deceased young lady, who was but 18 years of age, was most popular in this her native city, and was Queen of the May in 1905.

EVA McDANIELS GOES FREE FROM COURT

Accusation of Murdering Logger on New Year's Day Falls to the Ground.

Vancouver, May 12.—Eva McDaniels was acquitted by the jury yesterday afternoon on the charge of having murdered George Black by administering morphine last New Year's Day. This was the only case heard yesterday.

At the beginning of the afternoon sitting all jurors, other than those engaged in the case, were excused till 10 o'clock this morning.

Dr. Underhill testified that he had analyzed the contents of four wine bottles from which Black and Eva McDaniels had been drinking. In one of the bottles he found traces of morphine. He had also tested the wine glasses. There was a liquid in them, but he washed out the sediment and found other traces of morphine. Afterwards he had examined the stomach and found traces of morphine there. He had dissected the brain, which had been handed to him by Dr. Poole, and found that it also contained morphia. He obtained crystals from the brain amounting to over half a grain. One grain of morphine might prove fatal, the medical dose being from one-eighth to half a grain. He had not analyzed the amount contained in the stomach, but felt sure there was enough in the whole body to cause death. If a man, having taken morphine, got into such a state that he could not be wakened up, he was very far advanced, and unless means of restoration were promptly applied he would die. Dr. Poole testified to the post-mortem examination of Black's body. He had thought at first that the man had died from heart failure, due to alcoholism. The size of the heart was above the normal, weighing about 16 or 17 ounces; but on further examination he concluded that he had probably died from poisoning, as there was plenty of morphine to cause death. It would operate in about 15 minutes after it was taken. Mr. Martin submitted that there was no evidence against the accused. The fact that the man died was admitted, but even if poison were given, what was there to show that the accused had given it any more than anyone else in the house. Even admitting that the poison had come from the wine bottles, the accused stated that she had left the man in the room, the door was open, and there was as much opportunity for anyone else to administer it as she. She had no exclusive opportunity at all.

Mr. Justice Morrison said that the evidence was highly circumstantial, but as a matter of procedure he would ask Mr. Martin to go on with his case and let the jury decide. Mr. Martin then addressed the jury. He said in the first place that the crown had to show that the prisoner intended to kill. There was nothing to show that she had any grievance or motive whatever. So far as the man's money went, all that was known anything about had been accounted for, and when Eva McDaniels was arrested and searched, no unusual amount had been found upon her. Eva McDaniels could not be called upon to prove how the morphine got into the wine, or in the glasses. It might be that in this house with its doors wide open, there was someone who had a spite against the deceased and they might have put the poison in. The man might himself have been in the habit of taking morphine, and might have slipped it into the bottle after the woman had gone out. If they charged Eva McDaniels with murder they might as well charge every other person in the house.

Mr. Maclean said they had the evidence of Eva McDaniels herself as given at the inquest, that she and Black had drunk the three bottles of wine together. If, as his learned friend said, someone else had put morphine in the wine, it was strange that she had not also died. There were two motives that might have led her. One was robbery. Probably she did not intend to kill him, but just to put him to sleep to get his money; or more probably she gave it to him in order that she might leave him for awhile and resort with other companions. She intended to put him to sleep; she overdid it; he died, and she had committed murder.

Mr. Justice Morrison said that in a case where there had been no intention to commit murder, but where death ensued, it might be manslaughter. A poisoning case was one of the most difficult that could come before a jury. The chain of circumstances must be unbroken in order to prove guilt. Had she an exclusive opportunity to commit the crime? The case was remarkable in a negative way, and the circumstances one would look for in such a case were all left out. No motive could be attributed. In his view there was no substantial evidence against the prisoner. If the minds of the jury were in doubt at all, they should throw a grain of mercy in the balance.

That the jury followed the judge's advice was shown by the fact that after an absence of less than a quarter of an hour they returned with a verdict of "not guilty," and Eva McDaniels went smiling down the court house steps, a free woman once more.

NELSON'S NEW COURT HOUSE.

