

CAMP AND JUMBO

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s of the Freddie Lee found es too heavy to overcome, ely lost their property to of British Columbia. ger is to be in the city for o longer. He states that Relief mine in the Erie sec- operating at a profit and for continuous profitable as excellent. This is one remaining British Columbian d outright by Finch &

WAKELY CHILDREN.

Weakly children are those does them no good, because digest it properly. Keep digestive organs right and up strong and healthy, and cause mother much trouble growing up. It is the weak e puny children—that wear out caring for them day and this is changed when Baby's ts are used. They promote they give sound, natural keep baby bright and cheer- are good for older children, re all their minor ailments, re 25 cents to prove the truth statements—and you will be towards. Mrs. Archibald rleton, N. S., says: "I have ttle one Baby's Own Tablets, re than pleased with the re- commend them to every, That's the way all mothers, used Baby's Own Tablets, 's the way you will talk if when your little ones are a can get the Tablets from or they will be sent by mail a box by writing the Dr. Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

V. Hall of 69 Osborne street, was killed by a C. P. R. press at Lakeport on Sat- V. Grey, a cousin of Lady of Earl Grey, has been ap- pressor of elocation at the of Ottawa.

NORTHPORT IS ACTIVE

Le Roi Smelter Is Now Treating 1100 Tons Daily.

Cutting Down Big Ore Reserve Rapidly—The Coke Supply.

After many vexatious interruptions due to inadequate coke supplies, the Northport smelter has at last reached a point where more activity is attained than has been the case in the past twelvemonth of thereabouts. Five furnaces are running out of the total battery of six, and almost 1100 tons of ore is being put through every 24 hours. This is especially important from Ross- land's standpoint, for reasons obvious to everyone who has looked into the question, and affords the best possible guarantee of enhanced activity at the Rossland mines shipping to the Le Roi reduction works.

E. J. Wilson, the new manager of the smelter, has introduced several more or less important changes in respect to the works. It is predicted that under Mr. Wilson's regime the Le Roi smelter will attain the greatest measure of efficiency yet achieved, which means re- duced costs and corresponding advan- tages to the mines shipping thereto.

The smelter is deriving its coke sup- plies from Washington points and West Superior, Wis. The expected shipments from East Kootenay have to all intents and purposes failed to materialize, al- though there may be some improvement in this respect at a comparatively early date. When East Kootenay coke com- mences to arrive in any quantity it is probable that the No. 6 furnace will be promptly blown in, but as yet this is not seriously under consideration. R. C. Morgan, general superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, stated that his company had over 100 cars of coke in sight for the Northport smel- ter, and that the high water would not be permitted to interfere with the deliv- ery of fuel at the works, unless matters assumed a much more serious complex- ion than the outlook seemed to warrant at this time. Where only a compara- tively short section of track is covered with water the trouble can be over- come at a pinch by backing down a large come at a pinch by backing down a long train of cars from one end of the flood- ed section, and piling the string up with a locomotive at the other end, thus precluding the necessity of the loco- motives entering the water.

It is evident therefore that the Le Roi smelter has an excellent outlook for con- tinued activity on the present exten- sive basis, with a probability that op- erations will soon be enlarged to the full capacity of the works—about 1400 tons daily.

The effect of this on the Rossland camp is obvious. A short time will suffice to reduce the big reserve of ore at the works to normal proportions of 15,000 to 20,000 tons, and to keep the smelter running at full capacity will then ne- cessitate a very substantial increase in the output of the Le Roi mine. The present output of 500 tons per day will necessarily be doubled at least to enable the company to take full advantage of means of reducing treatments costs, and to mine and handle this increased out- put means big increases in the working force at the mine. This spells increased payrolls and enhanced business through- out the community. The desirable re- sults extend to other properties in a lesser degree to such an extent that the entire community will profit very materially from the increased activity at Northport.

HANDS ARE JOINED

CANADIANS WILL PARTICIPATE WITH AMERICANS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING ATTEND- ED BY RESIDENTS GEN- ERALLY.