Nelson, May 12.—The grand jury in a new presentment to Mr. Justice Clement, at the assizes, expresses great satisfaction that the new court house is nearing completion, and that, when the court meets again, there will be ample accommodation provided for all concerned. They also urge strongly that further and better accommodation be provided at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital, the existing building not meeting the present pressing requirements satisfactorily. Liberal assistance from the government is asked, the promise being made that the Kootenay people will respond liberally if government aid is given. The usual light criminal docket was the subject of congratulation.

—All free miners' certificates expire on May 31st so that holders are reminded that it is necessary to renew before that date if they wish to continue their licenses.

ALBERNI'S BOARD OF TRADE IN SESSION

Matters of Interest Come Before Newly Formed Body.

Alberni, May 12.—The second monthly meeting of the recently organised Board of Trade took place in the court house on the evening of the 14th. There was a good attendance of members, both towns being represented. An interim report was presented by the hospital scheme committee, showing what steps had been taken in the matter. The report was received and the committee asked to continue the work. A similar course was adopted with the report of the committee appointed to look into freight rates and wharfage charges

A discussion took place over the new schedule of the mail service. Eventually the president, Capt. G. A. Huff, was requested to interview the authorities in Victoria with a view to its improvement with especial reference to the fact, not known when tenders for the present service are called for, that after the 1st of June the C. P. R. will run an afternoon train daily between Nanaimo and Victoria rendering it now possible to connect through from Alberni to Victoria with mails or passengers in one day. A considerable amount of other business of a more or less routine character was transacted.

On the following evening the members of the executive met Mr. Beasley of the C. P. R. service and discussed various matters affecting the district in an informal manner. While in Alberni on this occasion Mr. Beasley completed settlements for the payment of compensation by his company in several cases where the projected line ran through cleared farms and small orchards, lots, etc. The company in this matter has exhibited a disposition to deal fairly with every case on its merits and in almost every instance has made an arrangement satisfactory to both parties.

TOURISTS TO BE GIVEN FISHING

C. P. R. TAKES STEPS TO ENSURE SPORT

Plans Which Are to Be Carried Out for Preserving Grounds.

Almost every day new moves are made by the C. P. R. looking to the making of Victoria a great tourist resort. The environs including the whole of Vancouver Island are being exploited by the company with the object in view of providing for the guests of the Empress hotel recreation and sport during continued stays in the city. With this object in view provision is to be made on the Cowichan river for reserving good fishing for tourists.

E. Marpole, who was in the city yesterday, took occasion to correct a mistaken idea which had got abroad concerning the reserve to be made there. Only a very short section of the river is to be kept for the guests of the railway company who go there to enjoy fishing. About seven or eight holes within about four or five miles will be the extent of the reservation from the general public.

The decision to keep a small portion of the river for tourists is deemed absolutely necessary if the C. P. R. is to keep faith with its patrons. At the present time Mr. Marpole says the C. P. R. is advertising Vancouver Island as one of the great attractions to fishermen and hunters. The Cowichan river and the Campbell river are two streams which, he says, are unexcelled in the world to-day. They differ entirely in the class of sport. A reservation on the Campbell river is not deemed necessary. There the tyee salmon is taken making the river unique among the resorts of the world. The fisherman takes this fish right in the stream.

The Cowichan river is an entirely different proposition. There sportsmen attracted by the fishing to be enjoyed have purchased land adjoining the good fishing pools and posted notices on their land against trespassing. Thus the river bank on one side of the stream has been reserved from use by tourists. Unless something were done at once there was danger of the best ground being all taken up by private parties. The C. P. R. were in danger of being put in the unenviable position of misrepresenting to tourists the situation. Advertising in the old land and the east the great fishing to be found in Cowichan valley their guests might come here only to find that the best fishing ground was all shut out from them and the C.P.R. would be charged with failing to keep faith with its guests.

The steps taken by the company will overcome all this. The plan to be carried out will include a footbridge across the Cowichan not far from Sahtlam. From that point a trail will be constructed along the opposite side of the river from which the majority of the private reserves are at present. The trail will touch at eight or nine good fishing pools and will run for a distance of about four or five miles. These points will be kept for the guests of the C. P. R. so that faith may be maintained with the public who may be led to patronize the company's hotel.