(From Friday's Daily.)

It's to be "Hands Across the Line" for Rossland's Fourth of July celebration. The organization meeting last night was attended by several prominent citizens in addition to numerous enthusiastic Americans, and the feeling throughout was that Canadians are invited and expected to take as prominent a place in the demonstration as Americans have in times past when celebrations of a patriotic nature were held locally.

About thirty people attended the meet- ing held at the fire hall to arrange for the demonstration. Nelson A. Burritt was appointed chairman, and John P. Cosgro as secretary. The citizens of the city were represented by ex-Mayors Clute and Goodeve, A. B. Mackenzie, Secretary of the Board of Trade, Dr. A. W. Kenning, Dr. Couillard, M. R. Mc- Quarrie, J. H. Watson and others.

The object of the gathering having been stated, it was unanimously decid- ed that a celebration should be held, and the gathering promptly resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider ways and means. Committees and officers were appointed as follows: S. F. Farris—President. William Thompson—Vice-president. Carl R. Davis—Secretary. A. B. Barker—Treasurer. Executive Committee—Officers and chairmen of sub-committees. Finance Committee—N. A. Burritt, chairman; Captain G. A. Ohren, Fire

Chief Guthrie, Roscoe R. Leslie, Andrew G. Larson, Frank French, Fred Demuth, George A. Tippet and Alderman Harry Daniel.

Sports Committee—A. B. Mackenzie, chairman; J. H. Watson, H. W. Vance, E. Strout, Ralph Harron, Dan Thomas and J. P. Cosgro.

Fireworks—Oscar H. Baum, chairman; G. A. Mellor, William Matters and C. V. Jenkins.

Decorations—J. Stephen Deschamps, chairman; George A. Mitchell, Keith Lackey, Lorne A. Campbell, A. S. Good- eve, M. R. McQuarrie, George W. Mc- Bride and H. G. Oliver.

Committee meetings were called as follows: Finance, Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Windsor hotel; sports, at A. B. Mackenzie's office on Friday at 3 p. m.; executive committee, at A. B. Mackenzie's office on Monday at 3 p. m.

The balance of the meeting was de- voted to a general discussion of the program for the holiday. Rock-drilling contests, hose reel races and other fea- tures were considered, but no definite arrangements were completed, the pro- gram being left in the hands of the executive.

'T WAS CURTIS DID IT

ROSSLAND'S MEMBER TURNED SCALE IN FAVOR OF PARTY LINES.

HIS ADVICE TO PREMIER Mc- BRIDE DID THE TRICK— HOW IT HAPPENED.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Smith Curtis, Rossland's member in the late legislature, declares that he turned the scale in favor of a division in the province along straight party lines. Had it not been for a certain conversation he had with Premier Mc- Bride at a time when matters were in a formative stage, a coalition government would have undoubtedly been formed, in which the late opposition would have borne an important part. The general election would have eventuated, but the division would not have been on party lines and the advent of this phase of British Columbia politics might have been postponed for years.

A quiet little conversation between Mr. Curtis and Hon. Richard McBride turned the trick. This is how it hap- pened.

Mr. Curtis received a note from Premier McBride shortly after the latter had been called to power by the Lieut- enant-governor, and in the seclusion of the premier's private office was in- formed that he (the premier) was in a quandary as to the lines on which to form his government and divide the province. Mr. McBride's indecision arose from the fact that he had come into power with the assistance of an oppo- sition formed of Liberals and Conserv- atives alike. Mr. Curtis pointed out that Mr. McBride had accepted the platform of the Conservative party, which had declared for party lines, and was equally well known that the Liberals wanted a division of Federal party lines. It was, therefore, estab- lished that the country wanted party lines, and Mr. Curtis expressed the opinion that Mr. McBride was in honor bound to grant the desire as expressed by the conventions of Liberals and Con- servatives. Furthermore, he personally favored such a division, and proceeded to give his own views on the subject at some length. At the conclusion of the conversation, the premier remarked that Mr. Curtis' opinion had determined him in the policy he would adopt, and shortly after the formation of the present government along straight Con- servative lines ensued.