The company has not in view the erection of buildings there. The idea is to allow the visitors from the Empress to utilize the hotels at Duncans which are first class ones. There are good livery barns there also, so that guests may reach the fishing grounds in good shape.

The reservation which will be put on will simply be that which goes with the ownership of property. The step taken by the C. P. R. is intended simply to ensure a section of the Cowichan for the use of the company's guests.

RAISING MONEY FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT SCHEME

Ladysmith Discusses Site for Power House—Five-a-Side Football Tourney.

Ladysmith, May 12.—The council at last night's meeting took its first action on the new electric light by-law. A sum of $25,000 is to be raised, and the first thing to do is to arrange for the sale of the debentures. It was agreed, therefore, to advertise for a month in the Monetary Times for tenders.

The question of a site for the powerhouse was also discussed at some length. Three sites were proposed, one down on the green beside the old pavilion, the second on a spot below the Esplanade immediately in front of the new post office building, and the third suggested by Mayor Nicholson, was between the Wellington Colliery Company's bunkers and the transfer wharf. The two chief desiderata were a convenient water supply and economy in the haulage of coal. The nearer the power house could be erected to the bunkers the cheaper would be the monthly coal bill. The few extra hundred yards of wire that would be required would be more than compensated for by the economy in the fuel bill. After discussing the three sites suggested, Mayor Nicholson was instructed to interview the officials of the Wellington Colliery Company and ascertain whether any of these sites were available, preference being given to that beside the bunkers.

A bill for $8.55 came up before the council to-night for the third time. The account was rendered by Constable Hillhead, of Chemainus. It seems he took in charge a man belonging to Ladysmith whom he found wandering almost naked and apparently in a demented state on the flats below Westholme. He brought the man up to Ladysmith and handed him over to Constable Cassidy. That bill of $8.55 represented his expenses in the case.

On its first presentation the bill was laid over for a week, and at the last meeting the council repudiated all responsibility. To-night Constable Hillhead wrote again, stating that if the council refused to pay the account he would have to lay the matter before the attorney-general. He suggested that the council collect the money from the man himself.

The council decided that as so far they had not meddled with the case, and as they could not see that they were responsible for the expenses of such a case, they would neither collect the money nor pay the bill.

Football Tourney.

Local footballers suffered a treble defeat from their Nanaimo rivals on Sunday afternoon. The athletic club of the up-Island camp ran a five-a-side tournament and Ladysmith entered two teams. Some intermediate players who went up to cheer on the seniors, became so interested in the competition that they entered on the field. The local B. team were first out, falling against the crack Nanaimo five. In the first play they stood their speedier rivals off, but on playing extra time were beaten by four points.

The intermediates came next, and looked easy winners. However, in the last minute their opponents got through and pulled out by a point.

The A. team, captained by Adam, got a bye, and when they did take the field were opposed by Shorty Graham's "Flying Mail" team. The Ladysmith boys had all the best of the game, but missed all their chances of scoring, all three forwards, and especially Provins, being at fault. To complete their misfortunes, their opponents obtained a corner and got the verdict by this single point.

The tournament was eventually won out by P. Hewitt's English team.

The game had all the charm of novelty, and provided lots of excitement for the spectators. Five minutes each way, however, is too short a time, and the game would be much better if the playing period was doubled.

Chas. Mains returned to business on Monday morning.

Miss Hewlett spent the week end in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Adam.

Messrs. W. Jones and R. Walkinshaw left on a hunting trip yesterday morning.

Rev. R. A. Heath went up to Wellington yesterday morning.

GRANBY SHIPMENTS.

High Grade Ore From the Crescent Mine for the Trail Smelter.

Phoenix, May 12.—The ore shipments from the Granby mines for the month of April were 87,202 tons, considerably less than the record of March but greater than for any month previous to March. The decrease from the March tonnage was the result of one or more of the furnaces being out of commission while being connected up with the new steel flue dust chamber. The shipments from the Granby mines for the first four months of 1908 were 351,784 tons as compared with 201,001 tons shipped during the same months of 1907.