The ex-member from Rossland is natu- rally indignant at the shabby trick played him and the Rossland riding in respect to the appropriations for public works. He had secured an appropria- tion of \$1,500 for the construction of trails and roads, among the items be- ing the Burnt Basin wagon road, nec- essary to the development of a rich section of the Rossland district, and this appropriation was properly exam- ined by the committee drafted to examine the appropriations before the supply was passed as per agreement. Upon the being recorded, Mr. Curtis left the com- mittee, to find later to his uttermost disgust that later in the day the approp- riations for all public works had been reconsidered and defeated. He blames Joseph Martin and W. W. McInnes principally for the formation of the plans which made for the rood of the entire country, and the incident only added to the list of black marks which Curtis has recorded against them, and which he proposes to air in their respec- tive constituencies, if he has the time and money to go take the stump against the gentlemen in question. Paterson the Grit candidate for the Islands, also is in Curtis' bad books, and will be opposed by Curtis if conditions are propi- tious.

MID-WEEK MINE NEWS

WHITE BEAR PLACES ORDER FOR COMPRESSOR AND HOIST- ING PLANT.

JUMBO TO GET A SIDING—I. X. L. SHIPS ORE THIS WEEK.

The White Bear Mining company has definitely placed its orders for the new plant to be installed at the mine in ac- cordance with the program adopted for the development of the property on a large scale. It has been concluded that the plant will be electrically driven, and the machinery necessary for this pur- pose has been ordered. A Canadian firm will supply the twenty-dial com- pressor and will deliver the plant here in about three months from date. A

200-horse power hoist has been ordered in Denver for delivery in Rossland at the earliest possible date. In addition, machines of various description, includ- ing lathes and wood-working machinery, have been ordered for the machine shop, which is to be a feature of the com- pany's new works.

The company is already preparing for its new plant excavating the ground on which the new buildings are to be located. This work is well under way. Underground operations are still con- fined to the 850 level, but a start will be made for the 1000 level as soon as arrangements can be completed.

GIANT WORKING.

Mining operations have been resumed at the Giant. Today a force of men will be at work on the property, and already shipping operations have been started. The company had seventy or eighty tons of ore ready for teaming to the railway, and it is proposed to ship about ten tons per day for the present. A larger output would be shipped were the smelter at trail prepared to receive unlimited quantities. Unfortunately, the coke shortage prevents the smelter from adopting this attitude, hence the Giant's output will be restricted for the present. Mining is confined to the first level of the property.

FOR THE PAYNE.

The result of the tests in zinc separa- tion by the use of the Wilfley tables at the Payne mine has been so satis- factory that the company has placed an order for six tables in addition to the one installed for experimental purposes. This marks an important advance in connection with the zinc mining industry of the Slocan.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT.

The lessees of the I. X. L. mine are bringing down a shipment of ore from the mine to the railroad for shipment to the Northport smelter. The consignment will be in the neighborhood of 25 tons, and it is expected to realize not less than \$30 per ton. The operators of the property have been at work for some time, but preliminaries engrossed considerable time, and steady mining work has only been under way for a part of the period.

The owners of the O. K. mine is expect- ed in the city at a comparatively early date, and the matter of utilizing the O. K. stamp mill for the treatment of ore mined on the I. X. L. will be taken up.

IN BURNT BASIN.

A number of properties in Burnt Basin are being operated on a small scale, principally by locators. No steps have been taken toward reopening the Contact mine, which is the principal property in the Basin, as it is not likely that any extensive work will be undertaken there until the government carries out its un- dertaking in the matter of constructing a wagon road.

The Contact company had arranged to equip the property with machinery on an extensive scale. Plant is essen- tial to further development of the mine, and the success attained up to the present time has been sufficient to war- rant the erection of works on a consid- erable scale. It is absolutely necessary to the installation of machinery that a wagon road should be constructed, as the existing trail cannot be utilized for hauling heavy machinery, and until this road is built the progress of the camp is inevitably stayed.

JUMBO SPUR.

The management of the Jumbo mine has opened negotiations with the Spo- kane Falls & Northern road for the construction of a spur to a suitable point for the loading of ore from the mine, and the question is likely to be disposed of at an early date.

A report was circulated yesterday to the effect that an eight-foot vein of ore had been encountered in the Jumbo workings. This is a misstatement, ac- cording to M. R. Galusha, managing director, who states that there has never been but one ore body in the Jumbo. At times this body carried richer streaks, but nothing in the nature of an entirely new find has been made.

TRADE WITH EMPIRE

STATISTICS OF GREAT BRITAIN'S EXPORTS TO THE COLONIES.

GERMANY'S REPORTED INTIMA- TION REGARDING PRE- FERENCE.

LONDON, June 19.—Lord Camper- down in the house of lords today drew the attention of the house to the recent revelation of Foreign Minister Lans- downe to the effect that Germany had intimated that if the other British colonies follow the example of Canada, in giving a preference to British imports, Great Britain would probably not be allowed to continue receipt of most favored nation terms. Lord Camper- down asked that the papers on the sub- ject be laid on the table.

Lord Lansdowne replied that he de- sired to deprecate the assumption that the conduct of Germany was actuated by deliberate hostility to Great Brit- ain. He considered that Germany's course was not unnatural, considering the way in which Great Britain had hitherto dealt with these questions concerning the colonies. If Great Brit- ain made her position perfectly clear and intelligible, as she ought to do, it would, he thought, be possible to ac- complish a settlement of these ques- tions in a manner satisfactory to Great Britain and to her colonies.

TORONTO, June 19.—The News' London cable says: Chamberlain, in the house last night in answer to a question in reference to British ex- ports to the colonies, said that they show a large and continuous increase. The yearly average for five-year pe- riods was given by him as follows: 1876-80... £67,455,270 1881-85... 81,294,831 1886-90... 81,168,508 1891-95... 85,168,121 1896-00... 86,048,165 1900-... 109,028,611

LE ROI IN APRIL

MANAGER'S REPORT ON OPERA- TIONS—DEEP LEVEL DEVELOPMENTS.

FIGURES ON \$115 PER TON PROFIT FOR APRIL SHIPMENTS TO SMELTER.

The manager's report of the Le Roi Mining Company, Limited, for the month of April, as published in Lon- don papers just to hand, is as follows: "Ore shipments—The ore shipped during the month amounted to 12,156 tons, containing 4851 ounces gold, 6488 ounces silver, 307,532 pounds copper, value per ton \$114.1. A portion, 130 tons, containing 363 ounces gold, 209 ounces silver and 2355 pounds copper, was sold to the Hall Mining and Smel- ting Company, Limited, of Nelson, B. C., for experimental purposes; the bal- ance was shipped to the smelter at Northport. The cost of breaking and delivering the ore on the railroad cars was \$7.77 per ton, while the cost of de- velopment was equal to 96 cents per ton.

"Mining—The tonnage stoped during April is lower than for several months past. This is largely due to the fact that without increasing the present force the sill floors of three stopes have been taken out, a proceeding which, of course, entails additional labor in breaking the ore. The gold values in the ore mined are higher than have been obtained since December, entirely owing to the yield of the stopes near the east end of the 500-foot level, but the copper contents are lower than formerly. It is regretted that a small 'streak' of good ore, which was met with during the month of March on the 500-foot level, has not enlarged, and the man- ager has been compelled to abandon work upon it for the present, owing to the comparatively high cost involved in stoping. It is gratifying to note, however, that the Dunkle stope on the 900-foot level presents a promising ap- pearance, and it is believed it will con- tinue to the 1050-foot level and prob- ably yield 4500 tons of \$10.25 ore. Its extent will probably be tested during May by means of a raise from the 1050-foot level. The manager is led to be- lieve that the 'key ore' recently met with on the 1050-foot level to the west of the main shaft is a continuation of the Mulligan shoot; the body has passed through a dyke and is still in good ore. A drift is now being run on the level below the 1200-foot, for the pur- pose of undercutting this shoot and to determine its extent. The crosscut on the 800-foot level, which was refer- red to in the last report, has now passed through the Black Bear shoot. The manager intends to drift upon it as far as the Josie dyke, 20 or 40 feet distant, in the hope that it will widen into a 'pay shoot.' A raise has been com- menced on the 900-foot level to the east of the main shaft to ascertain if the main ore shoot carries sufficient values to pay for extraction. A cross- cut has been commenced on the 500-foot level west of the main shaft to prospect for the main ore shoot, which it is expected will be reached during May. The expenditure for the month on mine account was \$44,793.