The Crescent, one of the high grade ore mines in Skylark camp, shipped 30 tons of gold silver ore to the Consolidated smelter at Trail on Saturday. The last ore shipped from the Crescent was sent to the Trail smelter in February and is said to have run about $100 per ton in gold and silver.

After a tie-up of six months the B. C. Copper Company's mines are again in operation, the whistles of the Mother Lode, Emma and Oro Denoro are blowing regularly and many miners have started to work so there is rejoicing throughout the Boundary.

INJURED STOPPING RUNAWAY.

New Westminster, May 12.—Rev. J. S. Henderson stopped a runaway on Columbia street yesterday afternoon, and in so doing narrowly escaped serious injury. He managed to get hold of the horse's bridle just in time, but in so doing the end of the shaft grazed his arm and considerable cuticle was torn away.

The entire army of the Tonga Islands, comprising six officers and thirty men, was recently disbanded.

PYTHIAN SISTERS.

Fernie, May 12.—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Brown, of Revelstroke, grand chief of the Pythian Sisters, of the grand domain of British Columbia, arrived in Fernie last week to institute a temple of the order in this city. The Knights of Pythias surrendered the hall to the ladies and institution was proceeded with. Fernie temple is known as Crow's Nest temple No. 15. The following officers were elected and duly installed:

Past chief, Mrs. H. G. Lockhart; most excellent chief, Mrs. E. L. Wrigglesworth; senior excellent, Mrs. T. Beck; junior excellent, Mrs. A. Gillespie; manager of the temple, Miss Jean Anderson; mistress of the records, Mrs. Wm. Scott; mistress of finance, Miss Gates; protector of the inner temple; protector of the outer temple.

After installation an initiation was put on and the complete initiatory ceremonies exemplified. Refreshments with the temple "at ease" concluded the evening.

Mrs. Brown has left for home but she will return after the meeting of the grand temple, which takes place at Victoria this week, to assist the local temple in mastering its work.

DROPS ON TIDEFLAT.

Great Northern Locomotive Meets Strange Mishap at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 12.—The Great Northern locomotive attached to the train on which the robbery occurred at Seattle this morning, and which arrived here at 4 o'clock, met with an accident this evening. The engineer lost control in the roundhouse, and the locomotive went through the rear end of the building and dropped down to the tideflat below.

FOREST RESERVATION.

Nelson, May 12.—The most comprehensive statement yet made in Canada on the question of forest preservation was laid before the University Club at its regular meeting by G. O. Buchanan, the well known timber man. So much is thought of the deliverance that it will be at once issued in pamphlet form and sent all over the Dominion.

SETTLERS FLOCKING TO SIMILKAMEEN

Orchard Lands in Vicinity of Keremeos Changing Hands—Mining Industry.

Grand Forks, May 11.—A prominent mining man arriving here to-day from the Similkameen district says that many prospective purchasers of orchard lands are now flocking into that district and that last week over a dozen sales of orchard lands in the immediate vicinity of Keremeos were made. The large irrigation ditches now being made in that particular section are attracting the attention of the investing public, the majority of whom believe that "water is king." The mining industry all through that section is also showing signs of a revival this spring. Many properties that have been idle for months are now by the building of the Great Northern railway brought near transportation facilities and are taking on a new life. It is estimated that not including the Nickel Plate mine there will be fully six or seven hundred miners employed at the various properties in that district this summer.

Kettle River Low.

The recent cold rains and cool weather has again lowered the Kettle river which otherwise would have been booming from bank to bank. When in that condition the matter of log-driving is simply a matter of detail.

Knights of Pythias.

Grand Forks, May 11.—Five delegates of the local order of Knights of Pythias will leave here to-day for Victoria for the purpose of attending the Knights of Pythias convention to be held in the Queen City this week.

FORMAL OPENING OF PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Numbers Gather at Ceremony in Vancouver—Training School in Full Swing.

Vancouver, May12.—If the public interest is any indication of public support, the attendance at the formal opening of the new Presbyterian Theological college at the corner of Barclay and Cardero streets last evening must be regarded as a happy augury for its future prosperity. The gathering was of a purely informal nature, and numbered men and women in all ranks of life.

The building was formerly occupied by the Queen's school, under Principal Harvey, and largely for that reason is admirably adapted for the purpose it is now called upon to serve. It contains class rooms, and living and bedrooms conveniently divided, and has been neatly furnished, but with a view to utility and comfort rather than elegance and display.

The opening falls at an auspicious time, as most of the delegates to the Provincial Presbyterian Synod could be seen among the visitors last night. An informal musical programme was rendered, and a few speeches congratulatory on the opening of the first theological college in British Columbia were made.

This training school for preachers is now running in full swing under the able principalship of Rev. Dr. Mackay.

CHINESE RIOT DAMAGES.

Vancouver, May 12.—Vancouver Chinese are making arrangements for the commission to open here in a few days under W. L. MacKenzie King to adjust damages alleged to have been sustained by the Chinese in the anti-Oriental raid of last September.

The actual damage alleged is between four and five thousand dollars. The consequential damages claimed are about $20,000.

FAVORED FRUIT GROWING DISTRICT

DOMINION INSPECTOR'S OPINION OF ALBERNI

Great Bulk of Valley is Adapted Both in Soil and Climate.

Alberni, May 12.—In the course of an arranged itinerary through the Island, Messrs Brandrith and M. Smith arrived here on the 7th, inst. In the afternoon of the 8th, in an orchard in town, Mr. Brandrith gave a practical demonstration of fruit tree planting, pruning and training. Every point was dealt with from the aspect of how to make a commercial success of fruit growing. Many questions by the interested audience brought out much valuable information from Mr. Brandrith's long personal experience. He recommended the habit of branching trees low down on the stem and the use of special tools to cultivate close to the trees, such as Clark's cutaway discs and extension harrows, and harness adjusted to do away with the use of single trees on implements.

For use on trees to prevent apple bark disease he advised the use of the Niagara brand of spray. This consists of lime and sulphur, without the salt formerly used and cooked at a temperature of 310 degrees.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Brandrith, who is the secretary of the B. C. Fruit Growers association spoke of the good work done by that body and urged those interested in horticulture to join. He mentioned that when the association was at first in a very small way it had brought into the province at a large expense an expert fruit packer whose instructions had proved of the very greatest benefit. It had then turned its attention to providing for the members a supply of all material for fruit tree spraying at the lowest wholesale prices and of guaranteed purity. Succeeding in this it had now gone into the question of paper for fruit packing and as an illustration of the present extent and influence of the association he instanced the fact that it had to-day orders for over eight tons of this paper from its own members.

An indoor meeting was held in the evening in Brandt's hall which was addressed by both gentlemen. Maxwell Smith, dominion fruit inspector and secretary of the Northwest fruit growers association spoke briefly on the nature and scope of his official work and in response to questions, dealt with the whole question of fruit growing generally.

He endorsed Alberni as a fruit growing district and gave it as his deliberate opinion based on his own observance of the soils in the eighborhood and his knowledge of the climatic conditions, that the great bulk of the valley was well adapted for fruit growing. Asked to suggest varieties adapted to the soil and climate, he recommended Wealthy, Grimes Golden, Jonathan, Northern Spy and if a fifth were needed, King of Tompkins County. He believed the Jonathan was less subject to the bark blight disease which appeared so prevalent among the local orchards. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers of the evening.

Farmers' Insurance.

At the same meeting C. S. Hubbs, manager-secretary, of the Mutual Fire Insurance company of B. C., spoke. He explained that his company was purely a mutual one and every policy holder was a member of the company. They do not take risks in town or cities nor any one risk above the value of $2,500 hence their operations are confined practically to farmers and other country residents. By combining together in this way farmers were enabled to get their insurance at actual cost instead of having to pay higher rate to help out the greater risks in cities.

The company was now in a strong position with 1150 members and a large and rapidly increasing business. He advised the farmers of the district to support a company which was in a position to cater specially to their needs.

Election of Fire Wardens.

At a public meeting held last week by the citizens of the town it was decided to ask the government agent to take the necessary steps to call into operation the provision of the village fire protection act and notices have now been posted announcing that there will be an election of three fire wardens for the townsite of Alberni on Thursday the 14th.