"Northport smelter—The expenditure for the month was \$85,104.35. The pub- licity purchased during the month amounted to 2191 dry tons, containing 1402 ounces gold, 2007 ounces silver, 112,383 pounds copper. The tonnage treated during the month was 14,915, segregated as follows: Le Roi, roasted ore, 10,934; Le Roi raw ore, 1721; pub- lic ore, 2262. It was not possible to keep the whole of the three furnaces blown in on March 23rd in continuous operation during April, as the coke supply practically became exhausted on the 26th of the month, and two of the number had to be 'banked' pending the receipt of further deliveries of fuel. This stoppage was, however, a tem- porary one, as at this date—15th May—four furnaces are in operation. The coke now being used is being obtained largely from the east, and from the Northwestern Improvement company's collieries in the state of Washington. Although the manager of the Crow's Nest Coal company promised by tele- graph that he would ship 100 tons of coke daily, commencing 27th April, practically nothing was received from that source. The smelting costs for April on the basis of the tonnage smelted, were approximately \$4.09 per ton. This sum, considering the cir- cumstances under which operations were conducted, is quite low.

"As to April profits, although the manager refrained from making an estimate as to this in the cable sent early in the month of May, for the reason that the smelting expenses were difficult to determine at that time, he thinks it may be fairly assumed that the profit from the ore shipped to Northport during the month would amount to no less than \$1.15 per ton. The ore sent to the Nelson smelter was below the average in grade, so that he estimates the profit upon it at 30 cents per ton. The gross value of the ore mined and shipped to the smelter during April was \$114.1 per ton, equal to... \$137,217 From this deduct smelter losses, refiners' settlement rates, etc., equal to \$2.05 per ton... 24,653 \$112,564 Deduct cost of mining and smelting at \$3.21 per ton... 98,734 Estimated profit on ore shipped to Northport smelter... \$13,830 Estimated profit on ore shipped to Nelson smelter... 65 Total estimated profit... \$13,895 Velvet, Rossland's chief manager cables: "Have received the following returns from smelters, namely: Seventy-eight tons first class ore yielded 71 ounces gold and 7200 pounds copper; net returns from smelters, \$1600, or an average of 24 4s 9d per ton. Seventy- four tons second class ore yielded 45 ounces gold and 6500 pounds copper; net returns from smelters, \$1050, or an average of 22 13s 8d per ton."

FLOOD AT NELSON.

The Water Now Subsiding—Mr. Taylor Nominated by Liberals.

NELSON, June 19.—The Kootenay river reached its highest point of the season this morning, and has subsided half an inch in the last eight hours. It is now 24 feet above low water mark. Railway tracks are under from six inches to two feet of water in many places on lines running out of Nelson. All along the water front gardens and houses are submerged, and if the rise of water had not ceased great damage would have ensued. A peculiar circumstance of the overflow is that it has solved a difficult problem for the city council. There were over forty families of squatters living along the lake shore whom the city authorities have wished to get out. Threats and proceedings alike proved fruitless un- til the water came. Now all the cab- ins are vacated, and before the water subsides will be torn down. A lacrosse game was played this af- ternoon between Nelson and Revelstoke in which the former were victo- rious by a score of 7 to 0. This was at a largely attended meeting of the Liberals this evening, S. S. Taylor, K. C., was unanimously elected as candi- date to run in the Liberal interests in the next provincial election.

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ACTION NEXT WEEK

ARBITRATION OVER FLUME LINE GROUND POSTPONED FROM SATURDAY.

ARBITRATORS WILL CONVENE ON MONDAY AND GET BUSY.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The arbitration of the matters at issue between the lumber firm of Blue & Descamps and the corporation will not be proceeded with on Saturday as expected. Gus Creelman, who has been selected as the city's arbitrator, is detained in Nelson until Sunday night, in consequence of which the proposed start on Saturday is cancelled. The arrangement is to proceed with the arbitration on Monday, and it is thought that the case will be disposed of in one day.

When the arbitrators already elected convene—Elmer A. Roney, repre- senting the Blue & Descamps firm, and Gus Creelman for the corpora- tion—their first business will be to de- cide upon the third arbitrator from the list of eligibles to be compiled by each of the parties. When this is dis- posed of an inspection of the ground will be made. Having familiarized themselves with the lay of the land, the arbitrators will proceed to take such evidence as may be offered relat- ing to the value of the land in issue. It is thought that two afternoon sit- tings will dispose of the whole busi- ness, which is desirable with a view to keeping down costs.

When the arbitrators have decided upon their award, the decision is plac- ed in writing and sealed. Either party to the issue can take up this award upon payment of the costs of the case, and the party against whom costs are awarded is usually compelled to pay the expenses.

The dispute arises over the value of the ground traversed by the flume from the Rock creek intake of the city water system to the Stony creek channel, so far as the flume in ques- tion passes over Blue & Descamps' timber limits. The company's first proposal was, without prejudice, to accept \$1,000 for the right of way. When this offer was not accepted they placed a value of \$2,000 on the ground.

CHANGING FISH LAW

INSPECTOR SWORD TELLS LOCAL FISCATORS HOW TO DO IT.

MATTERS MUST BE TAKEN UP AT OTTAWA—ACTION IS PLANNED.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Rossland anglers who have sought to secure amendments to the laws relat- ing to fresh water fish with an eye to protecting trout from the devastating work of the pot-hunter have learned this that their work to date has been abortive largely for the reason that it was directed in the wrong channel. Now that they are properly informed as to the course to be pursued to accom- plish something, a fresh effort is to be made.

When in the city a day or two ago, Charles B. Sword, of New Westminster, provincial inspector of fisheries under the federal department of marine and fisheries, enlightened the local anglers as to their position. All efforts to secure amendments to the fishing laws have previously been made to the local government. This, Mr. Sword says, was an error, as the provincial authorities have only scant jurisdiction over the waters of the province, and any provi- sion they might make in the way of preventing the sale of trout would be ultra vires.

Mr. Sword states that an order-in- council from the federal government would be necessary to prevent the sale of trout, and that the precise families to which the trout to be protected be- long must be described in the applica- tion. The latter feature is not the eas- iest of the conditions. Mr. Sword sug- gests that when the matter is taken up, certain representations to be made should be forwarded through him, and this will be done. Frederick Schofield, clerk of the supreme court, took the question up with Mr. Sword.

It is now proposed to reorganize the Rossland Fishing club, and to renew the attempt to secure prohibition of the sale of certain varieties of trout that are deemed to be in danger of extinction.

NEWS OF THE COAST

William Melbourne, whose father lives at Langley, went swimming in the Fraser river with some companions, but after he plunged into the river he did not rise again. Efforts were at once made to locate the body, but it was not till the evening that it was recovered. The young man was just 21 years of age. It is supposed he was seized with cramps upon entering the icy freshet waters.

President J. L. Howard, of the West- ern Fuel company, who has been in Na- naimo, in an interview said that the de- velopment work now in progress at De- parture Bay was the only large work projected at present, but that will mean a large increase in the coal output when the hoisting begins.