Concert Well Attended.

An entertainment consisting of a concert and comic drama, was given in Brandt's hall on the evening of the 7th., by the members of the Church of England. The hall was crowded and the door receipts which went to the vicarage fund, very satisfactory. The principal parts in the drama were taken by Mrs. Bird, Mrs Haslam, and Messrs. Blandy, Stevens, and Bird.

ROYAL CITY FERRY BOAT.

New Westminster, May 12.—The new ferry boat, the John Douglas, was inspected by a large number of people at the C. P. R. wharf yesterday. The new boat will be operated by Captain Garvie as a ferry between Chilliwack and Harrison, making three trips each day and two on Sunday. The John P. Douglas is 98 feet long with 20 foot beam. She cost about $9,000. She has accommodation for 100 passengers and 80 tons of freight.

UNEMPLOYED IN FERNIE.

Fernie, May 12.—There are more unemployed men in Fernie at the present time than usual owing to the laying off of the construction gangs on the Michel extension of the Great Northern railway, which has just been completed. Most of them, however, have plenty of money, after some months of steady work, and will probably leave here shortly for those points where construction work is going on.

ARTHUR AD COMING

EXPERT WILL SU PUTTING

General Business at Last Evenin of Coun

At last evening's si council considerable r was transacted befo was reached.

The national battlef ers wrote asking the in raising money for of this idea. The latte the finance committee

The mayor of Nanai ing the mayor and cit toria to visit that city take part in a celebr there that day. A let thanking the Nanaimo invitation, and regrett will be able to attend have a celebration of h The mayor and coun will therefore be asked toria for the day.

R. B. McMicking, l the B. C. Telephone Co to the council a bill f ver Engineering Comp tops for the main stree had been sent on to h cil, Mr. McMicking sai Morley had authorized that the city should matter was referred light committee.

Mr. McMicking wro the work of laying the causeway would b the B. C. Telephone large amount of wor district that was being the wires had been p be informed that the ing the causeway wi taken this year, and t dults will not be laid

An application from the position of forem blasting work at Smit was referred to the sioner.

F. W. Adams wrote cil his permission to letter of commendatio that body recently in their work on the Go

J. L. Raymur, wate reported that the cost of four-inch water p avenue from Cook s street would be $300. T to the streets, bridges mittee.

Expert Is C

The water commissio Arthur L. Adams had consulting engineer f tion of the new distri $50 per day while act this work. He would l part of this week or This was received an

A communication commissioner saying Moore had resigned foreman of the work hill reservoir was streets, bridges and W. A. Bone and o petition regarding th North Ward Park, w to the parks board.

The finance commit the payment of a $14,468.26. This was

Tenders for hose w the following: Vancou pany, Canadian Rubb J. L. Beckwith & C ferred to the fire war chasing agent for re

Tenders for firemen received as follows: W ing Company, two te samples of colth, one tains and firemen's for those for the ch chief, and the other former and $28 for Sprinkling, $30 for u chief and assistant those for the captain E. Thomas, $26 for c chief uniforms and $ the captains and fir

Applications for t sistant sanitary insp ed from Clarence Beaven, George Bric Harry T. Cole, W. Gower, Edward Harr George Oliver, G. H Henry Palmer, Erne E. Thaw, H. N. Sho W. Rainey, F. J. Q Quayley.

The applications w health and morals o also be discussed at of the streets, bridge mittee before being council. These comm three names to be b council.

Applications for th ond assistant at th were received from Anderson, Alice G. Bradshaw, M. A. Fo win, E. Robert, Ag H. Miller, Gladys R. Russell, Jessie M. Scowcroft, Maude fred M. Webster.

On the fifth ballot to Miss Scott, afte plained that she wa late Wm. Scott, city accidentally killed a

On suggestion of council will meet as on Wednesday eve when the whole wa thoroughly gone int port presented to Mr. Ashcroft.

City Solicitor Ma City Assessor Nort Engineer Devereaux estimate of the co West arbitration, a amount to about $20 ment of Chief Jus Patton case. Mrs. for the mone und