Plans are now being prepared for all the top work. The pit head and hoist- ing engines will be of the usual kind, but the method of loading ships will be entirely new in this country. Large bun- kers will be constructed which will be filled directly off the screens by an endless conveyor. Another conveyor will run direct from the screens to the wharf, so that when a ship is loading the coal will be carried direct from the screens to the hold of the vessel. This convey- or will pass under the bunkers so that the coal may drop direct from the bun- kers to the conveyor and to the ship with- out handling.

This system of loading will obviate the necessity for so many locomotives and cars and save a great deal of money in handling. This will be the first conveyor of the kind on the Ameri- can continent, and it will not only be used at Departure Bay, but wherever it can be used to advantage in Nanai- mo.

A conveyor will be arranged for the Nanaimo bunkers and also at No. 1 shaft to carry the rock out to the end of the dump.

Other small improvements in the way of expense economy are also contem- plated.

Regarding the coal market in San Francisco, Mr. Howard said there was at present 250,000 tons on the way from Australia, the largest amount he had ever known in his experience. This had not begun to arrive yet, and the result of the arrival of this coal on the market in San Francisco could not be ant- icipated. It would undoubtedly permit the Western Fuel company to use their Nanaimo coal for domestic purposes in- stead of manufacturing, but it would be very difficult to predict what effect it would have on the price.

A party of thirteen young women from England brought over by Hon. Mrs. Joyce, who is at the head of the British emigration movement, have ar- rived in the city, and they are expected to make their home. Some of them have come out to join husbands and brothers already here, and a few are domestic servants. Speaking of the prospects of the movement Miss Drake, secretary of the Montreal Home, who was in charge of the party on the trip west, said that the numbers brought out this year would undoubtedly be far in ad- vance of all previous years. Last year's arrivals lacked but one of 200, and at the rate they have begun this year there should be between 250 and 350 brought out. Owing to the unusual immigration from the British Isles, which during the number should rapidly advance from year to year and reach totals that a few years ago were undreamt of."

After a most successful run of over three months, during which time the Tyece smelter has not stopped, it closed down on Monday to clean boilers, wear jackets and generally overhaul the machinery, and allow the ore on the roast piles to accumulate for another and longer run. This stoppage is caused by the fact that the smelter has smelted more ore than was estimated by the management. A second cage has been installed at the mine, so that the shipments from the mine in future will be fully up to the capacity of the smel- ter. It is understood the smelter com- pany has signed a contract with the lessee of the Van Anda mine for their entire product, and that shipments of ore will be commenced within two or three weeks.

Ralph Elkins, a Victoria tramcar con- ductor, was killed by a fall from his car while it was in motion.

The Fraser River and Northern Brit- ish Columbia canneries are organizing an association to handle the 1903 salmon pack and regulate the output and price of fish. A similar organization has been formed for the past two or three seasons, and by its aid the can- ners have been able to so regulate the market supply as to enable a fair price to be maintained and prevent any unnecessary cutting. The association will regulate the selling in the United King- dom and Australia, and while not in- cluding all the British Columbia can- neries, will represent a large majority of those actively interested in the fish- ing.

Victoria from New Zealand. He was John Walsh, one of Victoria's pio- neers, passed away on Sunday. It was in 1862 that Mr. Walsh first came to among the passengers of the Alice Thornbyke, a vessel on which many Australians, hearing of the mining ex- citement, took passage.

From three to five million dollars more gold dust will be taken out of the Klondike this season than last, according to the best estimates to be secured from miners and bank officials at Dawson. Returns so far are turning out particu- larly well and on some of the benches of the older creeks, Eldorado and Bonanza and Hunker, the claims are being made to yield more than ever before. Duncan creek is turning out a second Eldorado, and a couple of million dol- lars will come from there alone before the end of the clean-up season. Duncan is the best of all the new camps and lots in the new town are selling at prices previously unheard of in new localities in the north.

The government steamer Lady Laur- re reports the wreck of an unknown steamer off Sable Island.